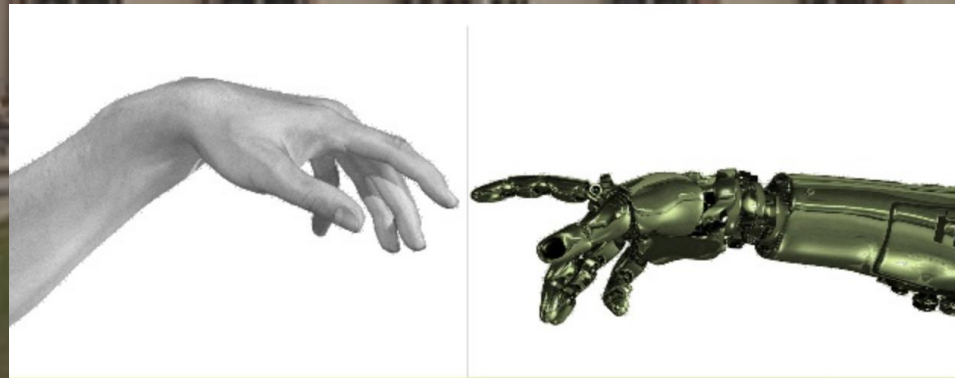


# Data Mining and Machine Learning for Integrated CDS

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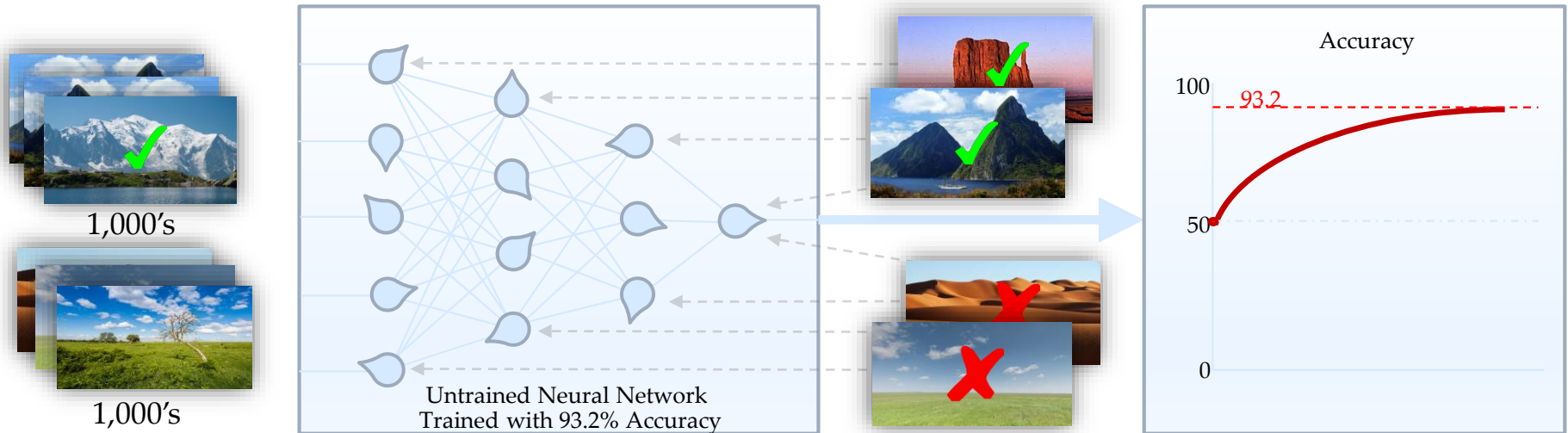
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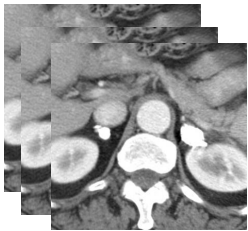
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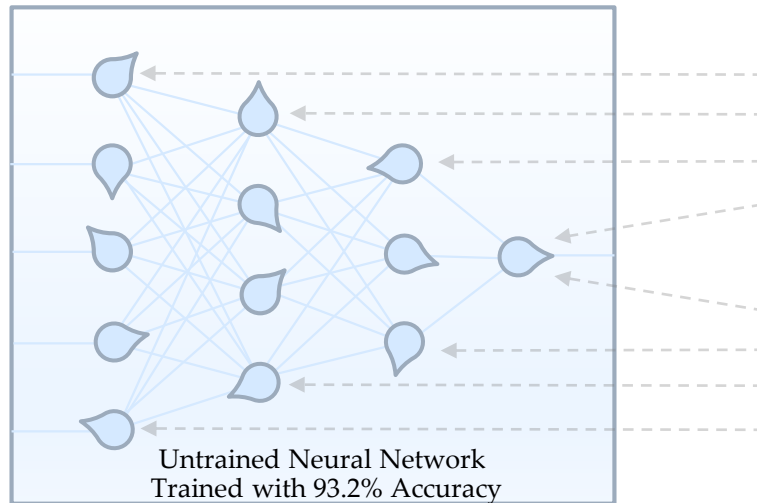


