

Ethiek van autonome kunstmatige intelligentie in de gezondheidszorg

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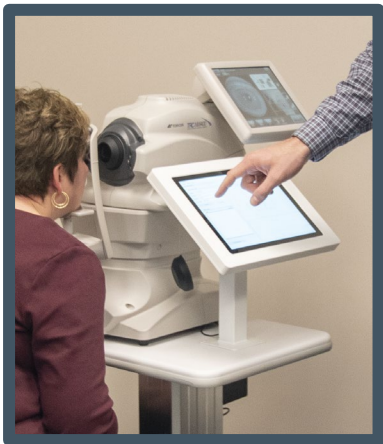
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Artificial Intelligence: Autonomous vs Assistive

Autonomous

Medical decision by AI
No human oversight
Instantaneous
Point of Care
Liability for creator

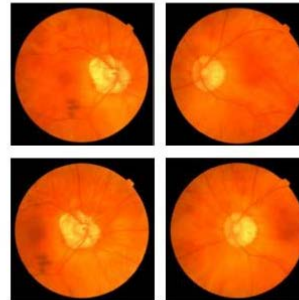


Negative for more than mild diabetic retinopathy: Retest in 12 months

Analysis Details

First name	Jane
Last Name	Doe
MRN	000000001
Date of birth	01/01/1920
Imaging Datetime	01/01/2020 9:45:15 am
Result Datetime	01/01/2020 9:45:35 am

Images



Analysis result

Negative for more than mild diabetic retinopathy: Retest in 12 months

Disclaimers

IDx-DR is configured to detect more than mild diabetic retinopathy. A positive result indicates a high risk of moderate non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy, severe non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy, proliferative diabetic retinopathy, and/or center-involved diabetic macular edema, and/or clinically significant diabetic macular edema AS_21.B

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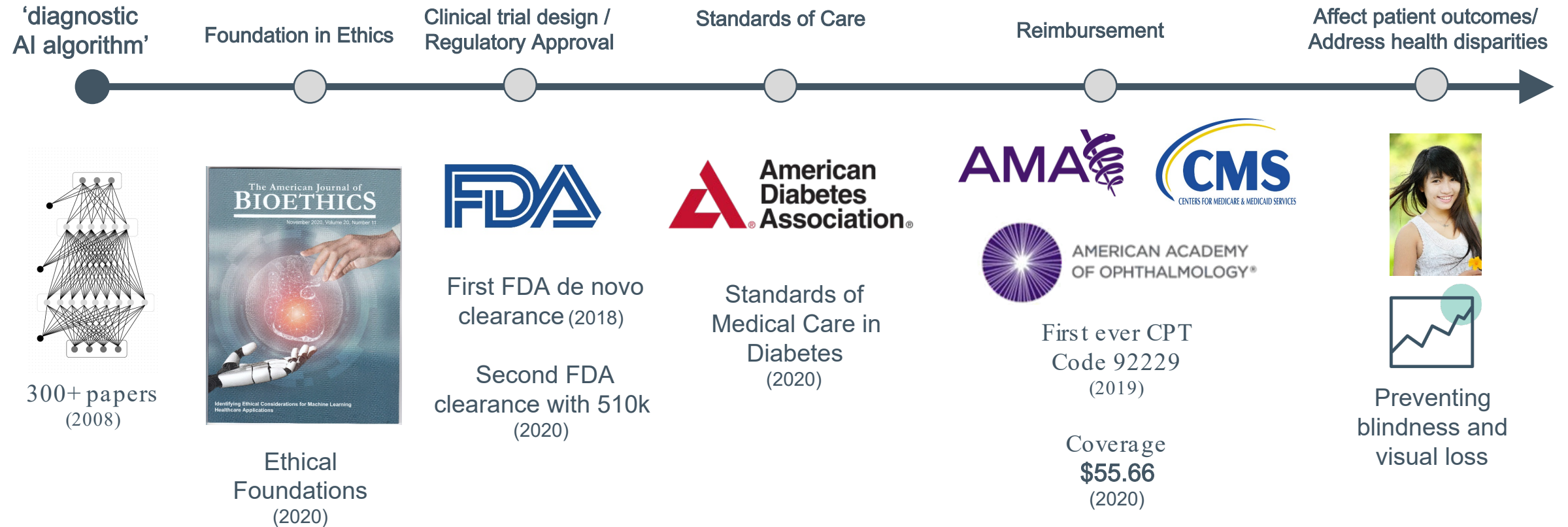
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Assistive

Clinician needed
Medical decision by clinician
Liability for clinician



Creation of a new industry: Autonomous AI in healthcare

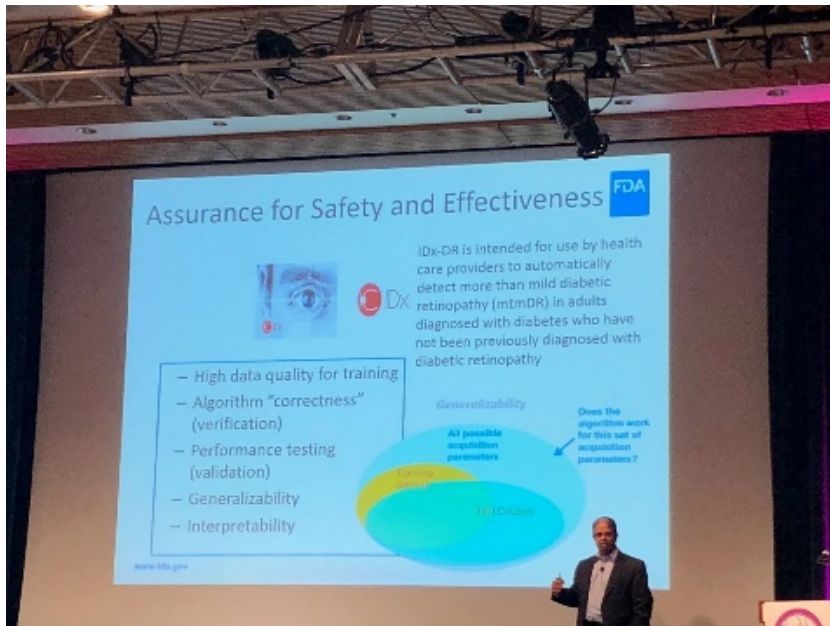


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2018: First ever Autonomous AI FDA Approval



“IDx-DR is the first device authorized for marketing that provides a screening decision without the need for a clinician to also interpret the image”



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Press Announcements

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today permitted marketing of the first medical device to use artificial intelligence to detect greater than a mild level of the eye disease diabetic retinopathy in adults who have diabetes.

2018: First autonomous AI clinical trial

And still, the only peer reviewed publication

ARTICLE **OPEN**

Pivotal trial of an autonomous AI-based diagnostic system for detection of diabetic retinopathy in primary care offices

Michael D. Abràmoff^{1,2,3,4}, Philip T. Lavin⁵, Michele Birch⁶, Nilay Shah⁷ and James C. Folk^{1,2,3}

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has long promised to increase healthcare affordability, quality and accessibility but FDA, until recently, had never authorized an autonomous AI diagnostic system. This pivotal trial of an AI system to detect diabetic retinopathy (DR) in people with diabetes enrolled 900 subjects, with no history of DR at primary care clinics, by comparing to Wisconsin Fundus Photograph Reading Center (FPRC) widefield stereoscopic photography and macular Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), by FPRC certified photographers, and FPRC grading of Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study Severity Scale (ETDRS) and Diabetic Macular Edema (DME). More than mild DR (mtmDR) was defined as ETDRS level 35 or higher, and/or DME, in at least one eye. AI system operators underwent a standardized training protocol before study start. Median age was 59 years (range, 22–84 years); among participants, 47.5% of participants were male; 16.1% were Hispanic, 83.3% not Hispanic; 28.6% African American and 63.4% were not; 198 (23.8%) had mtmDR. The AI system exceeded all pre-specified superiority endpoints at sensitivity of 87.2% (95% CI, 81.8–91.2%) (>85%), specificity of 90.7% (95% CI, 88.3–92.7%) (>82.5%), and imageability rate of 96.1% (95% CI, 94.6–97.3%), demonstrating AI's ability to bring specialty-level diagnostics to primary care settings. Based on these results, FDA authorized the system for use by health care providers to detect more than mild DR and diabetic macular edema, making it, the first FDA authorized autonomous AI diagnostic system in any field of medicine, with the potential to help prevent vision loss in thousands of people with diabetes annually. [ClinicalTrials.gov NCT02963441](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02963441)

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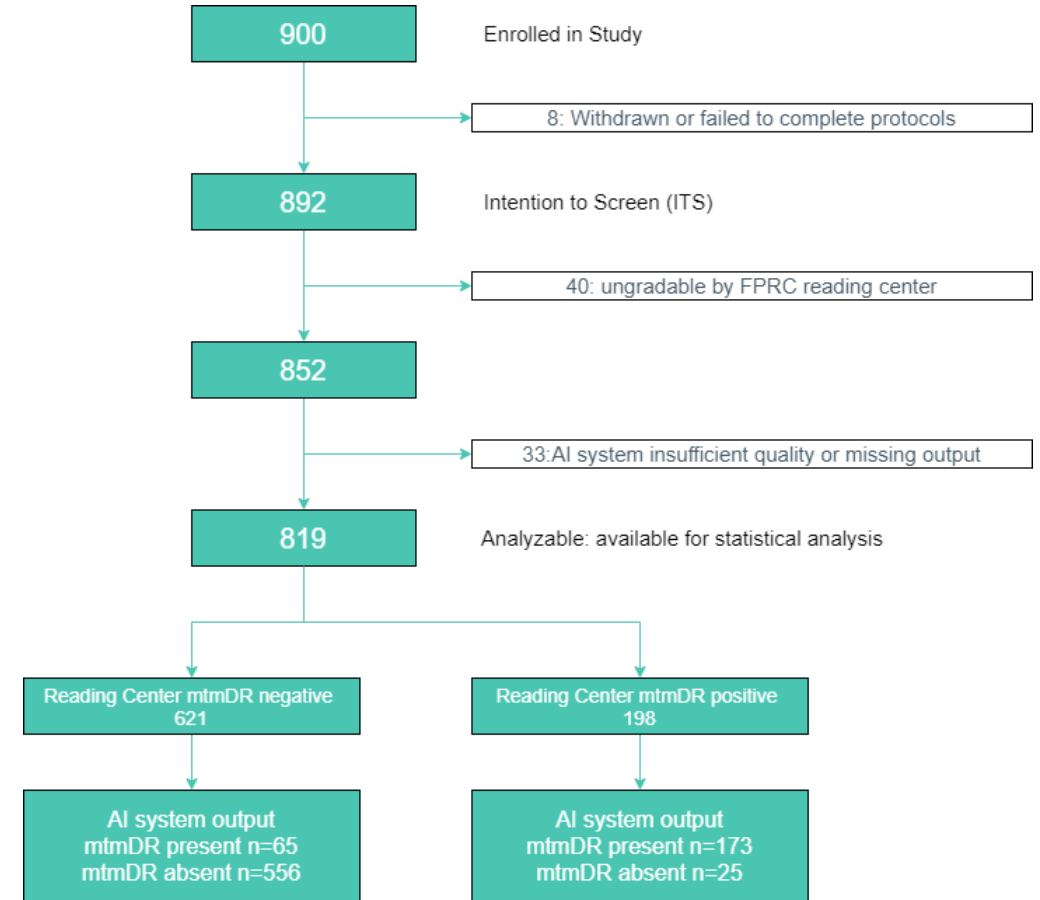
INTRODUCTION

People with diabetes fear visual loss and blindness more than any other complication.¹ Diabetic retinopathy (DR) is the primary cause of blindness and visual loss among working age men and women in the United States and causes more than 24,000 people to lose vision each year.^{2,3} Adherence to regular eye examinations is necessary to diagnose DR at an early stage, when it can be treated with the best prognosis,^{4,5} and have resulted in substantial reductions in visual loss and blindness.⁶ Despite this, less than 50% of patients with diabetes adhere to the recommended schedule of eye exams,⁷ and adherence has not increased over the last 15 years despite large-scale efforts to increase it.⁸ To increase adherence, retinal imaging in or close to primary care offices followed by remote evaluation using telemedicine has also been widely studied.^{9–11}

Artificial intelligence (AI)-based algorithms to detect DR from ...^{12–15}

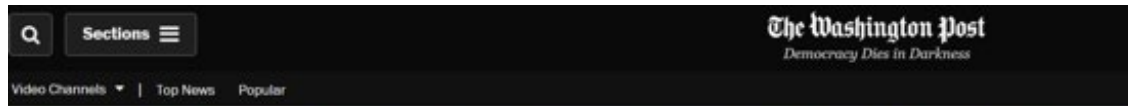
care, and consistent diagnostic accuracy across age, race and ethnicity.^{12,13,18,19} Studies comparing an AI system against an independent, high-quality gold standard that includes fundus imaging and Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) imaging protocols have not previously been conducted; FDA has not previously authorized any such system.

