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Should you trust AI with health questions?



Ask the Doctor
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Guest columnist

To state the obvious, artificial intelligence (AI) is everywhere – and use for health information is no exception. Peo-

ple are increasingly seeking health information and advice from AI. Physicians are also embracing AI – an American Medical Association survey showed nearly three-quarters of physicians are now incorporating AI into their practices. With use becoming increasingly common, central Ohioans may have questions about the role of AI in their health.

Why are patients turning to AI for their health questions?

There are many reasons patients are turning to AI. Some of it is convenience – according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey, the speed of information was a major reason for most respondents seeking health information via AI. At the same time, many respondents cited the cost of seeing a health care

provider and difficulty getting appointments. I acknowledge that AI may be filling a real gap for many users.

Should I use AI agents for health questions?

At this point, use of AI for health-related questions is unavoidable. Physicians

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New York officials grilled OpenAI's Morgan Dwyer, Meta's Shane Cahill, Anthropic's Logan Graham and Google's Alice Friend on AI safety. BRENDAN MCDERMID/REUTERS

AI leaders struggle to answer for risks

Officials in NYC request testimony on tech safety

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Leaders from OpenAI, Meta, Anthropic and Google said they could not quantify the risks imposed by artificial intelligence in the worst-case cata-

strophic scenario at a New York City Council hearing about AI on Oct. 5. "I don't know. I also don't think it matters whether it's 1% or 10% or 20% chance that something catastrophic will go wrong. None of these levels is remotely acceptable," Morgan Dwyer, OpenAI head of policy development and operation, said in response to Council Speaker Julie Menin's question of how to quantify risk.

Menin said she was "incredulous at that answer" and called it "flippant, at best," asking how the companies can know that the product is safe if they can't measure potential risk. Shane Cahill, Meta director of AI policy and legislation; Alice Friend, Google global director of AI and emergency policy; and Logan Graham, a

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Poll: 6 in 10 Ohio voters back photo ID rule

Support amending the constitution

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Six in 10 Ohio voters support amending the state constitution to require photo ID for voting, according to a new Suffolk University/USA TODAY Ohio Network poll. Issue 3 is a proposed state constitutional amendment to require voters to present photo ID when casting ballots in person. Proponents argue that requiring photo ID protects against imposters casting ballots. Opponents argue that the requirement is already in state law and voter impersonation is virtually nonexistent. Like current law, the amendment would require voters to present an unexpired driver's license, state ID, passport or military ID to cast ballots in person. It allows the Legislature to decide whether to preserve or change the current rules for mail-in voting. Right now, Ohioans who vote absentee can provide a driver's license or Social Security number in lieu of photo ID. Judy Corbett, 78, a retired public school teacher in Circleville, said she doesn't think it necessary to change the state constitution, given that voter ID is already in state law. Not concerned about voter fraud, Corbett said

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