

Dealing with Health Misinformation in Diverse Social Media

Introduction Useful contents regarding health spread rapidly via social media, and so does health misinformation. Widely accepted misinformation launches various adverse impacts and even causes panic in the society. Measures already taken by Taiwanese government to stop health misinformation are effective so far yet remain unreliable when it comes to long-term protection. Therefore, a long-term strategy over health misinformation is necessary

Methods We search online papers according to our topic and consult professionals to list our problems, then discuss our solutions comprehensively.

Key findings For governments, deploying the influence of celebrities and dramas as a medium to send right messages and correct misinformation, legislating laws that restrain the spreading of misinformation are necessary means to solve this problem. For education institutions, emphasizing more on media literacy is also suggested, thus people can differentiate skeptical information from trustworthy ones. And for medical students like us, we could cooperate with students professional in computer science to establish a system, combining AI technology to inform internet users whether or not the website being visited is credible. Hopefully, by implementing the actions mentioned above, the influence of health misinformation could be deduced to a minimal degree and assist the public to make right health decisions, thus improving the health welfare of the entire human race.

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