The Wisconsin Fundus Photograph Reading Center (FPRC) has historically been the gold standard for trials that require grading of the severity of DR, including the Epidemiology of Diabetes Interventions and Complications/Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (EDIC/DCCT), Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research Network (DRCR.net) studies, as well as pivotal phase III studies.^{20,21} The FPRC has adopted the use of a widefield stereoscopic retinal imaging protocol (4W-D), that includes four stereoscopic pairs of digital images per eye, each pair covering 45–60°, equivalent to the area of the retina covered by the older, modified 7-field stereo film protocol.^{22,23} Traditionally, the presence of Diabetic Macular

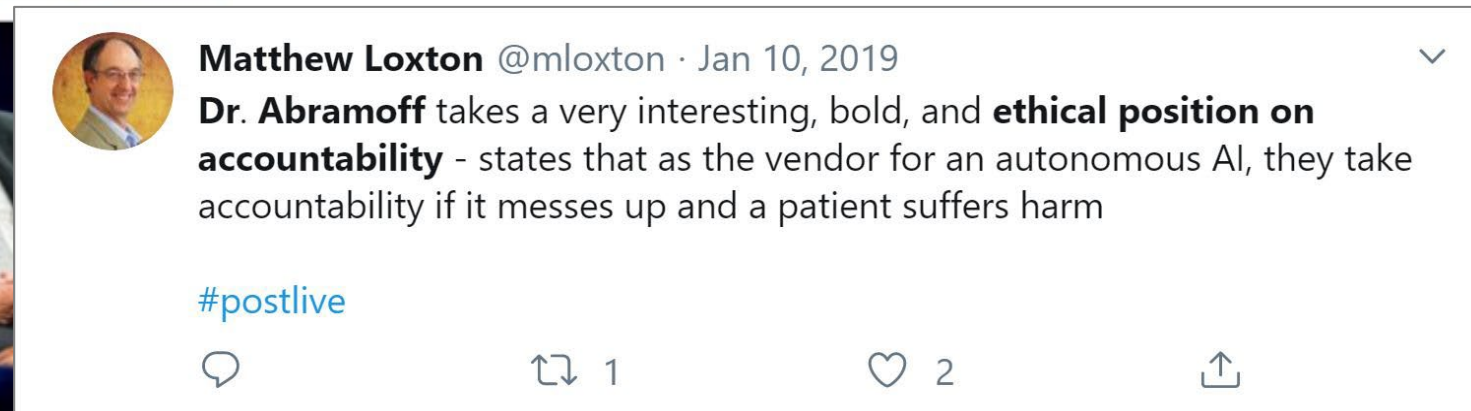


2019: Solving Autonomous AI liability

“Autonomous AI Creator/Vendor assumes liability for performance commensurate with indications for use”



(Erica Jones/The Washington Post)



Policy

Liability

Our AMA advocates that:

- Liability and incentives should be aligned so that the individual(s) or entity(ies) best positioned to know the AI system risks and best positioned to avert or mitigate harm do so through design, development, validation and implementation
- Where a mandated use of AI systems prevents mitigation of risk and harm, the individual or entity issuing the mandate must be assigned all applicable liability
- Developers of autonomous AI systems with clinical applications (screening, diagnosis, treatment) are in the best position to manage issues of liability arising directly from system failure or misdiagnosis and must accept this liability with measures such as maintaining appropriate medical liability insurance

...systems by more transparency, and AI algorithms that can inform clinical care decisions will be critical to the future of ai in health care.”

—Bobby Mukkamala, MD, AMA Board of Trustees

- Outline new professional roles and capacities required to aid and guide health care AI systems
- Develop practice guidelines for clinical applications of AI systems

National and state collaboration and strategic planning

Our AMA advocates that:

- There should be federal and state interagency

2020: First Standard of Care supporting Autonomous AI



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Abstract

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) “Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes” includes the ADA’s current clinical practice recommendations and is intended to provide the components of diabetes care, general treatment goals and guidelines, and tools to evaluate quality of care. Members of the ADA Professional Practice Committee, a multidisciplinary expert committee



11.17 [...] Artificial intelligence systems that detect more than mild diabetic retinopathy and diabetic macular edema authorized for use by the FDA represent an alternative to traditional screening approaches (115). [...]

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2020: First Autonomous AI cost-effectiveness analysis

Research

JAMA Ophthalmology | Original Investigation

Cost-effectiveness of Autonomous Point-of-Care Diabetic Retinopathy Screening for Pediatric Patients With Diabetes

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IMPORTANCE Screening for diabetic retinopathy is recommended for children with type 1 diabetes (T1D) and type 2 diabetes (T2D), yet screening rates remain low. Point-of-care diabetic retinopathy screening using autonomous artificial intelligence (AI) has become available, providing immediate results in the clinic setting, but the cost-effectiveness of this strategy compared with standard examination is unknown.

OBJECTIVE To assess the cost-effectiveness of detecting and treating diabetic retinopathy and its sequelae among children with T1D and T2D using AI diabetic retinopathy screening vs standard screening by an eye care professional (ECP).

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS In this economic evaluation, parameter estimates were obtained from the literature from 1994 to 2019 and assessed from March 2019 to January 2020. Parameters included out-of-pocket cost for autonomous AI screening, ophthalmology visits, and treating diabetic retinopathy; probability of undergoing standard retinal examination; relative odds of undergoing screening; and sensitivity, specificity, and diagnosability of the ECP screening examination and autonomous AI screening.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Costs or savings to the patient based on mean patient payment for diabetic retinopathy screening examination and cost-effectiveness based on

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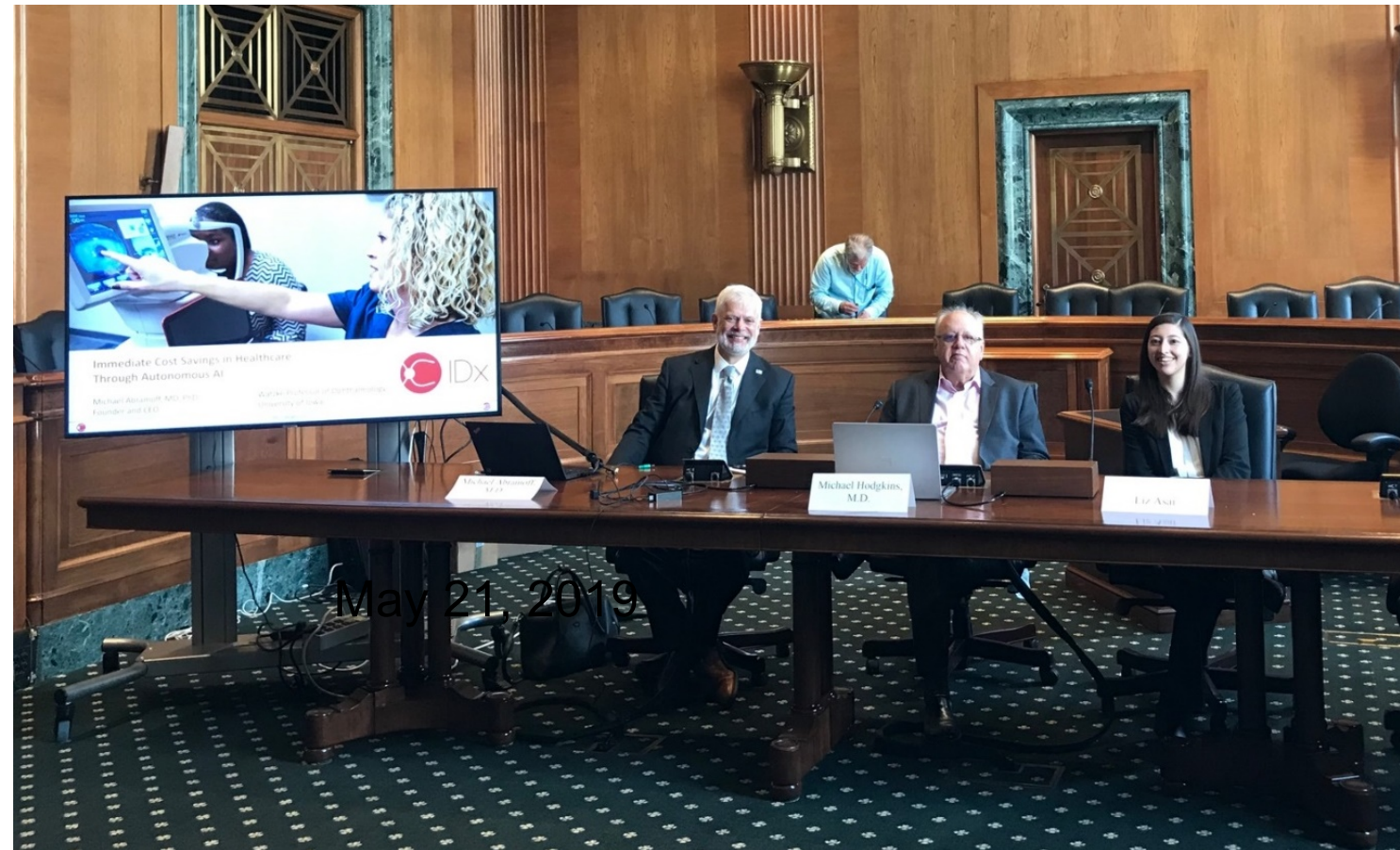


2020: First Autonomous AI payment



- » Cost of electricity?
- » Cost of R&D?
- » Cost effectiveness?
- » Free market?

- » Discounted human cost



2020: US Medicare (OPPS): \$55/exam for Autonomous AI

Federal Register / Vol. 85, No. 248 / Monday, December 28, 2020 / Rules and Regulations 84629

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providing more widespread
ffective and non-invasive

Comment: Several commenters stated that Medicare and commercial payor utilization data for CPT code 91200 demonstrate that the usage of FibroScan in the physician office setting is well below 50 percent. Commenters stated that at a 50 percent usage rate, each FibroScan would generate 6,250 exams per year, or 24 per day, resulting in 3,656,250 total national exams per year but the Medicare database identifies

CPT code 92228 includes work, accounting for the physician at the reading site. For both CPT codes 92227 and 92228, direct PE pays for the clinical staff at both sites.
The AMA CPT Editorial Panel also created CPT code 92229 (*Imaging of retina for detection or monitoring of disease; with point-of-care automated analysis with diagnostic report; unilateral or bilateral*) for point-of-care



“[. . .] Dx-DR technology received a new CPT code effective January 1, 2021, specifically, CPT code 92229 for point-of-care automated analysis that uses innovative artificial intelligence technology to perform the interpretation of the eye exam, without requiring that an ophthalmologist interpret the results.”



CMS finalized Medicare reimbursement at \$55.66

MPFS states “We are considering CPT code 92229 to be a diagnostic service under the PFS.”

Autonomous AI is real

& Updated for the Pandemic Era

- Diagnoses diabetic retinopathy & diabetic macular edema
- At point of care
- Diagnosis in minutes
- No human oversight
- Integrated with EHR
- CMS / private reimbursement
- Closes care gap for HEDIS/MIPS



Operated by Existing GP Staff

AI Guided Workflow
Image Quality Feedback

Robotic Imaging System

Creator Assumes Liability

Safe for COVID Era

Medicare \$55
HEDIS/MIPS gap closure

IDX DIABETIC RETINOPATHY
Status: Edited Result - FINAL (Resulted: 6/ /2018)

6/ /2018 AM - Edi, Inc Results/Orders

Component Results

Component
IDx Diabetic Retinopathy Result More than mild diabetic retinopathy detected: Refer to an eye care professional

Lab and Collection
IDX DIABETIC RETINOPATHY on 6/ /2018

Testing Performed By

Lab - Abbreviation	Name	Director
884-IDXDR	IDX DIABETIC RETINOPATHY	Unknown

Patient Release Status:
This result is not viewable by the patient.

Order Report
[Order Details](#)

Diabetic Eye Exams in Grocery Store

- Safeway retail has primary care clinics in store
- Full-service primary care clinics with primary care MD
- Autonomous AI for diabetic eye exam in diabetes management workflow
- Coordinated Diabetes Care



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How do you know when #AI for health is being implemented? When you can go into a grocery store and have your eyes checked for diabetic retinopathy.

