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MODERN TECHNOLOGIES FOR TEACHING ANATOMY TO FUTURE DOCTORS IN A DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Abstract

This article explores the integration of modern digital technologies into the teaching of anatomy for future physicians within a digital learning environment. It highlights the transition from traditional cadaver-based instruction to virtual simulations, 3D anatomical modeling, and interactive e-learning platforms. The paper discusses pedagogical advantages of these tools, including enhanced visualization, individualized learning, and active student engagement through methods such as problem-based learning and flipped classrooms. Furthermore, the role of simulation-based education, mobile applications, and artificial intelligence in improving anatomical comprehension and clinical readiness is examined. The article also addresses the challenges in implementing digital technologies and emphasizes the need for strategic faculty training and infrastructure development. Ultimately, the study underlines that digitally enhanced anatomy education not only modernizes medical training but also better prepares students for technology-driven clinical practice.

Keywords: Anatomy education, digital learning environment, virtual simulation, 3D anatomy, medical education, future doctors, educational technology, digital pedagogy, artificial intelligence, simulation-based learning.

In the context of the digital transformation of medical education, teaching fundamental clinical subjects such as anatomy to future doctors requires the integration of innovative pedagogical technologies and digital tools. The anatomy curriculum, traditionally based on cadaveric dissection and textbook learning, has undergone a major evolution due to advancements in virtual and augmented reality, 3D modeling, simulation systems, and interactive e-learning platforms [1].



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In the digital learning environment, future physicians are expected to master not only anatomical knowledge but also digital competencies that allow them to effectively use medical technologies in clinical practice. This paradigm shift has prompted educators to implement virtual dissection tables, anatomy apps, digital atlases, and cloud-based interactive modules into anatomy teaching [2]. One of the most prominent innovations is the use of VR-based anatomical simulations, which enable students to visualize complex spatial structures in real time and manipulate them without physical constraints [3].

Pedagogically, these technologies support student-centered, active learning approaches such as problem-based learning (PBL), case-based learning (CBL), gamification, and flipped classrooms, all of which are enhanced by the digital format. Through digital platforms, educators can design adaptive anatomy courses that respond to learners' progress and individual needs, thereby facilitating differentiated instruction and formative assessment [4].

Moreover, simulation-based anatomy education has proven to be effective in improving long-term retention, spatial awareness, and clinical readiness. Tools like the Anatomage Table, Complete Anatomy, and Visible Body allow students to interact with full-body 3D models, isolate specific systems, and perform virtual dissections. These systems are often combined with artificial intelligence to provide real-time feedback and performance analytics [5].

The digital environment also fosters collaborative learning. Through cloud-integrated learning management systems (LMS), such as Moodle or Microsoft Teams, students can engage in peer discussions, joint projects, and asynchronous learning activities. In addition, mobile anatomy applications enable self-paced learning and repetition outside of classroom hours, reinforcing student autonomy and reflective learning habits [6].

Despite the benefits, several challenges remain. These include the high cost of technological infrastructure, digital divide among students, and the need for continuous faculty development in digital pedagogy. However, the advantages of digital transformation in anatomy teaching—such as increased accessibility, enhanced visualization, and improved interactivity—far outweigh these limitations. Therefore, anatomy educators must strategically incorporate modern technologies to



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create immersive and clinically relevant learning experiences for medical students [1, 4].

To conclude, digital learning environments enable a profound rethinking of how anatomy is taught to future physicians. By leveraging virtual simulations, adaptive platforms, and interactive content, educators can not only improve anatomical competence but also prepare students for the demands of modern clinical practice. The integration of digital technologies into the anatomy curriculum represents both a pedagogical necessity and an opportunity to modernize medical education at its core.

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