Research on the Impact of Hospital Information System Use on Doctors’ Job Performance

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Abstract—The implementation of the hospital information system contributes to the hospital informationization construction and is an important part of China’s medical system reform. Informatization construction has been carried out in hospitals across the country, but high investment does not necessarily lead to outstanding performance results, and there is a paradox of IT productivity. This paper analyzes the influence mechanism of the hospital information system on doctors’ work performance from two aspects: personal perception of system and individual self-efficacy. Empirical studies have found that doctors’ perception of usefulness, perception system customization and self-efficacy have a significant positive impact on doctors’ job performance during the use of information systems. This article will deepen and enrich the understanding of hospital information system performance theory, which will help further research on information system performance in the future.

Keywords—Performance; Self-Efficacy; Use of hospital information systems; Influences

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Backgrounds

With the improvement of medical level and people’s medical awareness, hospitals at all levels in China face more patients and more complicated workflows, to support the clinical work of front-line doctors, simplify work processes, improve the quality of diagnosis and treatment, and provide patients with better medical treatment. Experience, a hospital information system came into being.

As a system that is not yet fully mature, the application of hospital information systems depends on the convenience and perfection of information system functions and the effective use of the system by relevant hospital departments and medical personnel. In the process of practice, China’s medical information construction still encounters many problems. On the one hand, the high cost of information system purchase and maintenance does not significantly promote hospital performance growth. On the other hand, hospital executives are not sufficiently aware of the factors affecting the effective use of the system, and cannot adopt effective strategies to improve, so that the hospital information management control has little effect.[1] In the face of the black hole problem of IT investment, domestic and foreign scholars have introduced many theories to study, but there are still many controversies in the evaluation of information system performance.

From a theoretical point of view, this paper will enrich and supplement the understanding of the use of hospital information systems through research. From a practical point of view, this paper helps the hospital management department to have a more comprehensive and in-depth understanding and understanding of the information system use behavior of frontline medical staff, so as to develop a more targeted performance incentive system and improve the work of medical staff. Performance to maximize the benefits of IT investments.

B. Research model

This paper takes hospital doctors as the research object, selects four variables of perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, self-efficacy and perception system customization, and introduces the use of system performance as an intermediate variable to analyze the impact of the information system used on doctors’ job performance. As shown in Fig.1. [2]

According to Fishbein’s theory of rational behavior, behavioral subjects achieve their influence on behavioral attitudes through beliefs and evaluations of their own behavioral outcomes. Behavioral attitude directly affects a person’s willingness to act, and personal behavioral attitude is positively correlated with the behavioral will. Therefore, the...
individual's attitude towards the use of the system is crucial. In the process of using hospital information systems, doctors' perception of information systems is one of the important factors affecting user behavior. Based on the above discussion, the following assumptions are made:

H1: Doctors' perception of system usability has a positive impact on system performance

H2: The perceived usefulness of doctors to the system has a positive impact on the use of system performance

Bandur pointed out that there is a significant positive correlation between self-efficacy and job performance and work behavior, and that this relationship is a causal relationship. In 2008, Cong Qing and Zhang Qiang found through empirical research that the stronger the self-efficacy of employees and the higher personal work performance and job satisfaction,[4] the paper puts forward the following assumptions:

H3: Self-efficacy has a positive impact on the use of system performance.

According to the TTF theory, the higher the level of interaction and matching between tasks and technologies, the better the individual's final performance. Performance can only be improved when the capabilities of information technology are better able to support the work of employees.[5] In 1995, Goodhue empirical research concluded that information characteristics, task characteristics, and individual characteristics affect the evaluation of task performance matching. At the same time, the interaction between task characteristics, individual characteristics and technical characteristics is related to the relationship between technology and user evaluation. Based on the above discussion, this paper proposes the following assumptions:

