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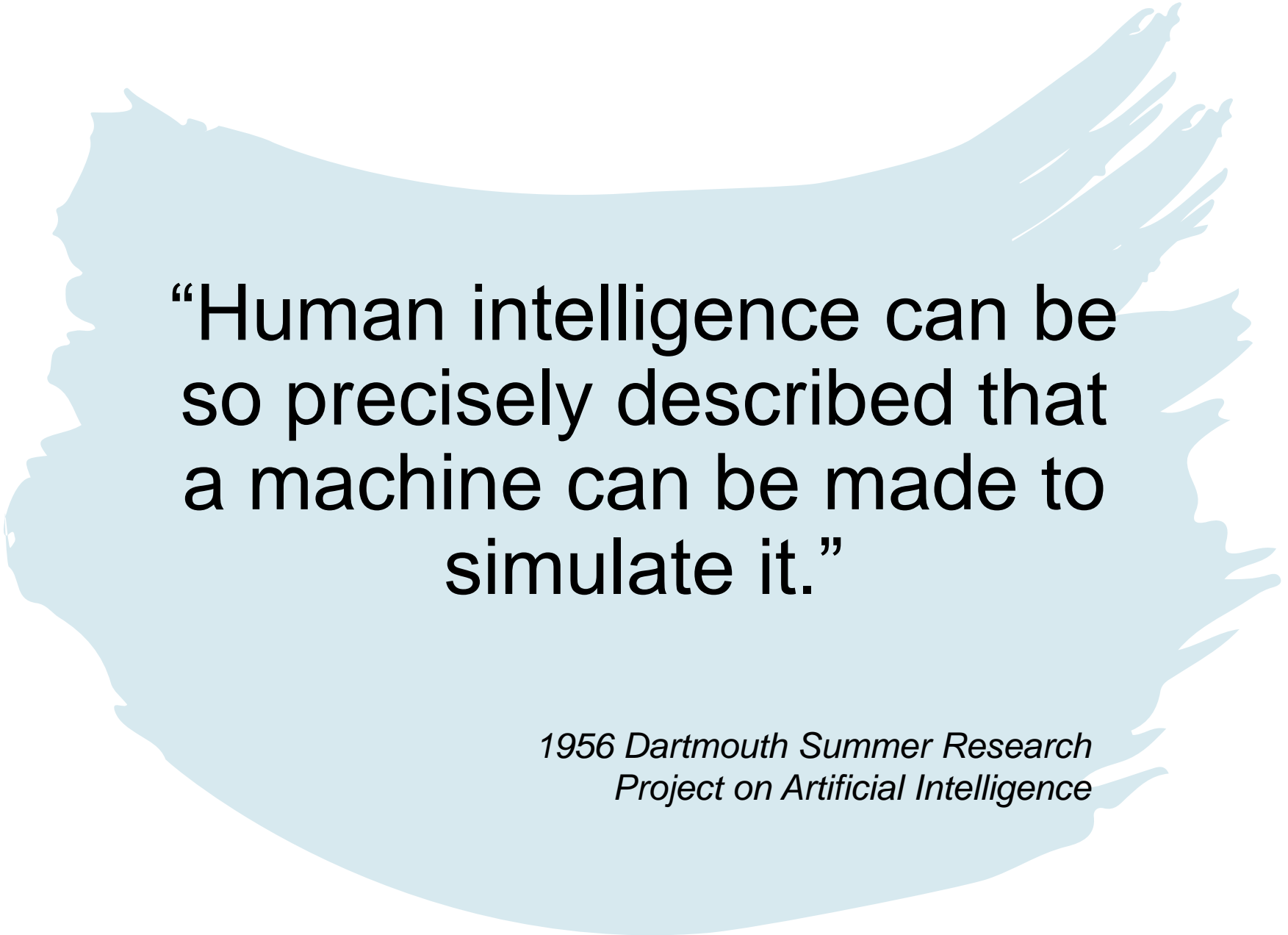






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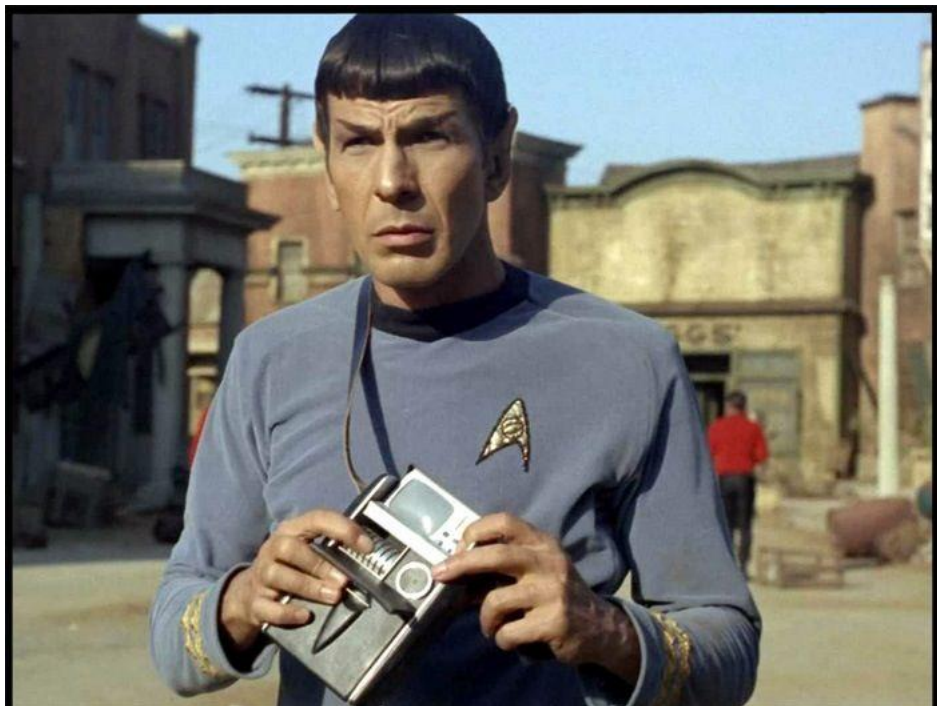
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“Human intelligence can be
so precisely described that
a machine can be made to
simulate it.”

*1956 Dartmouth Summer Research
Project on Artificial Intelligence*

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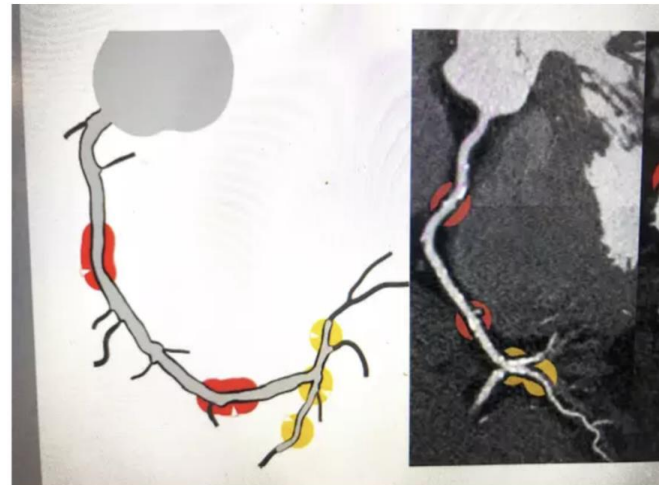


Artificial Intelligence in Cardiology and Cardiac Electrophysiology

As of August 2024, the FDA has authorized 950 AI/ML enabled medical devices, 98 are specifically designed for cardiology.

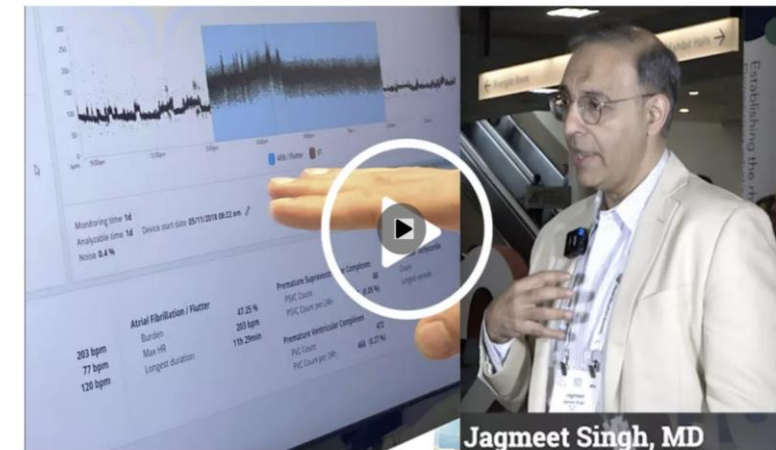
Cardiology has embraced AI more than most other specialties

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AI gaining popularity in electrophysiology

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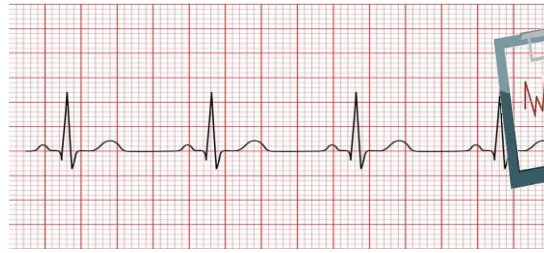
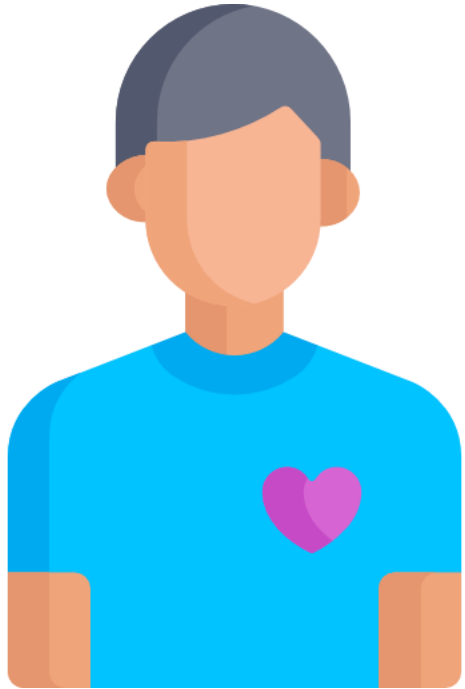
The proliferation of [artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#) in healthcare includes numerous algorithms for [electrophysiology \(EP\)](#), and several have already been commercialized in the United States. Jagmeet Singh, MD, professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and founding director of the Resynchronization and Advanced Cardiac Therapeutics Program at [Mass General Hospital](#), spoke with Cardiovascular Business at Heart Rhythm 2023 to explain how AI is being used in EP.

Google scholar:

“Artificial intelligence” – 7,090,000 results

“Aspirin” – 1,580,000 results

Current care scenario



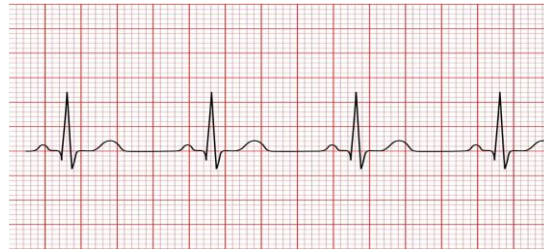
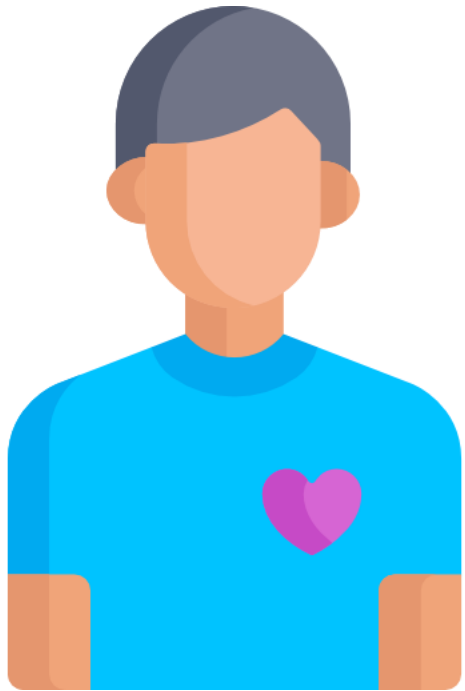
Doctor

Interprets test

Advises patient on diagnosis

Gives plan and treatment

Imagine this scenario



Diagnosis

Risk of heart disease

Risk of future heart attack

Probability of sudden death

Risk of heart failure

Metabolic parameters

Lifespan

Etc. etc.

