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# Challenges in Health Informatics:

*Knowledge, AI and*

*Data Science Perspectives*



# Seminar Roadmap

## Session Outline

- Presenter Introductions
- Introduction & background
- **Research Areas:** Our work in Health Informatics



# Presenter Introductions



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Dr Scott McLachlan

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# Introduction and background



# Pattern Recognition

## The Problem

- Humans are good at pattern recognition
- Many approaches to Machine Learning in healthcare are based on simple pattern recognition
- Pattern recognition can easily identify when something is or isn't the desired target

But...

We need to go beyond simple pattern recognition in order to realise the goals of Learning Health Systems and Precision Medicine



ANSWER: (from top to bottom) green clew; cat; yellow sample; purple clew; green sample; cat looking left; yellow clew.

# Health Data

## The Health Record

- Predate the personal computer
- Most personal and highly sensitive type of data: *privacy laws and ethical issues*
- Adoption of Electronic Healthcare Record (EHR) has been slow
- Secondary use of EHR for research and development is still problematic
- EHRs still have many unresolved issues
- Opportunities to capture and link other data, such as physiometric data from sensors through the Medical Internet of Things (MIoT) paradigm, exist but mostly remain unexplored

While EHR continue to lack standardisation in form, function and how the data is captured and stored, it is difficult for them to support Learning Health Systems and Precision Medicine

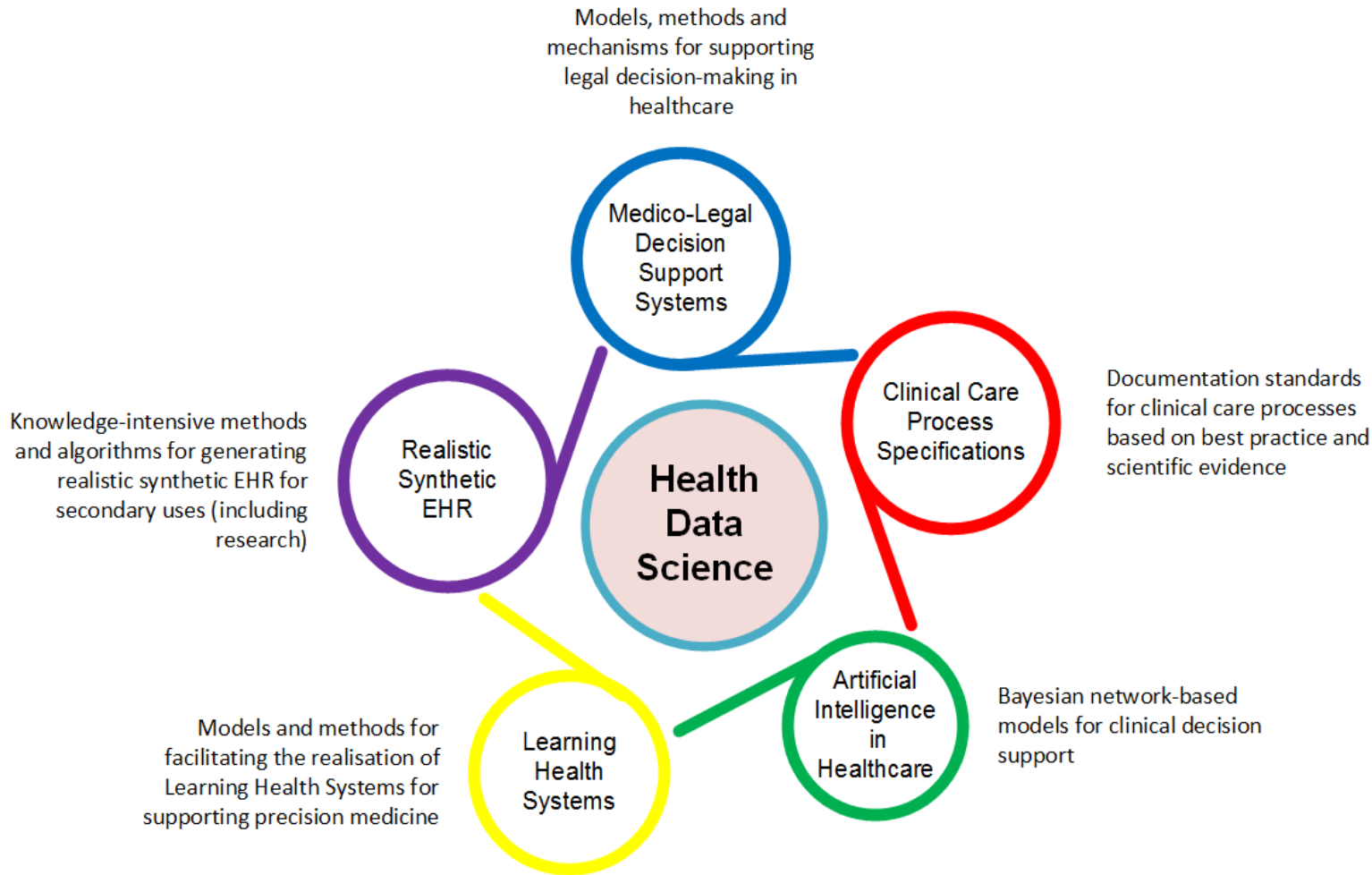




# Overview of Research Framework



# Our Health Data Science Related Research





# Research Areas

*Dr Kuda Dube*



# Realistic Synthetic Electronic Health Records

Knowledge-intensive methods and algorithms for generating the “realistic synthetic” EHR

## Key research challenges

- Generation of synthetic patient avatars for use as control cohorts in development and simulation;
- Generation of “realistic” synthetic EHR: *birth-to-grave*, *birth-to-current age*
- Validation of “realism” in synthetic EHR

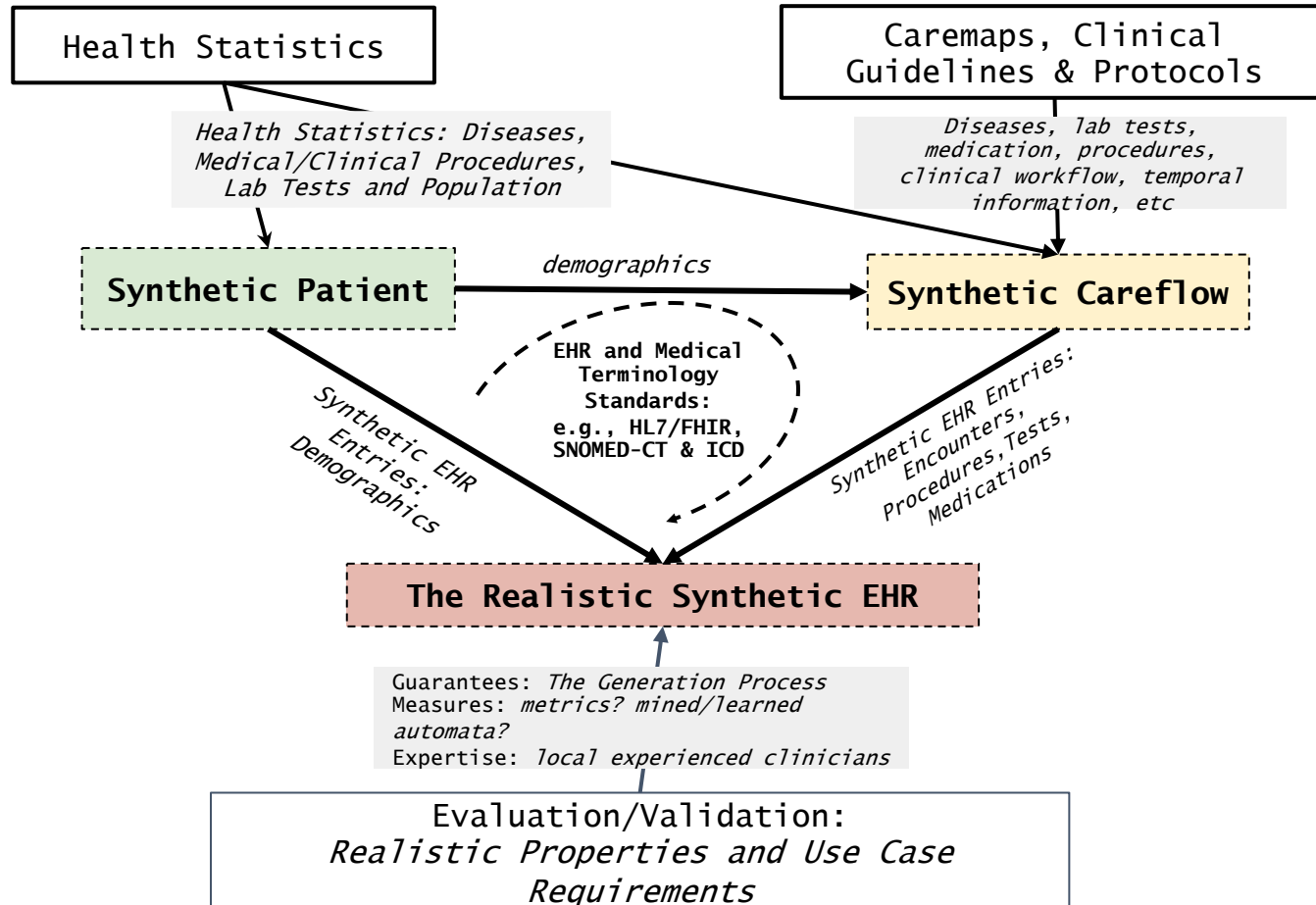
## Work Done to Date

- The CoMSER Method for generating the RS-HER
- The ATEN Framework for realism in RS-EHR
- Contributed to **Synthea** with Mitre Corporation, State of Massachusetts, USA