(more than half of people w/ #diabetes never have been screened)

@careportmd @Albertsons @EyeDiagnosis

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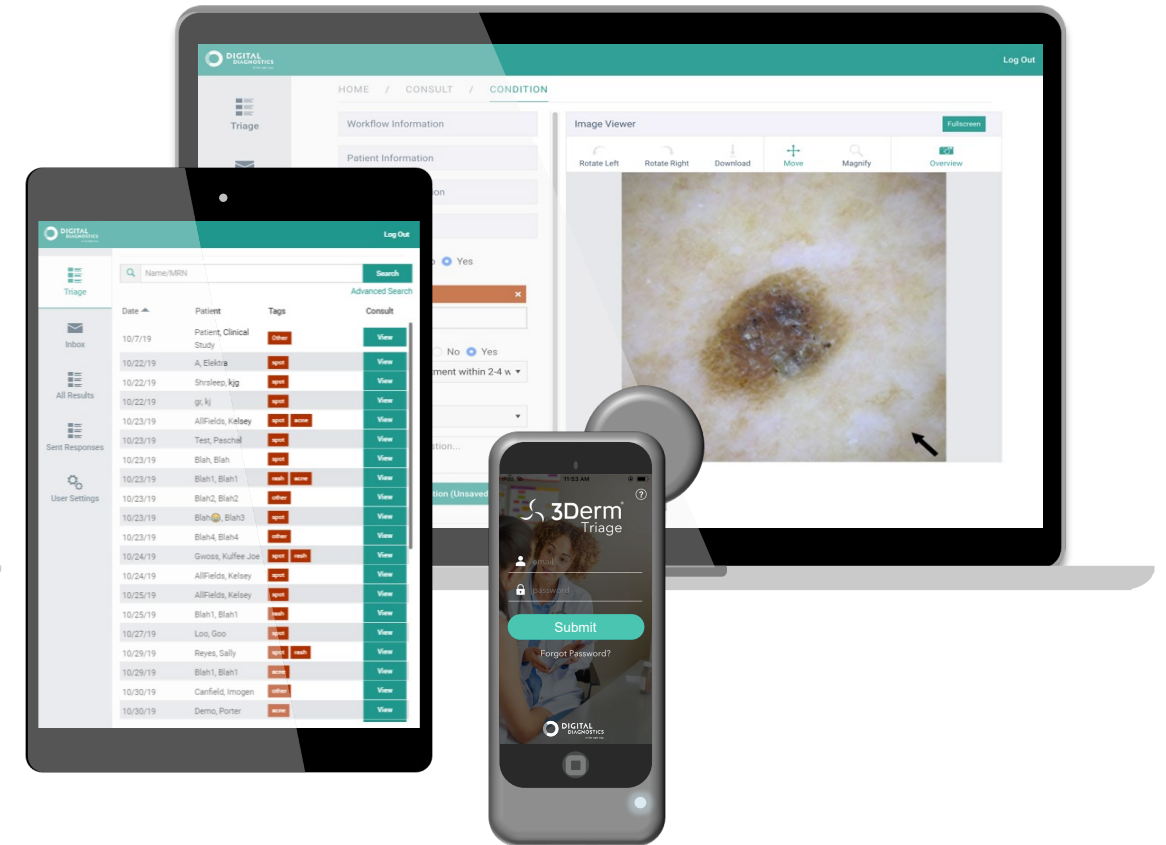


OUS Adoption – partnership with Orbis – Flying Eye Hospital



Digital Diagnostics platform expansion into new specialties: skin, ...

Increasing access to specialty coverage



IDx-DR: Diabetic Retinopathy and macular edema

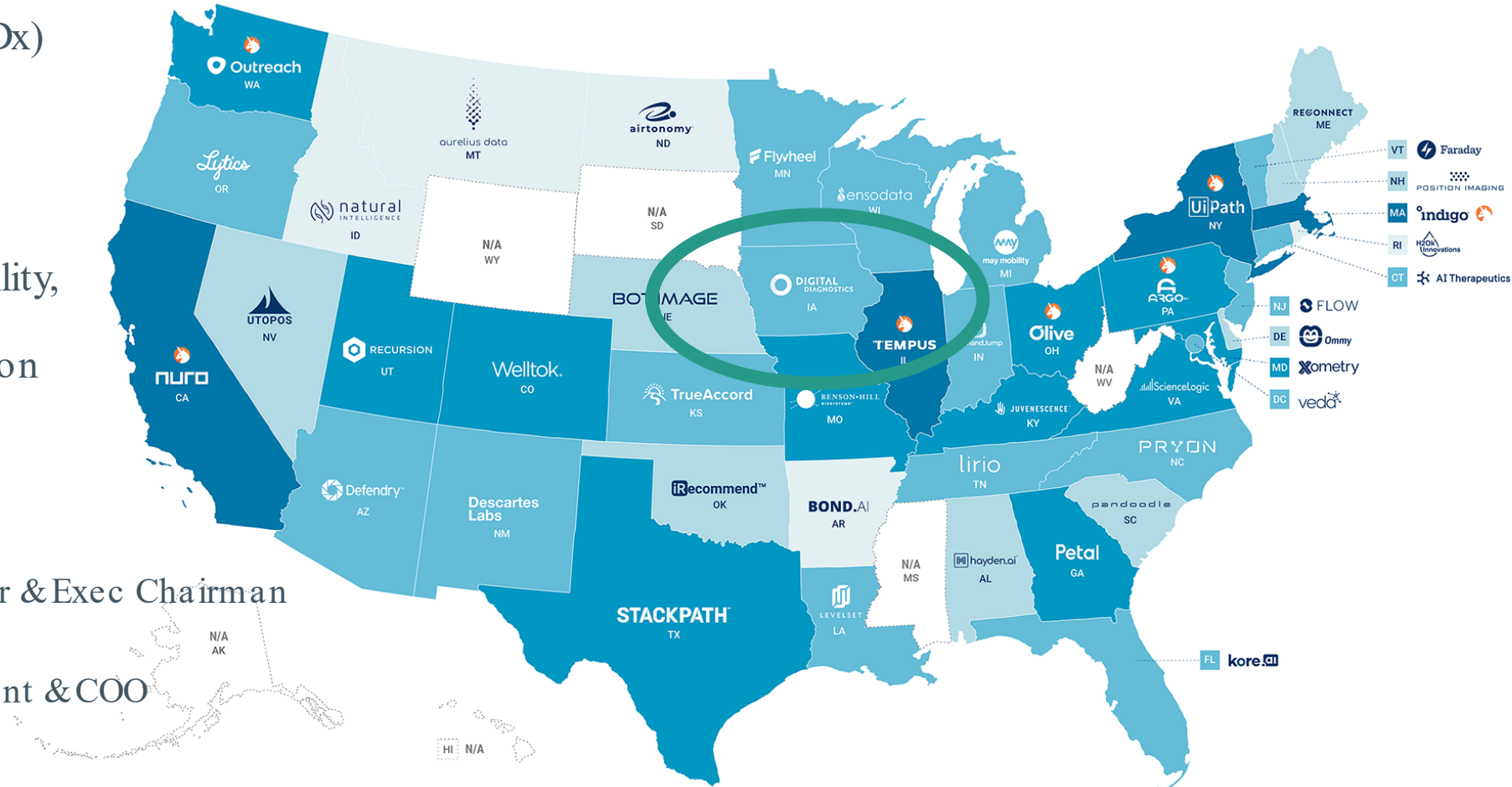
3DermSpot: Melanoma and other skin cancers

THE UNITED STATES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The most well-funded AI startups by state. Our analysis ranks companies based on total disclosed equity funding and only considers AI companies that have raised an equity round since 2016.

Digital Diagnostics (Formerly IDx)

- **HQ** Coralville, Iowa
- **Founded** 2010
- **Mission** Transform affordability, accessibility and quality of healthcare through automation of diagnoses
- **Employees** 90+
- **Executive Team**
 - Michael Abramoff - Founder & Exec Chairman
 - John Bertrand - CEO
 - Seth Rainford - President & COO
- **Raise to date** \$70M



 Unicorn company valued at \$1B+

TOTAL EQUITY FUNDING



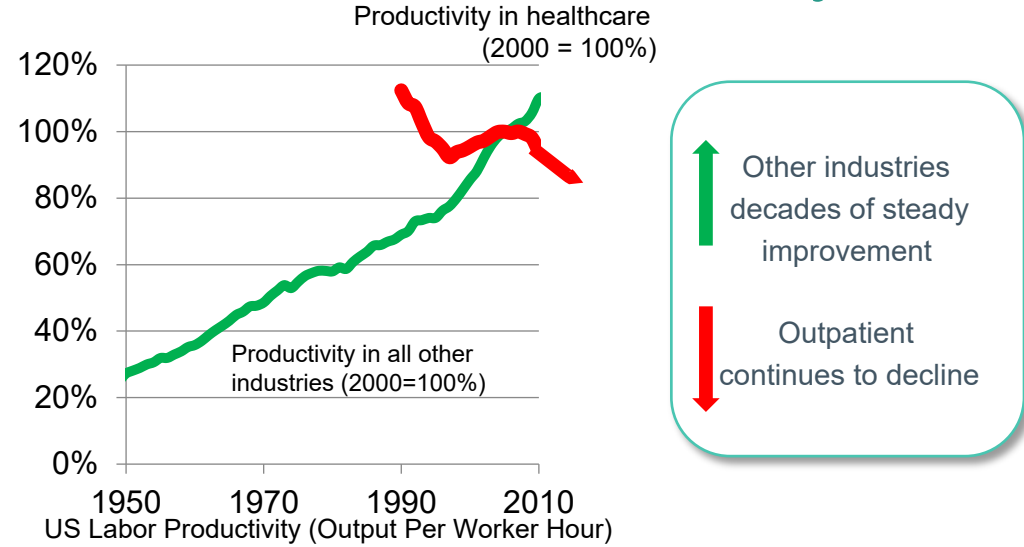
Data as of 3/16/21

Healthcare problems to be solved by Autonomous AI

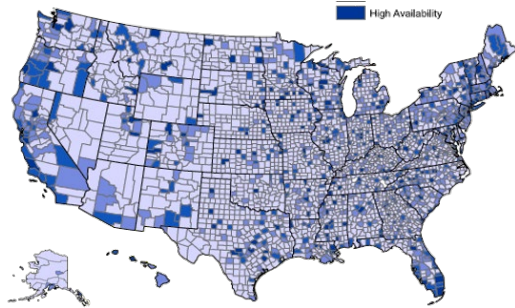
Health disparities - Access



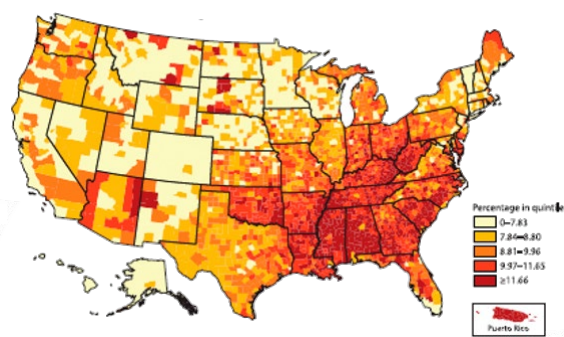
Healthcare Cost - Productivity



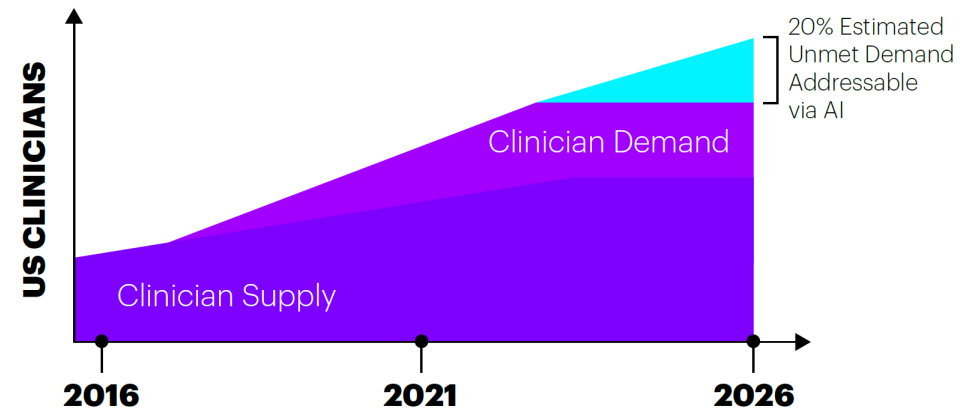
Eye care availability



Eye care need



Healthcare demand - workforce gap



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Health disparities - Access

RACIAL DISPARITIES

Brief Report

Diabetic retinopathy is independently associated with increased risk of intubation: A single centre cohort study of patients with diabetes hospitalised with COVID-19

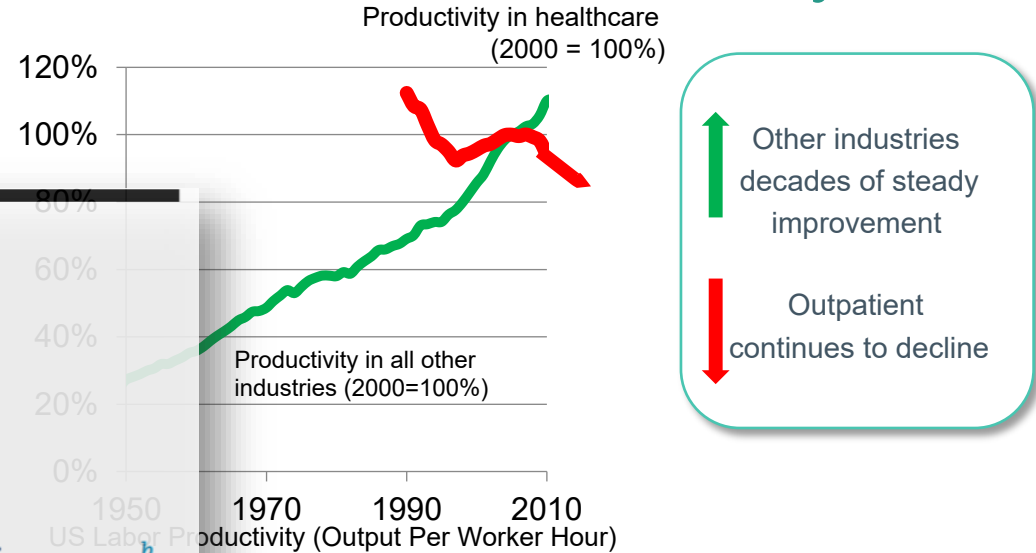
Eye care availability Eye care need

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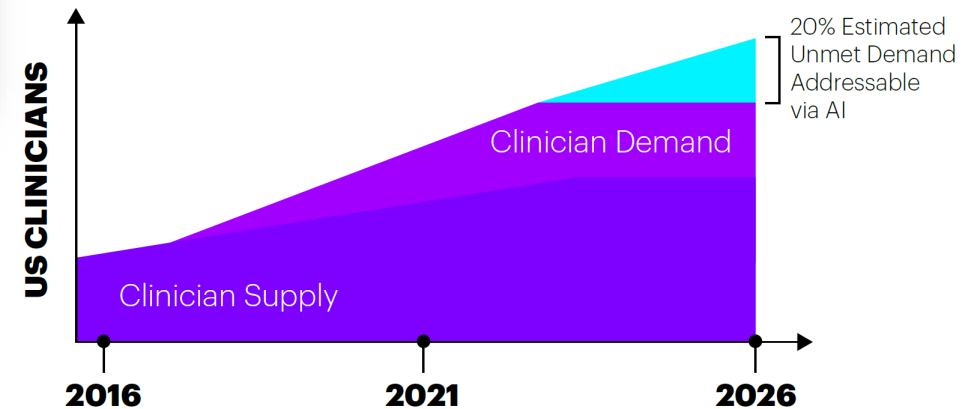
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A brief history of (autonomous) AI in healthcare

