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**Table 2:** Proposed Telehealth Interventions

Ref#	Intervention Type	Technology used	Advantages/Services	Challenges/Limitations
[1]	AI-Based <b>Scope:</b> USA	Video visits, virtual check- in, and communication via an online portal/mobile platform	Online surgery, screening, diagnosis, and disinfection     Patient's triage and monitoring, care, manufacturing, and logistics	Network issues (especially outside of the healthcare facility)     Cost associated with developing, subscribing, using, or maintaining the system     While telehealth technologies supply high-quality healthcare services, they cannot entirely replace physical treatment     System reliability issues     Performance and accuracy issues
[2]	Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : Global	Robotic systems	<ul> <li>Disease detection and diagnosis</li> <li>Virology and pathogenesis</li> <li>Drug and vaccine development</li> <li>Epidemic and transmission prediction</li> <li>Medical image inspection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dataset availability issues (e.g. lack of enough training data for Al-based systems)</li> <li>Data imbalances between negative and positive samples</li> <li>A large amount of noisy data and rumours</li> <li>Scarcity of knowledge in the intersection of computer and medical sciences</li> <li>Privacy, policy and security issues</li> </ul>
[9]	Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : Global	Wearable sensor devices, mobile devices	<ul> <li>Patient's triage, monitoring, and contact tracing,</li> <li>Disease detection, treatment, and diagnosis</li> <li>Cardiovascular evaluation, respiratory assessment, clinical symptom monitoring, tele-imaging, tele-ICU, telerehabilitation, and telerobotics</li> </ul>	Dataset availability issues (e.g. lack of enough training data for Al-based systems)     Ethical issues     Privacy, policy and security issues     Power consumption     System reliability issues     Cost associated with developing, subscribing, using, or maintaining the system
[11]	Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : Turkey	Wearable IoMT (Internet of Medical Things) devices	Online consultation, virtual real-time monitoring, diagnosis, and teleopthalmology     Enhancing bandwidth efficiency and reducing latency	Policy and regulatory issues     Privacy, policy and security issues
[12]	Non-Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : India	Mobile application, Bluetooth, and GPS technologies	Contact tracing, tracking, monitoring, and sensitization     Notifying users when they are near a     COVID-19 infected person     Disease spread analysis	Privacy, policy and security issues     Compatibility issues (e.g. some systems only support Android 5.0 and higher, or iOS 10.3 and higher)
[13]	Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : Global	Wearable devices, chatbots	- Eliminating the distance between patient and provider via virtual/remote treatment - Real-time monitoring and diagnosis Reducing the time and the cost associated with access to healthcare - Reducing the risks of exposing providers and patients to the virus; Disease detection - Track vital signs and alert when an outlying conditions are detected - Patient initial triage	Adoption rates are restricted to medical emergencies, which is insufficient     Lack of knowledge, technical literacy, and skills needed to use virtual medical services     Network issues     System reliability issues     Privacy, policy and security issues     Policy and regulatory issues     Healthcare is highly resistant to change     While telehealth technologies supply high-quality healthcare services, they cannot entirely replace physical treatment
[14]	Non-Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : China	UWB (Ultrawideband) Radar sensor, Smart bracelet	<ul> <li>Remotely monitor self-isolated patient's health status, reduce medical staff's risk caused by contact, track detailed and accurate respiration status, obtaining</li> </ul>	- Cost associated with developing, subscribing, using, or maintaining the system