H4: Perceptual system customization has a positive impact on system performance

H5: Using system performance has a positive impact on job performance

II. METHOD

A. Sample and setting

In this study, doctors were used as research subjects to understand the impact of the use of hospital information systems on the performance of doctors' work, and to collect data in the form of questionnaires. In view of the fact that hospitals have been widely implemented in most hospitals in Tianjin, and the functions of each hospital information system are relatively small, we randomly selected doctors from some hospitals in Tianjin as research samples. Questionnaires are distributed and recycled using small-component workers. The team members are responsible for one or several hospitals. The doctors use the doctor's rest time to issue questionnaires, and the doctors fill them out on the spot and collect them on the spot. Finally, the data is collected. A total of 150 questionnaires were distributed and 133 questionnaires were collected, with a recovery rate of 88.67%.

B. Measuring instrument

This questionnaire uses the Likert five-level scale (1 means "very disagree" and 5 means "very agree"). The system perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use are based on the indicators used in the study by Venkatesh, Morris, which contain 4 items respectively; the information system self-efficacy is modified on the basis of Zhong Yuya, including 4 items; The perception system customization was modified based on the Bala & Venkatesh research scale and consisted of 4 entries. [6-8] See Table I for details.

### Table I. Evaluation Index

| Dimension                        | Measurement index                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Perceived usefulness             | Use the system to improve performance Use the system to complete work tasks faster Use the system to improve work efficiency |
| Perceived ease of use            | The user interface of the system is clear and easy to understand                   |
| Self-efficacy                    | Skilled in using the system is easy                                               |
| Perceptual system customization  | The package is allowed to be changed to better meet the needs                     |

C. Ethical considerations

The study collected data in the form of questionnaires, and all respondents had obtained informed consent. The survey is strictly anonymous and guarantees the privacy of hospitals and doctors

III. RESULTS

A. Participants

A total of 150 questionnaires were distributed and 133 questionnaires were collected, with a recovery rate of 88.67%. Among the recovered questionnaires, the proportion of males was 58.6%. The proportion of women is 41.4%, the proportion of males and females is relatively even; the proportion of age distribution is 23.7%, which is 61.7%, which indicates that the questionnaire is mostly young doctors, which has good recognition and learning ability for information technology; 63.2% of doctors have been working in their hospital for 1-5 years. Correspondingly, the proportion of residents was 63.9%. Most young doctors have short working hours and have a few years of exposure to hospital information systems. However, according to the results of the questionnaire, 81.2% of doctors often use the hospital information system every day, and the daily use frequency is very high, and it has strong information system usability. From the sample characteristics, the sample meets the requirements of this study. See Table II for details.

### Table II. Demographic Information

| Factors                | Total-n (%) |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Gender                 |             |
| Female                 | 55(41.4)    |
| Male                   | 78(58.6)    |
| Age (in years)         |             |
| 25-29                  | 82(61.7)    |
| 30-39                  | 32(24.1)    |
| 40-49                  | 14(10.5)    |
B. **SEVQUAL theory**

According to the correlation analysis method, the correlation between variables is studied, and the Pearson correlation coefficient is used to indicate the strength of the correlation, as shown in Table III. All variables showed significant values, and the correlation coefficient values were 0.282, 0.301, 0.290, 0.366, and 0.206, both of which were greater than 0, which means that there is a positive correlation between the five items. Linear regression analysis was performed as shown in Table IV and V. Perceived usefulness, self-efficacy, and perception system customization have a significant positive impact on the use of system performance. The use of system performance will have a significant positive impact on overall job performance. H1, H3, H4, and H5 are all obtained. Support, but perceived ease of use does not affect the use of system performance, H2 is not supported, and that is perceived ease of use does not affect the use of system performance.

