



A REVIEW ON SECURITY FEATURES FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DETECTING SLEEP APNEA & RDS USING IR AND PRESSURE SENSOR

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ABSTRACT:

This paper introduces an innovative nebulizer system designed to address several critical aspects of respiratory health management and patient safety. The proposed nebulizer incorporates cutting-edge technologies including an infrared (IR) sensor for sleep apnea and excess Co₂ monitoring, a pressure sensor for detecting respiratory distress syndrome (RDS), and biometric authentication to ensure secure access control. The integration of an IR sensor enables real-time monitoring of sleep apnea and hypercapnia, conditions commonly associated with respiratory disorders. By continuously analyzing respiratory patterns and oxygen levels, the nebulizer can provide timely alerts to healthcare providers or caregivers, facilitating early intervention and improved patient outcomes. Additionally, the inclusion of a pressure sensor allows for the detection of respiratory distress syndrome, a potentially life-threatening condition characterized by difficulty breathing. The nebulizer system can automatically adjust therapy settings or trigger alarms in response to abnormal pressure readings, enhancing patient safety and reducing the risk of complications. Furthermore, to safeguard against unauthorized

access and potential tampering, the nebulizer features biometric authentication capabilities.

By requiring unique physiological identifiers like fingerprints recognition, the system ensures that only authorized individuals can operate the device. In the event of any unauthorized access attempts, the nebulizer can immediately send alerts or alarms, enabling prompt intervention and mitigating security risks. Overall, the proposed nebulizer

represents a significant advancement in respiratory care technology, offering comprehensive health monitoring capabilities and robust security features. By integrating these functionalities into a single device, the nebulizer not only enhances patient comfort and convenience but also contributes to improved clinical outcomes and enhanced patient safety.

I INTRODUCTION

The number of patients with sleep apnea (SA), which may cause heart disease or

stroke, is increasing worldwide. Polysomnography (PSG) is the most reliable diagnostic method. However, it is expensive, and an accurate diagnosis is difficult because various sensors attached to the body can cause insomnia for sensitive patients. Several home diagnosis methods have been proposed to overcome these problems, but the accuracy is not guaranteed. In this article, we propose a method for diagnosing hypopnea as well as SA comfortably at home using an infrared (IR) camera. The proposed method requires the patients to wear a mask, which enables easy tracking and measurement of breathing even though they are lying on their sides 90° apart from the front. The diagnostic program converts the temperature changes of the mask surface received from the IR camera into the breathing waveform and calculates breathing cycles. Also, it defines five states and six events for state transition and makes the final diagnosis by calculating the duration and occurrence of apnea during the sleep period. As information, including thermal images and/or breathing waveforms, can be transmitted in real time via the Internet, it is also possible to analyze the patient's symptoms in a hospital or specialized care facility. The usefulness of the proposed device is verified by observing the breathing cycle and the duration of apnea according to various situations, including the type of mask, the number of subjects, and the angle and distance between the camera and the subject. [1] a device for improving blood oxygenation in patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). ARDS is caused by lung-related illness or injury, and can occur in mechanically ventilated ICU patients due to volutrauma or barotrauma. In ARDS, the lower lung is closed resulting in impaired gas exchange, and the upper lung is easily overstretched resulting in injury. The application of continuous negative abdominal pressure (CNAP) assists in opening the lower lung by pulling the diaphragm towards the abdomen. The device, consisting of a rigid arch, a compliant patient interface, and a

pressure sensor module, allows for the application of CNAP to a patient suffering from ARDS. An initial pig trial using the prototype device showed significant improvement in the ratio of oxygen in the blood to the fraction of inspired oxygen, PaO_2/FiO_2 , after five minutes of -5 cmH₂O pressure application. Furthermore, preliminary testing on healthy humans indicated the device was comfortable, easy to apply, and formed a consistent airtight seal. Future prototypes will focus on ease of application, rigidity, and adjustability. [2] Biometric recognition and analysis are among the most trusted features to be used by Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs). We aim to secure these devices by using these features in emergency scenarios. As patients can witness unpredictable lethal accidents, any implantable medical device should allow access to urgent medical interventions from legitimate parties. Any delay in providing immediate medical support can endanger the patient's life. Hence, we propose in this work an authentication scheme that allows access to the implanted devices in emergency situations for only legitimate users. We have designed in the first place a scheme for authentication using Electrocardiogram instantaneous readings. Then, we joined the latter to a fixed biometric reading, which is fingerprint reading, to enable access to emergency medical teams. We have designed a scheme in a way to prevent attackers from accessing/hijacking the device even during emergency situations. This scheme has been assisted with elliptic curve cryptography to protect the wireless exchange of requested keys. The scheme relies on the instantaneous reading of the patient's heartbeat and his/her fingerprint reading to create a secure key. This key will validate the authentication request of the new medical team. We have analyzed this scheme deeply to verify that they offer the necessary security for the patient's life. We have tested if the wireless exchange of the key will expose the device's privacy. We have also tested the accuracy of the authentication process to ensure a safe and a valid performance of the authentication