# The Realistic Synthetic Patient and EHR

## Knowledge-intensive Approach and Method

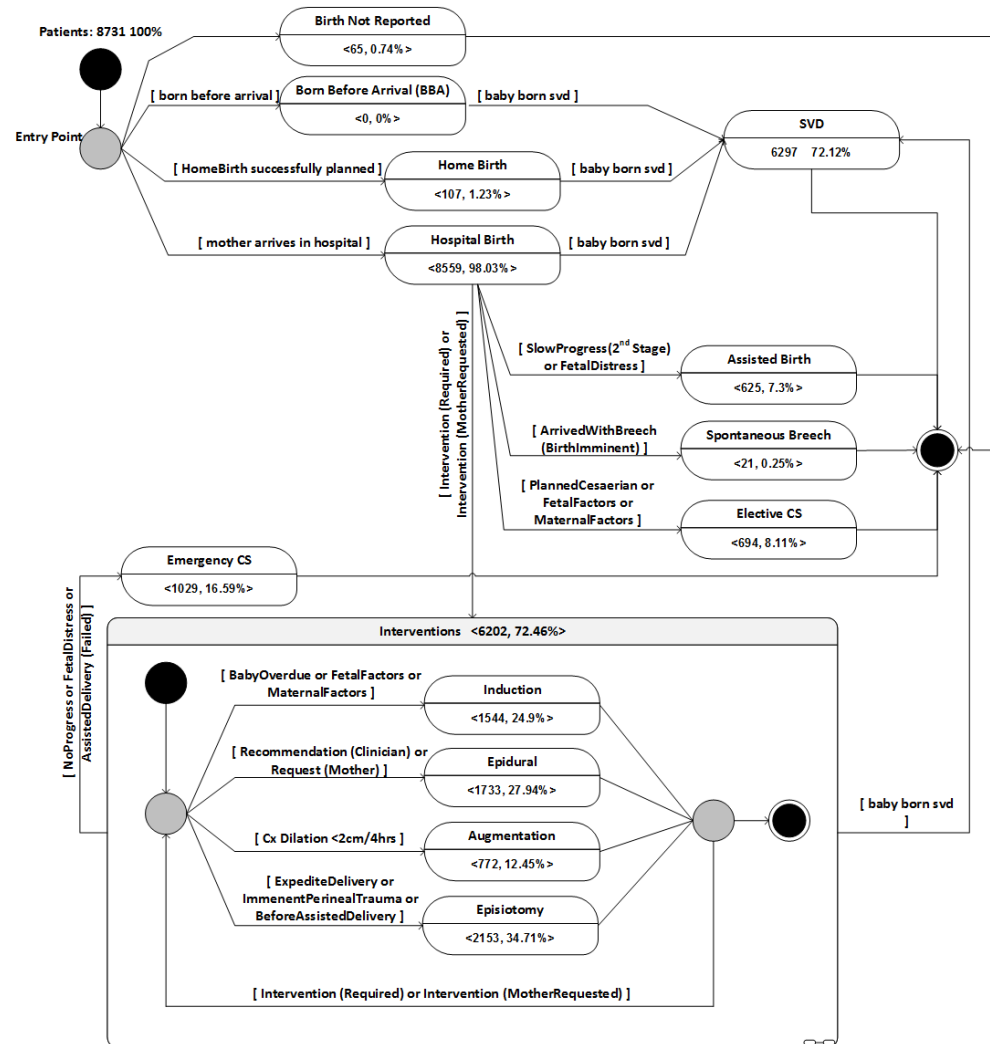


## Practical computational challenge:

Generate a synthetic patient population and its synthetic EHR equivalents to those of the entire state of Massachusetts.

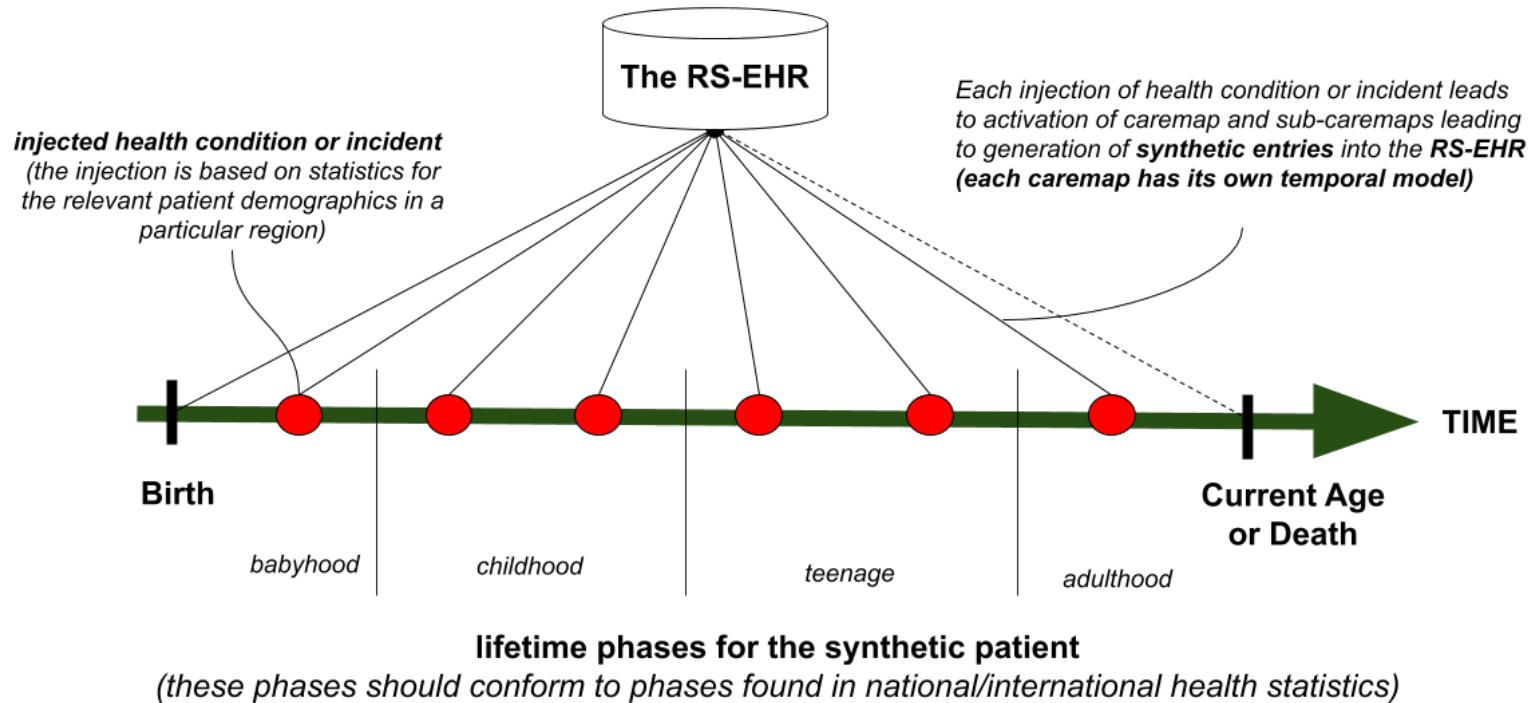
# The RS-EHR: *The CoMSER Proof-of-Concepts System*

## The Synthetic EHR for the Labour and Births Events



# The RS-EHR: Current and ongoing challenge

## Computational challenges for generating **birth-to-present** or **birth-to-current-age** RS-EHR



Issues to grapple with:

1. Complex medical reasoning, logic and variables;
2. Data and knowledge-intensive - non-existent required statistical data;
3. Computationally intensive as required population increase;
4. Ensuring "realism" in result RS-EHR



# Language Technologies for Healthcare

## Research Challenges

- Extend use of NLP tools for indigenous languages to the healthcare setting
- Development of new language models, algorithms and NLP tools that will exploit these to support Bantu languages of Southern Africa and similar languages around the world

**Patient-clinician encounters in non-English language contexts:**

*The case for adaptive agglutinative languages of Southern Africa*

# Language Technologies for Healthcare

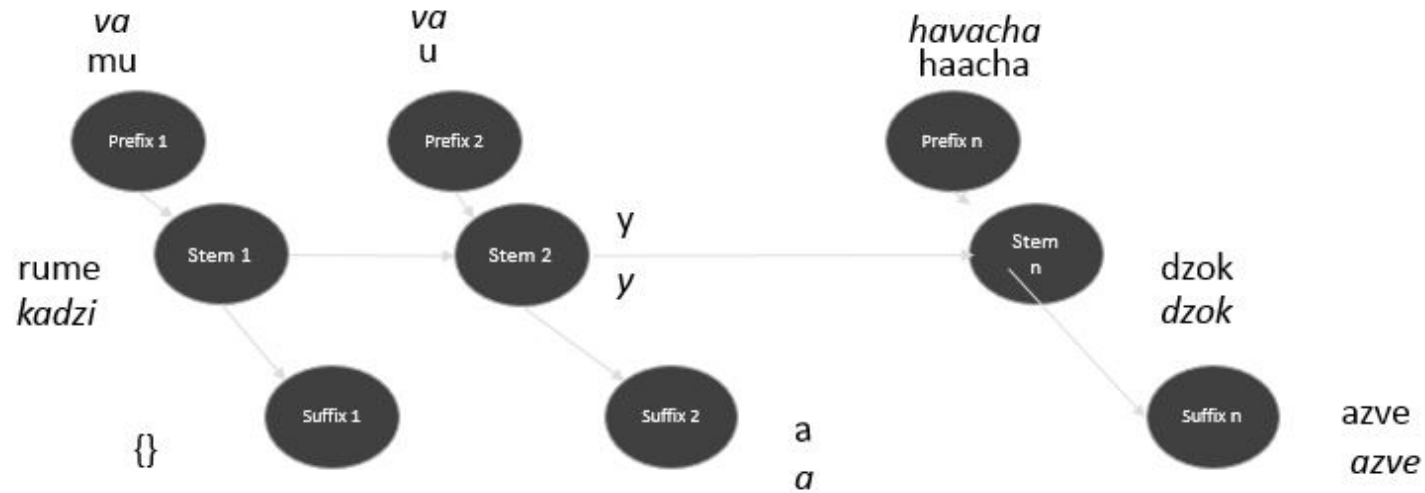
## The case for Adaptive Agglutinative Languages of Southern Africa (Bantu)

- Communication and Language: patient-clinician encounter and the EHR;
- Problem: Existing language models and computational tools cannot be used to perform even simple tasks like checking spelling and grammatical analysis.
- Example consequence: In Zimbabwe, clinicians speak in Shona to patients, but the Health Record is in English

### **Patient-clinician encounters in non-English language contexts:**

*The case for adaptive agglutinative languages of Southern Africa*

# Example: Simple Shona Sentence and Words



Murume uya haachadzokazve  
Vakadzi vaya havachadzokazve

Spell-checking, syntactic and semantic analysis is not easy and require new methods to achieve functional accuracy.

