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# Digital communications and social media use in surgery: how to maximize communication in the digital age

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### Reviewer 1: anonymous

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**Comments to Authors:**

This is a nice presentation of the actual and future aspects of digital communication within health care. The authors are to be congratulated for highlighting the relevant issues. Additionally, the manuscript points out, that all users of these technologies should be aware of the possibilities of misuse.

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**Comments to Authors:**

This article is a good illustration and overview of using digital communication and social media in modern surgery. Many important aspects are named. The importance of using social media will increase in the next years, reflecting the recent development of the last 20 years. Applying social media platforms will be unavoidable for the younger generation of physicians and patients. In this paper, the authors reflect all important platforms but also don't forget to mention the risks of using patients data in the world wide web, e.g. encryption and safety issues of personal data.

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