process. The scheme has been designed with consideration to any hardware/software limitation that characterize any implantable medical device. [3].

II DISCUSSION

The article presents a new method for at-home diagnosis of sleep apnea using an infrared (IR) camera. Addressing the challenges of expensive and disruptive diagnostic methods like polysomnography, the proposed approach involves patients wearing a mask with sensors for non-intrusive tracking of breathing. The IR camera captures temperature changes on the mask, converting them into a breathing waveform. Real-time data transmission via the Internet allows remote analysis in healthcare facilities. The device's efficacy is demonstrated through testing in various scenarios, highlighting its potential as a comfortable and practical alternative for sleep-related respiratory disorder diagnosis. [1]. The paper introduces a device designed to enhance blood oxygenation in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) patients. ARDS, often occurring in mechanically ventilated ICU patients, results in impaired gas exchange and lung injuries. The device applies continuous negative abdominal pressure (CNAP) to aid in opening the lower lung and improving gas exchange. Comprising a rigid arch, a compliant patient interface, and a pressure sensor module, the prototype demonstrated positive outcomes in an initial pig trial, showcasing improved blood oxygenation. Preliminary tests on healthy humans indicated the device's comfort, ease of application, and consistent airtight seal. Future prototypes aim to enhance application ease, rigidity, and adjustability.[2]. The paper proposes an authentication scheme for Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs) to ensure secure access in emergency scenarios. Recognizing the critical need for immediate medical intervention during unpredictable accidents, the scheme combines

Electrocardiogram (ECG) instantaneous readings and fingerprint biometrics. The authentication process is designed to prevent unauthorized access even in emergency situations, employing elliptic curve cryptography for secure wireless key exchange. The scheme relies on the patient's heartbeat and fingerprint readings to generate a secure key, validating authentication requests from medical teams. Deep analysis confirms the scheme's security, privacy protection during key exchange, and accurate authentication performance. Consideration is given to hardware/software limitations inherent in implantable medical devices, ensuring practical feasibility. [3]. Sleep apnea is a respiratory disorder characterized by frequent breathing cessation during sleep. Sleep apnea severity is determined by the apnea-hypopnea index (AHI), which is the hourly rate of respiratory events. In positional sleep apnea, the AHI is higher in the supine sleeping position than it is in other sleeping positions. Positional therapy is a behavioral strategy (eg, wearing an item to encourage sleeping toward the lateral position) to treat positional apnea. The gold standard of diagnosing sleep apnea and whether or not it is positional is polysomnography; however, this test is inconvenient, expensive, and has a long waiting list. [4]. The paper introduces a novel sleep monitoring system that simultaneously analyzes respiration, head posture, and body posture using cost-effective vision-based devices. Operating quietly and nonintrusively, the system employs an infrared camera to record the sleep process. Automated determination of the breathing movement region and intensity estimation from the infrared video produces a respiratory rhythm waveform. Five additional infrared cameras capture the subject's face for head tracking using template matching. A Kinect motion sensor provides a robust skeleton description of body posture, filtered for noise, and classified using machine learning techniques. Experimental results demonstrate the system's feasibility, achieving high accuracy: 96% in