Complex syntactic composition of Shona words

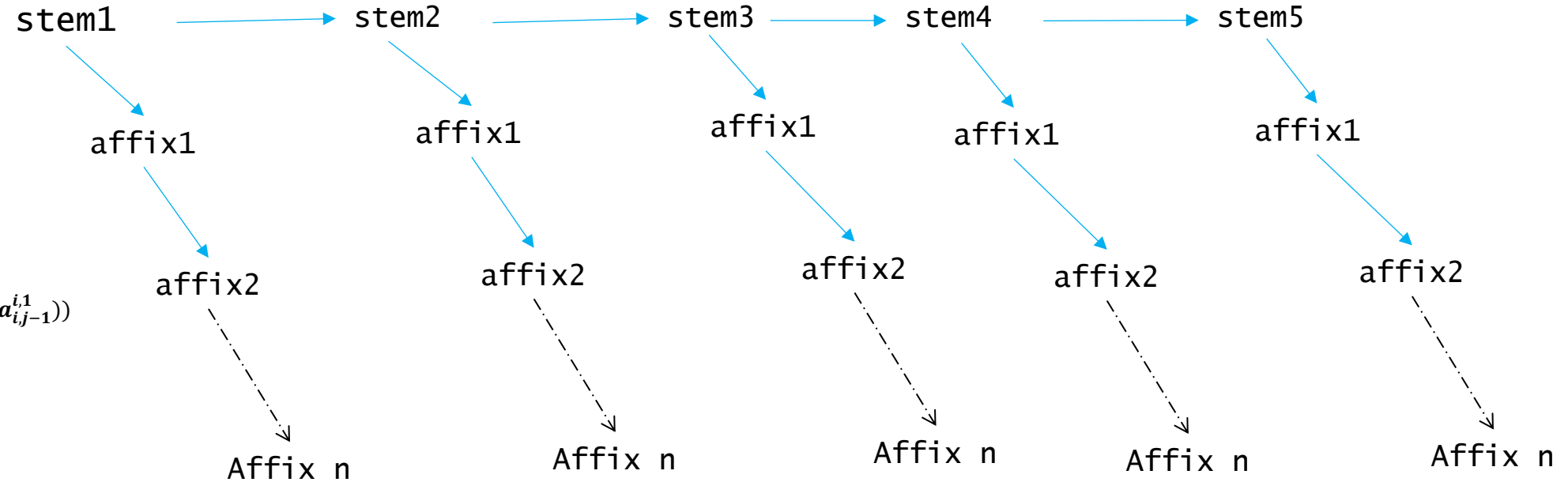


# Main Approaches to Language Models

## Linear Models<sup>1</sup>



## “Graphical” Models<sup>3</sup>



$$P(w_n^1) = \prod_i (P(s_i | s_{i-1}^{i-n})) \prod_j P(a_{i,j} | s_i, a_{i,j-1}^{i-1})$$

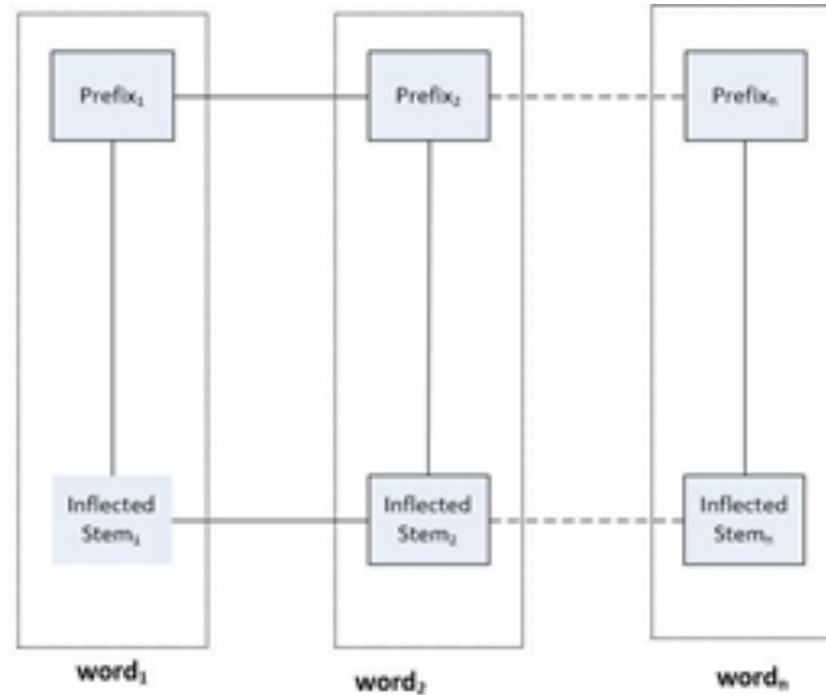
## Neural Models<sup>4</sup>

Various architectures – mainly RNN, more specifically LSTMs

- 1: Most common definition of LMs. See Jurasky and Martin, 2018, for example
- 2: words can be replaced by syllables or characters in this model
- 3: See Xuehelaiti et al, 2013 for details of this approach
- 4: See Dengliang Shi, 2017

**Our early experiments:** N-gram methods further improved by smoothing and interpolation

# Way Forward



$$P(\text{word}_n) = P(\text{prefix}_n | \text{prefix}_{n-1}) \cdot P(\text{infl. stem}_n | \text{infl. stem}_{n-1})$$

## Proposed Language Model:

- Instead of modelling Shona language sentences at the word level, we do it at the sub-word level.

## Word Analysis:

- Word as a composite of a prefix and an inflected stem (stem + suffixes),
- Inflected stem is the root and the derivational suffix.

# Knowledge Incorporation

Challenges from how knowledge is incorporated into computational models

Even well-engineered solution models incorporate knowledge, here is simple example:

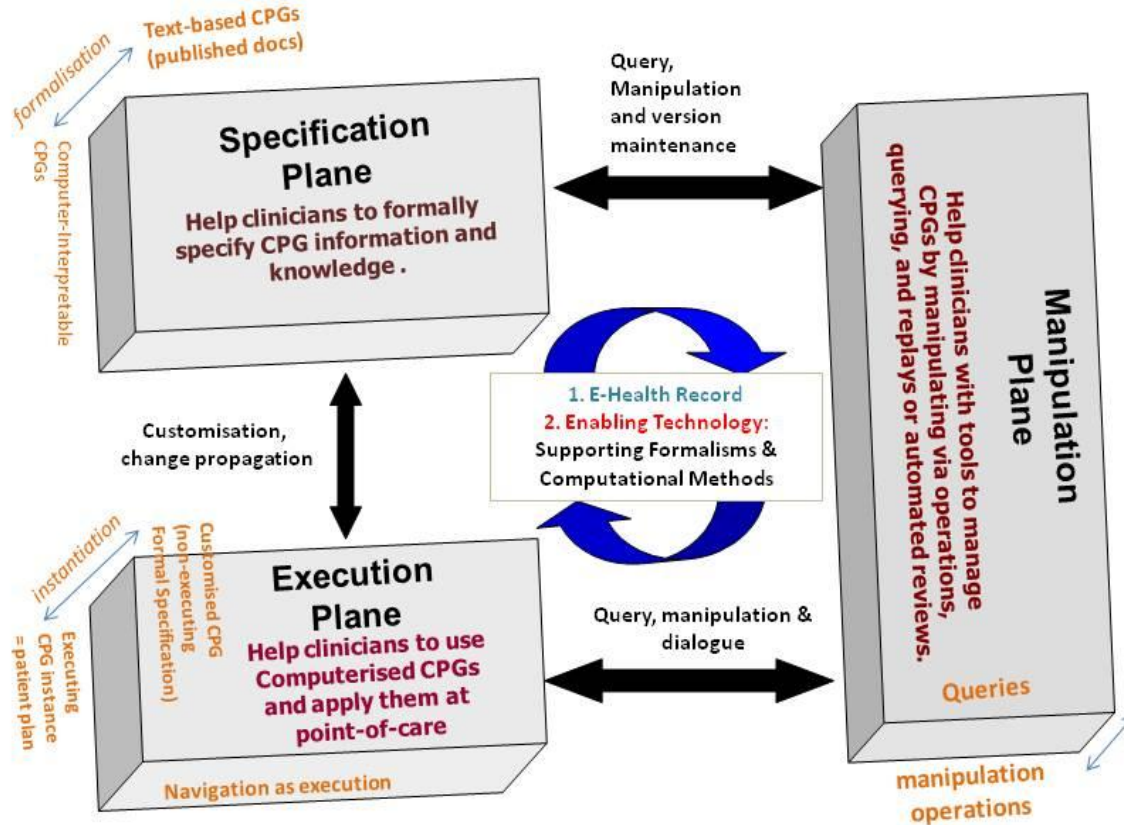
**Simple Example:** *Generic sorting algorithmic processes incorporate knowledge about objects to be sorted: precedence relations*

**Complex Example:** Health monitoring system that generate alerts incorporates clinical care and medical knowledge about managing the condition being monitored and the patient.

## Key challenges:

1. To what extent can we examine/query and modify/update the knowledge that is incorporated in Health IT?
2. To what extent can we customize the resulting Health IT to suit different patients, circumstances, cultures, and regions of the world?

