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Ant Group Upgrades Haodf for Doctor to AI-Powered AQ for Doctor Platform

New physician workstation connects doctors and patients through Ant's AQ ecosystem, offering AI-assisted patient management, clinical decision support and medical research tools.

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Ant Group officially upgraded its physician platform, Haodf for Doctor, into **AQ for Doctor**, an AI-powered workstation designed to support physicians across every stage of clinical practice—from online consultations and patient management to clinical decision support and medical research. The platform is fully integrated with Ant Group's flagship AI health app, **AQ**, which serves more than 100 million users as of August 2026.

Connecting doctors and patients through one AI platform

"AI will never replace doctors," said **Zhang Junjie, Vice President of Ant Group and Head of the Health Business**. "But AI can become a trusted assistant for healthcare professionals. Our goal is to build a reliable and practical AI workstation for China's more than five million physicians—helping them work more efficiently while enabling every leading doctor's expertise and experience to reach many more patients."

The integration of AQ for Doctor with the AQ app creates one of the world's first AI platforms built to serve both physicians and patients through a deeply connected AI experience.

The AQ app has already introduced an **"AI response + doctor review"** model in dermatology, allowing AI-generated health guidance to be reviewed and verified by physicians from leading hospitals whenever users request professional confirmation. The model has since expanded to 16 specialties, including obstetrics and gynecology, otolaryngology (ENT), and others. With AQ for Doctor now connected to the AQ app, patient requests can be matched with available physicians more efficiently, creating a more seamless experience for both doctors and patients.

The upgrade also opens AQ for Doctor to hospitals and healthcare institutions nationwide for the first time, allowing them to establish and operate their own online hospitals on the platform as institutional partners. Previously, only physicians affiliated with Haodf's online hospital could provide online consultations through the platform. Now, hospitals and healthcare organizations can onboard directly, enabling their physicians to manage online consultations, follow-up care, and patient records through a single account and unified platform instead of switching between multiple systems.

One of China's leading women's and children's hospitals, **Guangzhou Women and Children's Medical Center**, has become the first hospital to join under the new model. The hospital said the partnership will make it easier for patients to access care while enabling the hospital to better coordinate and deploy its high-quality medical resources to serve patients in need.

Helping physicians spend less time on paperwork and more time on patient care

AQ for Doctor introduces two core AI capabilities: the **AI Medical Assistant** and the **AI Doctor Agent**, supporting physicians throughout the entire care journey—from consultations and long-term patient management to evidence retrieval and academic research.

For **patient management**, physicians can create their own **AI Doctor Agent** on the platform. Available around the clock, the AI agent can conduct pre-visit interviews, answer routine health questions, and support post-treatment follow-up.

Before an appointment, the AI agent gathers relevant patient information, organizes medical histories, and highlights key clinical findings, helping physicians prepare more efficiently. After the consultation, it continues to answer routine patient questions, automatically generates follow-up summaries, and synchronizes them with patients' health records. This enables physicians to extend care beyond the clinic while giving patients more continuous support throughout their healthcare journey.

For **clinical decision support**, the AI Medical Assistant enables physicians to search medical knowledge instantly through text or voice, delivering free, accurate, and fully traceable evidence-based references.

AQ for Doctor has established a strategic partnership with **Wolters Kluwer**, a global leader in clinical information and decision-support solutions. By combining Wolters Kluwer's authoritative medical content, including access to its medical journals, with AQ's AI capabilities, the partnership will provide physicians with more reliable, evidence-based clinical insights they can trust.

As part of the strategic partnership, AQ for Doctor is also exploring deeper collaboration with **UpToDate**, Wolters Kluwer's renowned evidence-based clinical decision support solution. The collaboration aims to further advance the application of trusted AI in healthcare.

At the same time, Ant Health has formed a strategic partnership with **DP Technology**, a leader in AI for Science. Leveraging the strengths of its **Science Navigator** platform in deep scientific literature search and evidence-based knowledge retrieval, the partnership will support AQ for Doctor with quality medical scientific data.

Today, AQ for Doctor gives physicians access to more than **60 million** medical publications, clinical guidelines, leading medical journals, and over **140,000** drug labels, enabling clinicians to quickly

retrieve the latest medical evidence and apply it to both clinical decision-making and research.

Doctors participating in early testing reported that by automating routine tasks such as collecting and organizing patient histories, AQ for Doctor significantly improved efficiency, allowing them to spend more time on complex cases and direct patient care.

As more people turn to AI for everyday health information and services, healthcare providers and physicians are increasingly incorporating AI into clinical practice. As of August 2026, AQ for Doctor has connected more than **300,000** verified physicians. As more hospitals and healthcare organizations join the platform following this upgrade, that network is expected to continue expanding, bringing high-quality medical expertise to even more patients.

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