Definitions

- Artificial intelligence (AI)
 - Capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior or perform tasks that typically require human intelligence
- Machine learning (ML)
 - Subset of AI in which computers learn from experience without explicit programming
- Deep learning (DL)
 - Subset of machine learning that uses artificial neural networks

Definitions

- Artificial neural networks (ANN)
 - Generic architecture for a mathematical model to teach computers to learn, inspired by the human brain's neural structure
- Convolutional neural networks (CNN)
 - Type of deep learning algorithm optimized for processing grid-like data such as images by learning new features that distinguish them into different categories
- Algorithm
 - Set of mathematical procedures used to learn patterns from data

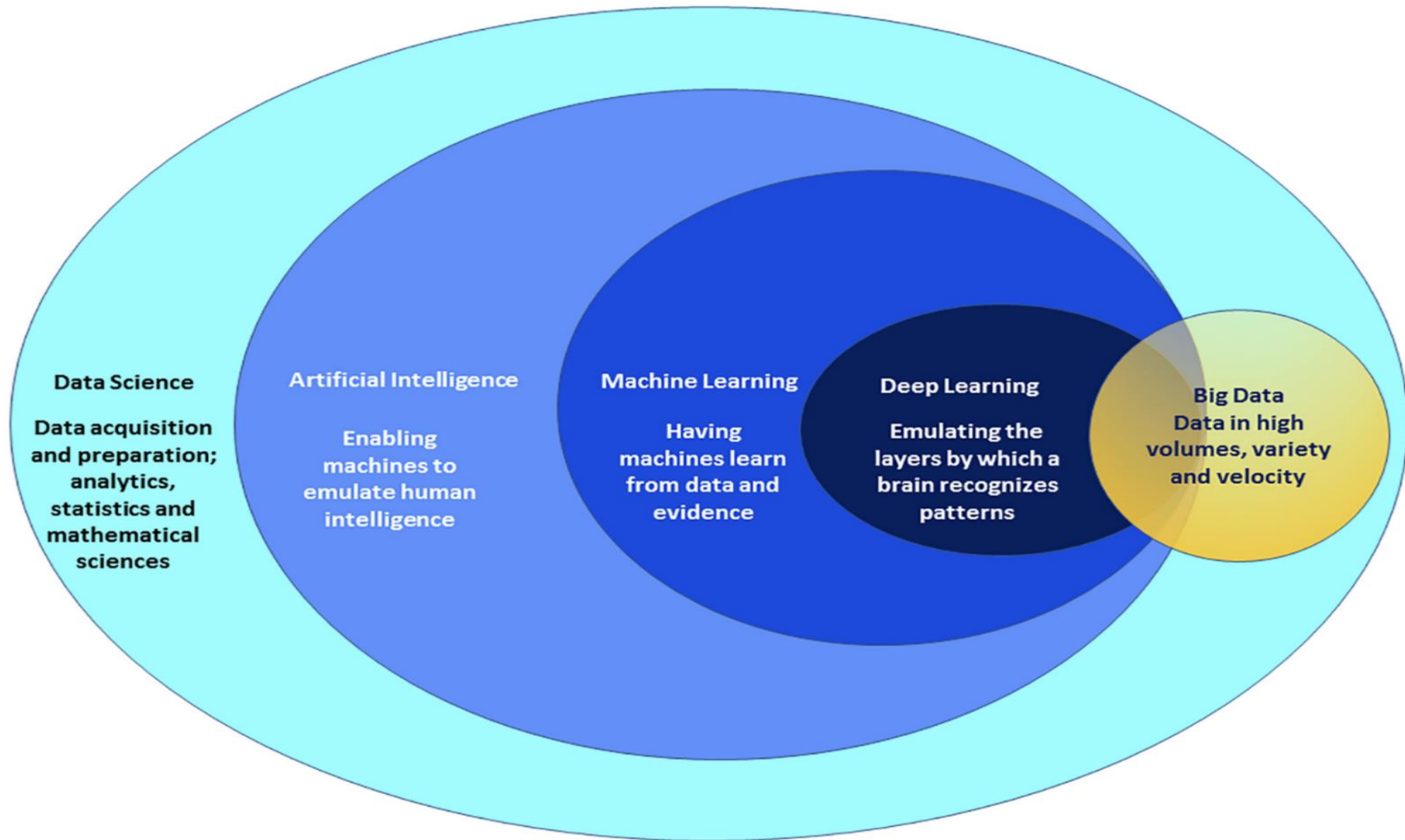
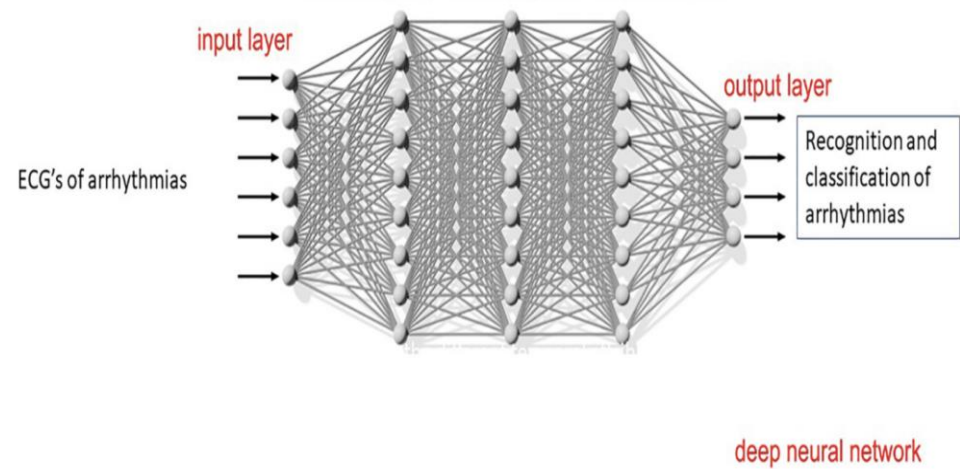


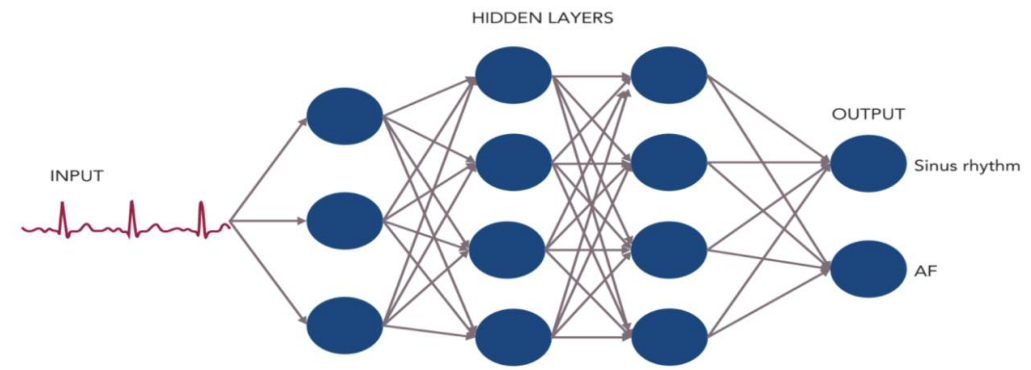
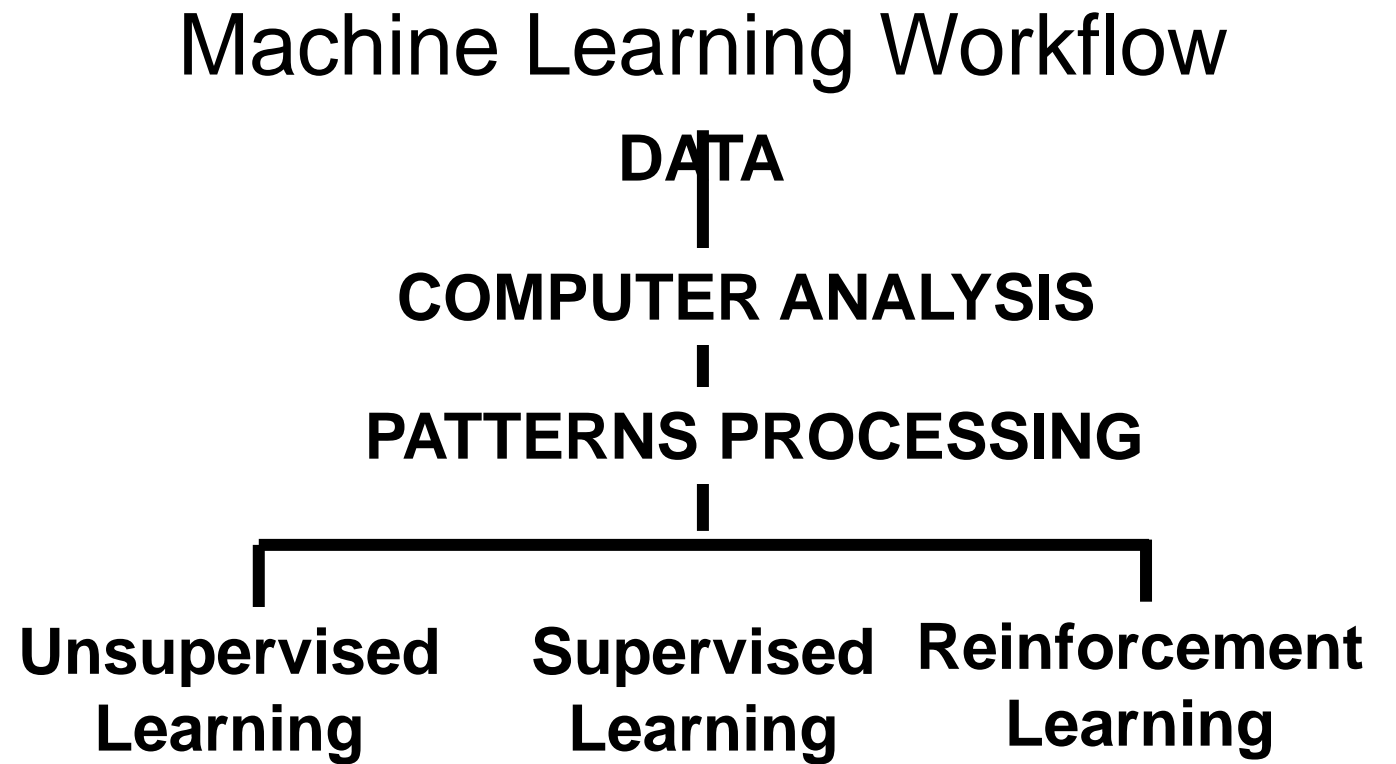
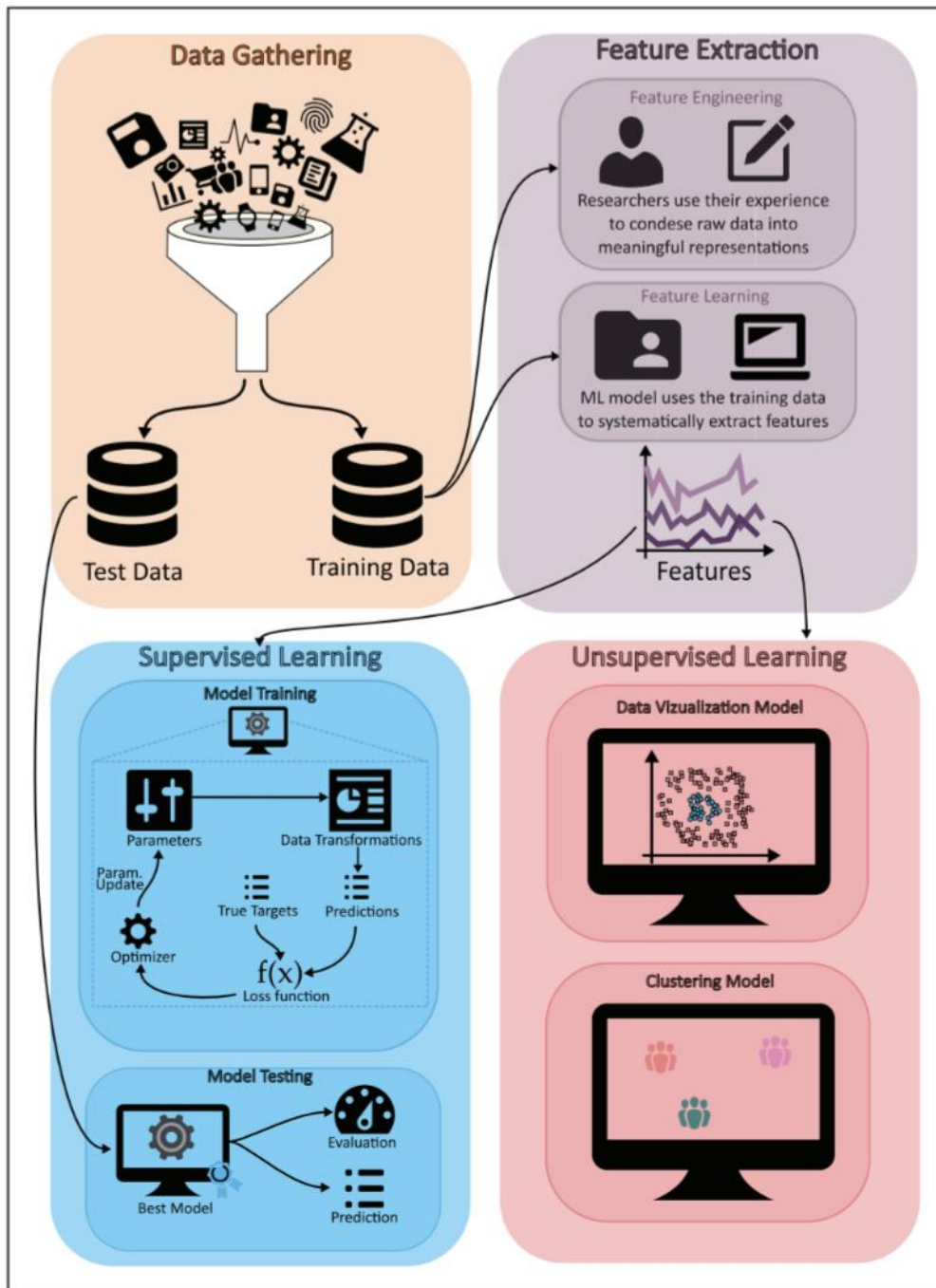
Figure 1 Positioning of disciplines commonly associated under the rubric of “AI.” This includes data science, artificial intelligence, machine learning, deep learning, and big data. Data velocity refers to the speed in which data are generated, distributed, and collected.

