

"Exploring Nanotechnology in Medicine: From Diagnostic Enhancements to Targeted Therapies"

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Abstract: *With the development of nanotechnology, nanoparticles are widely used as nanomedicines. Certain nanoparticles may find use in tissue engineering, pharmaceuticals, targeted medications, biomedical implants, new diagnostic tools, imaging, and techniques. Today, high-toxicity medicines, such as chemotherapy medications for cancer, may be provided with greater safety because of nanotechnology. Additionally, wearable technology can identify real-world infections, cancer cell states, and significant changes in vital signs. Because technology is at the root of the issue, we expect these technologies will give physicians far better direct access to vital information on the causes of changes in the indicators of health or sickness. Artificial intelligence and predictive analytics can be applied to biomedicine to treat patients. Relevant publications on nanotechnology in the medical area are found and examined for this study. The paper talks about the various nanoparticles employed in medicine along with applications of nanotechnology in medicine. It also includes a briefing on the class, features, and attributes of nanotechnology for medicine. Researchers, government bodies, non-profit organizations, and the public must work together in different areas to evaluate the importance of nanotechnology and steer its progress in a variety of industries. The latest study explores various potential applications of Nanotechnology in the field of medicine. Therefore, the research offers a concise and neatly structured overview of nanotechnology, which will be beneficial for researchers, engineers, and scientists in their upcoming research endeavours.*

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1. Introduction

Nanotechnology focuses on using very small-scale phenomena in science and engineering to create, study, and use materials, structures, devices, and systems. The idea of nanotechnology was initially brought up in 1959 by physicist Richard Feynman, who discussed the possibility of manipulating materials at extremely small scales, down to the atomic and molecular levels. Researchers are now exploring nanotechnology as a cutting-edge method in medical research, considering it the most promising technology of the twenty-first century. Over the past ten years, there has been a noticeable boost in government funding for nanotechnology research and development, signalling the dawn of a new era of enhanced productivity and economic prosperity. Nanotechnology has the potential to boost economic development and improve efficiency and standards within various industries. It has played a significant role in improving the well-being of society and shaping the way we live in the present day. It has the ability to greatly change social relations, economic circumstances, and the way we live our lives.

For ages, people have been seeking exceptional remedies to relieve the suffering brought on by illness and wounds. Many experts argue that incorporating nanotechnology into medical procedures is essential for achieving this objective. These applications are in charge of overseeing, controlling, producing, upkeeping, and safeguarding every biological system within the human body through intricately crafted nanodevices and nanostructures that function at the molecular level. Nanotechnology has the capacity to transform the landscape of medical research and pave the way for a novel area dedicated to improving human abilities.

Nanotechnology has huge promise in the fields of diagnostics, treatment, and preventative care. This technology has the capability to intentionally change the human body, resulting in a range of issues. Nano drugs have demonstrated enhanced delivery of therapeutic medication, increased absorption, and reduced side effects.

Each molecule that enters the brain helps to form a selective membrane barrier that allows only high partition coefficient molecules to pass through. Recently, nanoparticles have been employed on this membrane to act as a system for delivering medication. Specifically, nanoparticles are breathed in and penetrate through the membranes of the brain. Conventional treatments for vascular blood clotting often offer limited benefits because they have a short time in the bloodstream, cause many side effects, and are eliminated quickly from the body. To enhance the stability and longevity of the enclosed medication, incorporating a precise amount of an agent into a drug delivery system could help to overcome this limitation. Polymeric nanoparticles and liposomal nanocarriers are frequently used due to their ability to be compatible with the body and break down naturally.

The use of science and technology is essential for diagnosing, treating, and preventing illnesses, managing pain, and improving human health through advanced molecular tools and understanding of the human body. Many current applications of nanotechnology in the field of medicine focus on delivering medications. Innovative methods of operation could be implemented, and current pharmaceutical substances are being more effectively aimed at specific targets and are also more easily absorbed by the body. The future of nanotechnology includes advancements such as nanoprobe, nanosensors, and versatile chemical structures used for pharmaceutical delivery and targeting diseases.

Nanotechnology has made significant advancements in improving the delivery of medication, leading to successful outcomes. Certain compounds can enhance the delivery of drugs into cells, as well as improve the targeting and release of therapeutic genes within the cell for enhanced imaging and treatment. Clinicians have the ability to identify and enhance their impact on diseased cells and tumors in order to optimize the dosage of therapy. When paired with other personalized therapies, nanotechnology can be tailored to specifically target a patient's diseased cells, reducing potential side effects and harm to surrounding tissues. Researchers have made some progress in enhancing cell growth to address spinal cord injuries. Nanoparticles and nanocomponents responsive to enzymes that specifically target brain tumors; smart nanoparticles designed for delivering drugs and imaging gene expression within cells; precise markers for the detection and measurement of human brain cancer.

