ENGAGING MINDS THROUGH ANIMATION: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF 2D CONTENT IN MEDICAL HEALTH EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

The article examines the effectiveness of 2D animated content as an engaging and innovative educational tool for mental health education. The study explores how such animations can enhance understanding and raise awareness of mental health disorders among diverse audiences. Among the ongoing difficulties mental health education faces are stigma, misunderstandings, and a dearth of interesting materials that successfully explain difficult disorders like bipolar disease. To this end, six user-friendly animated modules were developed, focusing on key aspects of Bipolar Disorder, including an introduction to the condition, its symptoms, causes, prevalence, types, and available treatments. A structured evaluation process was employed, combining usability testing to measure knowledge retention with participant feedback to capture perceptions and experiences. The study engaged three target groups: healthcare professionals, multimedia experts involved in content creation, and members of the general public with varying levels of familiarity with Bipolar Disorder. By integrating insights from these groups, the research highlights the transformative potential of 2D animation in mental health education. Preliminary findings demonstrate that animated content significantly improves comprehension and awareness, presenting it as a dynamic, engaging, and accessible medium for disseminating information. These results underscore the promise of 2D animation in reducing stigma and misconceptions about mental health disorders, paving the way for the development of future educational resources and interventions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The utilization of 2D animated information has arisen as a revolutionary method in instructional tools, providing a distinctive combination of accessibility, engagement, and clarity. Animation, via its capacity to elucidate intricate topics via visual narrative, has gained substantial utility in diverse fields, including mental health education. In addressing delicate and intricate topics such as mental health disorders, 2D animation serves as a vital medium that combines artistry and education to effectively engage diverse audiences. This article examines the significance of 2D animated content in mental health education, highlighting its capacity to promote comprehension, increase awareness, and mitigate stigma associated with mental health issues.

The efficacy of 2D animations is in their capacity to dismantle obstacles to comprehension. Animations engage viewers through visual representation of information in ways that conventional text-based or lecture formats cannot. They accommodate diverse learning methods, such as visual and auditory, enhancing the material's relatability and memorability. Animated content offers a structured and comprehensible medium for conveying information on complex subjects such as Bipolar Disorder, which encompasses intricate symptoms, etiologies, and therapeutic approaches. Animations may elucidate medical terminology and cultivate empathy through meticulously crafted visuals and tales, enabling audiences to engage with the subject matter more profoundly.

Furthermore, 2D animations are proficient at engaging a wide and varied audience, including