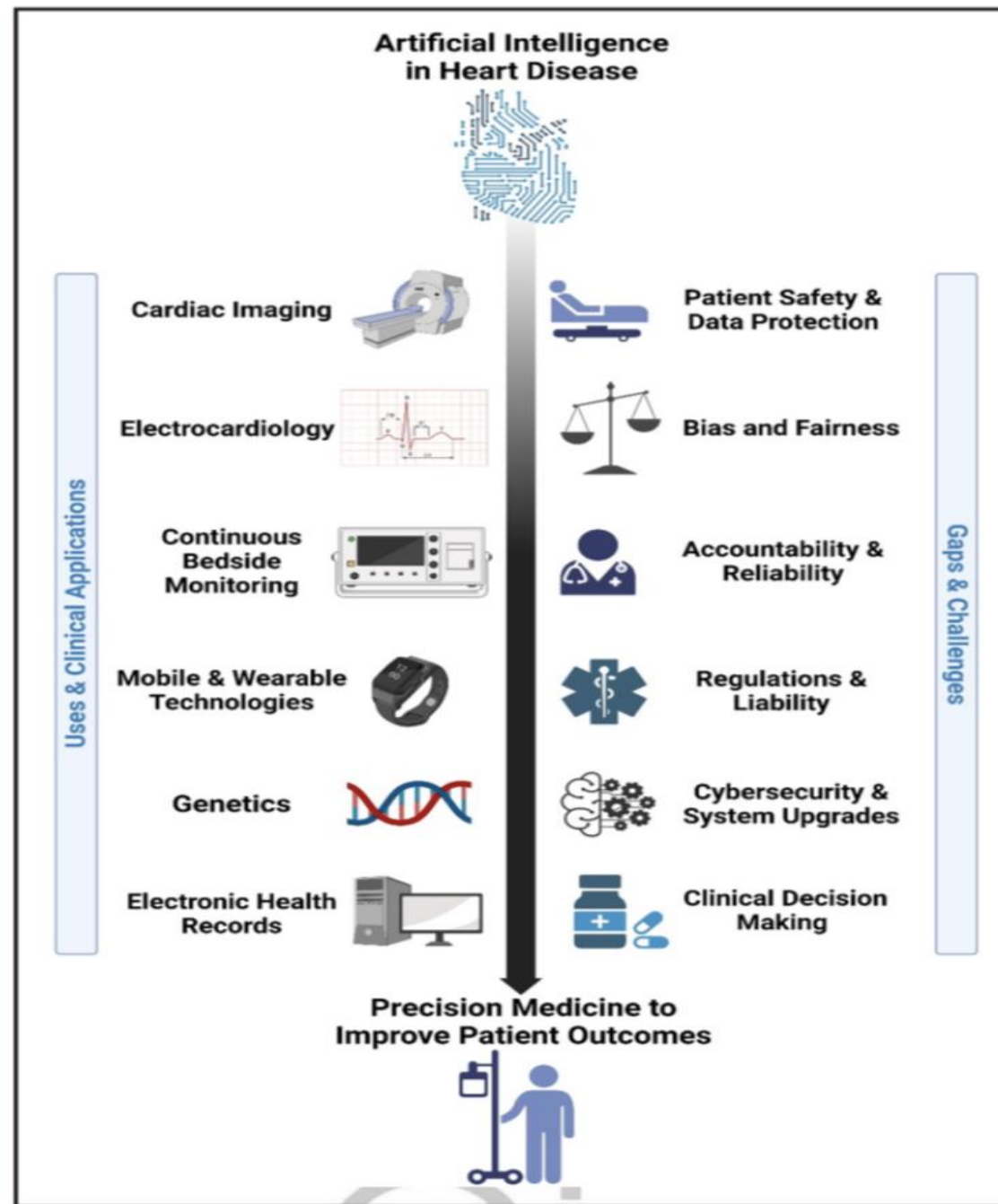


Real world:
Human expert interpretation



AI – Machine Learning:
Superior pattern recognition





AI is transforming cardiovascular care, without us knowing it

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Key Studies in Cardiovascular Artificial Intelligence by Imaging Modality

Electrocardiograms and Wearables



- Detection of structural heart disease from 12-lead ECG
- Detection of atrial fibrillation wearable smartwatch
- Screening for asymptomatic LV dysfunction (LVEF $\leq 50\%$)

Echocardiograms



- Cardiologist agreement on LVEF greater with AI vs sonographer
- Diagnosis of HCM and CA from other causes of LVH
- Novice users assisted to quickly and accurately assess LV

MRI, Nuclear, CT



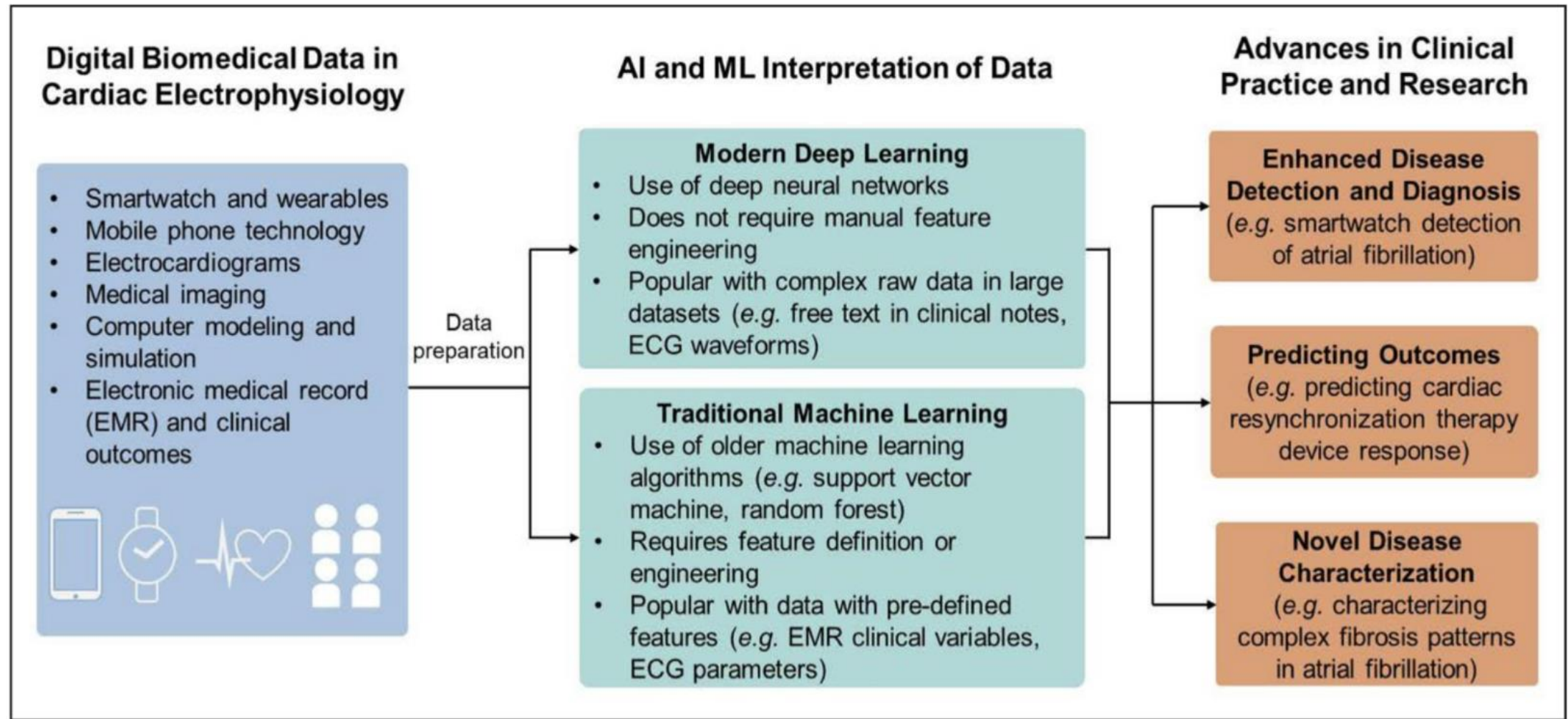
- Auto-assess coronary calcium on all CT scans to find untreated CAD
- Perivascular fat attenuation index on Coronary CTA to predict mortality
- AI-based virtual native enhancement replacing LGE on CMR

Coronary Angiography



- Automated LVEF calculation without requiring ventriculogram
- Prediction of MACE based on plaque morphology on angiography
- Coronary artery stenosis localization and estimation during LHC

Overview of AI in Cardiac Electrophysiology

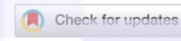


AI capabilities in Electrocardiography

1. Arrhythmia detection/diagnosis
2. Prediction of potential arrhythmias in sinus rhythm
3. Detection of arrhythmogenic syndromes
4. Prediction of sudden cardiac death/risk
5. Detection of structural heart disease
6. Prediction of future cardiovascular disease
7. Detection of occult conditions
8. Detection of miscellaneous medical conditions

Arrhythmia detection using AI in ECG

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Automatic diagnosis of the 12-lead ECG using a deep neural network

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AI interpretation of ECG outperformed physicians

Table 2 (Performance indexes) Scores of our DNN are compared on the test set with the average performance of: (i) 4th year cardiology resident (cardio.); (ii) 3rd year emergency resident (emerg.); and (iii) 5th year medical students (stud.).