# Knowledge Incorporation



## Conceptual framework for our work on:

1. Food, nutrition and lifestyle decision-support
2. Clinical guideline modelling and computerisation
3. Clinical Care Process Specifications (Dr Scott McLachlan)

# Research Areas

*Dr Scott McLachlan*



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Clinical Care Process Specifications (CCPS)

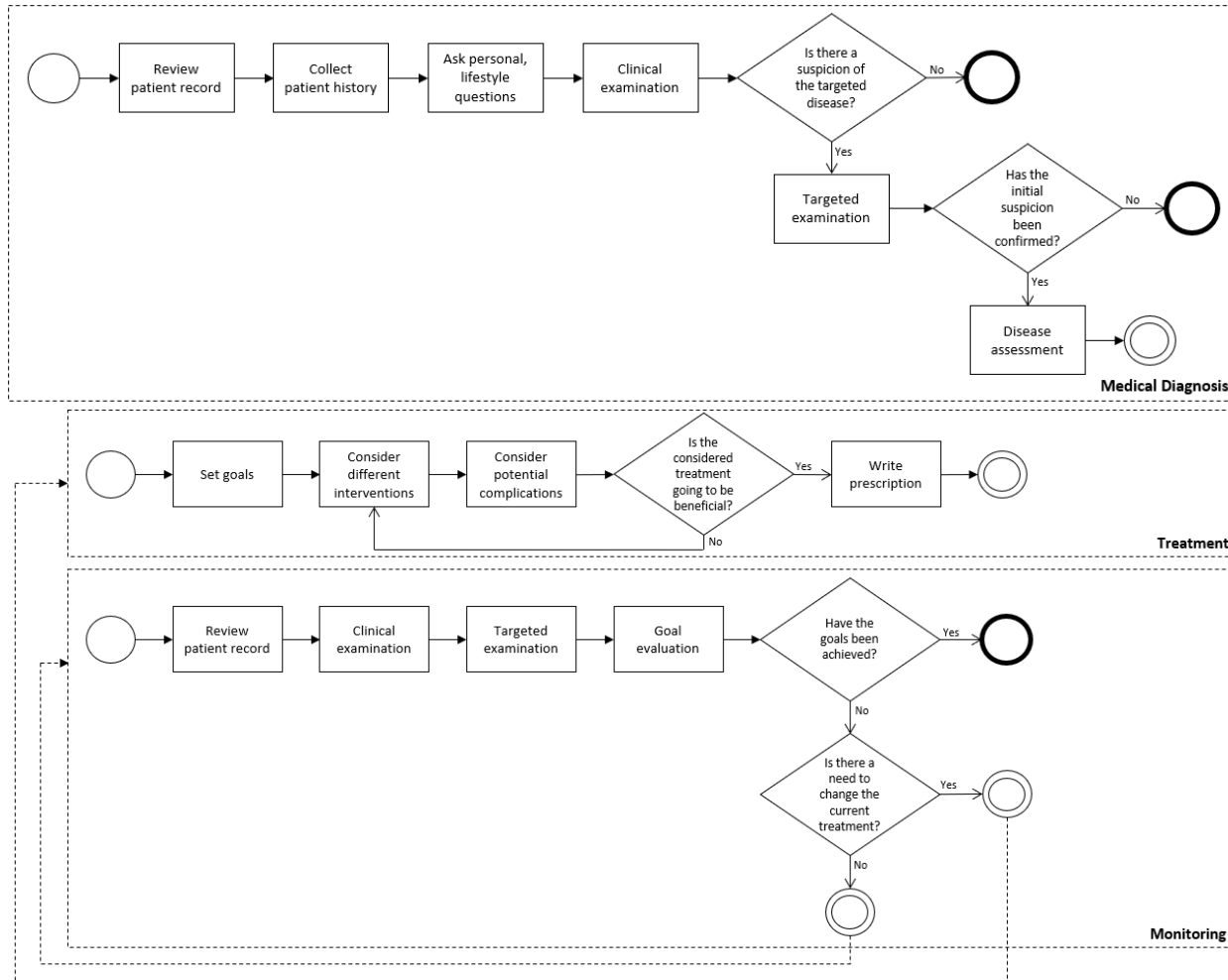
### Existing Work

1. Taxonomy for CCPS
2. TaSC approach for standardisation of development, structure and content of clinical caremaps



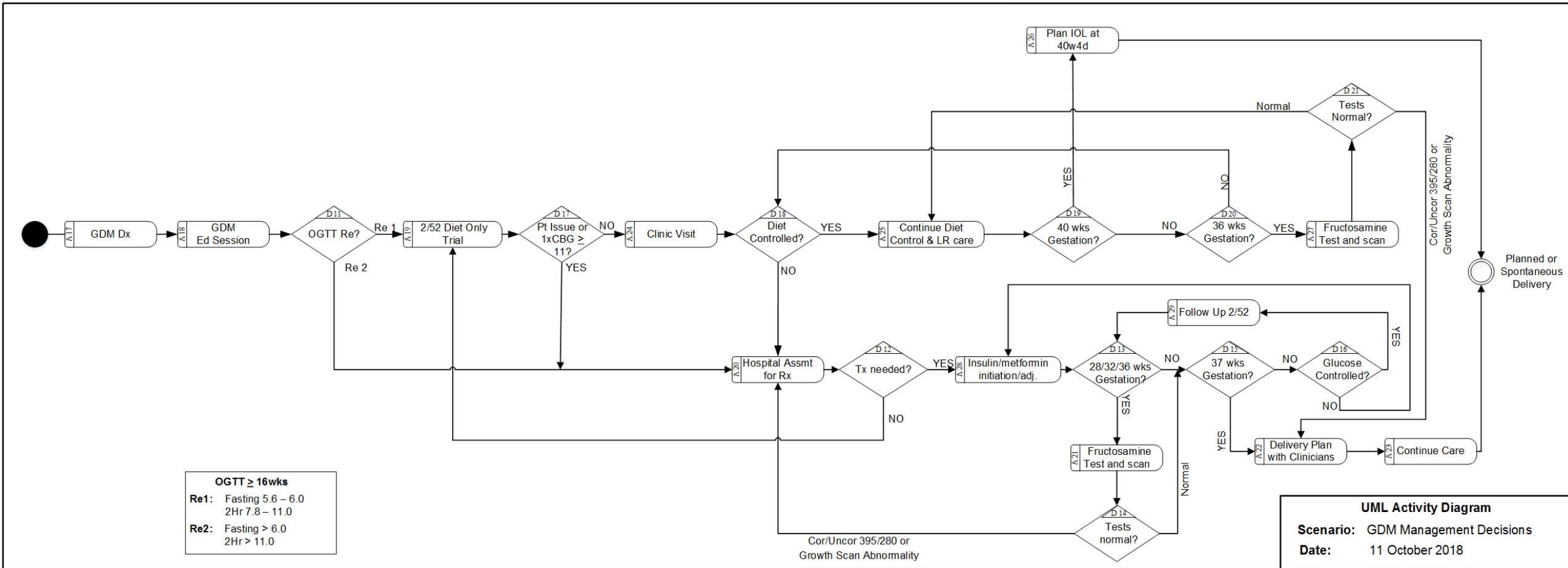
# Research Interests (by domain)

## Caremaps with Decision Points



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (Patient Management)





# Research Interests (by domain)

## Clinical Care Process Specifications (CCPS)

### Future Work

Investigation and/or development of:

1. Standardisation approaches for other CCPS;
2. A validation and evaluation approach to ensure standards conformity for CCPS (and later, EHR);