3 Phases of AI in Medicine

1. 1960's: Rule based
 - » MYCIN (Minsky, Shortliffe)
 - » Physician typing in patient symptoms
2. 1980's: Machine learning
 - » Perceptron, backpropagation: 5th gen
 - » Noisy inputs, no digital data
3. 2016: Digital sensors
 - » Objective, digital data - images
 - » GPUs, Deep-'er' learning networks

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-----PATIENT-538-----
1) Patient's name:
** PT538
2) Age:
** 34 YEARS
3) Sex:
** MAEL
                                     M YC IN respells the user's answer
=MALE
4) Race:
** CAUCASIAN
                                     Several questions are skipped.

14) Has Pt.538 recently had symptoms of persistent headache or other
    abnormal neurologic symptoms (dizziness, lethargy, etc.)?
** YES
15) Has Pt538 recently had objective evidence of abnormal neurologic
    signs (nuchal rigidity, coma, seizures, etc.) documented by physician
    observation or examination?
** YES
                                     Note that M YCIN has concluded and
                                     informed the user that there is
                                     a likely meningitis infection and
                                     pursues this line of inquiry.

The CSF cultures will be considered to be associated with MENINGITIS.

16) Please give the date on which clinical evidence (symptoms, signs, or
    laboratory tests) of the meningitis first appeared.
** 29-Jan-77 22:15

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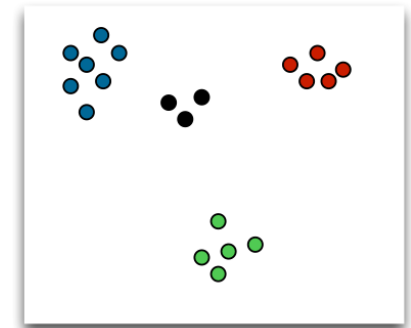
23) For how many days has Pt538 had abnormal neurologic signs?
** 7 2 HOURS
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Inputs – images - for Autonomous AI

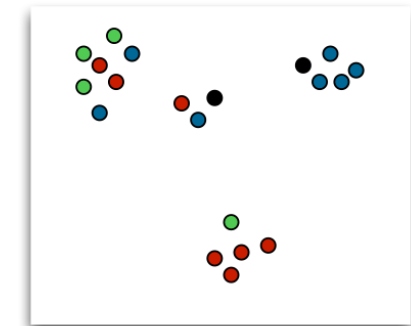
Key Characteristics

- » Objective sensors
 - Secondary role for GPU / neurosimilar processing hardware
 - Focus on Image based sensors
- » Images are quantifications of
 - Physical processes
 - Pathological processes
- » Both processes exhibit
 - spatial coherence (autocorrelation), see right
 - temporal coherence
 - Foundational assumptions are to which degree
- » AI exploits spatial/temporal coherences
 - Neural networks exploit coherences through local nonlinearities

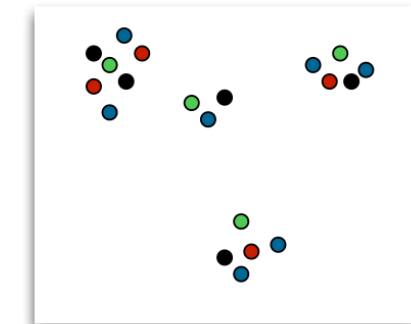
Positive



None



Negative





Autonomous AI is different

Key Constraints on AI in healthcare

- » High quality data is scarce
 - Risk of harm to patients from obtaining data
 - Radiation, light damage
 - Many diseases are rare, making cases scarce
 - Ocular melanoma 1:1,000,000 = only n=300 in whole US
 - Control cases (no disease) hard to obtain
 - Ethical issues with exposing non patients to harm to obtain data
- » High quality truth is scarce
 - Highly qualified and expensive experts (clinicians, pathologists etc)
 - Health outcomes may be years away in chronic disease
 - Scarcity of valid surrogate outcomes
- » Challenging environments, when AI is deployed
 - Inputs require high quality images in specific settings and use cases
 - Low proficiency operators

From Science, to Algorithm, to Patient Benefit

1988: Machine learning using artificial neural networks

kl Abramoff, Ton Coolen, George Wieneke and Peggy Janssen

This pilot study is based on the assumption that stuttering is a disorder of speech motor control. Parameters of a neural network were varied in order to produce simulations resembling stuttering behavior. A Hopfield network with temporal delays was used and a sequence of ten patterns was learned. These patterns were supposed to represent the control of muscles for an articulatory movement. The following parameters of the network were varied systematically: noise in the simulated neurons and the ratio (ν) between the delay in the neural connection and the duration during which the patterns were realized in the network in the learning phase. Moreover the similarity between the patterns was varied. Abnormalities in the network output were found for certain combinations of parameter values. However, these abnormalities showed no clear resemblance to stuttering behavior. Noise had only a very moderate effect. When the subsequent patterns were correlated, an increase in the value of the parameter ν resulted in increased temporal variability and increased duration of the production of a cycle of ten patterns.

Recently, artificial neural networks have received a great deal of attention in various disciplines (Amit, 1989). This study illustrates the use of a neural network for simulating the temporal organization of speech in relation to stuttering. More specifically, it addresses the question, whether the network can be influenced in such a way that behavior resembling stuttering will result. The simulation of the original Hopfield type neural network was chosen to simulate temporal aspects of motor systems. By introducing delays in the connections between the neurons, sequences of patterns can be stored and reproduced at a later time (Coolen & Gielen, 1988). It is assumed that each pattern in a sequence represents the information necessary for producing articulatory movements from one phoneme to the next (Braamhof, 1989).

Artificial neural network

Generally a neuronal network consists of a collection of neurons, which are interconnected by axons ending in synapses on dendrites. In the Hopfield type neural network these parts are all represented rather simply (Hopfield, 1982). Neurons are discrete on/off threshold units. That is to say, a neuron only fires if the summation of all of its inputs is higher than some threshold. All neurons are



Long Path from Science, to Algorithm, to Patient

1988: Machine learning using artificial neural networks

2000: AI Detection of retinopathy lesions

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Artificial neural network

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ABSTRACTS

LOW LEVEL SCREENING OF EXUDATES AND HAEMORRHAGES IN BACKGROUND DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

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Purpose: to develop a fast and reliable method to screen fundus images on exudates and haemorrhages in early background diabetic retinopathy

Methods: a differential topology based, scale and color space indexed operator was used to obtain geometrical features in digital fundus images (Canon non-mydratic fundus camera, 800x600pixels, 24 bit JPEG decompressed). Using this operator the eigenvalues of the Hessian and the structure tensor were mapped nonlinearly to a multidimensional probability measure

$$f_i = \text{prob}\{\Gamma_i(H_\sigma\{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n\}, G_\sigma\{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n\})\}$$

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Automatic Detection of Red Lesions in Digital Color Fundus Photographs

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Abstract—The red fundus photographs in a retinal screening system... The first of the detection systems based on... After an... an... by... The... of... When... method... human expert... fundus... are...

Index Terms—Computer vision, pattern recognition, medical image processing, retinal disease, fundus photography.

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Automated Early Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy

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Purpose: To compare the performance of automated diabetic retinopathy (DR) detection, using the algorithm that won the 2008 Retinopathy Online Challenge Competition in 2008, the Challenge2008, against that of the one currently used in EyeCheck, a large computer-aided early DR detection project.
Design: Evaluation of diagnostic test of technology.
Methods: The fundus photographic set from each visit was analyzed by a single retinal expert; 725 of the 16 670 sets were classified as containing more than minimal DR (threshold for referral). The outcomes of the 2 algorithmic detectors were applied separately to the dataset and were compared by standard statistical measures.
Main Outcome Measures: The area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC), a measure of the sensitivity and specificity of DR detection.
Results: Agreement was high, and examination results indicating more than minimal DR were detected with an AUC of 0.830 by the EyeCheck algorithm and an AUC of 0.821 for the Challenge2008 algorithm, a statistically insignificant difference ($p < 0.0001$, 1.0). If either of the algorithms detected DR in combination, the AUC for detection was 0.86, the same as the theoretically expected maximum. At 90% sensitivity, the specificity of the EyeCheck algorithm was 47.7% and that of the Challenge2008 algorithm was 43.0%.
Conclusions: Diabetic retinopathy detection algorithms seem to be maturing, and further improvements in detection performance cannot be differentiated from best clinical practices, because the performance of competitive algorithm development now has reached the human intrasector variability limit. Additional validation studies on larger, well-defined, but more diverse populations with diabetes are needed urgently, anticipating cost-effective early detection of DR in millions of people with diabetes to triage those patients who need further care at a time when they have early rather than advanced DR.
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Diabetic retinopathy (DR) is the most common cause of blindness in the working population of the United States and of the European Union.¹ Early detection (that is, screening) and timely treatment have been shown to prevent visual loss and blindness in patients with retinal complications of diabetes.²⁻⁴ In the next decade, projections for the United States that average age will increase, the number of people with diabetes in each age category will increase, and there will be an underappreciated increase in care providers at least in the near term.⁵ This so-called perfect storm of healthcare trends will challenge the public health system to care for both patients with DR and people with diabetes at risk for this complication to play progressively larger roles. It will be necessary either to screen (perform early on-site) large numbers of people with diabetes for DR, to ration access to eye care, or both.
 Several European countries successfully have instituted DR early detection programs using digital photography and reading of the images by human experts in their health care systems. In the United Kingdom, 1.7 million people with diabetes were screened for DR in 2007 and 2008.⁶ In The Netherlands, more than 30 000 people with diabetes have been screened regularly since 2001 using an early detection project called EyeCheck (www.eyecheck.nl, accessed March 7, 2010).⁷ The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has deployed a successful screening program in the Veterans Affairs medical centers, through which 120 883 patients were screened in fiscal year 2008 (Cavalierano A, personal communication, 2009).⁸
 Over the past decade, many computer image analysis methods based on image processing and machine learning have been proposed to interpret digital photographs of the retina to increase the efficiency of early detection of DR.⁹⁻¹⁴ Most of these methods have been assessed on a large scale in a population with a low incidence of DR that would miss screening populations.¹⁵⁻¹⁷
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ABSTRACTS

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Automated Detection and Differentiation of Drusen, Exudates, and Cotton-Wool Spots in Digital Color Fundus Photographs for Diabetic Retinopathy Diagnosis

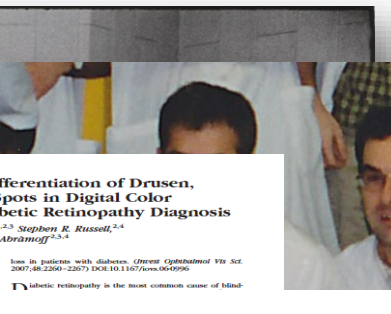
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Purpose: To describe and evaluate a machine learning-based, automated system to detect exudates and cotton-wool spots in digital color fundus photographs and differentiate them from drusen, for early diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy.
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Automated Analysis of Retinal Images for Detection of Referable Diabetic Retinopathy

