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Description

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Robert's PhD research sheds light on the intricate dynamics of primary healthcare in Delhi through the lens of Mohalla Clinics. These clinics, established in 2015, serve as a crucial gateway for patients seeking essential healthcare services. By immersing himself in an 18-month ethnographic study, Robert delves deep into the daily experiences of patients as they navigate through the complex web of primary healthcare options in the bustling city.

His research journey takes him on a fascinating exploration, traversing between the corridors of the clinics, government offices, and public spaces. Drawing from the rich tapestry of medical and political anthropology, Robert unravels the multifaceted layers that shape the patient experience within the realm of primary healthcare services in Delhi.

Through his work, Robert not only amplifies the voices of patients but also offers valuable insights into the urban governance of primary healthcare in India. His research stands as a testament to the importance of understanding the intricacies of healthcare delivery systems and the vital role they play in shaping the well-being of communities.

Robert's findings present a compelling narrative that highlights the significance of Mohalla Clinics as pivotal hubs in the healthcare landscape of Delhi. His detailed examination of patient interactions and experiences provides a unique perspective on the challenges and successes within the primary healthcare sector.



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