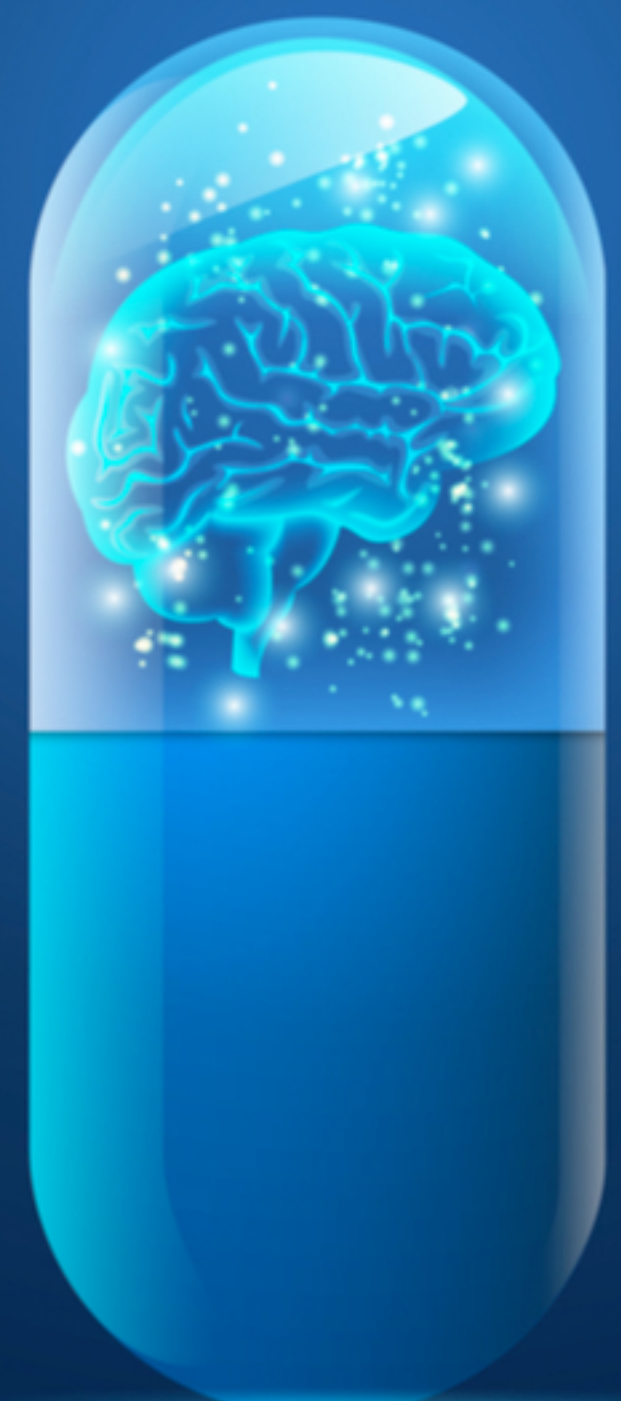


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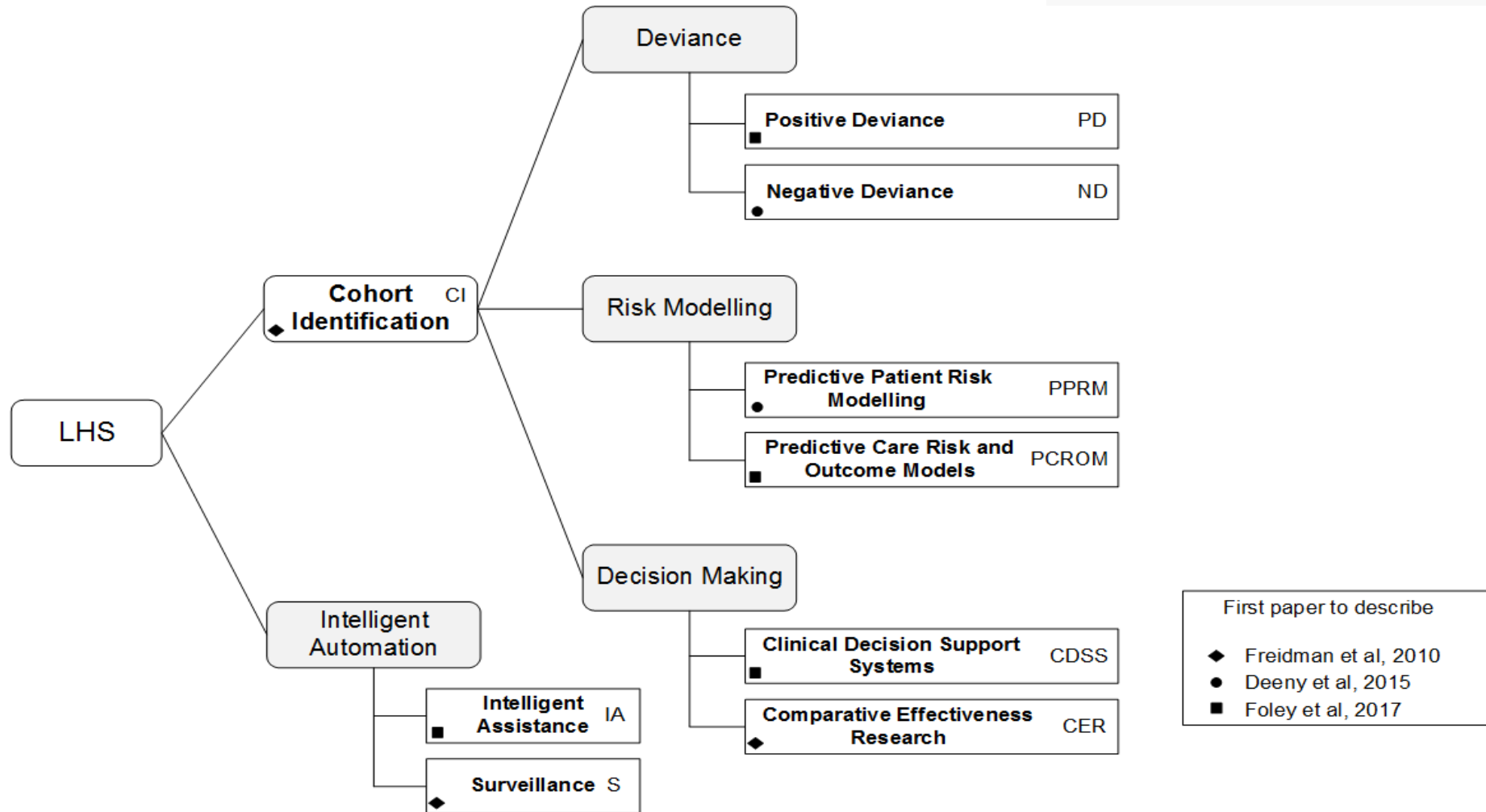
### Existing Work

1. The LHS Community Awareness Challenge
2. The Heimdall Taxonomy and Framework for LHS
3. The ITPOSMO-BBF model for evaluating barriers, benefits and facilitating factors (adoption) of LHS



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Taxonomy for Learning Health Systems



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Learning Health Systems (LHS)

### Future Work

Investigation and/or development of:

1. Existing and potential methodologies for developing LHS
2. Near- and real-time LHS tools/mobile apps
3. Human and non-human factors acting as barriers or facilitating factors
4. Solutions for combining smart sensors and AI (e.g. smart clothing for medical monitoring of astronauts and military personnel)



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Medico-Legal Decision Support Systems (MLDSS)

### Completed Work

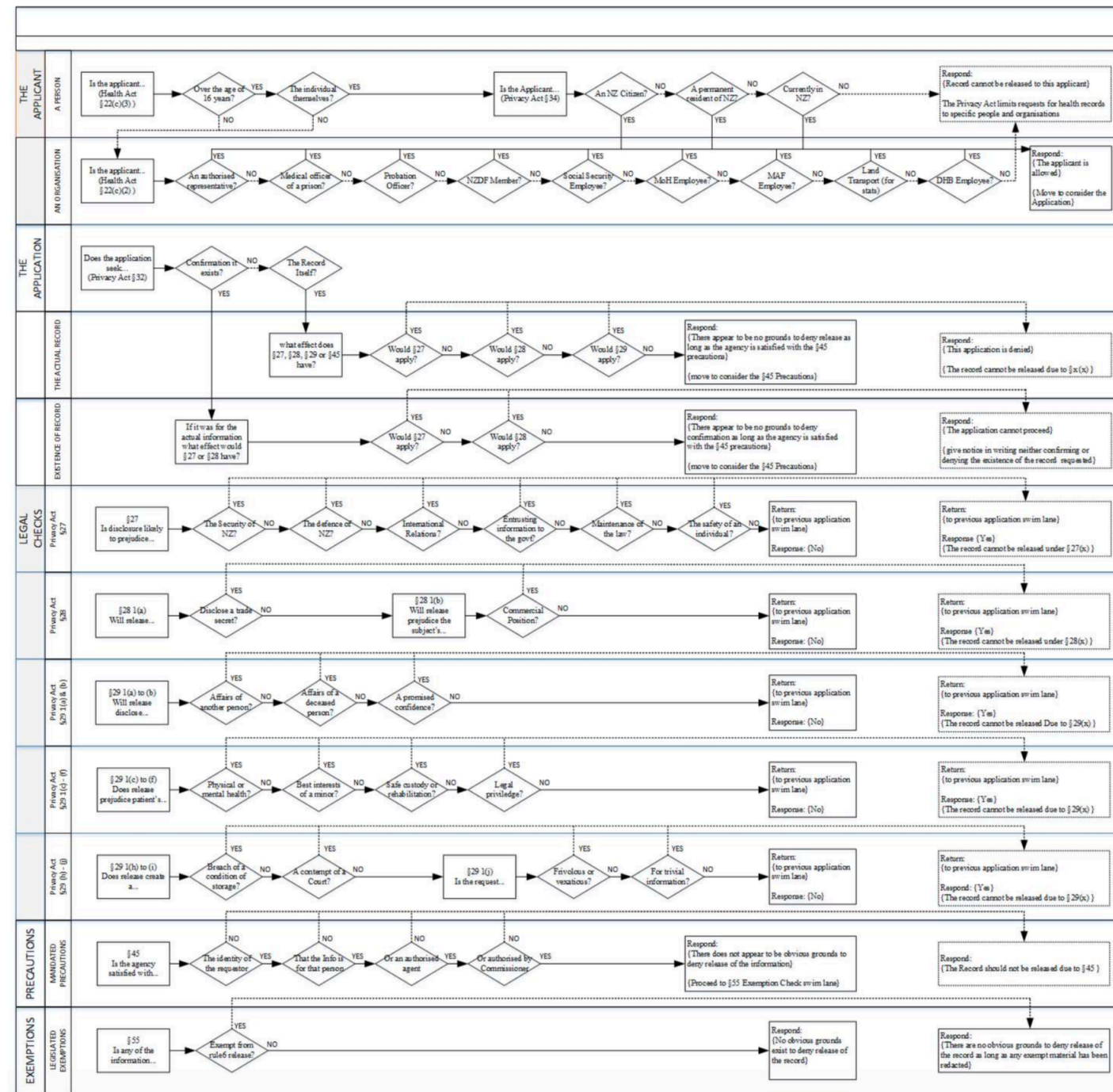
1. Request for Access Tool (RAT)
2. Medical negligence litigation prediction tool
3. Consent models for use in secondary use research using RCHD



# Research Interests (by domain)

## RAT Tool – Legal Decision Flowchart

Country	Level 1: The Applicant	Level 2: The Application	Level 3: The Laws	Level 4: Precautions, Abstractions, Exemptions and Redactions
Australia - NSW	HRIP 2002 §7-8, Health Privacy Principle: 7,14	HRIP 2002 §28 Health Privacy Principle: 6	HRIP 2002 §29-30 Health Privacy Principle: 11	HRIP 2002 §31 HRIP 2002 §17
Australia - ACT	HRPAA 1997 §12 (1) & (2)	HRPAA 1997 §13 (c)	HRPAA 1997 §14-16	HRPAA 1997 §13B (3) HRPAA 1997 §17
Canada - Manitoba	PHIA §5(1), §22(2), §23(1)	PHIA §7, §5(3)	PHIA 2013, FIPPA, PHIPA 2004	PHIA §18(2)b PHIA §9
UK	DPA 1998 §II(7)	DPA 1998 §II(7)(2), AHRA §3(2)	AHRA 1990 §5, DPA 1988, MCA 2005	PA 1998 §II(6-8) AHRA §4, DPA 1998 §III
USA	HIPAA §160 & §164.524 Access of individuals to protected health information.	HIPAA §160 & §164	HIPAA §160 & §164	HIPAA §160 & §164
New Zealand	Health Act §22	Privacy Act §32	Privacy Act §27-29	Privacy Act §45 & §55



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Medico-Legal Decision Support Systems (MLDSS)

### Future Work

Investigation and/or development of:

1. Flexible ongoing consent approaches
2. Integration of consent collection and reporting
3. Automatic extraction, aggregation, anonymisation/pseudonymisation and knowledge extraction methods



# Research Areas

*Dr Evangelia Kyrimi*





# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Outline

1. Need for causal models
2. Existing work on AI in healthcare
3. Future directions



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Need for causal models

Seeing



Association: "From trials data is drug x effective at stopping headaches?"



