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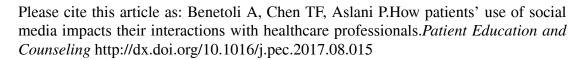
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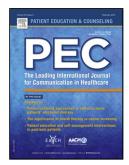
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Highlights:

- Patients were empowered by using social media for health-related purposes
- Patients could participate more actively in the treatment decision-making processes
- The use of social media by patients improved their relationship with their healthcare professionals
- However overt or tacit opposition from healthcare professionals was reported

Abstract

Introduction: Patients are increasingly accessing online health information and have become more participatory in their engagement with the advent of social media (SM). This

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