ABSTRACT

Gavgani et al., through their systematic review, explore the existing evidence in the area of information prescription and information therapy. The application of Information prescription and information therapy has been explored in a number of developed countries through randomized trials and observational studies. The low awareness about these concepts among medical practitioners has been highlighted. This commentary highlights the routes for IP/Ix dissemination and its application in current medical practice.

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INTRODUCTION

With increase in patients’ access to health information, there has been a major transition in the practice of medicine. While this extensive access to information on the internet can result in informed health decisions, it can also be the source of wrong information to patients resulting in catastrophic events. Early studies evaluating information gap demonstrates the difference between how much a doctor tells a patient and how much the patient wants to know. For instance, Hingorani et al demonstrated the huge gap in physicians and patients attitudes about the level of information that should be provided after a hypothetical unintended injury. (Hingorani et al., 1999)

FINDINGS FROM CURRENT IP/IX RESEARCH

A majority of the currently published IP research studies were performed in the United States of America. One of the major reasons for this could be the extensive access to internet by the general population and the availability and awareness of IP tools like MedlinePlus. A large
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