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Need for causal models

Doing



Intervention: *"If I take drug x, will it stop my headache?"*

Seeing



Association: *"From trials data is drug x effective at stopping headaches?"*



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Need for causal models



Counterfactuals: *"If I hadn't taken drug x, would my headache have stopped?"*

Intervention: *"If I take drug x, will it stop my headache?"*

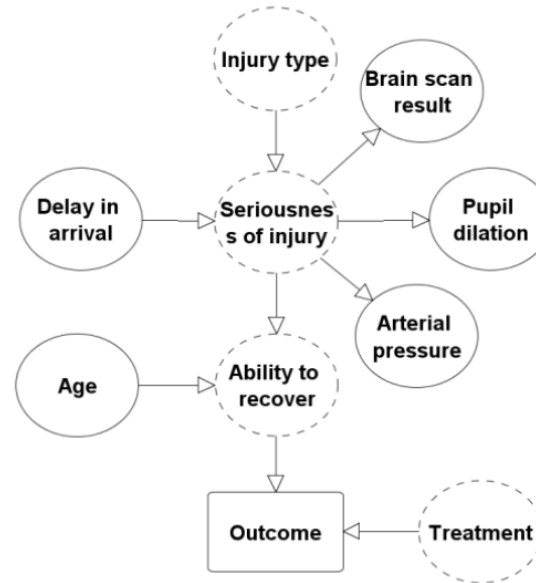
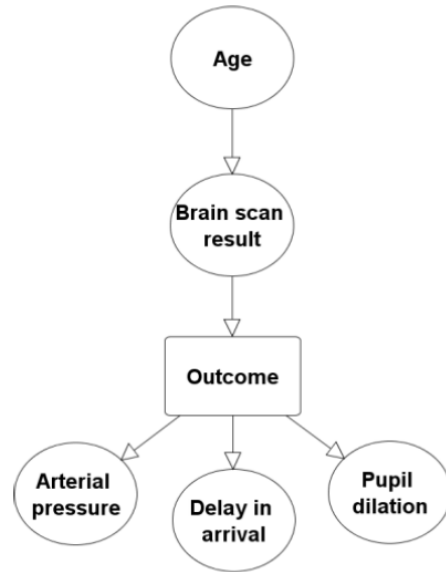
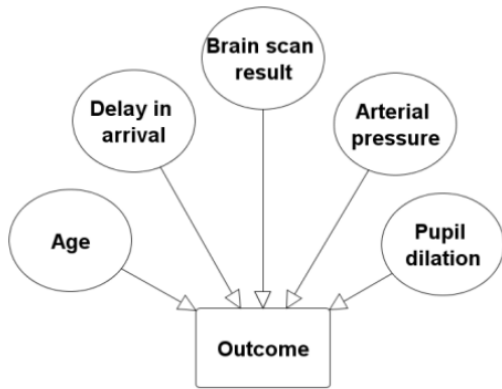
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# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Need for causal models



a) Standard statistical regression model learnt from data:  $\text{Outcome} = f(\text{inputs})$

b) 'Causal' model learnt purely from data (Sakellaropoulos & Nikiforidis, 1999)