### Table III. Correlation Analysis

|                         | Average | Standard deviation | Overall job performance | Use system performance | Perceived ease of use | Perceived usefulness | Self-efficacy | Perceptual system customization |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Overall job performance| 7.32    | 1.58               | 1                      | 1                     | 1                    | 1                    | 1            | 1                                |
| Use system performance  | 3.96    | 0.76               | 0.282**               | 1                     | 0.656**              | 0.756**             | 0.531**      | 1                                |
| Perceived ease of use  | 3.96    | 0.7               | 0.301**               | 0.728**              | 0.529**             | 0.595**             | 1            | 1                                |
| Perceived usefulness   | 4.09    | 0.66               | 0.290**               | 0.728**              | 0.529**             | 0.595**             | 0.531**      | 1                                |
| Self-efficacy          | 4.01    | 0.63               | 0.366**               | 0.529**             | 0.595**             | 0.531**             | 1            | 1                                |
| Perceptual system      | 3.61    | 0.79               | 0.206**               | 0.545**             | 0.520**             | 0.484**             | 0.533**      | 1                                |
| customization          |         |                    |                        |                       |                      |                      |              |                                  |

* p<0.05 ** p<0.01

### Table IV. Regression Analysis

| Model | Non-standardized coefficient | Standardization coefficient | T | Sig. |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------|
|       | B Standard error Beta       |                             |   |      |
| 1     | (Constant) -2.40 .307 -.782 .436 |
|       | Perceived usefulness .547 .100 .470 5.479 .000 |
|       | Perceived ease of use .110 .100 .100 1.103 .272 |
|       | Self-efficacy .242 .089 .198 2.720 .007 |
|       | Perceptual system customization .154 .066 .160 2.324 .022 |
| (Constant) .154 .361 .428 .670 |
|       | Perceived usefulness .534 .100 .459 5.341 .000 |
|       | Perceived ease of use .110 .101 .101 1.093 .276 |
|       | Self-efficacy .212 .090 .174 2.348 .020 |
| 2     | Perceptual system customization .175 .068 .181 2.568 .011 |
|       | Gender -.152 .088 -.099 1.727 .087 |
|       | Age -.042 .103 .047 .406 .686 |
|       | Working years .086 .092 .119 .930 .354 |
|       | Job title -.187 .128 -.216 1.461 .146 |
V. CONCLUSION

Through the above research conclusions, in order to promote the effective use of hospital information systems by doctors, to give full play to the functions of information systems, and to improve the performance of doctors, this paper proposes the following recommendations:

From a hospital perspective, this paper demonstrates that the in-depth use of information systems can have a positive impact on a doctor's job performance. The management of the hospital should pay attention to the construction of the information system. In order to support the daily maintenance and operation of the system, recruit excellent computer talents to the information section to provide rear-end protection for the medical staff to use the information system. The hospital information department puts in a new system in the hospital and should provide training and guidance for medical staff so that medical staff can fully understand the various operations of the information system.

From the perspective of enterprises, when developing hospital information systems, enterprises must combine the needs of clinical medical staff, and take into account the differential diagnosis and treatment of different departments, and try to make the operation and functions simple and easy to use. To do this, enterprises need to recruit not only computer-savvy programmers, but also an in-depth understanding of the hospital, or external first-line medical staff to participate in the development of the system.

From the doctor's point of view, in the early stage of system use, doctors need to fully mobilize their subjective initiative, enhance self-efficacy, make full use of time to understand and learn the various functional operations of the new system, familiarize themselves with system operation as early as possible, and be proficient in applying information systems to themselves. Have enough confidence.

| Model | Non-standardized coefficient | Standardization coefficient | T | Sig. |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|------|
| 1     |                             |                            |   |      |
| (Constant) | 5.008                      | -.701                      | 7.139 | .000 |
| Use system performance | .585                      | .174                       | .282 | .8361 .001 |
| 2     |                             |                            |   |      |
| (Constant) | 4.765                      | .907                       | 5.252 | .000 |
| Use system performance | .572                      | .174                       | .276 | .8281 .001 |
| Gender | -.200                      | .271                       | -.063 | .7394 .461 |
| Age | .197                       | .320                       | .106 | .6155 .539 |
| Working years | .441                        | .287                       | .295 | .5364 .127 |
| Job title | -.294                   | .399                       | .164 | .7384 .462 |

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