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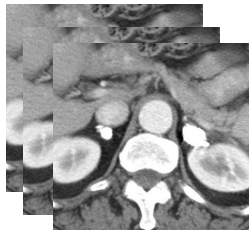
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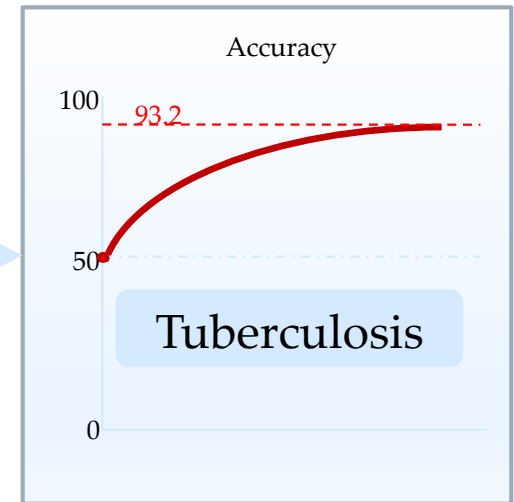
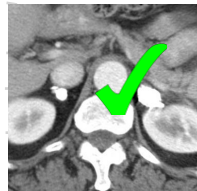
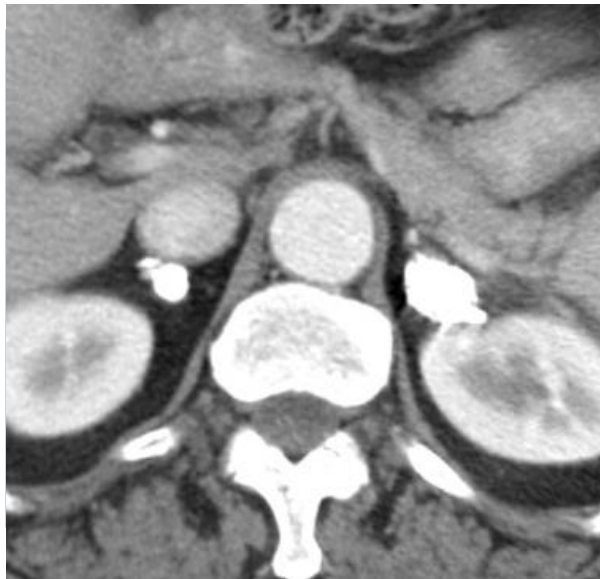


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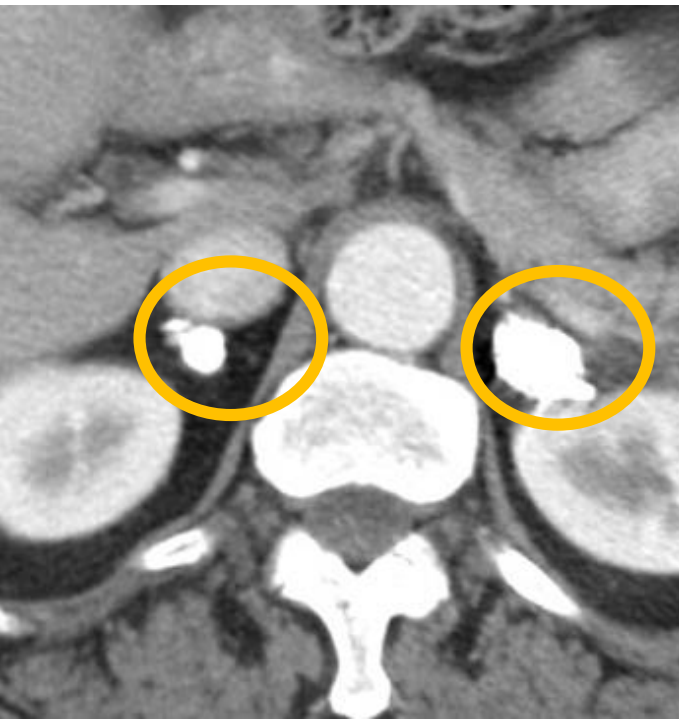
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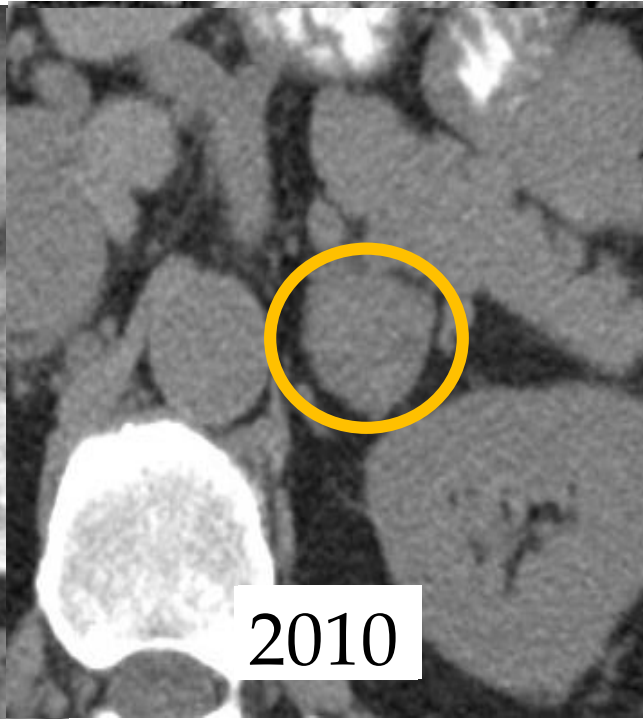
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# So what does this mean for Radiology?