	Precision (PPV)				Recall (Sensitivity)				Specificity				F1 score			
	DNN	cardio.	emerg.	stud.	DNN	cardio.	emerg.	stud.	DNN	cardio.	emerg.	stud.	DNN	cardio.	emerg.	stud.
1dAVb	0.867	0.905	0.639	0.605	0.929	0.679	0.821	0.929	0.995	0.997	0.984	0.979	0.897	0.776	0.719	0.732
RBBB	0.895	0.868	0.963	0.914	1.000	0.971	0.765	0.941	0.995	0.994	0.999	0.996	0.944	0.917	0.852	0.928
LBBB	1.000	1.000	0.963	0.931	1.000	0.900	0.867	0.900	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.997	1.000	0.947	0.912	0.915
SB	0.833	0.833	0.824	0.750	0.938	0.938	0.875	0.750	0.996	0.996	0.996	0.995	0.882	0.882	0.848	0.750
AF	1.000	0.769	0.800	0.571	0.769	0.769	0.615	0.923	1.000	0.996	0.998	0.989	0.870	0.769	0.696	0.706
ST	0.947	0.968	0.946	0.912	0.973	0.811	0.946	0.838	0.997	0.999	0.997	0.996	0.960	0.882	0.946	0.873

PPV positive predictive value. The bold values represent the best scores.

Arrhythmia detection using AI in ECG

Automatic multilabel electrocardiogram diagnosis of heart rhythm or conduction abnormalities with deep learning: a cohort study

Hongling Zhu*, Cheng Cheng*, Hang Yin, Xingyi Li, Ping Zuo, Jia Ding, Fan Lin, Jingyi Wang, Beitong Zhou, Yonge Li, Shouxing Hu, Yulong Xiong, Binran Wang, Guohua Wan, Xiaoyun Yang, Ye Yuan

	Model AUC ROC (95% CI)	Model sensitivity (95% CI)	Model specificity (95% CI)	Model F1 score (95% CI)	Physicians' mean F1 score
Normal	1.000 (1.000–1.000)	1.000 (1.000–1.000)	1.000 (0.999–1.000)	0.998 (0.994–1.000)	0.834
Atrial flutter	0.993 (0.99–0.995)	0.898 (0.884–0.912)	0.992 (0.991–0.993)	0.880 (0.867–0.893)	0.836
Atrial fibrillation	0.991 (0.989–0.993)	0.873 (0.856–0.889)	0.985 (0.982–0.987)	0.863 (0.848–0.877)	0.839
Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia	0.982 (0.976–0.987)	0.895 (0.887–0.904)	0.999 (0.998–0.999)	0.931 (0.927–0.936)	0.808
Artificial atrial pacing rhythm	1.000 (0.999–1.000)	0.986 (0.972–1.000)	1.000 (1.000–1.000)	0.992 (0.983–1.000)	0.947
Artificial ventricular pacing rhythm	0.990 (0.988–0.991)	0.890 (0.880–0.900)	0.997 (0.996–0.997)	0.917 (0.909–0.924)	0.909
Mobitz type I second-degree atrioventricular block	1.000 (1.000–1.000)	0.988 (0.976–0.999)	1.000 (0.999–1.000)	0.989 (0.981–0.997)	0.952
Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome type B	0.997 (0.995–0.999)	0.917 (0.899–0.935)	0.998 (0.997–0.999)	0.941 (0.931–0.951)	0.858
Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome type A	1.000 (1.000–1.000)	0.991 (0.983–0.998)	0.997 (0.996–0.997)	0.972 (0.967–0.978)	0.891
Mean	0.995 (0.993–0.996)	0.937 (0.926–0.948)	0.996 (0.995–0.997)	0.943 (0.934–0.951)	0.875

Nine of the most common arrhythmias are shown here; results for other classes are shown in appendix 1 (p 9). AUC=area under the curve. ROC=receiver operating characteristic.

Table: Performance summary of the deep learning model in arrhythmia diagnosis, and F1 scores for the deep learning model and physicians working in cardiology departments

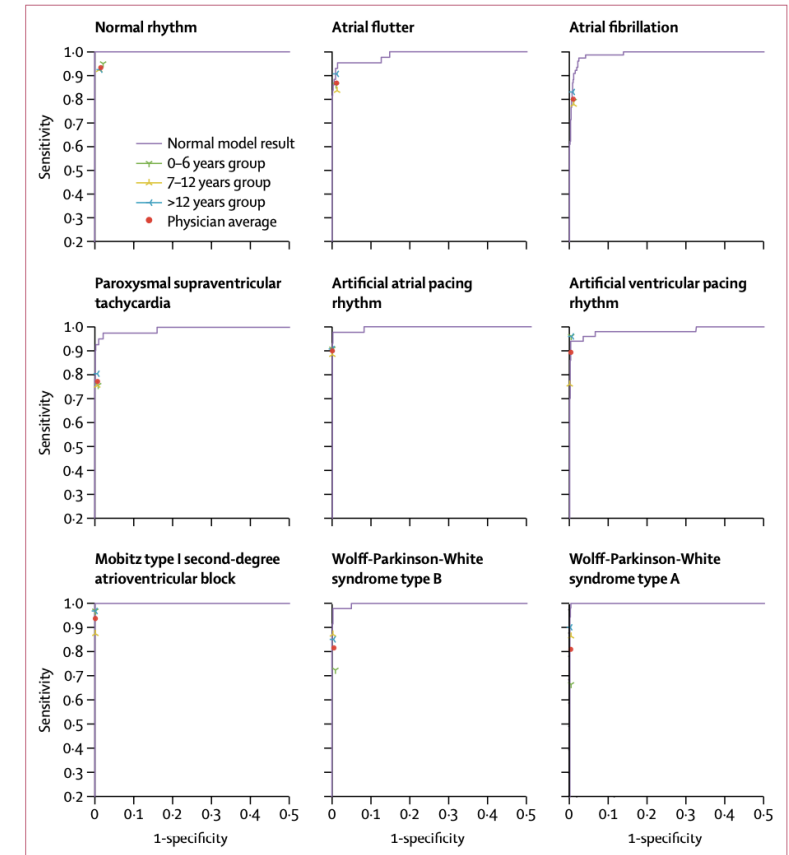
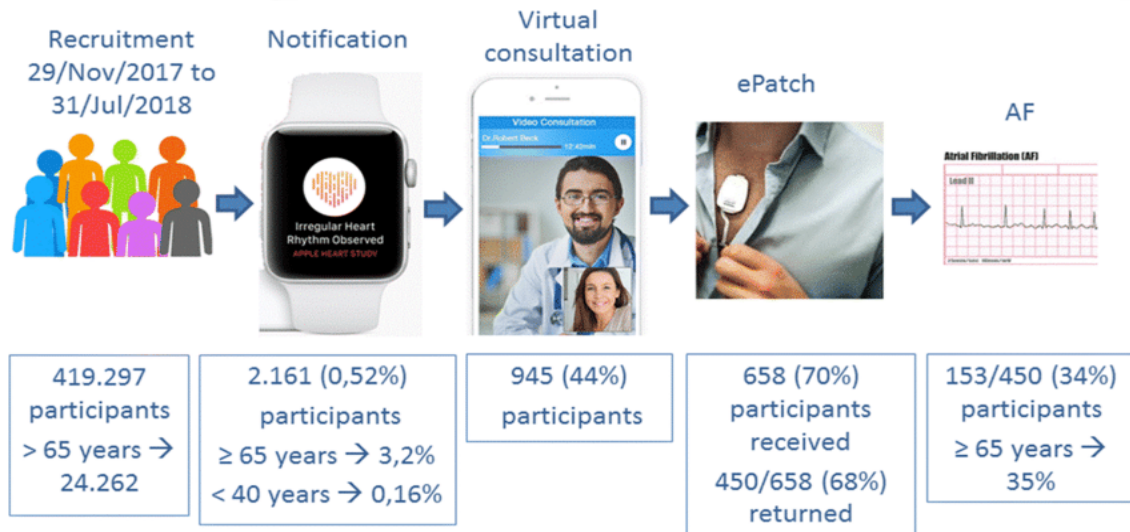
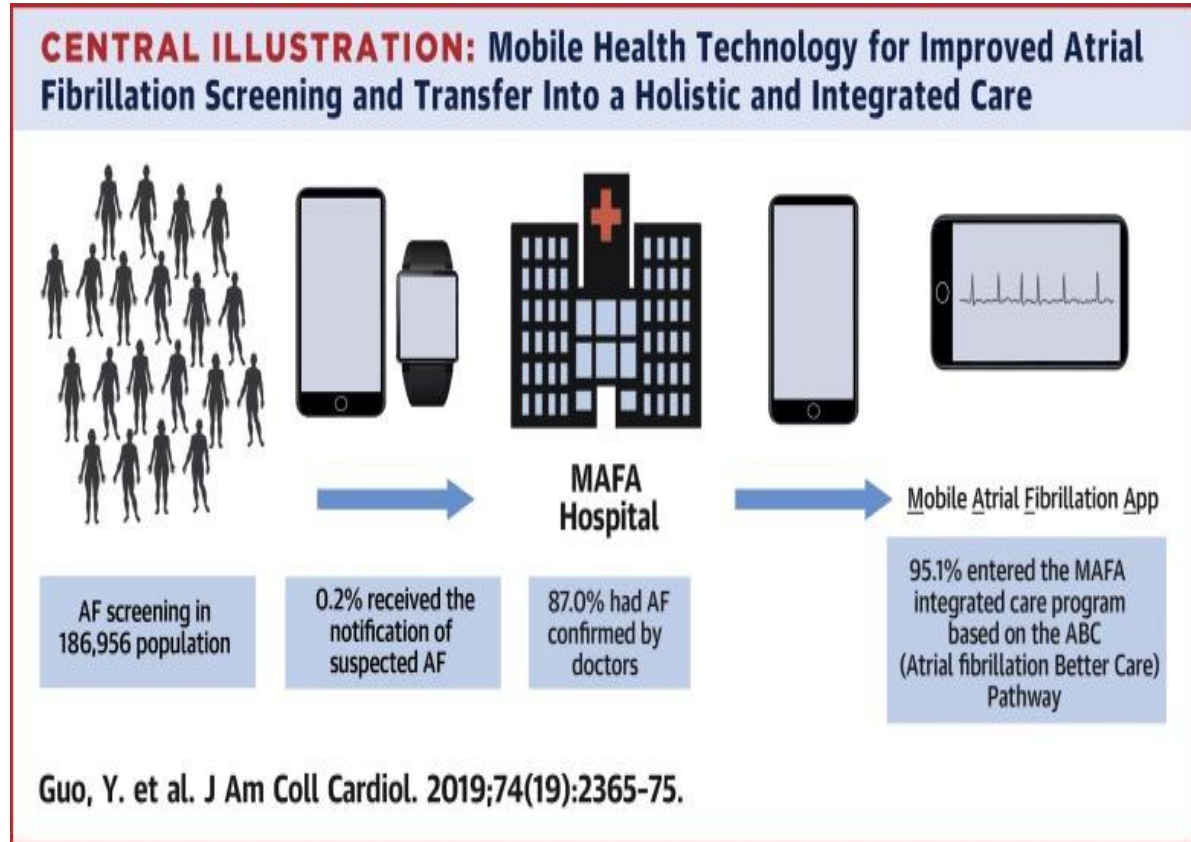


Figure 3: ROC curves of prediction sensitivity of the deep learning model for nine of the included rhythm classes, compared with physicians. ROC=receiver operating characteristic.

