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ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted from August 2014 to February 2015 in Cavite State University (CvSU), Indang, Cavite. The objective of the study is to develop an android application to improve the services offered by Trece Martires City Health Office (TMCHO). Specifically, the study aimed to: 1. identify the problem through surveys and interviews; 2. analyze the problem using fishbone diagram; 3. design a mobile application using Java and Android Developer Tool; 4. develop a mobile application based on the analyzed information gathered from the organization using Java and Android Developer Tool; and 5. evaluate the system through unit testing and acceptance testing. It was developed to improve the giving of information about blood pressure, interpreting blood pressure and saving the interpreted blood pressure.

The researcher used Software Prototyping Methodology as paradigm for the development of the software. It is an activity that can occur in software development and is comparable to prototyping. The methodology consists of process workflows namely requirement gathering, design, prototyping, review and update, development, testing and implementation. The respondents are composed of doctor, nurses and patients which were identified using convenience sampling.

The android application was evaluated using the questionnaire anchored in the ISO 9126 and was rated excellent on the set of characteristics such as functionality, reliability, usability, efficiency, maintainability and portability.

Blood Pressure Interpreter (BPI) helped the TMCHO address the issues that the organization is facing. The software prototyping used is suitable in developing an android application. It can be improved through related recommendations that will best serve the TMCHO. The researcher recommended to add the edit and delete feature for the saved history and add a link from the history to the management and preventions for each blood pressure reading.

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INTRODUCTION

exerted by circulating blood upon the walls of blood vessels, and is one of the principal vital signs. During each heartbeat, blood pressure varies between a maximum (systolic) and a minimum (diastolic) pressure. The blood pressure in the circulation is principally due to the pumping action of the heart. Differences in mean blood pressure are responsible for blood flow from one location to another in the circulation. Blood pressure varies in healthy people and animals, but its variation is under control by the nervous and endocrine systems. Blood pressure that is pathologically low is called hypotension, and that which is pathologically high is hypertension. Both have many causes and can range from mild to severe (Klabunde, 2005). Hypertension, also referred to as high blood pressure, is a condition in which the arteries have persistently elevated blood pressure. Every time the human heart beats, it pumps blood to the whole body through the arteries (Williams & Wilkins, 2009).