TB



Adenoma



Metastasis

# Predictions for ML in medicine – 3 paradigms

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1. Improved prognostic prediction
2. Machine learning will **displace much of the work of radiologists and anatomical pathologists**. These physicians focus largely on interpreting digitized images, which can easily be fed directly to algorithms instead. Massive imaging data sets, combined with recent advances in computer vision, will drive rapid improvements in performance, and machine accuracy will soon exceed that of humans. Indeed, radiology is already partway there: algorithms can replace a second radiologist reading mam-mogram and will soon exceed human accuracy.
3. Diagnostic accuracy and reduction of error

# Doom and Gloom

## Catalogue of fears

Probability of computerisation of different occupations, 2013  
(1 = certain)

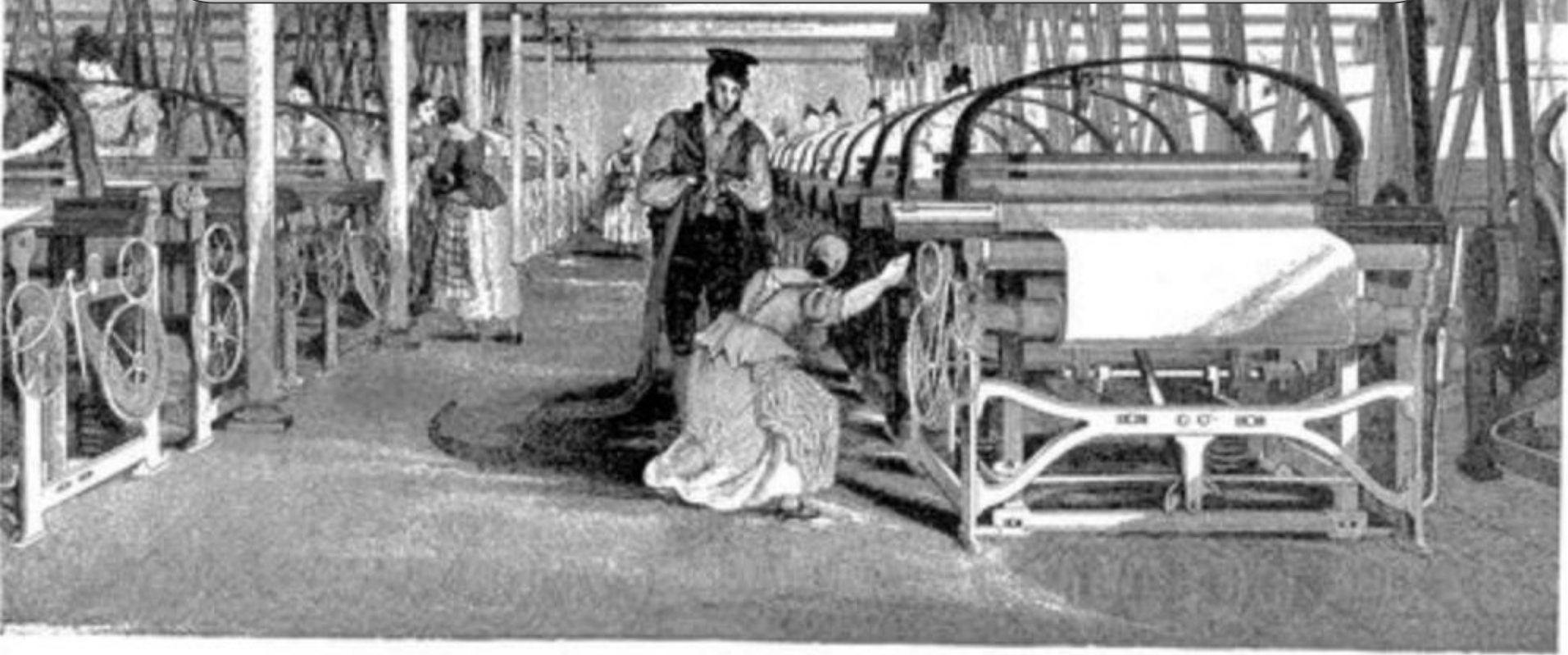
Job	Probability
Recreational therapists	0.003
Dentists	0.004
Athletic trainers	0.007
Clergy	0.008
Chemical engineers	0.02
Editors	0.06
Firefighters	0.17
Actors	0.37
Health technologists	0.40
Economists	0.43
Commercial pilots	0.55
Machinists	0.65
Word processors and typists	0.81
Real-estate sales agents	0.86
Technical writers	0.89
Retail salespeople	0.92
Accountants and auditors	0.94
Telemarketers	0.99