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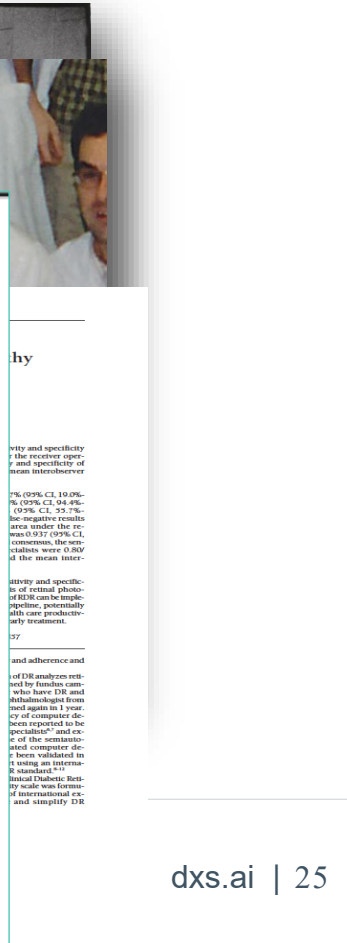
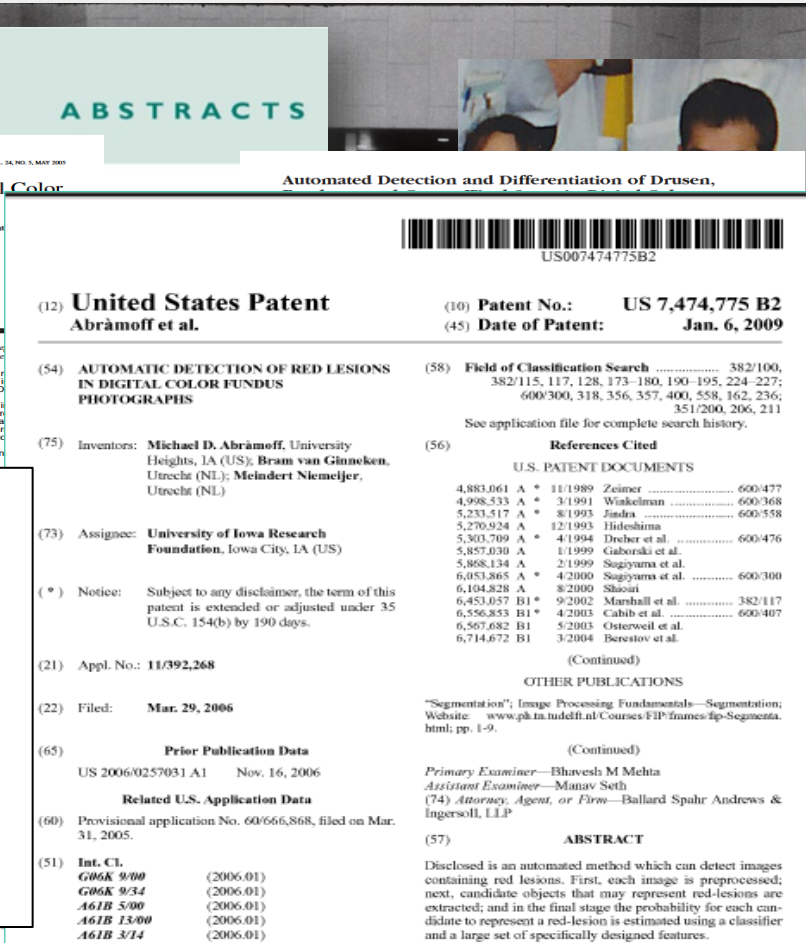
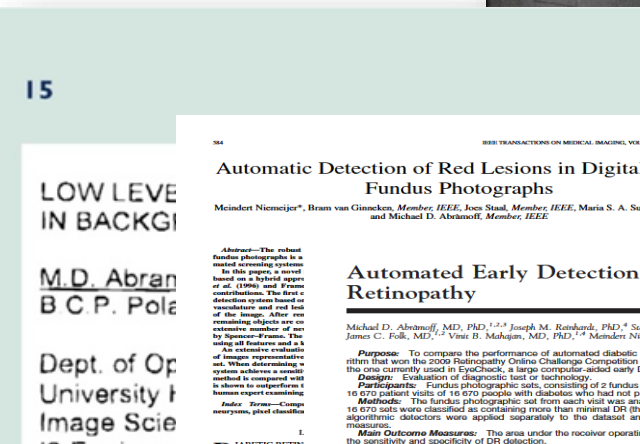
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Diabetes Care 1



Diagnostic Accuracy of a Device for the Automated Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy in a Primary Care Setting

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OBJECTIVE
To determine the diagnostic accuracy in a real-world primary care setting of a deep learning-enhanced device for automated detection of diabetic retinopathy (DR).

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS
Retinal images of people with type 2 diabetes visiting a primary care screening program were graded by a hybrid deep learning-enhanced device (IDx-DR-EU-2.1; IDx, Amsterdam, the Netherlands), and its classification of retinopathy (vision-threatening [vt]DR, more than mild [mtm]DR, and mild or more [mom]DR) was compared with a reference standard. This reference standard consisted of grading according to the *International Clinical Classification of DR* by the Rotterdam Study reading center. We determined the diagnostic accuracy of the hybrid deep learning-enhanced device (IDx-DR-EU-2.1) against the reference standard.

RESULTS
A total of 1,616 people with type 2 diabetes were imaged. The hybrid deep learning-enhanced device's sensitivity/specificity against the reference standard was, respectively, for vtDR 100% (95% CI 77.1–100)/97.8% (95% CI 96.8–98.5) and for mtmDR 79.4% (95% CI 66.5–87.9)/93.8% (95% CI 92.1–94.9).

CONCLUSIONS
The hybrid deep learning-enhanced device had high diagnostic accuracy for the detection of both vtDR (although the number of vtDR cases was low) and mtmDR in a primary care setting against an independent reading center. This allows its safe use in a primary care setting.

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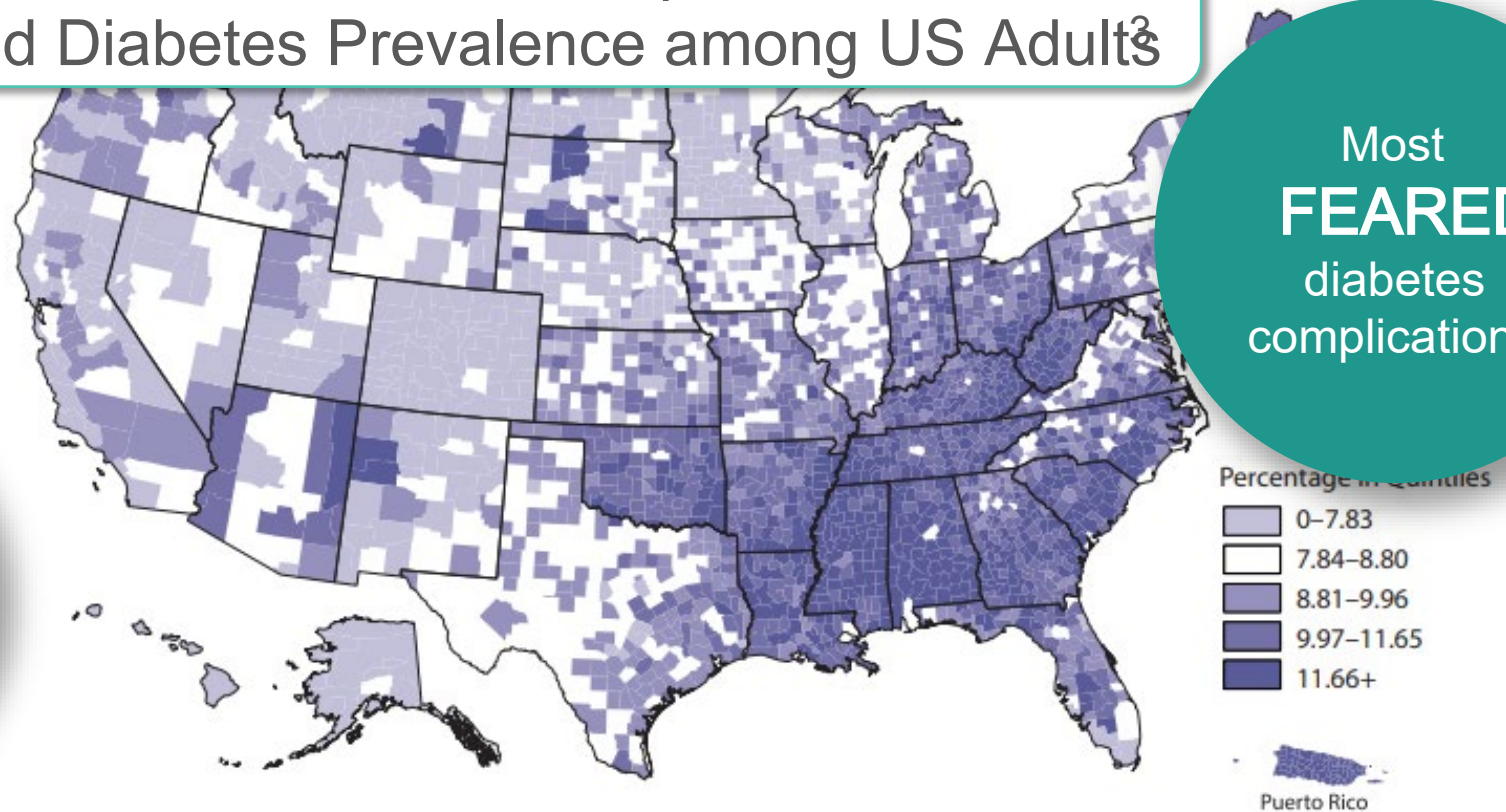


Diabetes is a large and growing problem in the US.^{1,2}

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34.2
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First: Autonomous AI clinical requirements

- » Make medical decision without human oversight
 - Autonomous AI
 - Creator assumes liability
 - Easy-to-understand diagnostic output
- » Minimal changes to clinic/lab workflow
 - Make diagnosis within minutes
 - Minimal footprint to fit clinic space, power outlet only requirement
 - High diagnosability
- » Use existing staff
 - Operable by existing staff (high school diploma)
 - Robotic camera with assistive AI
- » Automatic claims, billing and care gap closure
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 - Aligned w Standards of Care and Preferred Practice Patterns

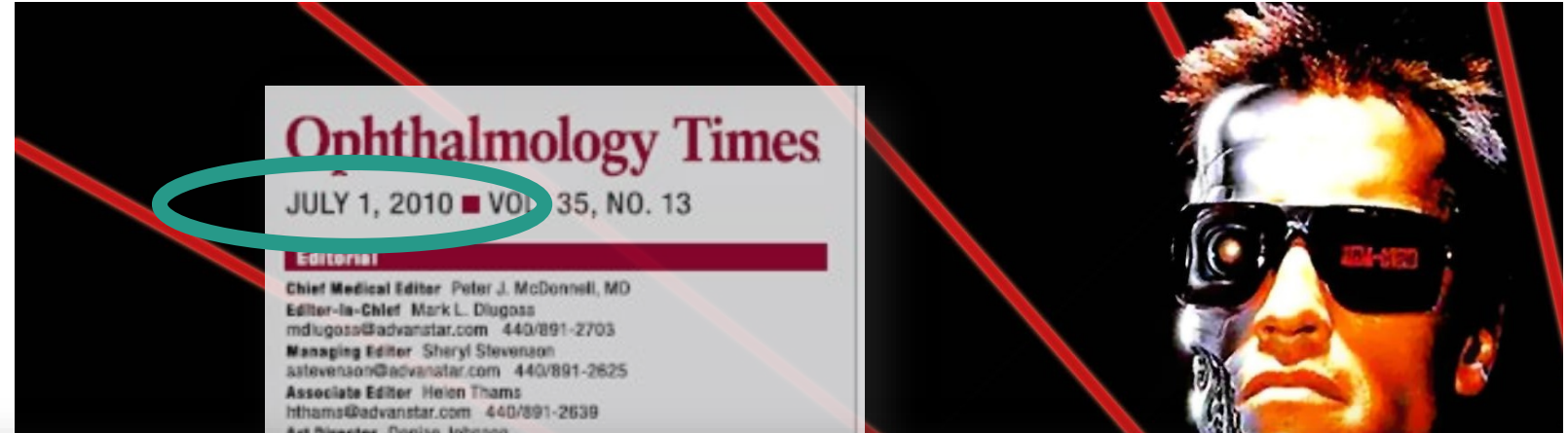


Many concerns about AI in Healthcare

- Will it benefit me as a patient?
- What happens to my data?
- Is there racial, ethnic bias?
- Who is liable for errors?
- Who pays for it?
- Will doctors lose their jobs?



'The Retinator'



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Revenge of the machines



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This ophthalmologist is doing health care AI the right way

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Physician-scientist and AMA member Michael Abramoff, MD, PhD, identified a problem and then painstakingly spent eight years building an [augmented intelligence](#) (AI) solution to fix it.

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and a quartet of venture capital firms say he forged a path that others seeking to develop health care AI systems can follow.

A professor of ophthalmology at the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine, Dr. Abramoff was disturbed by how long it often takes for patients with diabetes to see an eye-care specialist for a diabetic retinopathy exam. And he was bothered by how specialists' schedules are frequently crammed full of routine eye-exam visits that did not require their level of expertise.

"Clearly, the standard practice is not working, and people are not getting the exams they need," Dr. Abramoff said, citing various studies finding that between 15% and 50% of patients who need a diabetic retinopathy exam are getting one.

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Historical example: Gene therapy

- Poorly overseen gene Rx trials
- **Early 2000s**: effective moratorium
 - closure of research institutions
 - no more funding
- **2017**: FDA approval of Gene Rx for RPE65 variant of LCA



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Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania are investigating the first death in a gene therapy experiment, which was revealed last week. Their enquiries centre on the adenovirus vector used to deliver potentially therapeutic DNA to the liver.

Jesse Gelsinger, an 18-year-old, high-school graduate from Arizona, developed a fever and blood clots throughout his body within hours of treatment to correct partial ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) deficiency, a rare metabolic disease that can cause a dangerous build-up of ammonia in the body. He died four days later.