Apple Heart Study



Huawei Heart Study



Arrhythmia detection using AI in ECG

TABLE 2 Selected Studies Using Artificial Intelligence Within Cardiology

First Author, Year	Purpose	Input	Sites	Patients	Studies	AUC	Strengths	Limitations	Other Performance Metrics
Guo et al, 2019 ¹³⁰	Detection of atrial fibrillation on wearable smartwatch	PPG	^a	187,912	—	—	+ Translation of 12-lead ECG model to popular consumer device	– High selection bias for patients with Apple Watch, MyChart, research compliance	87% of patients with suspected AF notification and follow-up had confirmed AF
Perez et al, 2019 ¹³¹	Detection of atrial fibrillation on wearable smartwatch	PPG	^a	419,297	—	—	+ Large study with popular consumer device + Tackled implementation challenges of real-world population with low disease prevalence	– No follow-up to determine stroke benefit – Depended on participant adherence to follow-up measures, potentially introducing bias	0.5% of patients received irregular pulse notification and follow-up; 34% had confirmed AF
Lubitz et al, 2022 ¹³²	Detection of atrial fibrillation on wearable smartwatch	PPG	^a	455,699	—	—	+ Large study with popular consumer device + Included medical/social history data	– Detection during active motion remains significant challenge	1% of patients received irregular pulse notification and follow-up; 32% had confirmed AF

Prediction of paroxysmal AF in sinus rhythm

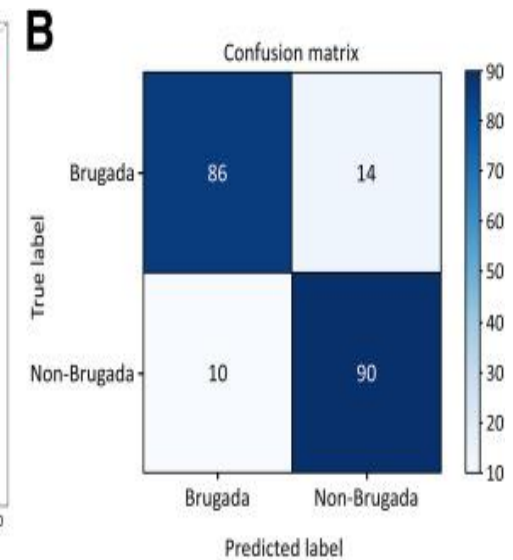
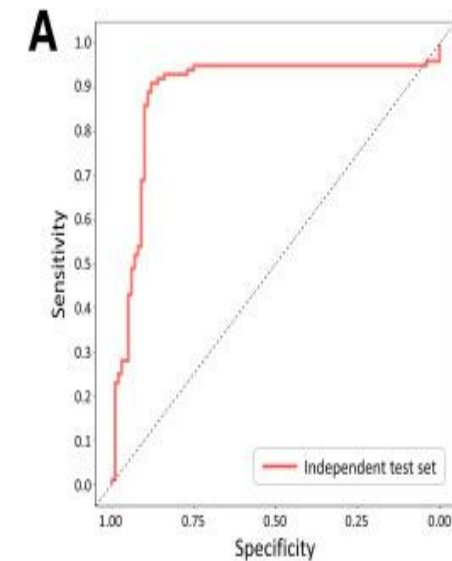
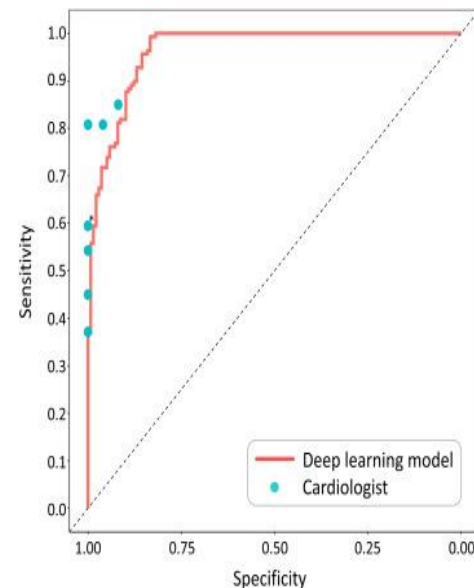
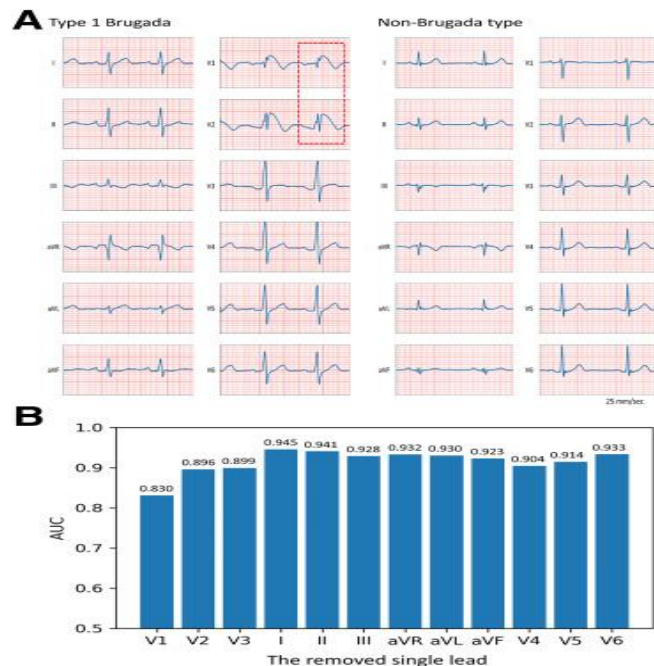
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Attia et al, 2019 ¹⁴	Identification of atrial fibrillation from ECG in normal sinus rhythm	12-lead ECG	1	180,922	649,931	0.87	+ First study to demonstrate novel pattern recognition achievable with deep learning	– Significant differences in age, comorbidities between 2 comparator groups means model can learn from confounders	AUC increased to 0.90 when ECG obtained within 30 d of atrial fibrillation ECG
Raghunath et al, 2021 ¹³	Identification of atrial fibrillation from ECG in normal sinus rhythm	12-lead ECG	1	430,000	1,600,000	0.85	+ Looked at number of preventable strokes in simulation	– Study population was 97% White – Single site with no external testing	Number needed to screen to find 1 new case of atrial fibrillation was 9. Deep learning outperformed the CHARGE-AF score (0.85 vs 0.77).

Diagnosis of arrhythmogenic syndromes

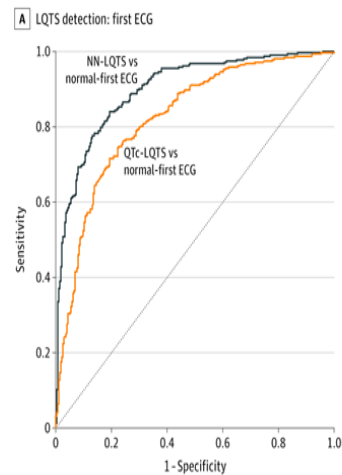
- AI has higher capability to detect channelopathies. The machine outperforms the human eye.

Deep learning enabled ECG model for detecting Brugada Syndrome

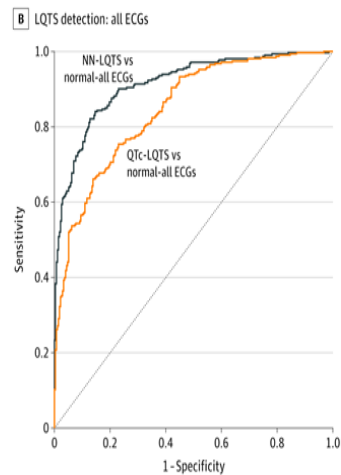


Use of Artificial Intelligence and Deep Neural Networks in Evaluation of Patients With Electrocardiographically Concealed Long QT Syndrome From the Surface 12-Lead Electrocardiogram

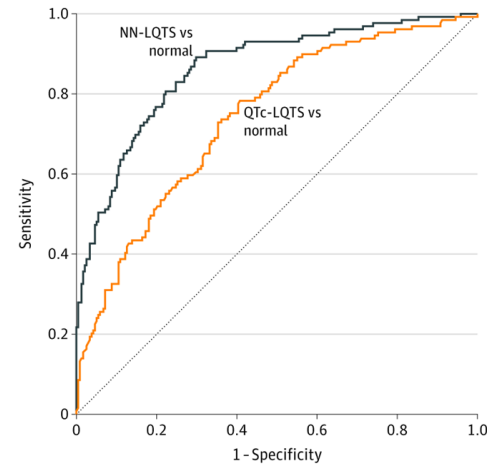
AI ECG capable of distinguishing patients with ECG concealed long QT syndrome from those without long QT syndrome



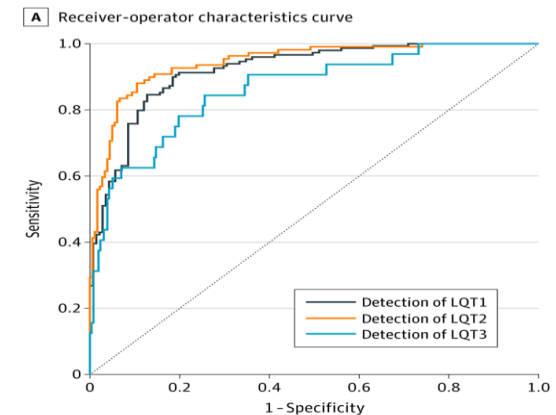
QTc-LQTS vs normal			NN-LQTS vs normal		
	Estimated negative	Estimated positive		Estimated negative	Estimated positive
Real negative	213	61	Real negative	221	53
Real positive	80	233	Real positive	50	263



QTc-LQTS vs normal			NN-LQTS vs normal		
	Estimated negative	Estimated positive		Estimated negative	Estimated positive
Real negative	211	63	Real negative	234	40
Real positive	77	236	Real positive	50	263



QTc-LQTS vs normal			NN-LQTS vs normal		
	Estimated negative	Estimated positive		Estimated negative	Estimated positive
Real negative	154	84	Real negative	185	53
Real positive	35	94	Real positive	25	104



B Confusion matrix

	Predicted LQT1	Predicted LQT2	Predicted LQT3	Total	Accuracy, %
Actual LQT1	130	10	9	149	87.2
Actual LQT2	15	92	2	109	84.4
Actual LQT3	10	6	16	32	50.0
Total	155	108	27	264	

Prediction of structural heart disease from AI-ECG

- 1. LV systolic dysfunction (low LVEF)
- 2. Cardiomyopathies
- 3. Aortic stenosis
- 4. Cardiac amyloidosis