recognizing abnormal breathing and body movements, 87.6% in head tracking, and over 90% in classifying most body postures. [5] The paper discusses the significance of quality sleep for overall health and the prevalence of sleep disorders, particularly sleep apnea. Recognizing the limitations of existing sleep monitoring systems that provide data after a certain period of sleep, the paper introduces an Internet of Things (IoT)-based real-time sleep apnea monitoring system. This system utilizes various sensors to measure electrocardiogram (ECG), heart rate, pulse rate, skin response, and SpO₂ during sleep. The real-time data is transmitted to a mobile application via a Bluetooth module, allowing users to monitor sleep indexes without disruption. The system aims to detect sleep apnea promptly, notifying users of any irregularities. Tested on different individuals, the system demonstrated its ability to monitor and analyze sleep patterns, detect sleep apnea, and provide insights into potential causes. The research aims to raise awareness about sleep apnea, facilitate early detection, and encourage preventive measures. [6]. The study explores the use of infrared video-based respiratory motion features to reliably estimate the apnea-hypopnea index (AHI) in sleep apnea. The AHI, measuring interruptions in breathing per hour of sleep, is a crucial metric for assessing sleep apnea severity. The research utilizes three feature variables—estimated respiratory rate, magnitude of respiratory movement, and the quantity of movements—to train a random forest binary classifier for detecting apneas and hypopneas. Leave-one-person-out cross-validation on data from 19 participants demonstrates accurate estimation of sleeping versus awake segments (76.0% ± 17.7% accuracy). AHI is estimated with a correlation coefficient of 0.76 ($p < 0.01$) to the clinical gold standard AHI. Notably, an accuracy of 78.9% is achieved for classifying $AHI \geq 15$, indicating the potential suitability of motion features from infrared video for AHI estimation.[7]. The paper addresses the

significance of monitoring sleep apnea, a condition that obstructs the upper respiratory tract during sleep, leading to decreased oxygen levels and potential severe health risks. Regular monitoring is crucial for preventing complications and ensuring patient well-being. The paper proposes a patient monitoring system utilizing wearable sensor technology for diagnosing and monitoring sleep apnea. Two methods for detecting respiratory rate are presented: using an accelerometer sensor on the abdomen or a temperature sensor on the nose. The system aims to enhance the versatility of patient monitoring, providing an alternative and innovative approach to sleep apnea diagnosis.[8]. This is a feasibility study designed to evaluate the accuracy of thermal infrared imaging (TIRI) as a noncontact method to monitor airflow during polysomnography and to ascertain the chance-corrected agreement (κ) between TIRI and conventional airflow channels (nasal pressure [P_n], oronasal thermistor and expired Co₂ [PECo₂]) in the detection of apnea and hypopnea.[9]. The proposed system is designed for practical use in detecting events related to sleep apnea. It consists of a device capable of sensing the patient's breathing rate and relaying this information to a handheld screen. The system triggers an alert on the screen if there are changes or interruptions in the patient's breathing pattern. The breathing sensors employed measure the rate of temperature change within a specified range, enabling non-intrusive monitoring without direct attachment to the patient. This design aims to cater to the consumer market, providing an affordable and minimally intrusive solution. Additionally, the system can be expanded with extra body temperature sensors, an alerting system, and GSM capabilities, allowing the transmission of information to a mobile monitoring device for a comprehensive patient monitoring system.[10] The study investigates the accuracy of esophageal pressure (Pes) in estimating regional pleural pressure (Ppl) during prone positioning in severe acute

respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). Conducted on anesthetized and mechanically ventilated female pigs with induced severe ARDS, the experiment measures Pes and Ppl in dorsal and ventral parts of the right pleural cavity. Different positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) levels are applied in supine and prone positions. Results indicate similar differences between Pes and PplD in both positions, with a narrowing of the difference between Pes and PplV in the prone position. Prone positioning reduces the dorsal-to-ventral Ppl gradient, suggesting a more even distribution of mechanical forces over the chest wall in this posture.[11]. The retrospective study assessed right ventricular pressures and effective pulmonary arterial elastance (ePAD) in 30 COVID-19 acute respiratory distress syndrome patients receiving invasive ventilation. Patients were categorized into survivors and non-survivors based on 60-day mortality. The primary outcomes included right ventricular systolic pressure (RVSP) and ePAD over time post-right ventricular probe insertion. Survivors exhibited significantly lower RVSP on the first and last measurement days compared to non-survivors. Sildenafil was administered to most patients. On the last day, survivors had lower right ventricular pressure amplitude and ePAD compared to non-survivors. Some survivors, initially with high RVSP, showed substantial decreases after treatment with sildenafil, inhaled nitric oxide, or inhaled iloprost. The study suggests potential implications of RVSP and ePAD in predicting outcomes for COVID-19 patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome.[12] The study reviews the use of an SLE 2000 neonatal trigger ventilator as the sole ventilation method in 68 infants with respiratory distress syndrome. In infants above 1500 g birth weight, there were no deaths or complications. Among those under 1500 g, including extremely premature infants, six deaths occurred, with two infants experiencing pneumothorax during ventilation. Radiological evidence of