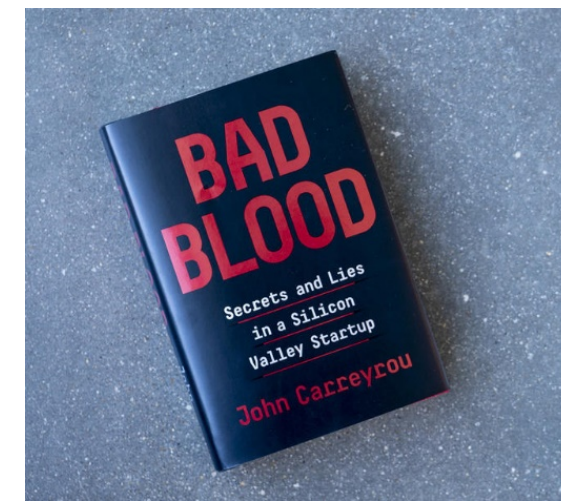
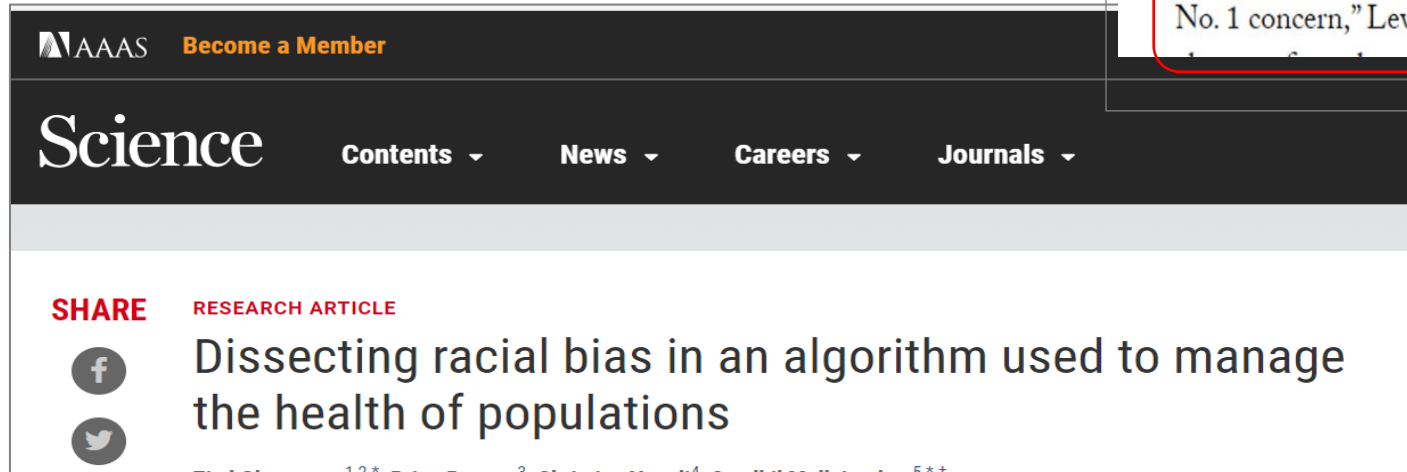
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AI's Ethics Iron Triangle

Ethical principles

- Non-maleficence
- Autonomy
- Equity

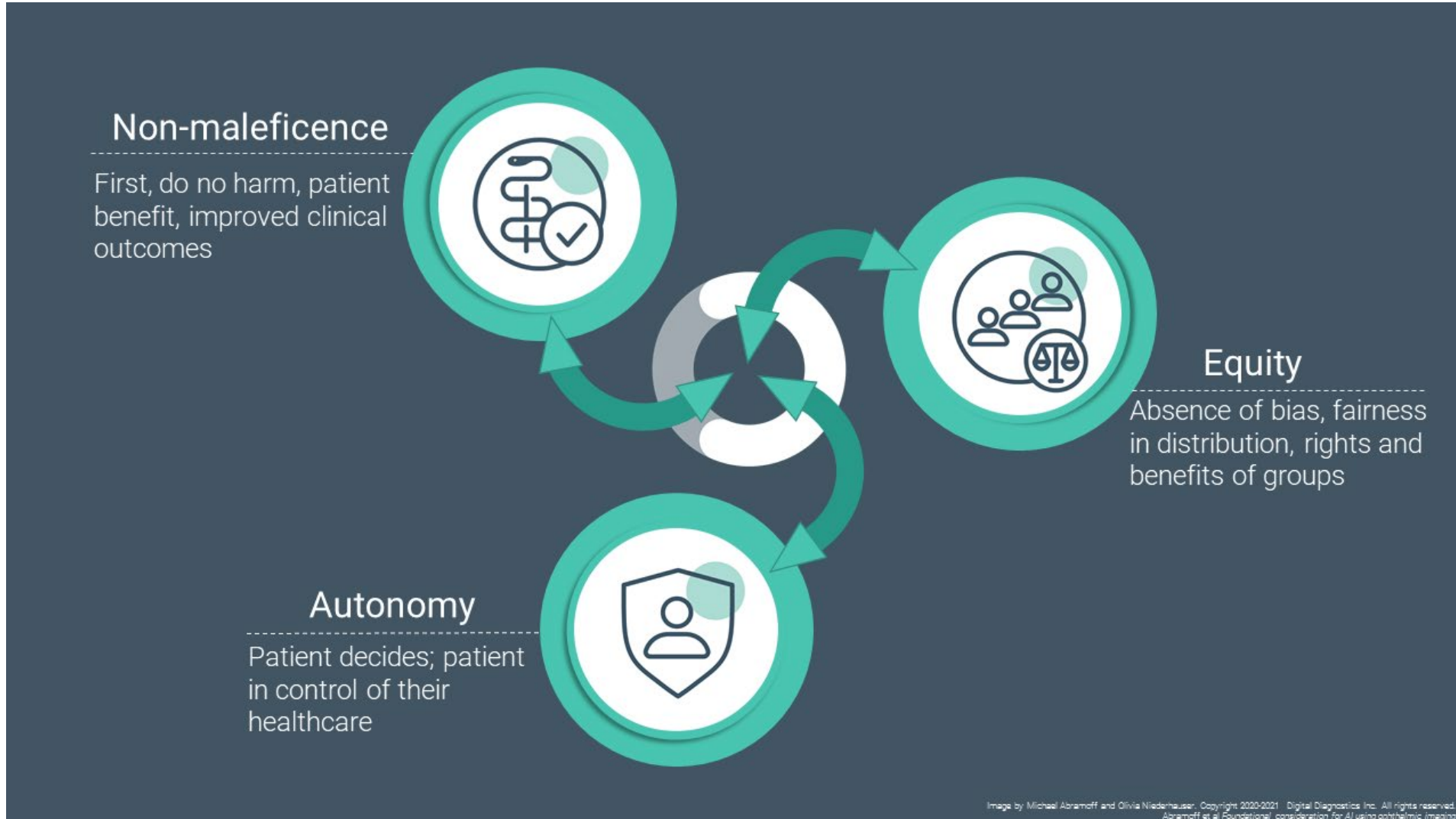


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AI's Ethics framework

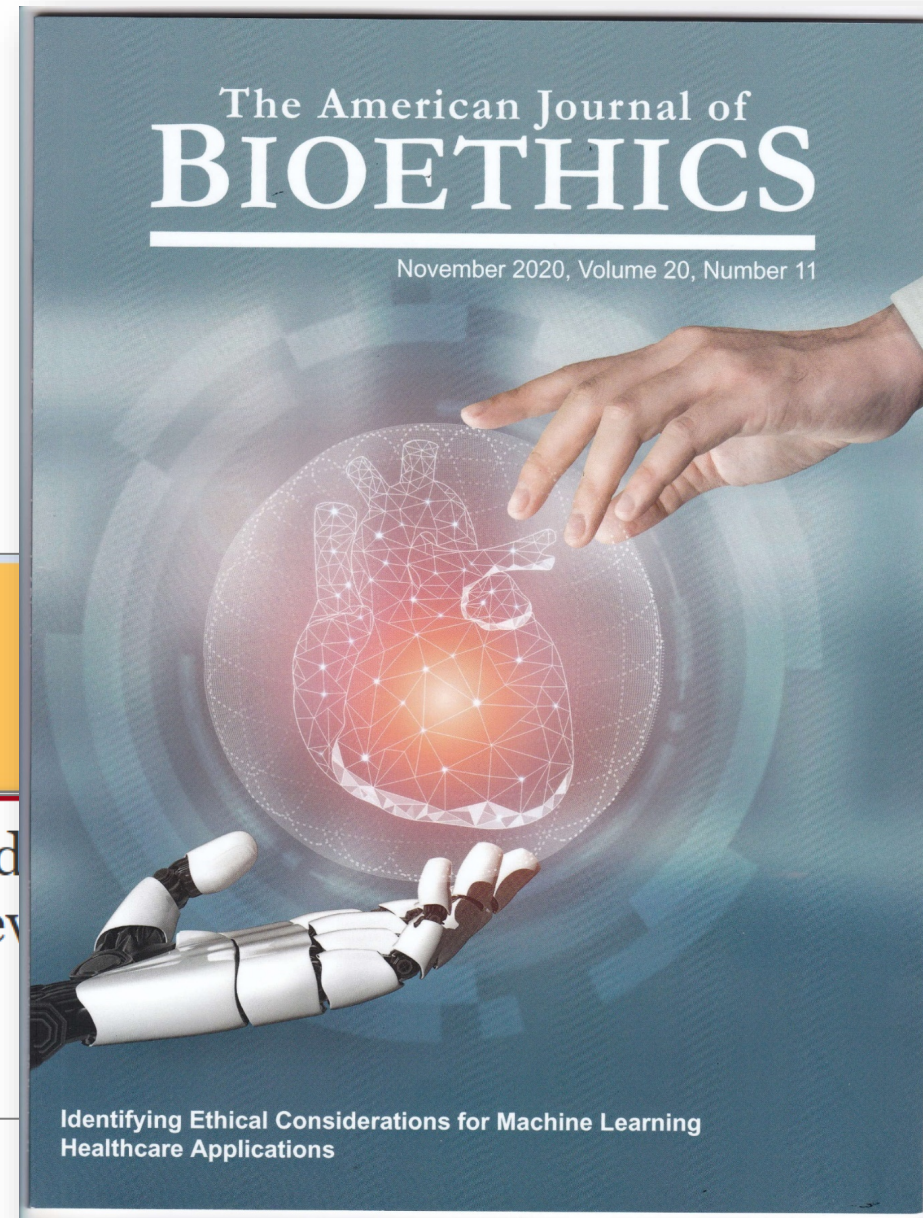
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Lessons Learned About Autonomous AI: Finding a Safe, Efficacious, and Ethical Path Through the Development Process

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AI Ethical Requirements

- Respect autonomy by maximally protecting data security and privacy
- Improve patient outcomes shown by direct evidence or linked clinical literature
- Design AI algorithms so they are maximally reducible to human clinician cognition
- Validate rigorously for safety, efficacy and equity **Against clinical outcome**, in clinical workflow
- **Mitigate Bias** along the entire workstream
- Assume **liability** for performance

American Journal of Bioethics – Panel on ethics in AI
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrg3jGxa6HM>

Harvard AI Symposium on AI and Bias
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Improve patient outcome by linkage to AI Outputs

IDx-DR: *diabetic retinopathy or macular edema present*

- 18.5% likelihood of PDR in 3 years, if untreated
- 17.7% likelihood of DME in 1 years, if untreated

IDx-DR: *diabetic retinopathy or macular edema absent:*

- 1.8% likelihood of PDR in 3 years, if untreated
- 2.4% likelihood of DME in 1 years, if untreated

In other words, if patient is left untreated, and has AI + output:

- 10x PDR risk in 3 years
- 7x DME risk in 1 year

Not possible if AI validated against clinicians

DIGITAL DIAGNOSTICS
At the right way.

IDx-DR Analysis Report

Negative for more than mild diabetic retinopathy: Retest in 12 months

Analysis Details

First Name	Jane
Last Name	Doe
MRN	000000001
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Imaging Datetime	01/01/2020 9:45:15 am
Result Datetime	01/01/2020 9:45:35 am

Images

Analysis result

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Disclaimers

This DR is configured to detect more than mild diabetic retinopathy. A positive result indicates a high risk of moderate non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy, severe non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy, proliferative diabetic retinopathy, and/or center-involved diabetic macular edema, and/or clinically significant diabetic macular edema AS_1.1.