Nanotechnology is breaking new boundaries in the field of healthcare, revolutionizing the life sciences industry. Nanotechnology shows great potential in manipulating matter at the atomic level to revolutionize various aspects of healthcare, including diagnosis, disease monitoring, surgical tools, regenerative medicine, vaccine development, and drug delivery. It also paves the path for advanced research tools to be used in creating medications that enhance treatment for different illnesses. Nanotechnology can be employed in medicine to target specific cells in the body, decreasing the chances of failure and rejection. The main research goals of this paper are (1) to recognize different types of Nanotechnology and Nanoparticles used in medicine, (2) to explore categories and classification of Nanotechnology-based materials in healthcare, (3) to examine the features and traits of Nanotechnology in the medical field, and (4) to identify current and future applications of Nanotechnology in medicine.

2. Necessity of Nanotechnology in the field of Medicines

The field of nanotechnology and the discovery of nano drugs are incredibly extensive and diverse. Nanomedicine has made remarkable advancements, elevating drug efficacy to achieve notable healthcare benefits. Studying the important abilities of nanotechnology in the field of healthcare is necessary. Ongoing research in the field of medicine is focusing on finding the most effective techniques and approaches in areas such as nephrology, therapeutic gene for cardiovascular disease, and cancer treatment. There has been a notable advancement in the conventional therapy leading to enhancements in the quality of nanoparticles and nanotechnology, resulting in promising outcomes.

Nano drugs have also been utilized in gene therapy. Multiple studies have explored the potential uses of viral vectors as tools for delivering medication.

Nanobots are programmed to seek out and destroy cancer cells, while smart tablets are used to transmit data to researchers to verify that patients are receiving the appropriate treatment. Nanotechnology has the possibility to revolutionize in-vitro diagnosis by replacing current methods with cheaper and simpler alternatives. Nanoparticles have the ability to function as molecular imaging agents in these devices, detecting genetic changes related to cancer and the functional characteristics of tumor cells. In addition, functional coatings using nanotechnology often contain specific nanomaterials such as titanium dioxide, silicon dioxide, carbon black, iron oxide, zinc oxide, and silver, depending on the intended purpose. Tools and techniques improve the evaluation of physiochemical properties, safety, and efficacy of nanomaterials and nano surfaces used in the development of medical devices. Researchers are instrumental in developing new products that incorporate innovative materials, sensors, and storage mechanisms.

3. Types of nanoparticles used in medicinal- field

Nanoparticles are tiny particles with a high ratio of surface area to volume, making them capable of absorbing large quantities of medication and efficiently traveling through the bloodstream. Due to their expanded surface area, nanoparticles possess unique qualities that enhance their mechanical, magnetic, optical, and catalytic properties, making them ideal for a wider range of pharmaceutical uses. Nanoparticles are categorized into three groups depending on their chemical makeup: organic, inorganic, and carbon-containing. Organic molecules like proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids are combined to create tiny particles that are less than 100 nm in size, known as organic nanoparticles.

Non-toxic, hydrophilic, biocompatible, and highly stable inorganic nanoparticles exhibit superior properties when compared to organic materials. Inorganic nanoparticles consist of elemental metals, metal oxides, and metal salts, along with other substances. Carbon-based nanomaterials such as fullerenes, carbon nanotubes, graphene, and their derivatives are common examples in this field. Various fields, such as biomedical applications, are interested in these materials due to their unique size and exceptional properties in mechanics, electricity, heat, light, and chemistry. Nanoparticles typically keep the same chemical characteristics as their larger counterparts, making it advantageous when choosing which nanoparticle to use for different purposes.

The nanoparticles react to the light by heating up sufficiently to eliminate cancer cells. In the future, scientists think that nanoparticles could be administered directly into the bloodstream and develop into cancerous growths. Smart pills are a type of medication that contain ingestible sensors, allowing them to be controlled wirelessly and adjust the dosage based on data gathered from the body. Nanomedicine, like all groundbreaking technologies, encounters inherent challenges, particularly in its widespread integration into clinical practices. The environmental

effects of nanotechnology build up in living tissues and organs and can be produced at a large scale at an affordable cost. Nanobots represent a major breakthrough in the field of nanomedicine.