c) Sensible causal model with missing/unobserved variables



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Trauma care

- RIM Group
- The Royal London Hospital
- US Army Institute of Surgical Research



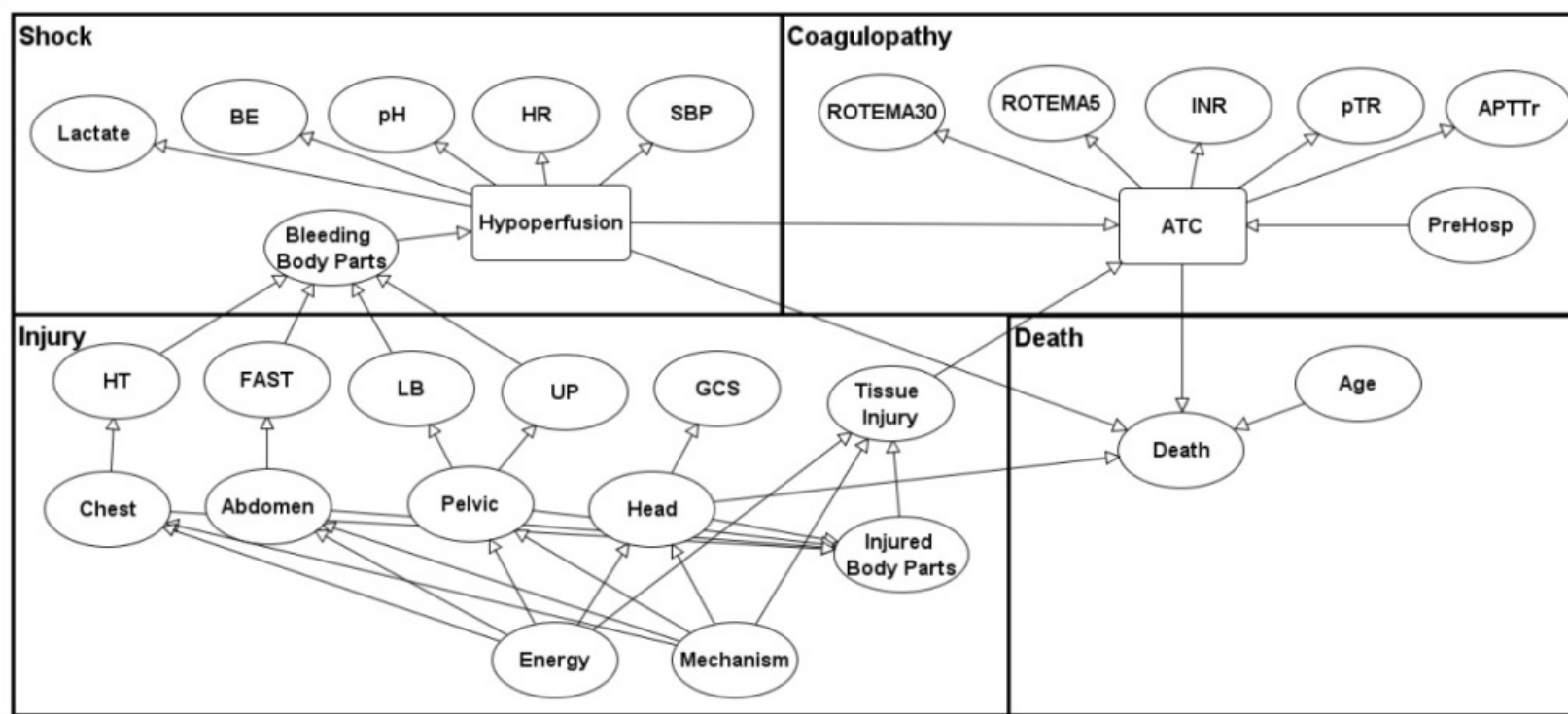
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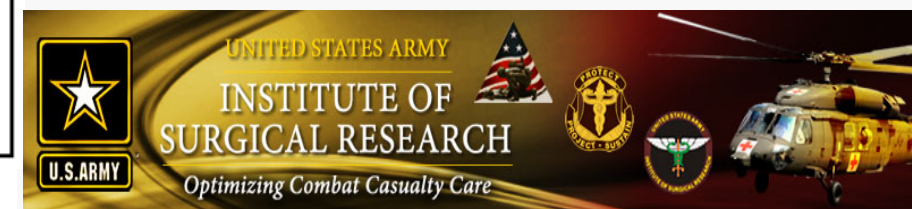
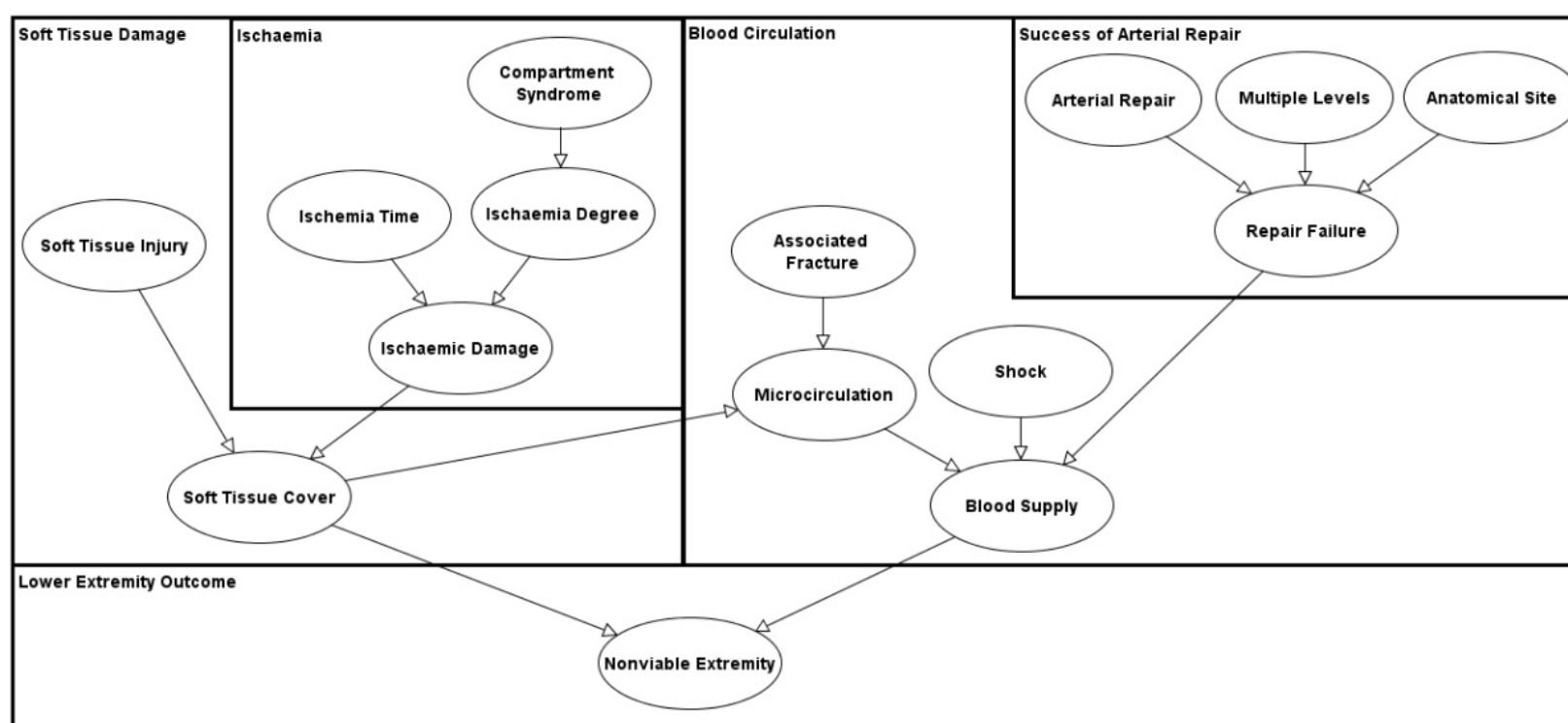
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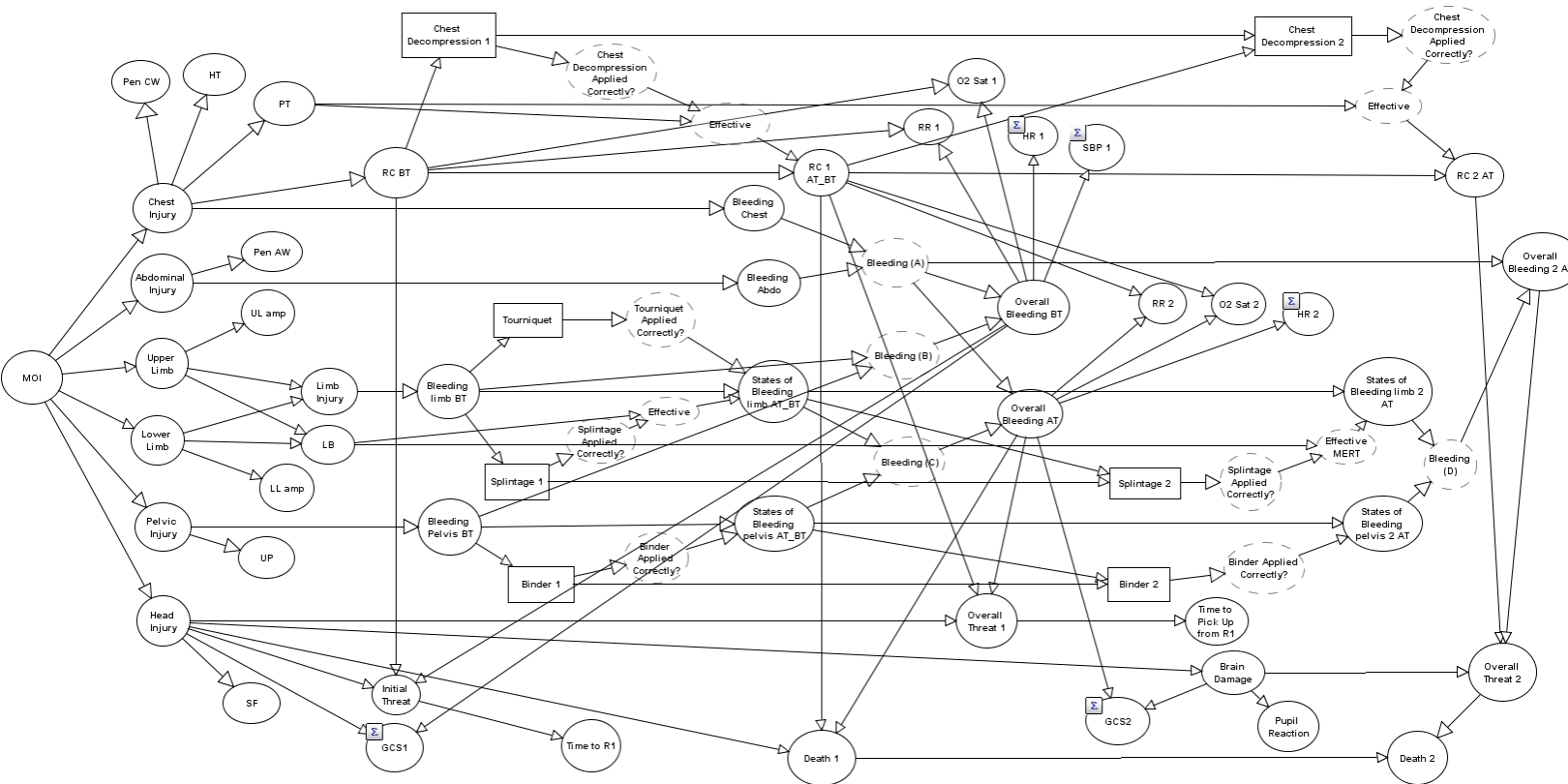




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## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

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# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing work - Trauma care ([www.traumamodel.com](http://www.traumamodel.com))

The screenshot shows the 'TIC Bayesian Network' website. At the top, it features the Queen Mary University of London logo and the 'TRAUMA' logo. Below the title 'TIC Bayesian Network' is the subtitle 'Evidence Browser for the TIC Bayesian Network'. A navigation bar contains links for 'TIC BN HOME', 'TIC BN MODEL', 'TIC BN EVIDENCE', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'CONTACT US', and 'VBN'. The main content area is titled 'Evidence Browser Main Page' and includes a sidebar with links: 'Main Page', 'Variables', 'Relations', 'Fragments', 'Data', 'Experts', and 'Publications'. The central text states: 'This website presents the evidence-base of the TIC Bayesian Network. Evidence supporting the relations and variables included in the BN structure can be browsed.' Below this is a complex Bayesian network diagram divided into four quadrants: 'Shock' (variables: Lactate, BE, pH, HR, SBP), 'Coagulopathy' (variables: ROTEMAD0, ROTEMAS, INR, PTR, APTR, PreHosp), 'Injury' (variables: HT, FAST, LB, UP, GCS, Chest, Abdomen, Pelvic, Head, Energy, Mechanism, Injured Body Parts), and 'Death' (variables: Tissue Injury, Age, Death). The diagram shows causal relationships between these variables. At the bottom, it says 'Last updated: 13/12/2015' and a footer: '© 2019 Risk and Information Management (RIM) Research Group, Queen Mary, University of London'.




# Research Interests (by domain)


## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing work - Trauma care

## TIC BAYESIAN NETWORK

Prognostic Model for trauma induced Coagulopathy






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TIC BN

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Calculate TIC Risk

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TIC Risk% (Absolute 0-100% Scale)

Category	TIC Risk%
Baseline	9.66%
This patient	12.77%

TIC Risk% (Relative Scale)

Category	TIC Risk%
Baseline	9.66%
This patient	12.77%

**Recalculate TIC Risk**



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Future work – COMBAT-AID project

1. Refine and validate existing models in military environment
2. Develop an overflight triage model
3. Investigate the interpretability and usability of the developed models

## US Department of Defense awards £1m to Queen Mary University of London for AI research on treating injured soldiers

Medical care of injured soldiers could improve with new Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools designed for the battlefield and the hospital following a grant from the US Department of Defense for research at Queen Mary University of London.

1 October 2019



The US Department of Defense has awarded the Centre for Trauma Sciences (C4TS) at Queen Mary a \$1.2 million (£976,500) grant to develop AI tools that could help save the lives of badly injured soldiers.

