Some people use the Internet to search for solutions to their medical problems. Is it a positive or negative development? Give your own opinion and examples from your experience.

In this day and age, the Internet plays a pivotal role in almost every aspect of human life. However, there has been a heated debate amongst individuals as to whether the online medical information provided by cyber platforms has more benefits than drawbacks or not. I would argue that if the content of these sites is controlled precisely by professionals in order to prevent spreading misleading data, people can reap the benefits from them on several grounds.

On the one hand, it is true that many a person searches their symptoms on the Internet prior to any other action when they feel unwell which could negatively affect their wellbeing. To start with, not every information on the Internet has been written by specialists who consider all the contributing factors in an illness. Moreover, doctors with years of study and work diagnose an illness by asking questions about patients' history, physical examination and keeping them under surveillance for a period of time. That is to say, it is too simplistic an approach to start curing based on a general review of a disease and its common symptoms written by an anonymous writer since a wrong decision could leave a detrimental effect on one a person's health.

On the other hand, reading simplified articles about health issues, people can raise their awareness towards their body in order to prevent some ailments and diseases. In other words, the accurate and reliable information can shed light on many small symptoms sending an alert about an illness which was underestimated before. That the early diagnosis and medication can prevent a severe illness such as cancer from getting so acute is an undeniable fact, hence the importance of having comprehensive information about medical issues, thereby preventing many potential diseases in the future. In addition, some minor ailments such as flu can be cured by reading some advice online. These illnesses are not life threatening and by curing them at home people can lessen the workload of medical practitioners.

In conclusion, while the content on the Internet can be highly misleading, reading them it can be so informative that it could save people's life and reduce the workload of the already overwhelmed medical staff and health care system.