4. Types and categorization of nanotechnology-derived materials used in the field of medicine

The figure shows the different types and classifications of nanotechnology materials that are specifically used in the field of medicine for specialized functions and benefits. Numerous categories of materials found in literature, such as metal nanoparticles, dendrimers, liposomes, biodegradable polymers, carbon-based nanomaterials, hydrogel nanocomposites, and more, have been identified as enhancing the use of nanotechnology in the medical field.

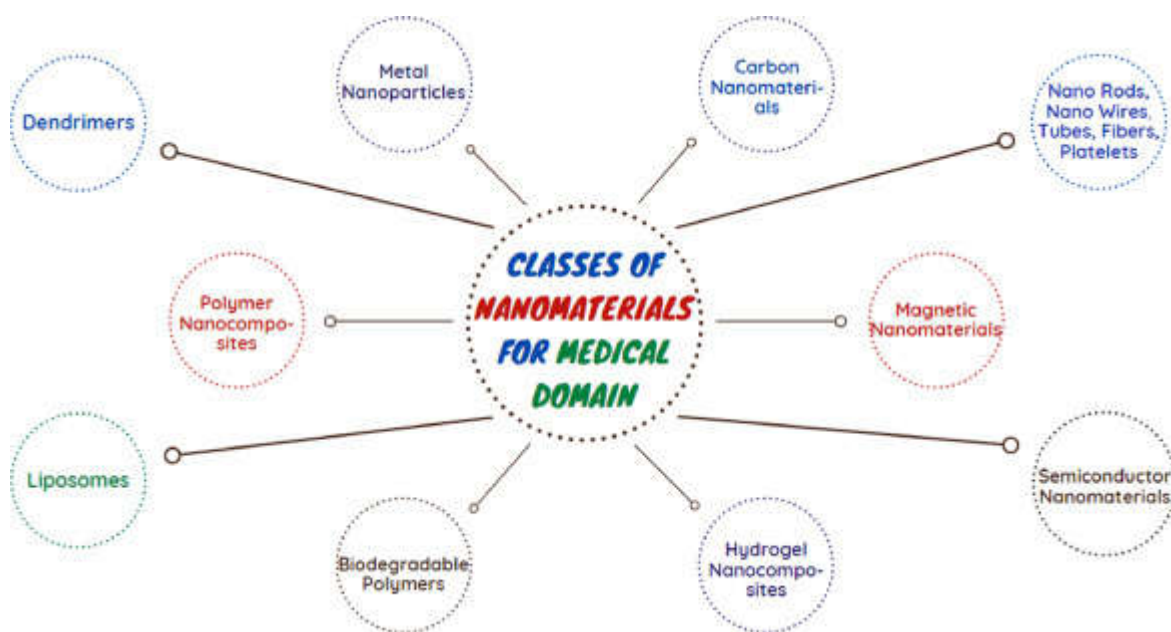


Figure: Different classes of nanotechnology-based-materials for the medical domain.

Nanofibers have been used in wound care, medical textiles, implants, tissue engineering, and artificial organ parts. Researchers are developing smart bandages that can be assimilated into the tissue once the wound has fully recovered. These smart bandages contain nanofibers that can assist in clotting, fight infection, and identify signs of infection.

Nanomedicine promotes longevity and provides support for individuals to live longer lives, while also benefiting the environment by reducing the need for natural resources. Another way to explore nanotechnology could involve the use of nanomachines to pave the way for establishing colonies in outer space, by building infrastructure and establishing environments on different planets. Scientists are also studying methods to alter human biology in order to better acclimate to the atmospheric conditions of other planets.

Nanomedicine in healthcare utilizes nanotechnology to diagnose and treat a range of diseases by employing nanoparticles, nanoelectronics, biosensors and molecular nanotechnology. The technology allows for a detailed analysis of a person's body, drugs, and medical tools on a minuscule scale, resulting in more accurate treatments. The healthcare sector is employing this technology to diagnose medical ailments and create state-of-the-art medical instruments. The quick advancements in nanotechnology are resulting in the development of enhanced

diagnostic and treatment methods with increased success rates. Currently, nanomedicine is being employed to develop cutting-edge medications and therapies for cancer.