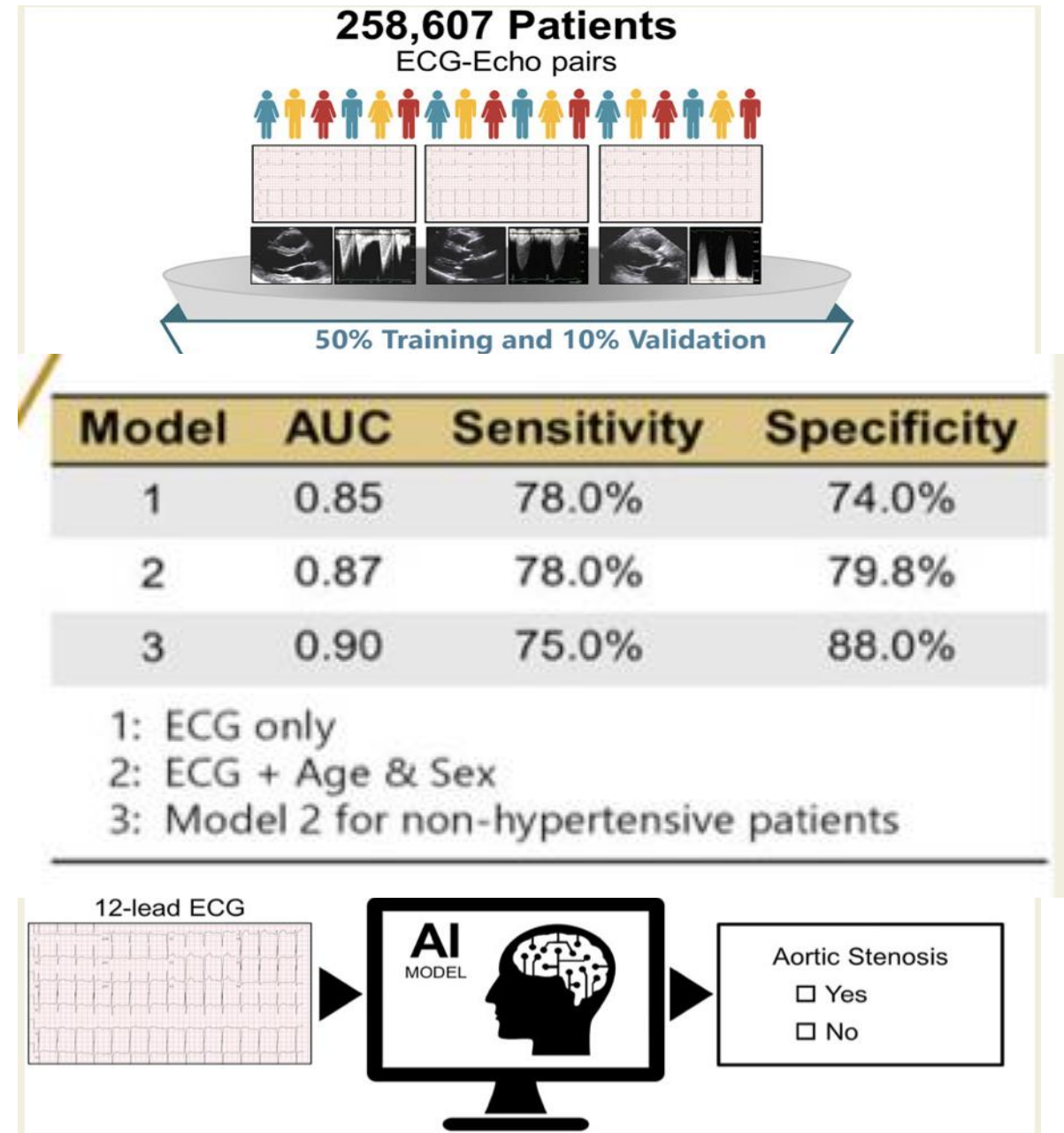
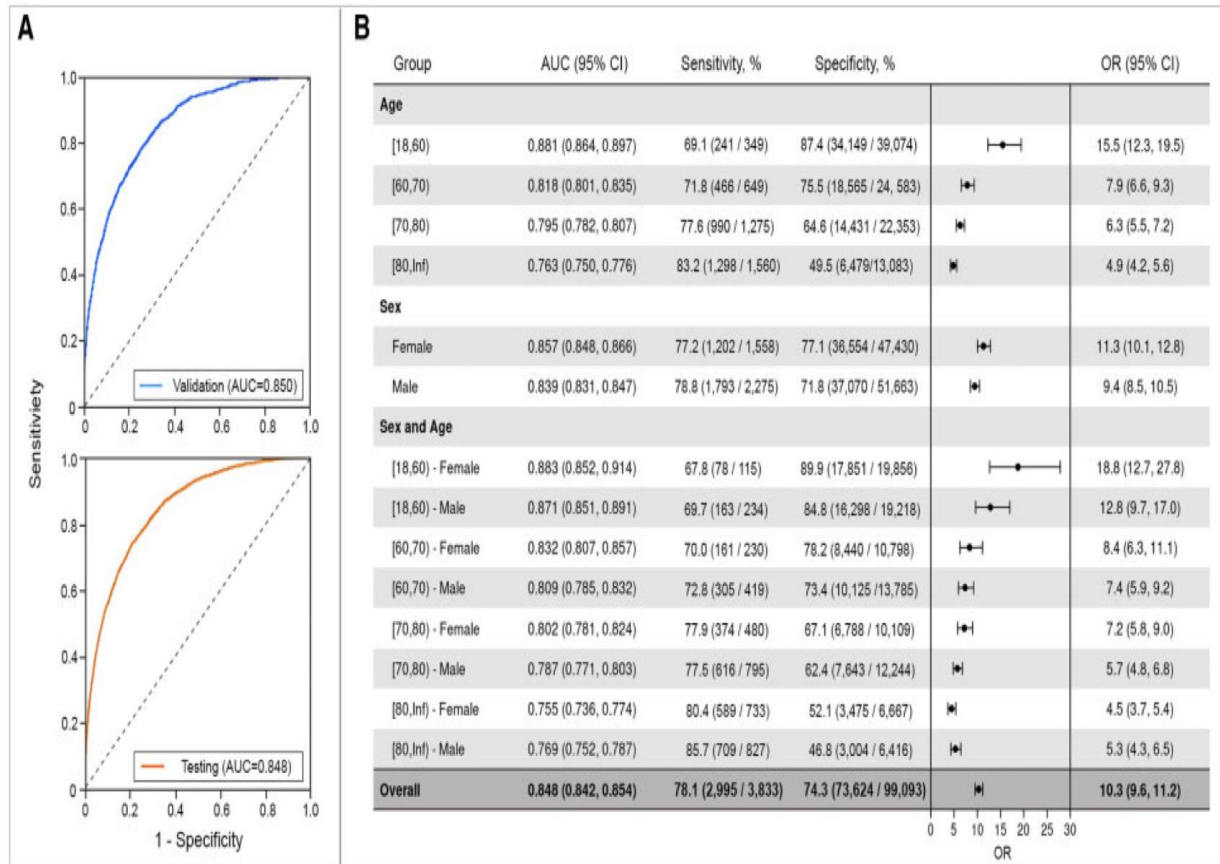
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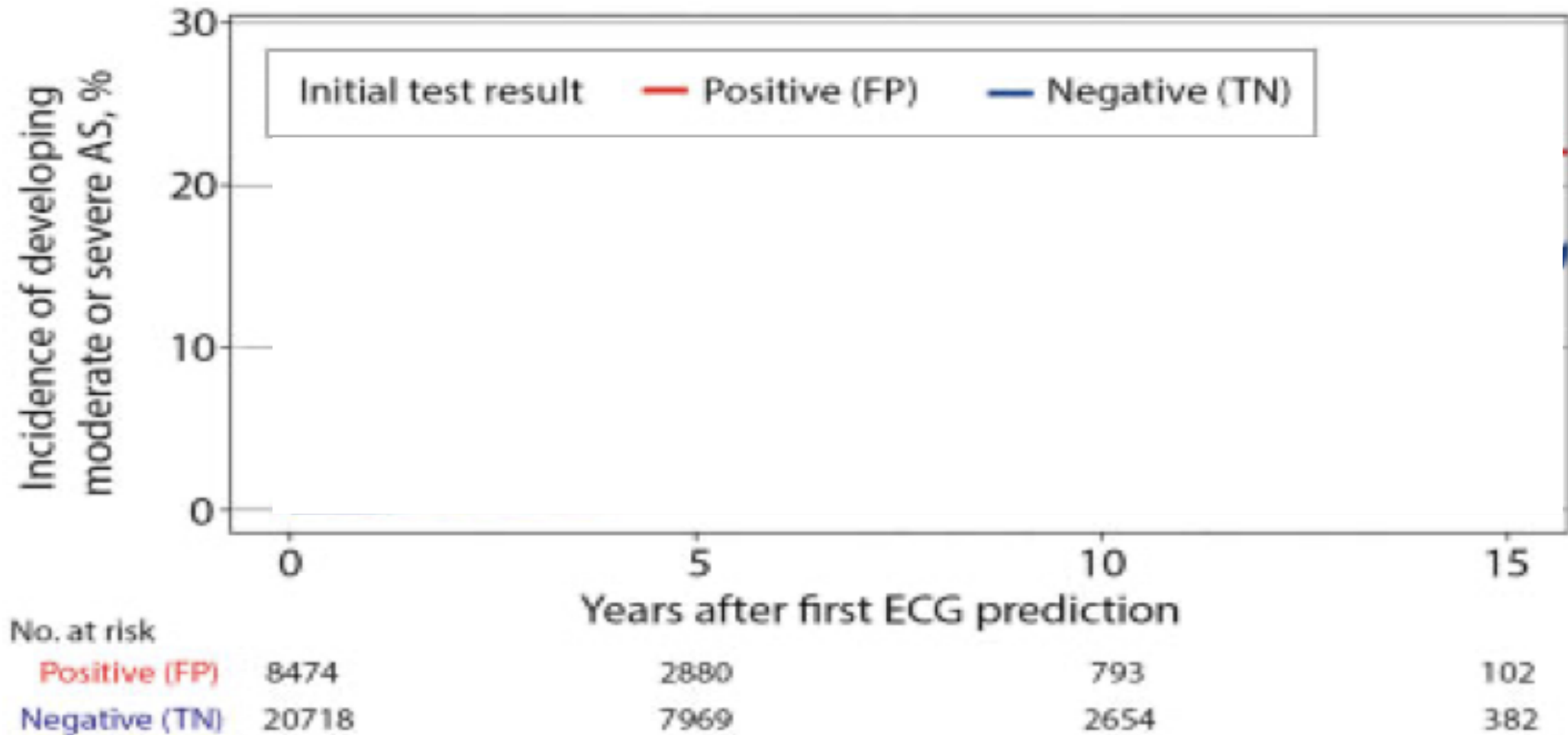
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Attia et al, 2019 ²⁶	Screening for asymptomatic LV dysfunction (LVEF \leq 35%)	12-lead ECG	1	97,829	97,829	0.93	+ Large population with ECG and TTE done within 2 weeks of one another	from confounders – No race/ethnicity data, likely limited population diversity	Positive AI screen without ventricular dysfunction at 4 \times risk of developing LV dysfunction
Ko et al, 2020 ³⁵	Identification of HCM	12-lead ECG	1	67,001	67,001	0.96	+ Largest HCM study population + ECGs from over 30 y	– HCM prevalence in data set was \sim 4%, but real-world population of interest likely 10 \times lower.	AUC 0.95 within subgroup of patients with LVH
Cohen-Shelly et al, 2021 ⁴²	Detection of AS	12-lead ECG	3	258,607	258,607	0.85	+ 3 tertiary referral centers in geographically distinct locations	– Population was 88% Caucasian – No external test set	False-positives had twice the risk for developing moderate-severe AS in 15 y
Elias et al, 2022 ⁴³	Detection of AS, AR, and MR	12-lead ECG	4	77,163	260,811	0.84	+ Tested and validated at 4 hospitals, mix of academic/ community	– Performance dropped by 9% in hospital not included in training data	AUC for AS; AUC for AR 0.77 and MR 0.83
Sangha et al, 2023 ²⁸	Screening for asymptomatic LV dysfunction (LVEF \leq 40%)	12-lead ECG	7	116,210	385,601	0.91	+ Validated externally and on ECG images that can be uploaded to web-app	– Trained on patients with ECG /echo, who differ from intended screening population.	AUC range 0.88 to 0.95 across external sets. Positive screen with >27-fold higher odds of LV dysfunction