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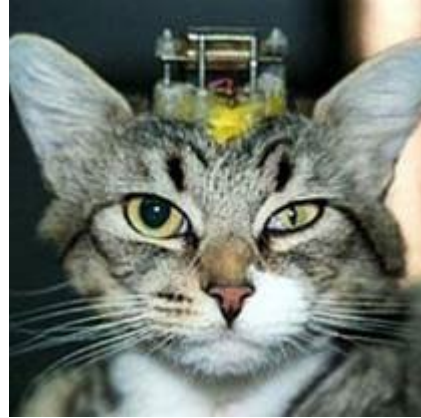
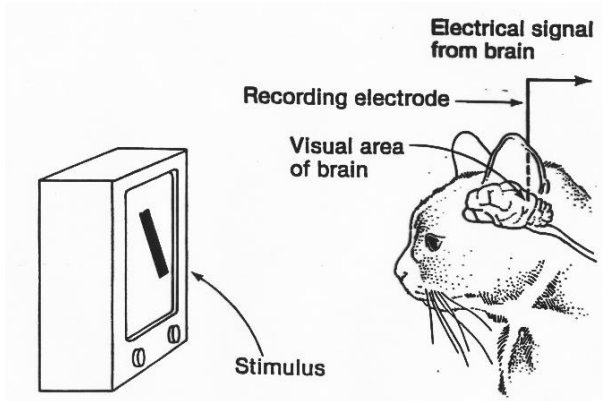
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AI Ethical Requirements

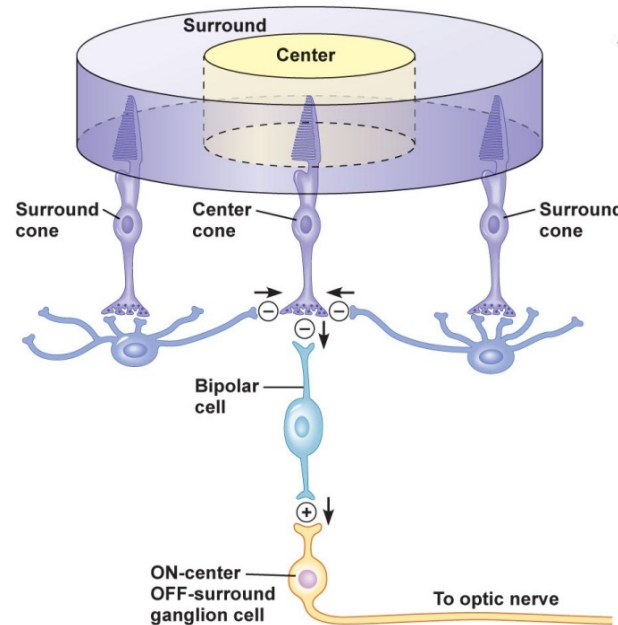
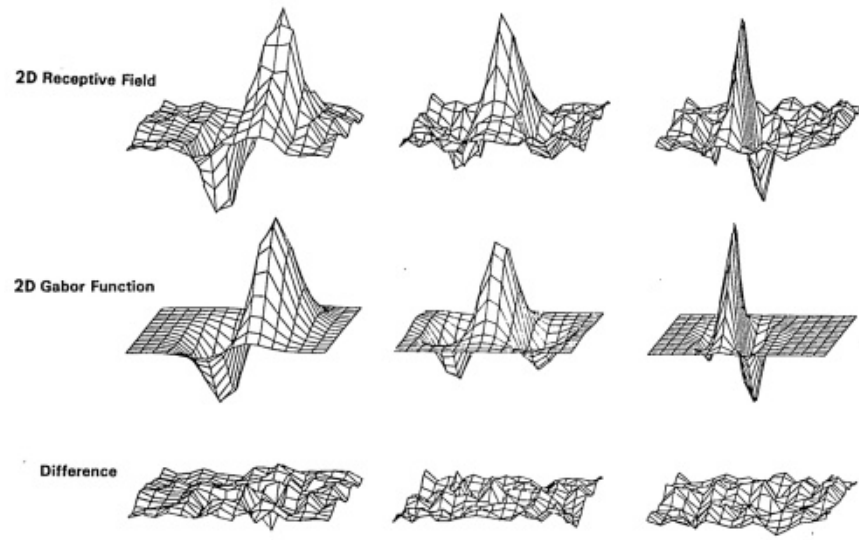
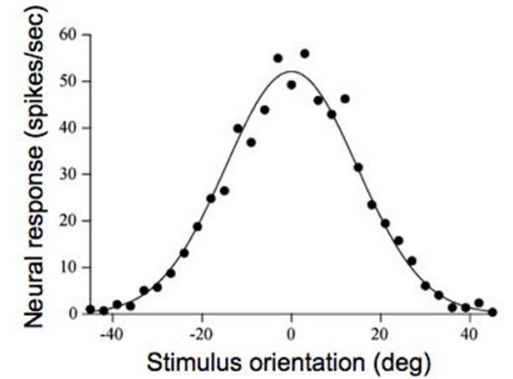
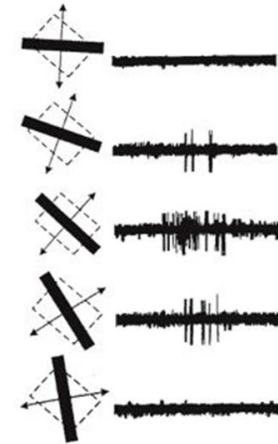
Design AI algorithms so they are maximally reducible to human clinician cognition



AI Design: how does the clinician brain solve this

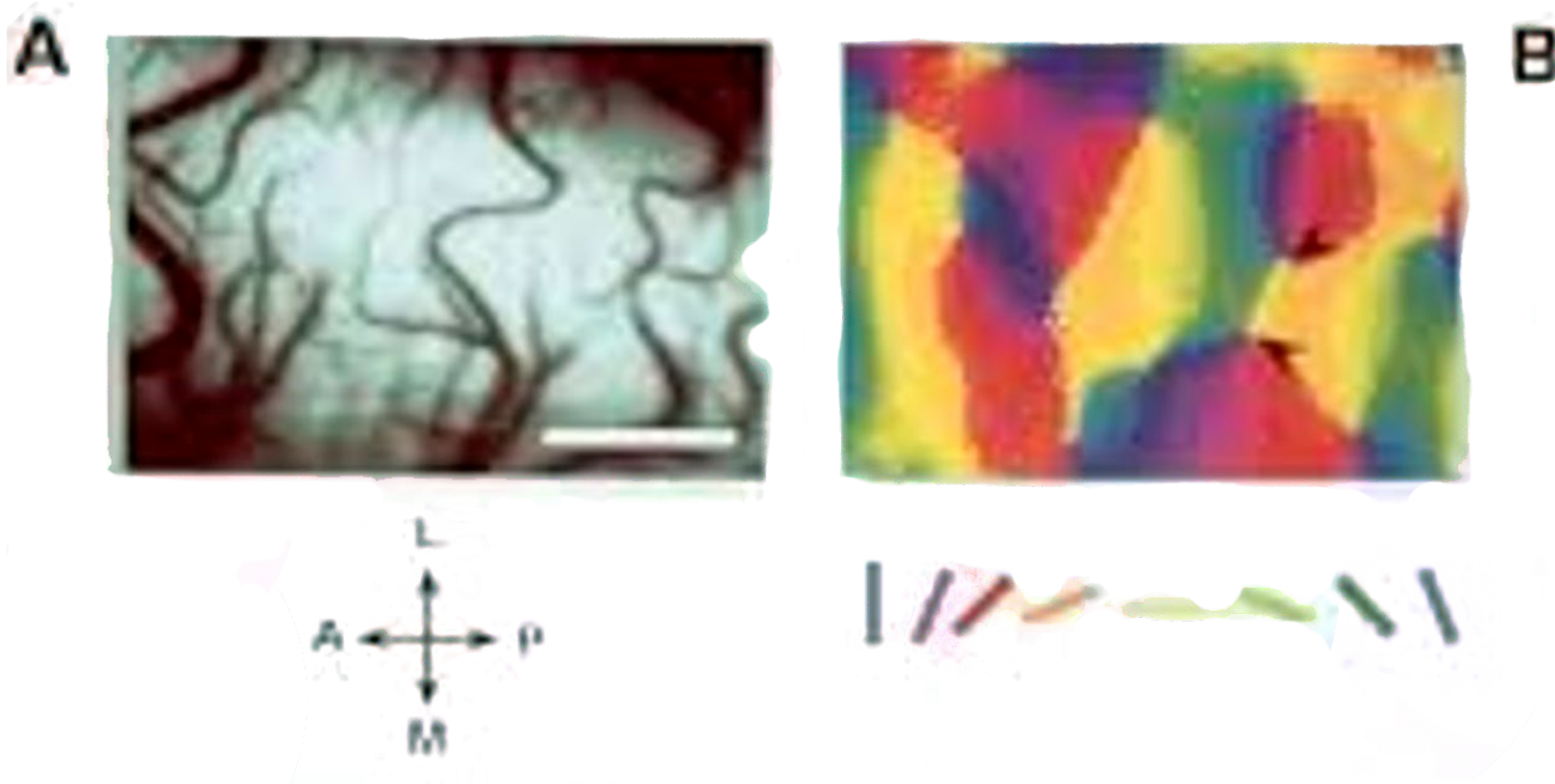


V1 physiology: orientation selectivity

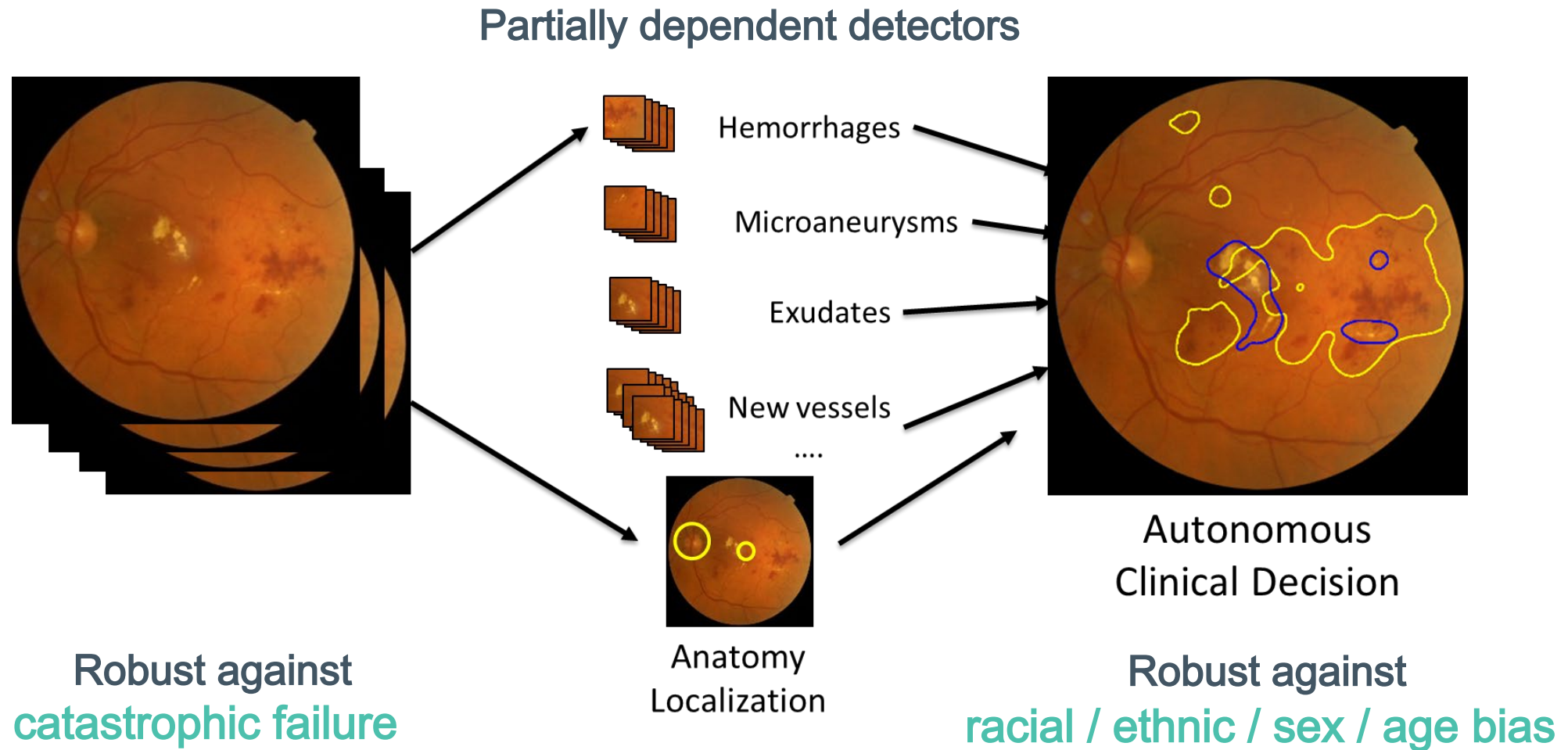


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AI Design: Detectors are partially dependent in Cortex V1