			patient's blood oxygen saturation and heartbeat information	
[15]	Non-Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : Ecuador	Teleconsultation apps (mobile phones, landlines, computers, tablets, etc.), Samsung Health, Google Fit, Mi Health (Xiaomi), Apple Health, Huawei Health	Online consultations     Tele-monitoring and diagnosis     Video conferencing	- Lack of knowledge and awareness about telemedicine and its benefits - People's uncertainty about using technology - Lack of public or private sector support for advancing medical technology that meets the demands of the populace - Lack of knowledge, technical literacy, and skills needed to use virtual medical services - While telehealth technologies supply high-quality healthcare services, they cannot entirely replace physical treatment - Performance and accuracy issues
[26]	Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : UK	Video conferencing	<ul> <li>Online consultation, health checkup, and self-screening</li> <li>Online Medical test, ambulance/ appointment booking</li> <li>Dispense medicines, and records keeping</li> </ul>	- User service misuse  - While telehealth technologies supply high-quality healthcare services, they cannot entirely replace physical treatment  - Policy and regulatory issues  - Cost associated with developing, subscribing, using, or maintaining the system  - People's uncertainty about using technology  - System reliability issues  - Network issues
[27]	Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : India	Smartphone, WebRTC video conferencing	Patient's remote diagnosis and stratification Patient triage and treatment suggestions Special consideration to cyber security Extending quality healthcare to all communities (SDG's goal) Increasing efficiency in diagnosis and improving the quality of care	Cost associated with developing, subscribing, using, or maintaining the system     Lack of knowledge, technical literacy, and skills needed to use virtual medical services
[28]	Al-Based <b>Scope:</b> China	3D pose, cameras, contactless patient positioning system	Contactless patient positioning and treatment (reducing the risk of medical professionals from getting infected)     Remote scanning	- Performance and accuracy issues
[29]	Non-Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : India	Tablet devices	<ul> <li>Mitigating healthcare accessibility related challenges especially in rural areas;</li> <li>Online consultation (using JITSI) and prescription</li> <li>Reducing the "digital divide" in usability and adoption of technology-based solutions in rural areas</li> <li>Efficacy of the telemedicine models</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Network issues</li> <li>System reliability issues</li> <li>Technical glitches</li> <li>Lack of knowledge, technical literacy, and skills needed to use virtual medical services</li> <li>Lack of public or private sector support for advancing medical technology that meets the demands of the populace</li> <li>People's uncertainty about using technology</li> <li>Some users (especially those in villages) do not use phones</li> <li>Privacy, policy and security issues</li> <li>It is difficult to have the same doctor(s) for follow-up appointments</li> <li>Insufficient bandwidth and resources, as well as effective effort maintenance</li> </ul>
[30]	Non-Al-Based <b>Scope</b> : Pakistan	Covid-Rapid API, Google Cloud Healthcare, Acurata Triage, iHealth, Uber	Health status detection and triage     Remote monitoring, management, and care delivery     Ordering medications and tele-prescriptions     Scheduling telehealth appointments	<ul> <li>Scalability, interoperability, and auditability issues</li> <li>Privacy, policy and security issues</li> <li>Lack of knowledge, technical literacy, and skills needed to use virtual medical services</li> </ul>

		Health, CVS Pharmacy API, Uber Eats	Scheduling transport for dialysis, order groceries, order meals	<ul> <li>Network issues</li> <li>Policy and regulatory issues</li> </ul>
[31]	Al-Based <b>Scope:</b> Bangladesh	Mobile App, Fuzzy Neural Network, Logistic Regression Model, Bayesian Decision Tree	<ul> <li>Disease detection, tracking, and monitoring</li> <li>Self-testing, real-time health status detection</li> <li>Proximity detection and contact tracing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Privacy and security and issues</li> <li>Policy and regulatory issues</li> <li>Network issues</li> </ul>
[32]	AI-Based Scope: Austria	Adafruit Bluefruit LE module, LCDR display, Thermistor	- COVID-19 symptoms checking - Easy and simple to use - Measure user's temperature - Medical diagnosis	<ul> <li>Cost associated with developing, subscribing, using, or maintaining the system</li> <li>Difficulty in accurately differentiating between COVID-19 and typical pneumonia or other relevant diseases</li> </ul>
[33]	Al-Based Scope: China	Deep learning/machine learning models	- COVID-19 disease detection and diagnosis	<ul> <li>While telehealth technologies supply high-quality healthcare services, they cannot entirely replace physical treatment</li> <li>People's uncertainty about using technology</li> <li>Difficulty in accurately differentiating between COVID-19 and typical pneumonia or other relevant diseases</li> </ul>
[34]	AI-Based Scope: US	LTESafe – CNN based Contact Feature Extractor	Contact tracing and monitoring     Privacy-preservation     Help in containing the spread of COVID-19	- Performance and accuracy issues
[35]	Non-Al-Based Scope: KSA	Mobile Apps: TH mobile applications (e.g., Seha, Mawid, Tawakklna, Tabaud, and Tetamman)	<ul> <li>Patient tracking, triage, and monitoring</li> <li>Patient health and vaccination status checker</li> <li>Medical diagnosis</li> <li>Online consultations, prescription refills, and follow-ups</li> <li>Reducing patient expense for healthcare services provided</li> <li>Prevent the medical front-line workers from the disease contraction</li> <li>Detection and surveillance of COVID-19</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack of knowledge, technical literacy, and skills needed to use virtual medical services</li> <li>Compatibility issues (e.g. some systems only support Android 5.0 and higher, or iOS 10.3 and higher)</li> </ul>
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[37]	Non-Al-Based Scope: Brazil	Mobile Apps	<ul> <li>Remote screening, care, and treatment         Assists in monitoring, surveillance, detection, prevention, and mitigation of the impacts on healthcare indirectly related to COVID-19.     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Policy and regulatory issues</li> <li>Lack of knowledge, technical literacy, and skills needed to use virtual medical services</li> <li>Privacy, policy and security issues</li> <li>Lack of public or private sector support for advancing medical technology that meets the demands of the populace</li> </ul>