Electrocardiogram screening for aortic valve stenosis using artificial intelligence

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Prediction of aortic stenosis from AI-ECG

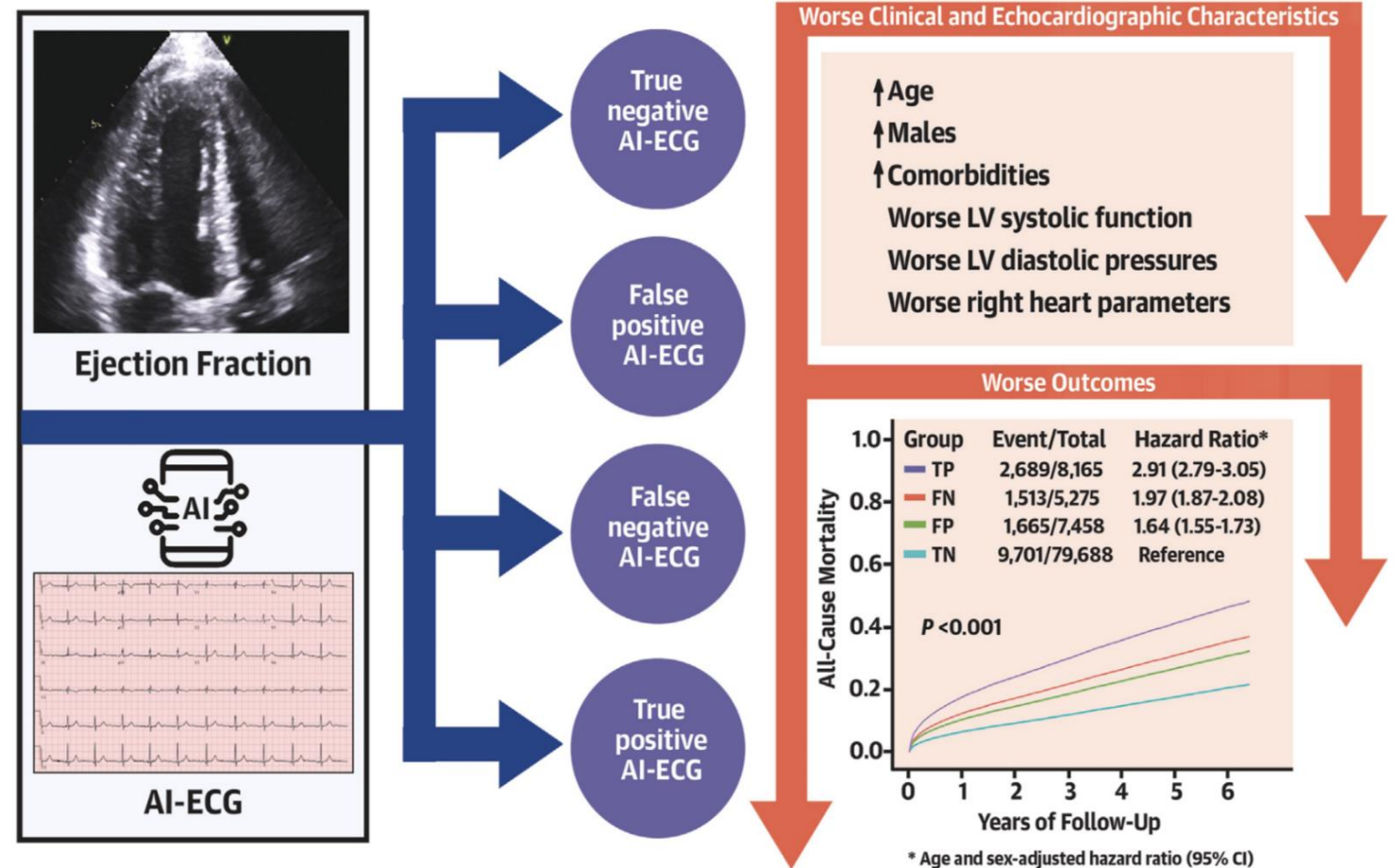


Artificial Intelligence-Enhanced Electrocardiography Identifies Patients With Normal Ejection Fraction at Risk of Worse Outcomes

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- 100,586 patients (median age 63 years; 45.5% females)
- False Positive ECGs (FPs) had more echocardiographic abnormalities than True Negative (TN) but less than False Negative (FN) or True Positive (TP) patients.
- An echocardiographic abnormality was present in 97% of FPs.

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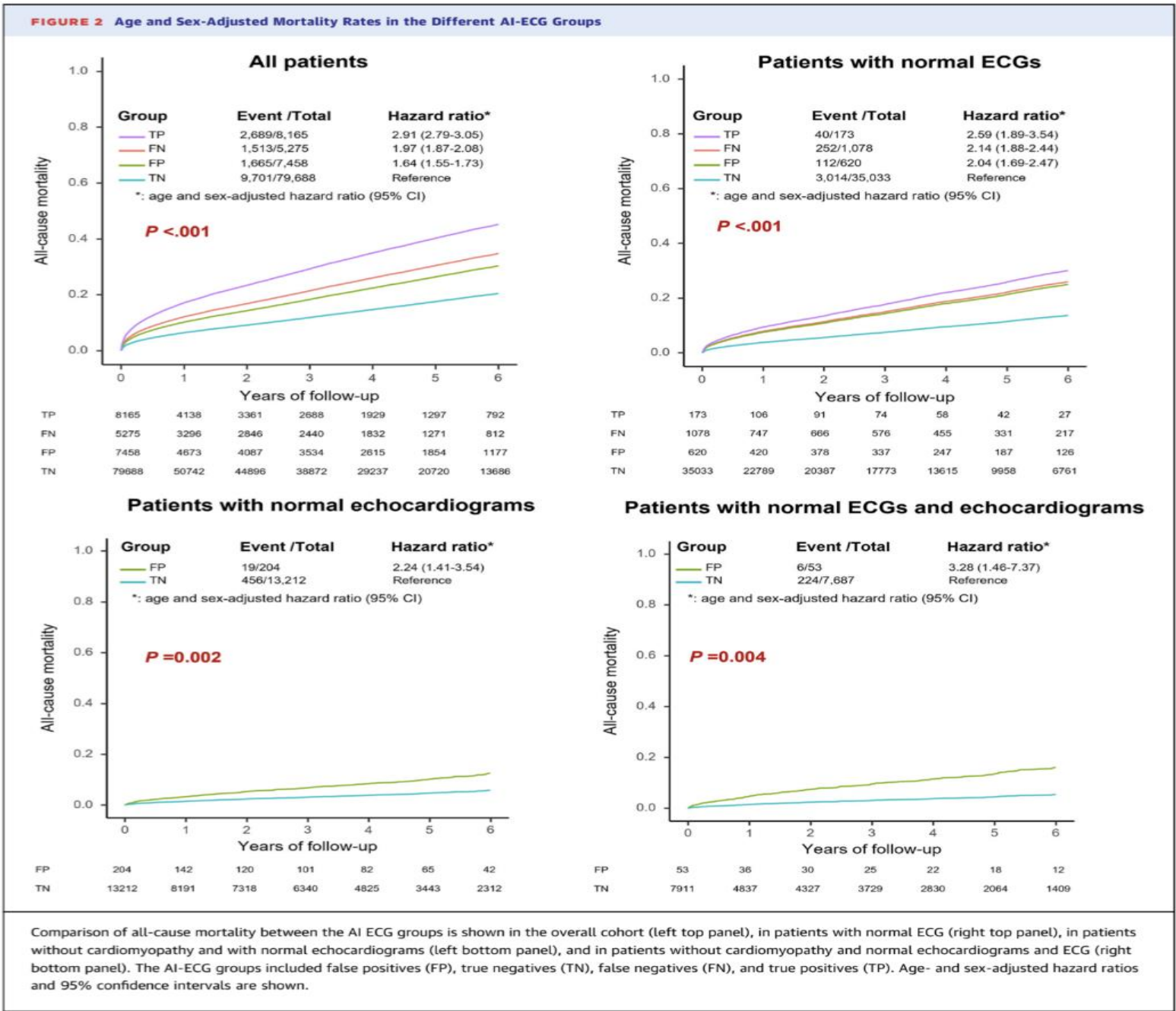
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The artificial intelligence (AI)-based ECG-stratified patients with normal ejection fraction (EF) into true negatives (TN) and false positives (FP) and patients with reduced EF <50% as true positives (TP) and false negatives (FN). Patients who are abnormal by the AI-ECG (TP, FP) had worse clinical and echocardiographic characteristics and outcomes compared to their counterparts with normal AI-ECG (FN, TN, respectively).

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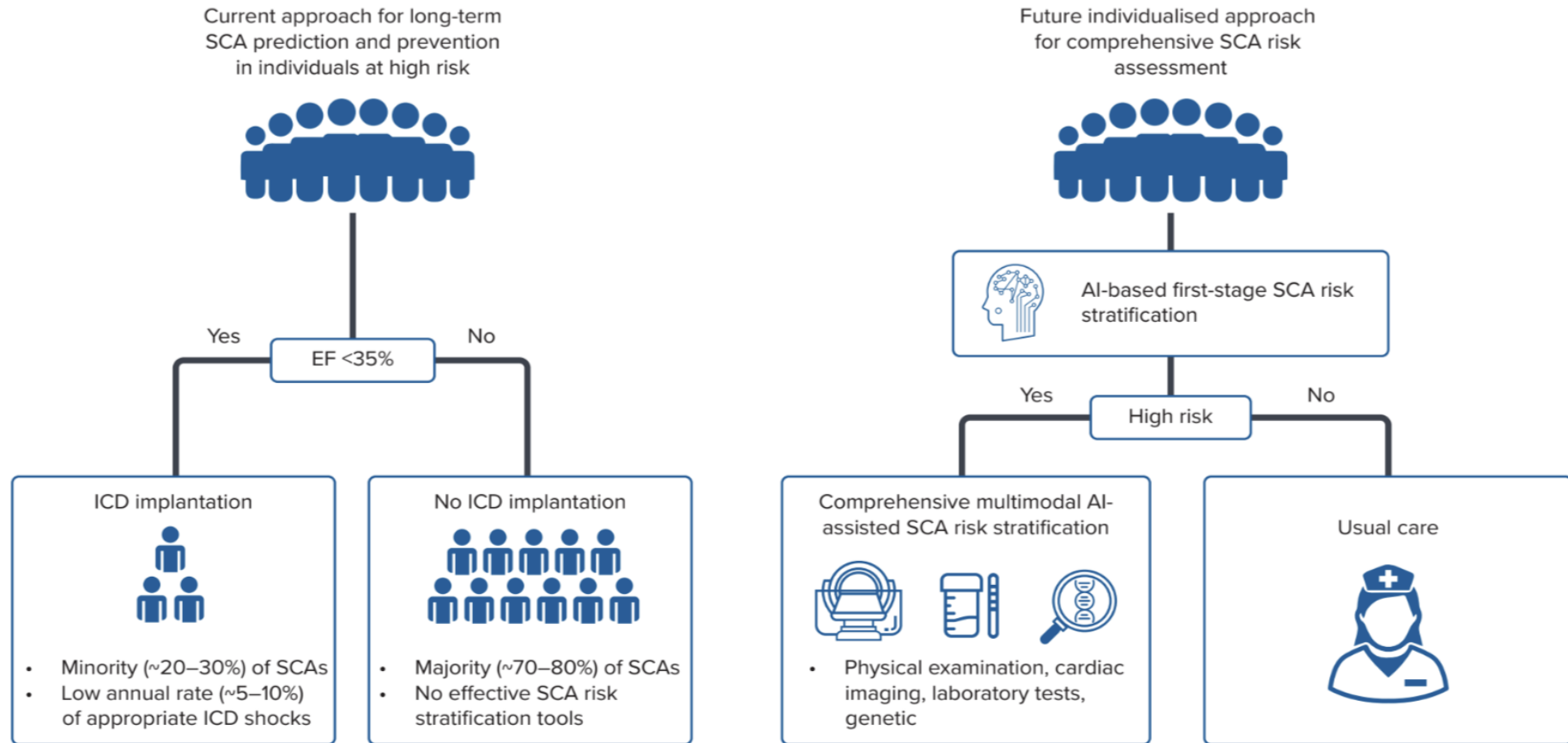
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- Over median 2.7 years, FPs had increased mortality risk (age and sex-adjusted HR: 1.64 [95% CI: 1.55-1.73]) vs TN.
- Age and sex-adjusted mortality was higher in FP with abnormal echocardiography than FP with normal echocardiography.