pulmonary interstitial emphysema was present in 15% of infants, and intraventricular hemorrhage occurred in 16% of babies under 1500 g, with half requiring additional oxygen at 28 days. Overall, the preliminary clinical experience suggests the ventilator's capability to support respiratory needs in even the most premature infants with respiratory distress syndrome. The study calls for a controlled clinical trial to further evaluate the safety and efficacy of patient-triggered ventilation compared to conventional neonatal ventilation.[13]. In this study of 22 patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) following the ARDSNet lung-protective ventilatory strategy, various respiratory and cardiovascular parameters were measured. The ventilatory strategy involved setting tidal volume (VT) at 6 ml/kg predicted body weight, positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP), and inspiratory oxygen fraction (Fio2) to achieve specific oxygenation targets. Measurements included arterial oxygen saturation, arterial oxygen partial pressure (Pao2), static volume-pressure curve, recruited volume, and chest wall and lung elastance. A recruiting maneuver involving continuous positive airway pressure was applied, and the effects were measured at different time points. Cardiac output and mean arterial pressure were also monitored during and after the recruiting maneuver. Patients were categorized as responders or nonresponders based on changes in Pao2/Fio2 following the maneuver.[14]. The acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) is a critical condition marked by the sudden onset of noncardiogenic pulmonary edema, hypoxemia, and the need for mechanical ventilation. It commonly arises from pneumonia, sepsis, gastric aspiration, severe trauma, affecting approximately 10% of intensive care unit patients globally. Despite some advancements, mortality remains high, ranging from 30% to 40%. The pathological hallmark is diffuse alveolar damage, involving injury to both alveolar epithelium and lung endothelium, leading to the accumulation of protein-rich inflammatory fluid in alveolar spaces.

Diagnosis relies on syndromic criteria, with adaptations for under-resourced and pediatric settings. Lung-protective ventilation is a primary treatment, and no specific pharmacotherapies are established. The focus is shifting towards long-term outcomes, recognizing functional and psychological sequelae in survivors. Future research aims to enhance early recognition, identify responsive patient subsets, and understand fundamental mechanisms for targeted treatments.[15]. The evolution of implantable medical devices has revolutionized the treatment of chronic diseases, offering breakthroughs in conditions like diabetes, cardiac arrhythmia, cochlear, and gastric diseases. While these devices enhance healthcare delivery through on-demand access to technology, their advancements in wireless communication also pose potential security and privacy risks. The wireless capabilities, including communication with outside caregivers, raise concerns about information harvesting, patient tracking, impersonation, relaying attacks, and denial of service attacks. These threats compromise the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the devices. Various solutions, spanning machine learning techniques to hardware technologies, have been proposed to secure implantable medical devices. This survey paper focuses on exploring the challenges, threats, and solutions related to the privacy and safety issues associated with medical devices.[16]. The healthcare domain, particularly with implantable medical devices (IMDs) and body area networks (BANs), necessitates a delicate balance between security, privacy, safety, and utility. This survey work explores publications focused on enhancing security and privacy in IMDs and health-related BANs. It provides comprehensive definitions and an overview of the problem space, analyzing common themes, categorizing relevant results, and outlining trends for future research. A visual representation illustrates the evolution of IMD/BAN research and highlights emerging threats. Three primary research

categories are identified: security and privacy of the telemetry interface, software, and sensor interface layers. Challenges related to result reproducibility are discussed. The analysis reveals a notable emphasis on telemetry interface security in academia, with software exploitation threats and sensor interface layer issues deserving increased attention. Additionally, the use of physiological values for cryptographic keys shows promise, though rigorous assessment of security and practicality is needed.[17]. This paper proposes a secure access control scheme for Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs), addressing the security concerns associated with wireless communication during emergencies. The scheme utilizes the patient's biometric information for authentication and consists of two levels: level 1 employs basic biometric information, while level 2 utilizes patients' iris data for more robust authentication. Notably, the research contributes to human iris verification by demonstrating the feasibility of partial iris data comparison, significantly reducing the overhead for resource-limited IMDs. Real iris datasets are used for evaluation, showing the scheme's effectiveness with a false acceptance rate (FAR) and false rejection rate (FRR) close to 0.000% at a suitable threshold. The scheme demonstrates small overhead, making it feasible for IMDs, and reduces computation overhead by an average of 58%, enhancing efficiency.[18]. This paper introduces e-SAFE, an innovative scheme addressing security and safety concerns in wireless communication with Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs). It tackles the vulnerability of pre-shared long-term keys by establishing temporary keys through proximity, enhancing real authentication and countering nearby adversaries or man-in-the-middle attacks. The scheme focuses on lowering communication and computation overhead for prolonging IMD lifetime. Additionally, it addresses the safety of recording doctor-issued commands for forensics purposes. e-SAFE employs a novel lightweight compressive sensing-based encryption