Recently, this technology has been used to develop new nanoparticles, causing significant changes in multiple sectors. Nanotechnology is utilized in the medical field to develop small biomechanical instruments such as nanomachines and nanorobots. Nanotechnology products are typically costly, making it challenging to produce them on a large scale. These products are designed to improve the availability of this technology by offering affordable production choices. Nanoparticles have the ability to improve blood sugar levels and stimulate the production of insulin, which could eliminate the necessity for individuals to monitor and manage their own insulin levels. Tiny particles inserted into the blood of humans can identify diseases at an early stage by identifying particular enzymes indicative of tumor growth. Nanotechnology has the potential to make significant advancements in healthcare by improving the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases. Inventors are showing a growing fascination with how nanotechnology can be used for health purposes, possibly propelling the industry towards a new era of expansion. The diagnosis and treatment now rely on clinical knowledge and the analysis of external biometric information; future research is anticipated to focus on using nanotechnology data to directly target the disease. By enabling our bodies to utilize artificial mechanics, this technology assists individuals in creating customized, preventive, and proactive medications from within. The utilization of nanomaterials is frequently cited as an example. Manipulating devices and systems on a nanometer scale presents many possibilities for improved diagnosis and treatment of diseases, as well as more accurate testing.

Nanomaterials are employed in the medical field for purposes such as diagnosis, treatment, management, and prevention of diseases. Nanoparticles are driving advancements in the creation of improved and more secure drugs, tissue-specific treatments, and personalized nanomedicines. During the Covid-19 pandemic, this tech is utilized to disinfect surfaces and personal protective equipment. Tiny particles can carry medications directly to the needed location, enhancing their effectiveness and minimizing harm to surrounding tissues. Nanoparticles could be designed to surpass the blood-brain barrier in order to deliver drugs effectively to the brain for challenging diseases.

5. Features and characteristics related to nanotechnology for the medical field

In the medical field, nanotechnology offers a range of traditional features and qualities such as 1. wound care 2. antibacterial treatments 3. protection of healthy cells and 4. diagnostic techniques in nanomedicine. The use of nanovesicles, nanoparticles, and carbon nanotubes has enhanced the effectiveness and productivity of applying nanotechnology in medicine, particularly where precise and intelligent solutions are critical.

Nanotechnologies are equally as successful as reactive approaches in the field of preventive medicine. Wearable devices can be designed to send data to hospital networks, simplifying the process of providing care for older individuals who require help in remote areas. Similarly, nanomaterials that were previously thought to promote cancer growth can now be controlled to manage the movement of cancer cells in the blood. The technology sector incorporates individual atoms and molecules, particularly in the field of Nanoscience, leading to significant impacts on the advancement of science, engineering, and technology in the future. This could have a major impact on how specific atoms and molecules are created, characterized, developed, and used. Numerous sectors like healthcare, energy, agriculture, chemical production, cosmetics, and biotechnology are experiencing major changes.

5.1. In Treatment for injuries or wounds

The ability of a person's cells to generate tissues and organs is seen as a revolutionary development in reconstructive and transplant surgery, offering hope to patients who have lost these body parts due to illness or injury. Investigating this topic, with a strong understanding of nano-scale tissue topography, aims to create tissues that mimic the function and structure of those naturally occurring in organisms. The use of nanogenerators, polymer nanoparticles, and precise solutions could lead to more effective and faster wound healing for individuals. Nanoparticles can only attach to cells or tissues by linking with specific pictures and target ligands. This enables surgeons and radiographers to differentiate between diseased and healthy tissue more efficiently, enhancing the effectiveness of treatment and minimizing the risk of damage to healthy tissue. Nanotechnology has greatly impacted the accuracy and efficiency of testing biomarkers in bodily fluids. Nanotechnology utilizes the unique characteristics of materials at the nanometer scale, which exhibit differing behaviours compared to the same materials at larger scales in the fields of physics, chemistry, and biology. Additionally, the minute scale of nanotechnology encompasses numerous biological processes within the human body, enabling the passage through natural barriers to reach new delivery targets and engage with DNA or small proteins at various levels within the bloodstream or within bodily tissues and cells. Nanoscience has reached a higher level of advancement, offering opportunities for customised medicines that are more precise in their targeting, have fewer side effects, and are simpler to administer. Nanotechnology is the manipulation and management of materials at the nanoscale level with precision within a nanometre. This can encompass atoms, molecules, or large biological entities.

5.2. Antibacterial treatments

Nanomedicine is utilized across a wide range of fields, such as drug delivery, diagnostic tools, imaging technology, screening methods, vaccine creation, antimicrobial agents, and wearable technology.