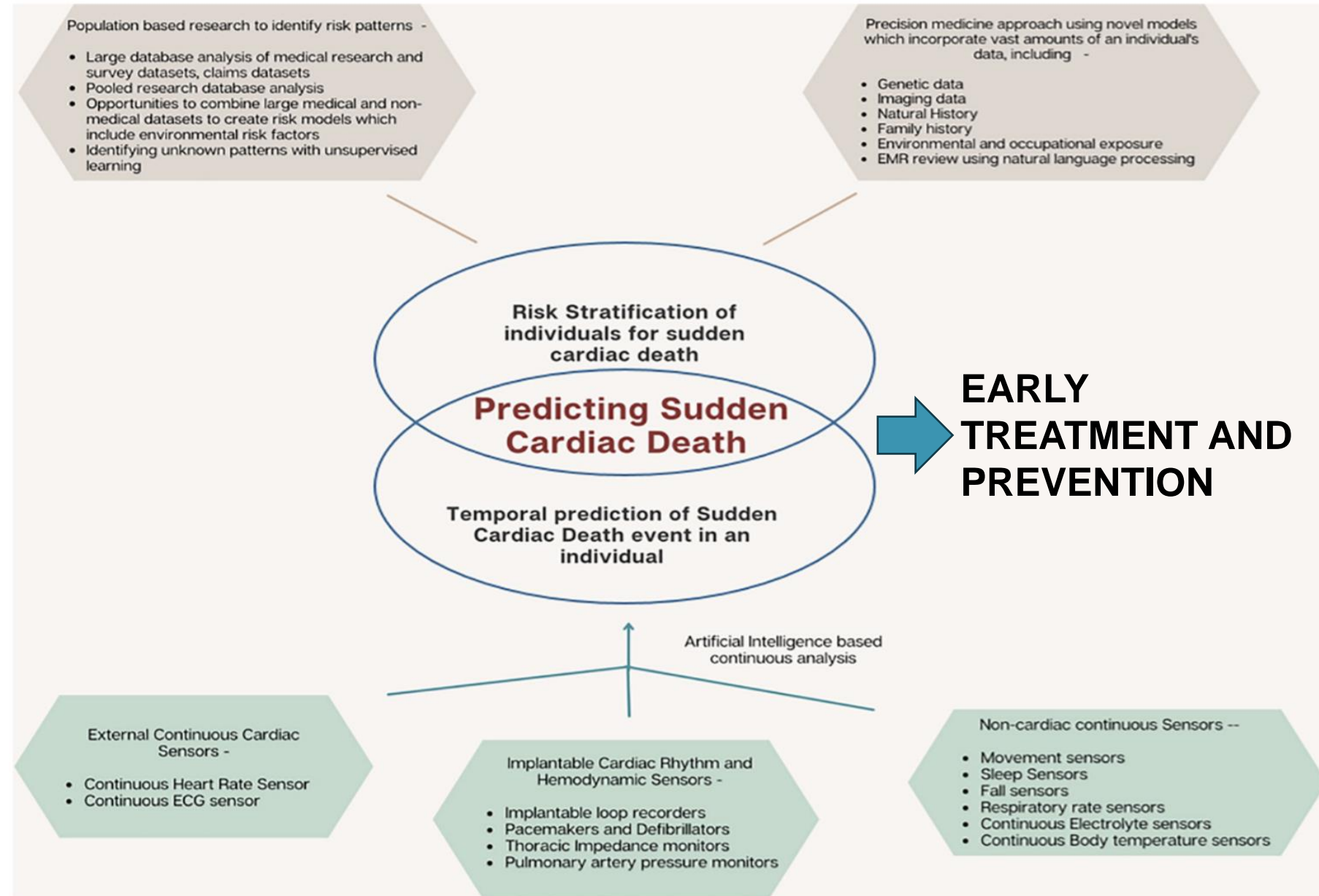
AI in Ventricular Arrhythmias and Sudden Cardiac Death

Figure 1: Current Approach and Potential Future Perspectives in Long-term Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prediction



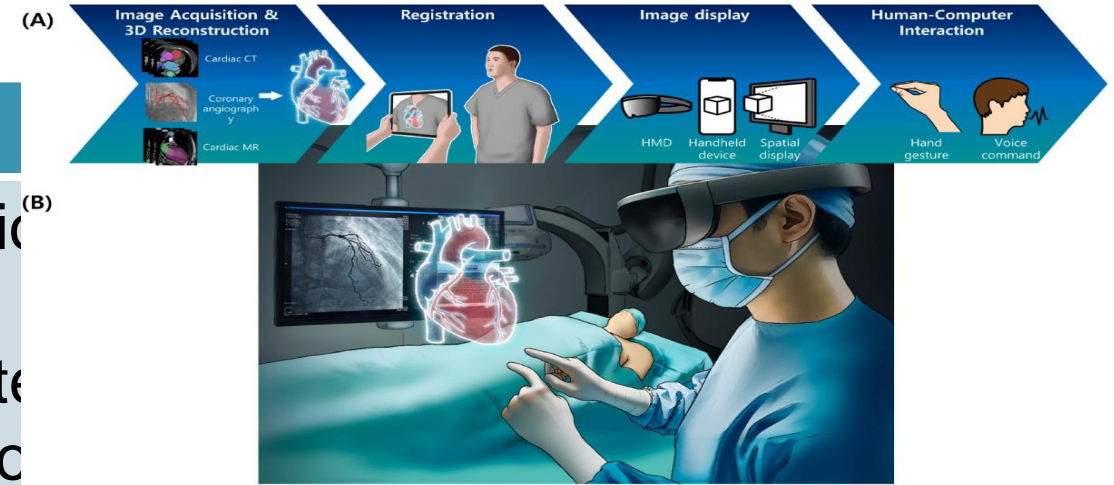
AI = artificial intelligence; EF = ejection fraction; SCA = sudden cardiac arrest.

AI Model for Prediction of Sudden Cardiac Death



AI capabilities in Electrophysiology Procedures

Pre-procedural	Planning for ablation Risk stratification Identification of sites Prediction of response
Intra-procedural	Extended reality for procedures Incorporation of intelligent algorithms to identify rotor targets Localization of PVCs
Post-procedural	Prediction of response



AI capabilities in Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices (Pacemakers, ICDs, CRTs)

Pacemakers	Detection of arrhythmias (AF, VT, etc) Automatic programmability Smart algorithms
ICDs	Shock algorithms Prediction of (impending) ICD shocks, electrical storm Heart failure monitoring
CRTs	Optimization algorithms Prediction of CRT response



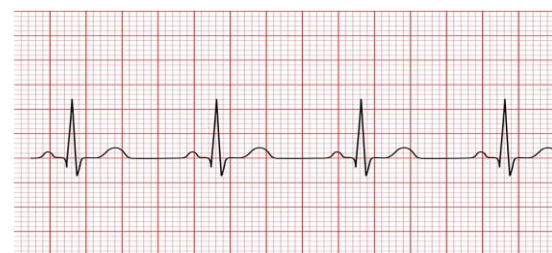
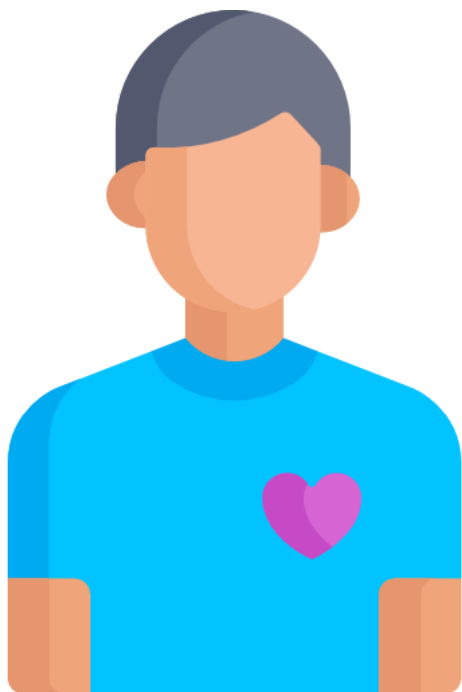
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Future Outlook





Diagnosis
Risk of heart disease
Risk of future heart attack
Probability of sudden death
Risk of heart failure
Metabolic parameters
Lifespan
Etc. etc.

A still from the Star Trek franchise featuring Captain James T. Kirk, played by William Shatner. He is seated in a futuristic, metallic environment, likely the bridge of the USS Enterprise. He is wearing a dark green Starfleet uniform with a red collar. The background shows the curved architecture of the ship's interior.

**THINGS ARE ONLY IMPOSSIBLE
UNTIL THEY'RE NOT.**

THANK YOU AND GOOD DAY.



Humanity's greatest advances are not in
its discoveries but in how those
discoveries are applied to reduce inequity.

Bill Gates

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Gaps and Challenges

Table 1 Important challenges/obstacles to translating artificial intelligence to clinical practice and suggestions for overcoming them

Challenges and obstacles	Potential approaches
1. Lack of transparency (black box analyses) inhibits clinician uptake	Correlation analyses can sometimes help improve transparency. Use of new approaches, such as gradient-weighted class activation mapping, can help provide a level of interpretability.
2. Lack of validation and reproducibility in independent data sets	As the main reason behind this challenge is lack of access to independent data sets, any approaches that facilitate consistent data sharing would help alleviate the problem. For example, journals could require data be made public and provide a unified service that is HIPAA compliant and gives authorized users access.
3. Implementation in the EHR may be inhibited by regulatory requirements for clinical use	FDA review and advances may facilitate approval steps.
4. Need for strong technical teams, including data scientists, computer scientists, analysts; attracting skilled personnel to academics and medicine can be difficult, as industry offers higher salaries	Increase training pipelines. Provide institutional incentives for multidisciplinary approaches. Create and facilitate access to AI consulting services within each institution.
5. Need for large, harmonized quality data sets with representation of normal and abnormal examples and representation of data from diverse populations to avoid bias; HIPAA and need to preserve patient privacy can inhibit availability of large data sets for development	Incorporate AI in medical training. FDA National Evaluation System for health technology initiative – aims to establish accessible data networks, including device registries, EHR, claims databases, and patient-generated health data.

AI = artificial intelligence; EHR = electronic health records.