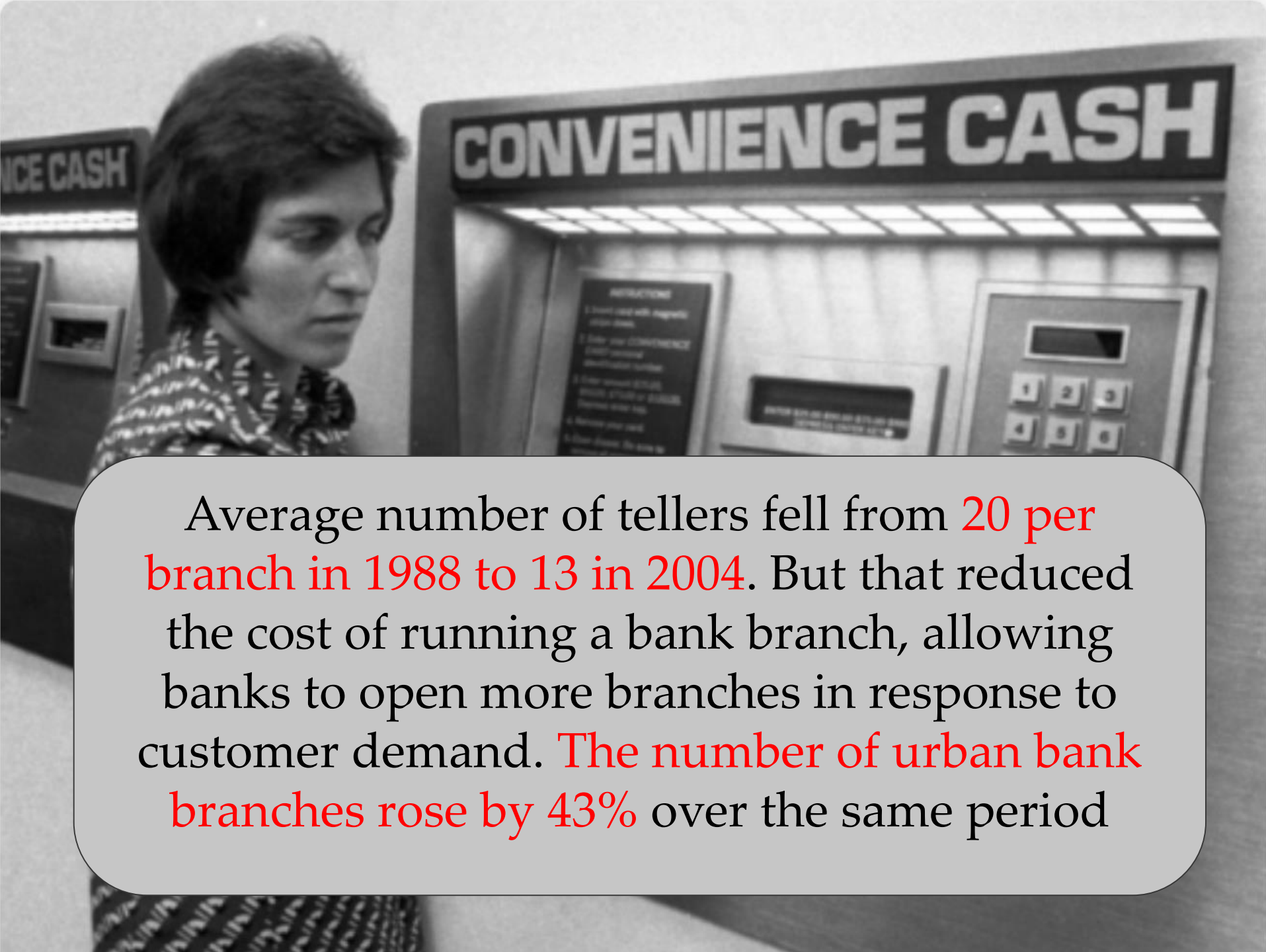
Source: "The Future of Employment: How Susceptible are Jobs to Computerisation?", by C. Frey and M. Osborne (2013)