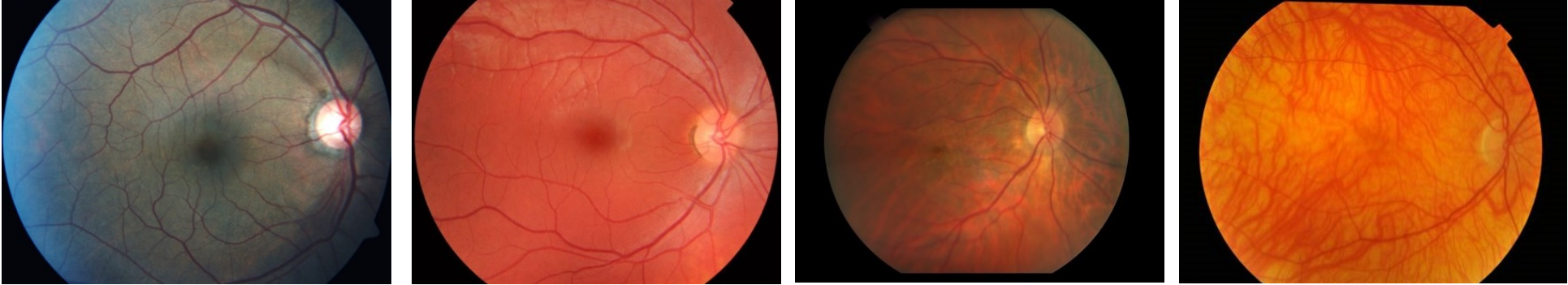


Mimic cortical processing of clinicians as much as possible

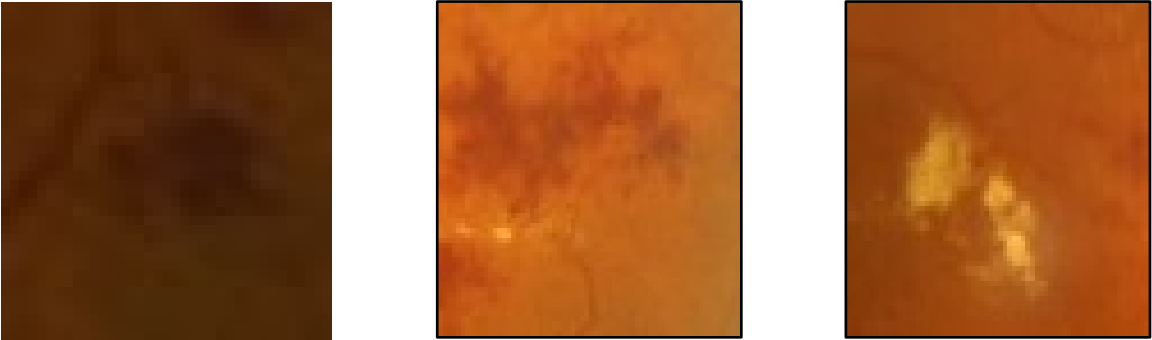


AI Design aligned with human clinician cognition

Image based training of convolutional neural networks



Biomarker based multiple partially redundant detectors



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Black boxes and Catastrophic Failure



Real image



<1% changed

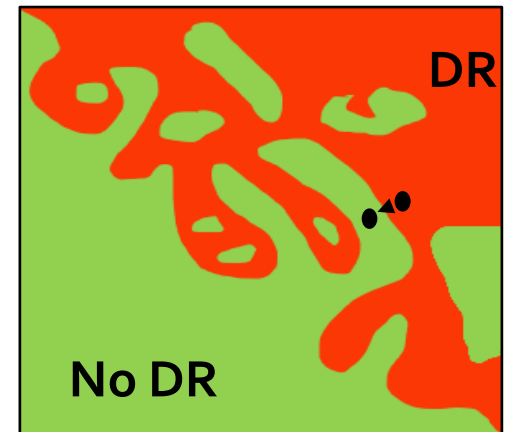
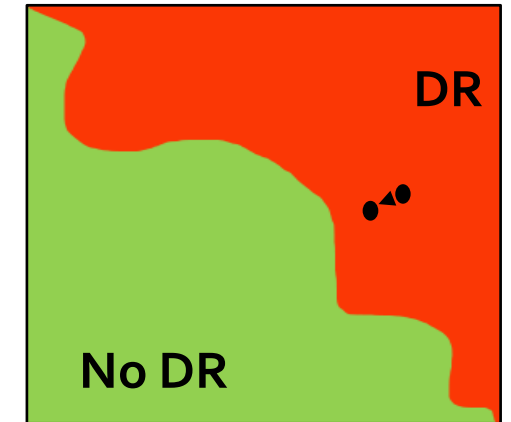
Correctly detect DR

Biomarker-based AI: 99%

Biomarker-based AI: 99%

CNN (Black Box): 99%

CNN (Black Box): 3%



AI Ethical Requirements

- Validate rigorously for safety, efficacy and equity AI against clinical outcome, in clinical workflow



Validate against what?

Clinicians do not do so well against clinical outcome

Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy

The wide-angle retinal camera

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OBJECTIVE — To define the test characteristics of four methods of screening for diabetic retinopathy.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS — Four screening methods (an exam by an ophthalmologist through dilated pupils using direct and indirect ophthalmoscopy, an exam by a physician's assistant through dilated pupils using direct ophthalmoscopy, a single 45° retinal photograph without pharmacological dilation, and a set of three dilated 45° retinal photographs) were compared with a reference standard of stereoscopic 30° retinal photographs of seven standard fields read by a central reading center. Sensitivity, specificity, and positive and negative likelihood ratios were calculated after dichotomizing the retinopathy levels into none and mild nonproliferative versus moderate to severe nonproliferative and proliferative. Two sites were used. All patients with diabetes in a VA hospital outpatient clinic between June 1988 and May 1989 were asked to participate. Patients with diabetes identified from a laboratory list of elevated serum glucose values were also included.

RESULTS: The sensitivity of the wide-angle retinal camera was 33%. The sensitivity of the ophthalmologist exam by the physician's assistant and positive and negative likelihood ratios are as follows: ophthalmologist 0.55, 0.99, 72, 0.67; photographs without pharmacological dilation 0.61, 0.85, 4.1, 0.46; dilated photographs 0.81, 0.97, 24, 0.19; and physician's assistant 0.14, 0.99, 12, 0.87.

33% Sensitivity

Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in adults in the U.S. (1). Because visual loss from diabetic retinopathy can be slowed or prevented by early treatment with laser therapy (2,3), dilated retinal exams by an ophthalmologist or seven standard field stereoscopic photographs have been recommended to detect retinopathy before visual loss (4–7). The recommended frequency of exams is based on whether the patient has IDDM or NIDDM; if the patient has NIDDM, whether their baseline exam is negative for retinopathy; and whether an ophthalmoscopic exam or retinal photography were used to screen (7). Unfortunately, a large percentage of people with diabetes do not obtain these exams (8–10). The barriers to screening fall into two broad categories: patient lack of knowledge or commitment and lack of readily available ophthalmological exams as a result of patient or institutional financial constraint (8–10). If a reliable method of screening were available for the primary care setting, screening rates for indigent patients with diabetes might increase.

Use of the wide-angle retinal camera has been explored in several studies and clinical reports (11–19). This camera has an infrared focusing system

The Sensitivity and Specificity of Single-field Nonmydriatic Monochromatic Digital Fundus Photography With Remote Image Interpretation for Diabetic Retinopathy Screening: A Comparison With Ophthalmoscopy and Standardized Mydriatic Color Photography

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PURPOSE: To evaluate single-field digital monochromatic nonmydriatic fundus photography as an adjunct in the screening of diabetic retinopathy.

DESIGN: Prospective, comparative, observational case

SETTING: A tertiary care center. **PATIENTS:** 135 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus were screened with single-field digital nonmydriatic photography; dilated ophthalmoscopy by an ophthalmologist; and seven Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) standard 35-mm color

RESULTS: There was highly significant agreement ($\kappa = 0.97$, $P = .0001$) between the degree of retinopathy detected by a single nonmydriatic monochromatic digital photograph and that seen in seven standard 35-mm color mydriatic fields. The sensitivity of digital compared with color photography was 78%, specificity of 86%. Agreement was poor ($\kappa = .0001$) between mydriatic ophthalmoscopy and the seven-field standard 35-mm color photographs. Sensitivity of ophthalmoscopy compared with color pho-

34% Sensitivity

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Rigorous validation : Clinicians differ systematically

Wisconsin Reading Center
Prognostic standard 'truth'

Physicians in Amsterdam

Physicians at Iowa

Physicians at
Michigan

AI system

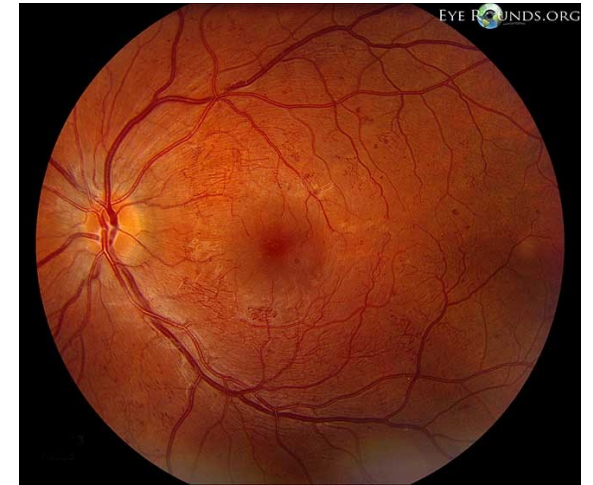
80% agree

50% agree

20% agree

Highest Prognostic Standard

- Evidence based markers for diabetic retinopathy
 - Studies from 70s and 80s and today
 - Highly reproducible and consistent over decades
 - Used today for FDA drug trials: ETDRS, DRS and DRCR
 - Cannot be created again ethically
- Clinicians not validated against this standard
 - Low diagnostic accuracy and diagnostic drift
 - Lack of consistency
- ALL DR management and treatment based on this reference standard



Surrogate outcome:

Stereo imaging: ETDRS level 43

- 1-year risk of early PDR 26.3%
- 1-year risk of high-risk PDR: 8.1%

OCT: DRCR level no DME

- No benefit from treatment

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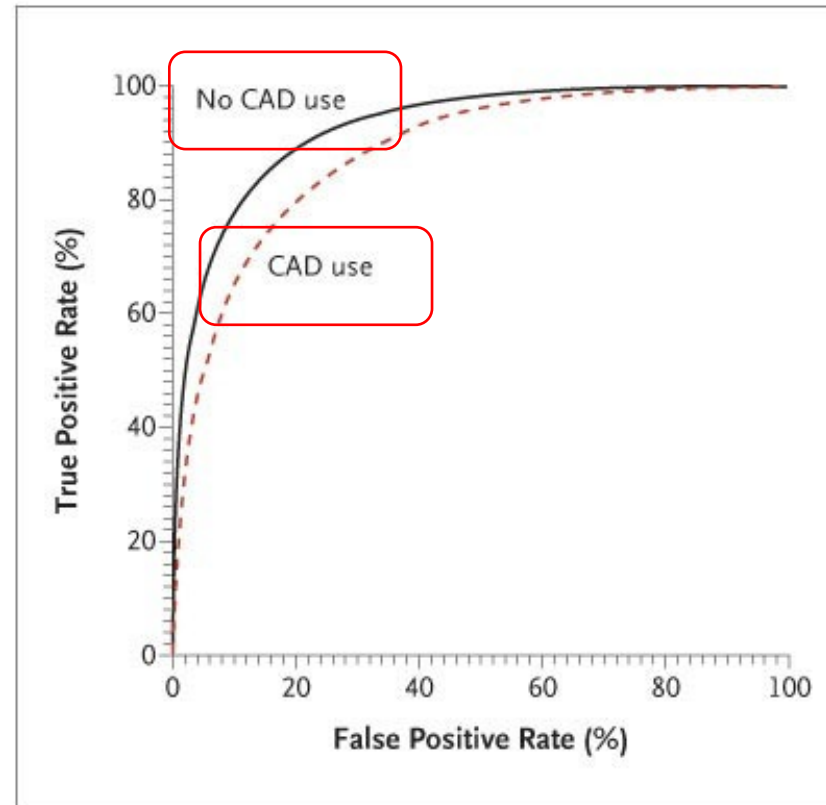
Validate in Workflow

Lessons from the Fenton study

Mammography

- » FDA approved breast cancer assistive
- » N = 222,135 women
- » N = 2351 biopsy confirmed BC
- » Women diagnosed by either:
 - Radiologist + AI ('CAD use')
 - Radiologist alone ('No CAD use')
- » Safety not improved
- » 20% more biopsies

- » **Outcomes worse for AI**



Validation of AI against prognostic standard

	FDA Superiority Endpoint	IDx-DR(n=819)	Remote Reading Network / Telemedicine	Board Certified Ophthalmologist in Clinic
Sensitivity	85%	87% ¹ (81% - 91%)	72% (65% ⁷ 79%) ⁶	33% ² -34% ³
Specificity	82%	90% ¹ (88% - 93%)	97% (95% ⁸ 99%) ⁶	99% ² -100% ³
Repeatability		99%	<80% ⁶	60% ⁴
Reproducibility		99% ⁵		83% ⁴
Equity: No significant effects for sex, race, ethnicity, HbA1C, lens status, or site			All other AI, remote readers, and clinician studies do not use surrogate outcome as the standard, and only compare to unvalidated clinicians (who may or may not correspond to outcome markers)	

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AI Bias mitigation

Mitigate Bias along the entire development process

- » Intended use
 - Consider patient population and its potential effects
- » Design
 - Maximize use of biomarkers where possible
 - Consider training data distributions
- » Validation
 - In full workflow
 - Unbiased clinical outcome
 - Account for entire patient population
- » Implementation
 - Where and how it is implemented
 - How is it paid for



Patient centric autonomous AI

- Evidence of improving patient outcome
- Rigorous validation against prognostic standards
- Maximal protection of patient data security and privacy
- Design maximally reducible to human clinician cognition
- Liability for creator



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