algorithm, simultaneously encrypting and compressing IMD data, reducing data transmission overhead by over 50% while ensuring high data confidentiality and usability. Protocols for device pairing, dual-factor authentication, and accountability-enabled access contribute to the scheme's effectiveness, validated through security analysis and performance evaluation.[19].

This paper proposes a Finger-to-Heart (F2H) authentication scheme for implantable medical devices (IMDs) like cardiac pacemakers and defibrillators, aiming to balance security with accessibility for doctors, especially in emergency scenarios. The scheme utilizes a patient's fingerprint for authentication, enabling doctors to access the IMD and administer emergency treatment by scanning the patient's fingertip instead of relying on passwords or security tokens. An improved minutia-cylinder-code-based fingerprint authentication algorithm is introduced to reduce the length and number of feature vectors, thereby enhancing efficiency and reducing computational overheads in the IMD. Experimental results demonstrate significant reductions in message size and computational overhead, making the scheme suitable for securing IMDs. Unlike existing electrocardiogram-based security schemes, the F2H scheme stores a fingerprint template in the IMD beforehand, eliminating the need for capturing or processing biometric traits in every access attempt. This conservation of resources makes the scheme sustainable and energy-efficient for IMDs.[20].

III METHODOLOGY

Developing a smart nebulizer with advanced safety features and health monitoring involves a methodical approach. Firstly, establish clear objectives, emphasizing safety, usability, and health monitoring capabilities. Conduct an exhaustive review of existing technologies,

focusing on fingerprint sensor applications, IR sensor-based sleep apnea detection, and respiratory distress syndrome monitoring with CO₂ and pressure sensors. Select or design a nebulizer system that seamlessly integrates a fingerprint sensor for user authentication, an IR sensor for sleep apnea detection, and CO₂ and pressure sensors for respiratory distress syndrome monitoring. Develop algorithms to interpret data from these sensors. Integrate wireless connectivity for real-time data transmission to a secure cloud platform. Design a user-friendly interface and conduct usability testing to ensure optimal user experience.

IV CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the innovative nebulizer system presented in this paper signifies a remarkable leap forward in respiratory care technology, successfully addressing critical aspects of health management and patient safety. The integration of advanced features such as the IR sensor for sleep apnea monitoring, CO₂ tracking, pressure sensor for detecting respiratory distress syndrome, and biometric authentication ensures a holistic approach to respiratory health. The real-time monitoring capabilities enable timely interventions, leading to improved patient outcomes. The automatic adjustment of therapy settings based on sensor readings enhances patient safety and reduces the risk of complications. Moreover, the robust security features, including biometric authentication, safeguard against unauthorized access, ensuring the device's integrity. Overall, this nebulizer system not only elevates patient comfort and convenience but also makes substantial contributions to advancing clinical outcomes and fortifying patient safety in respiratory care.

V FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope for this innovative nebulizer system is promising and holds potential for further advancements in respiratory care technology. Firstly,

ongoing research and development can focus on refining the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms to enhance the nebulizer's capability to analyze and predict respiratory patterns more accurately. This could lead to personalized treatment plans tailored to individual patient needs. Additionally, exploring compatibility with telehealth platforms could enable remote monitoring by healthcare professionals, ensuring timely interventions and continuous patient care. Collaborations with data analytics experts can further optimize the utilization of collected health data for proactive health management. The incorporation of advanced materials and miniaturization technologies can also be explored to make the nebulizer more compact, portable, and user-friendly. Moreover, potential integration with smart home systems and wearable devices could create a seamless ecosystem for comprehensive health monitoring. As technology evolves, continuous updates and adaptations to emerging respiratory health challenges will keep this nebulizer system at the forefront of patient care, emphasizing both effectiveness and security.

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