Gold nanoparticles and quantum dots can be utilized with infrared light to enhance the cleaning of instruments and also have potential applications in antibacterial treatments. Nanotechnology is becoming more hopeful in its ability to make significant advancements in detecting and treating illnesses within the field of medicine. Medications are expected to provide treatments, medical tests, cellular therapy, and produce materials that are compatible with the body. The application of nanotechnology in medical treatments involves nanomedicine and the creation of tiny agents for treating different diseases. Nanotechnology uses manipulation to create materials that have incredibly varied and distinctive properties on the smallest atomic and molecular scales.

5.3 Reduce adverse effects on healthy cells

Innovators are creating new techniques to improve drug delivery, including directly targeting cancer cells with therapeutic treatments. Improvements in patient outcomes are observed, with minimal harm reported to healthy cells, which can be damaged during chemotherapy when using nanoparticles that target and eliminate cancer cells. Doctors can use nanotechnology to deliver heat treatment more precisely in combination with chemotherapy. In therapy, nanotubes combined with antibodies that are attracted to tumors can absorb laser light and potentially destroy the tumor by causing it to incinerate.

The utilization of bio-based, non-organic, biomimicking, or combined materials is widely prevalent in the field of nanomedicine.

5.4 Nanotechnology-based diagnostic method

Nanotechnology applications in diagnosis, such as utilizing carbon nanotubes and gold nanorods, along with fast and cost-effective detection methods, have enabled the early detection of illnesses. By utilizing tools on a sub-micrometer scale, this approach allows for more effective diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for patients.

Nanotechnology greatly speeds up the advancement of regenerative medicine. Innovative methods now make it possible to create artificial skin, bone, cartilage, and other tissues for individuals who have organ deficiencies or severe injuries. Nanotechnology alters cellular function in a way that closely mimics the behaviour of natural tissues and organs.

6. Important future areas for using nanotechnology in medicine.

Nanomedicine, just like biotechnology, has raised concerns in specific areas, especially regarding issues of safety and privacy. Immunoassays are well-suited for use due to the strong link between antibodies and antigens, resulting in high levels of sensitivity. Regenerative immune sensors represent a fascinating new challenge as they enable repeated measurements for statistical accuracy and ongoing monitoring. Nanomedicine in cancer is still in its early stages, requiring the clinic to assess its potential impact.

6.1. Diagnosis

Nanotechnology provides tools for both in vitro and in vivo diagnostic testing that are highly sensitive and incredibly precise, surpassing the capabilities of current technology. The main goal of advancements in diagnostics is to enable physicians to detect diseases as soon as possible. Nanotechnology is expected to enable the diagnosis of cellular and even sub-cellular levels.

6.2. Cell And Tissue Engineering

Nanotechnology offers important framework support to develop novel functional structures resembling natural tissues, allowing the introduction and promotion of healthy cell growth. The new tissues are enhanced by the compatibility of the nanoparticles and cells with the original sample source. Doctors can control the growth, maturation, and healing of tissues that form as a result.

6.3 Therapeutic Advancement

Nanoparticles enable doctors to target the root cause of the illness, improving effectiveness while reducing side effects. They also offer fresh chances to control therapeutic distributions. The field of nanomedicine has seen significant advancements in tools and drug production, leading to a variety of nano drugs and applications in drug delivery and diagnostics.

6.4. Detection of Diseases

Advanced uses of nanomedicine, like multipart nanomedical devices, are starting to be explored in mainstream medicine in addition to basic applications such as customized medicines and medical tools. The exceptional characteristics of nanoparticles can be leveraged at the molecular level for more ambitious purposes. On a small scale, there is more space for chemicals to attach, making it easier to manipulate molecules and control particle behaviour. Nanomaterials are small enough to penetrate the living cells

6.5. Drug Delivery

In recent years, there has been notable progress in the field of creating nano-drugs through the use of visual aids, therapies, and medical testing. Nano-drug systems mainly aim to enhance the absorption of drugs in targeted tissues, prolong the effectiveness of injectable medications, and facilitate oral administration of medicinal treatments. Nano drugs are given at lower doses, which leads to significant enhancements in their therapeutic impact and a decreased risk to health and side effects.

6.6. The handling of sickness or disorder.

Nanotechnology offers a highly efficient solution for combating and treating diseases as bacterial resistance to antibiotics continues to rise on a global scale. At the nanoscale, bacterial membranes can become even more effective with the presence of antimicrobial substances like nano-silver. These characteristics have the potential to reduce the requirement for antibiotics when combined with conventional materials, all while safeguarding the patient from infections. Nanotechnology has the capability to completely transform the treatment of patients. This technology in life sciences research and other areas of healthcare is still a long way from being widely used.