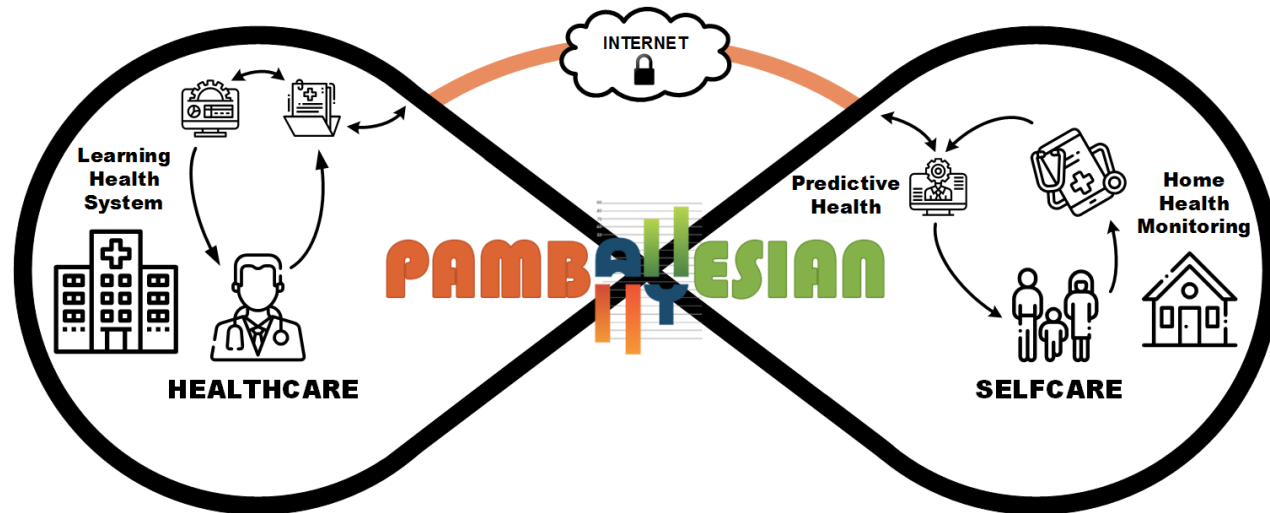
It is aimed at developing and validating a suite of accurate prediction models and Clinical Decision Support (CDS) tools that clinicians can use to treat wounded soldiers on the battlefield. [travelling to](#)



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing Work – PAMBAYESIAN project



- Create new generation of intelligent medical decision support systems for direct patient use with real-time monitoring for chronic conditions
- Increase patient independence and decrease reliance on direct consultation
- Allow more autonomous care at home and reduce associated health care cost



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing Work – PAMBAYESIAN project

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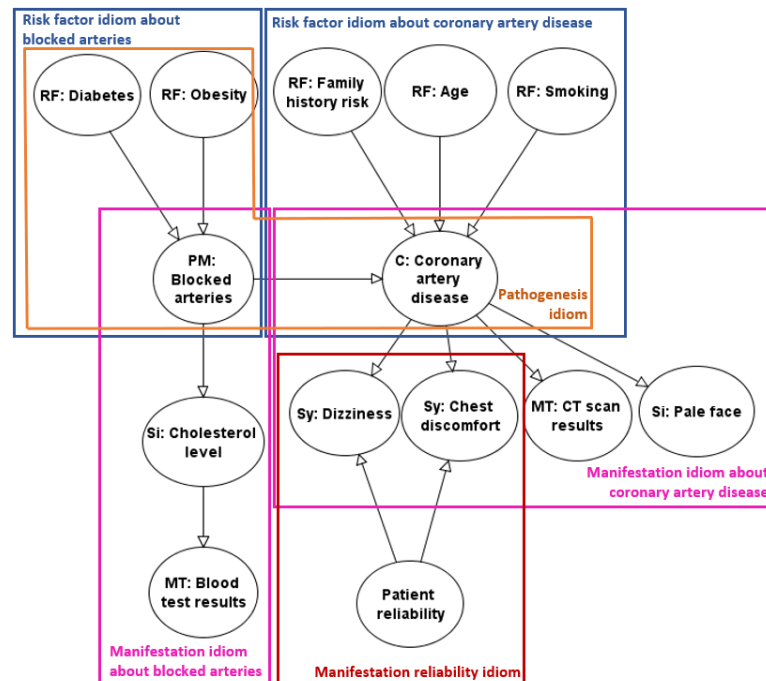


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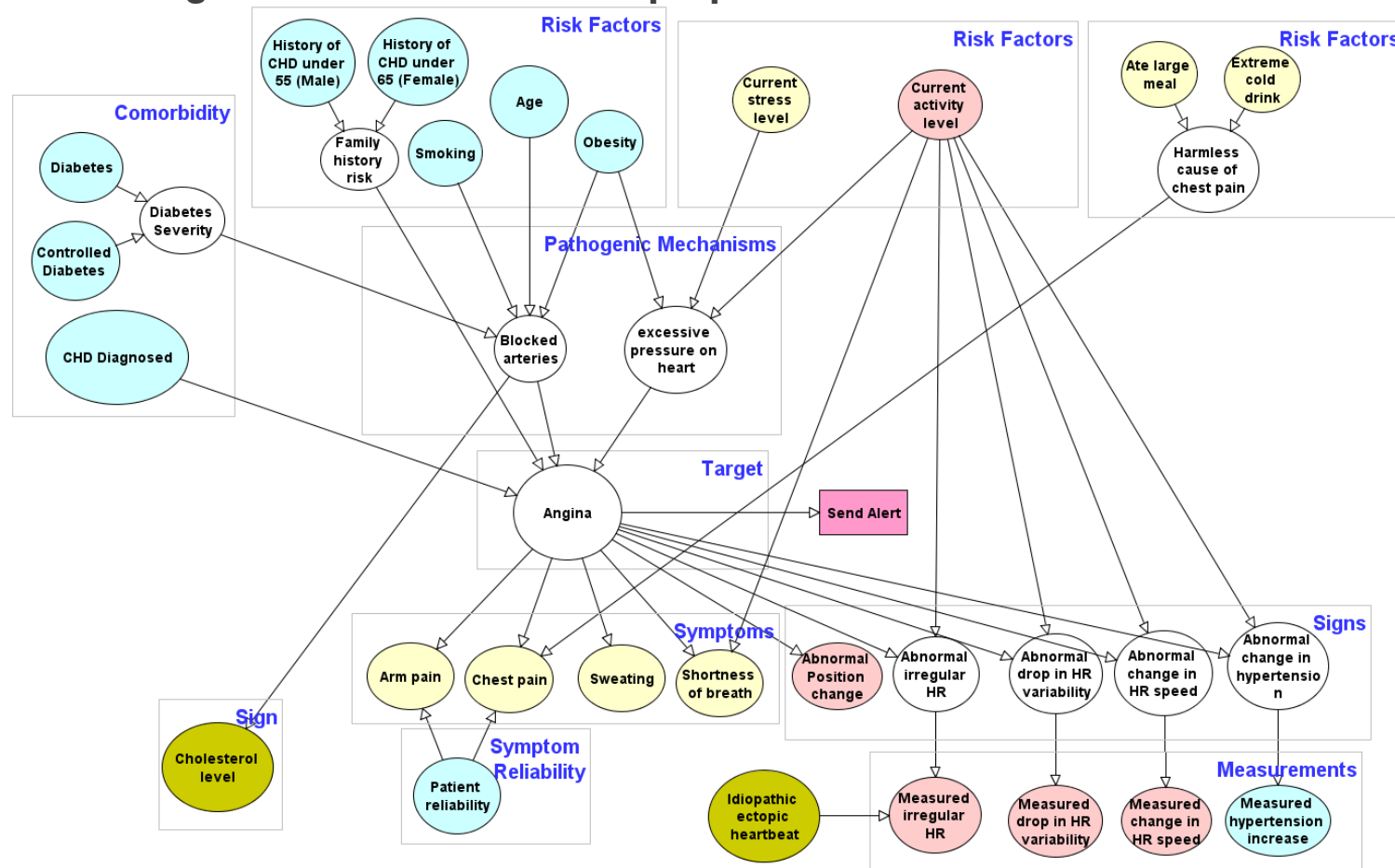
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2. Standardisation of the process for eliciting expert knowledge using caremaps
3. Standardise the process of developing medical BNs using an idiom based approach
4. Web-based application using BNs for Diagnosis and management of chronic conditions (GDM, RA)



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing Work – PAMBAYESIAN project



Background factor entered once by clinicians at the first clinic visit and potentially updated in a later visit

Observation on current state that may be entered by patients after the initial alert is activated

Measurement from sensor and patients specific monitoring

Information from health records entered directly

Not directly observable. Only enter observations to test the model

# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing Work – PAMBAYESIAN project

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Username: testuser

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CardiPro

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# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing Work – PAMBAYESIAN project

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#### Project Settings

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#### Project Details

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Description

CardiPro Angina v6

Model Path

models/cardiology\_proper.v6.cmp

#### Project Model

Select which nodes are **Input** and which are **Output**. **Input** nodes are ones which receive data from the patient **Output** nodes are computed based on received patient **Input**. Both **Input** and **Output** nodes can be viewed on the project detail pages. You can edit this information later.

Node	Input	Output	Alert When
Blocked arteries <i>No, Mild, Moderate, Severe</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="e.g. 'Severe &gt; 0.8'"/>
excessive pressure on heart <i>Low, Medium, High</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="e.g. 'High &gt; 0.8'"/>



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Existing Work – PAMBAYESIAN project

#### Patient

Change inputs on the left and view outputs on the right. Use the project settings to configure inputs and outputs.

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#### Model Inputs

##### Blocked arteries

Mild

##### Current stress level

High

##### Age

> 60

##### Obesity

Overweight

##### Current activity level

Low

##### Measured change in HR speed

Tachycardia

##### Abnormal change in HR speed

Low

##### Patient reliability

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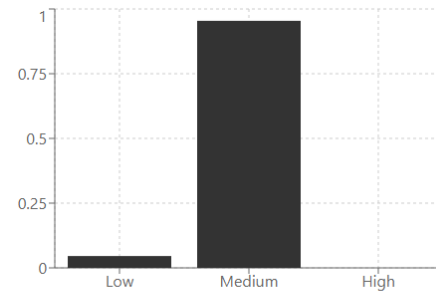
#### CardiPro Angina v6

Showing model outputs for patient **John Bon Jovi**.

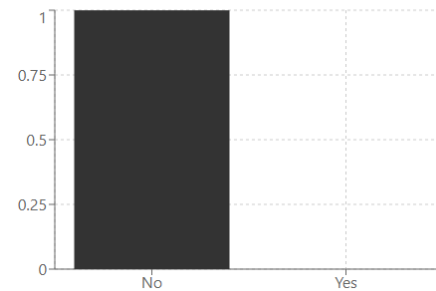
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#### excessive pressure on heart



#### Send Alert



# Research Interests (by domain)

## Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

### Future Work

1. Expedited methods for development of medical BNs using medical idioms, ontologies and caremaps;
2. Abstractions for modelling of chronic diseases;
3. Methods to enhance the adoption of BNs in clinical practice.







# Thank you

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