6.7. The battle against cancer.

Nanotechnology is seen as a major advancement in the delivery of medication in the current battle against cancer. In general, nanoparticles are commonly used to deliver traditional cancer drugs to tumors more effectively and with less side effects than pharmaceuticals, enabling precise targeting of cancer cells in alternative treatments. Nanoparticles allow for the targeted delivery of more potent chemotherapy drugs, reducing off-target toxicity and increasing effectiveness.

6.8. Enhance the efficiency of Medicines

The use of smart materials and nanoparticles for drug delivery shows great potential in research. This field could greatly enhance the effectiveness of current medications and reduce certain unwanted side effects for pharmaceutical companies. It is made up of transporter agent assemblies, imaging devices, and medications designed to target and monitor tissues affected by the process simultaneously.

6.9. Beneficial for heart disease

Nanomedicine utilizes nanotechnology in the medical industry to prevent and treat serious conditions such as cardiovascular disease and heart illness. Recent advancements in nanotechnology have been aided by nanoscale materials such as biocompatible nanoparticles

and medical nanobots, assisting doctors in gaining a better understanding of how living organism function.

6.10. Radiation therapy

This treatment uses high doses of radiation to kill cancer cells and shrink the tumors. Nanotechnology has the potential to enhance radiation therapy as well. Radiation nanoparticles attracted to tumors can help target radiation therapy more effectively while minimizing damage to healthy tissue.

Nanotechnology applications extend beyond the treatment of cancer. Nanosensors are able to identify heart attacks and strokes before they occur in patients. Nanoparticles in nanotechnology have the ability to constantly monitor the blood for existing endothelial cells prior to an attack. Nanotechnologies have also pledged to stop attacking the patient's body by resetting the immune system.

6.11. Nano boats

Nanobots are tiny robots that can perform tasks on a nanoscale, allowing for precise and efficient manipulation on a microscopic level. Nanobots represent the most important advancement in nanomedicine. Nanobots have the ability to fix harmed cells and substitute entire components within cells. They can also be duplicated in order to fix a genetic abnormality or substitute a DNA molecule to eliminate diseases. Nano-sized robots used in the field of medicine have the potential to revolutionize healthcare by offering benefits like clearing blocked arteries or even replacing entire organs.

7. Future possibilities/ opportunities

Nanomedicine will play a vital role in the future of personalized medicine, aiding in everything from prediction to tracking progress. Nanoscale materials are being used to create highly sensitive sensors and biomarkers that can detect a wider range of diseases early on and with greater accuracy. Nanomedicine allows for precise mapping of diseases by improving targeting and chemical sensitivity. Nanomedicine can be used more effectively to target cells and minimize harm to healthy cells after identifying a condition through diagnosis. A number of products, including the nano-encapsulated doxorubicin, are currently being utilized. In the future, challenges will revolve around improving how drugs are delivered and released, as well as expanding the capabilities for diagnosing and treating metallic nanoparticles.

Nanomedicine, like any other cutting-edge technology, needs to weigh its promising benefits against potential risks in the future. In order to effectively treat patients with nanomedicine, comprehensive testing and evaluation, including assessing its potential benefits, toxicity, and conducting thorough clinical trials, are essential. In the future, nanotechnology may have the ability to identify problems directly instead of relying on data from external sensors, medical knowledge, and diagnostic algorithms based on probabilities. Another possible use of nanotechnology in sports is to assess the circulation and levels of lactic acid in muscles, helping athletes identify which muscles need improvement and adjust their training accordingly. These individuals have the ability to optimize their performance and maximize the potential of their less efficient muscles.

8. Conclusion

Nanotechnology is leading the way in transforming healthcare through a focus on proactive population health management. Nanotechnology tackles the issue of targeted drug delivery, lowers the risk of adverse reactions, and enhances the efficiency of treatments. This technology is ideal for detecting, treating, and conducting gene therapy on cancer. Utilizing nanorobotics in nanomedicine shows the greatest potential for future advancements. The uses of this technology span across various industries, including developing vaccines, administering medication, creating wearable devices, producing diagnostic tools, and designing antimicrobial solutions. The progress in creating more powerful drugs, advanced devices, and early diagnosis of different diseases is expected to drive the emergence of nanomedicine. Nanotechnology allows standard anti-cancer drugs to pass through the brain and remain in circulation. This technology shows great potential in terms of market opportunities and advantages for entire categories of existing medications. Customized methods for administering medication, innovative diagnostic techniques, and small-scale medical tools can be created.

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