- Experts warn that “the substitution of machinery for human labor” may “**render the population redundant**”. They worry that “the discovery of this mighty power” has come “before we knew how to employ it rightly”.
- But these are in fact the words of commentators discussing mechanization and steam power **two centuries ago**. Back then the controversy over the dangers posed by machines was known as the “machinery question”.



In America during the 19th century the amount of coarse cloth a single weaver could produce in an hour increased by a factor of 50, and the amount of labor required per yard of cloth fell by 98%. **This made cloth cheaper and increased demand for it, which in turn created more jobs for weavers: their numbers quadrupled between 1830 and 1900**





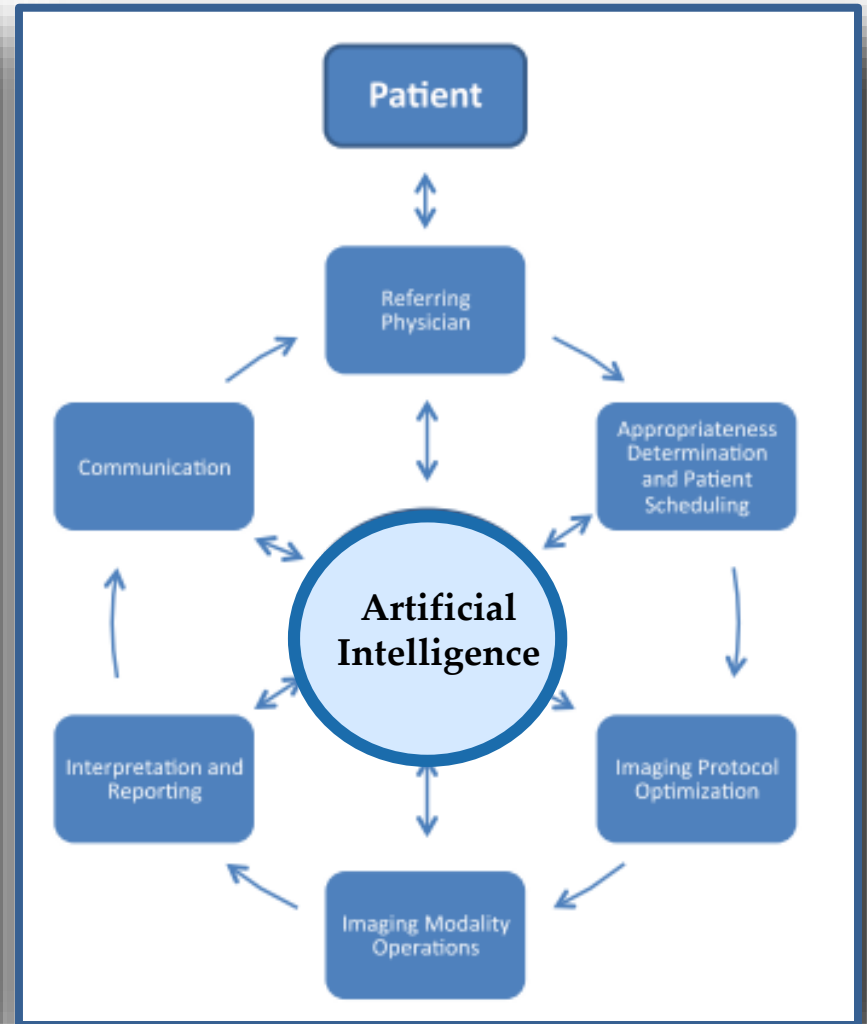
Average number of tellers fell from **20 per branch in 1988 to 13 in 2004**. But that reduced the cost of running a bank branch, allowing banks to open more branches in response to customer demand. **The number of urban bank branches rose by 43%** over the same period

# Mistaken Analysis – Misguided Interpretation

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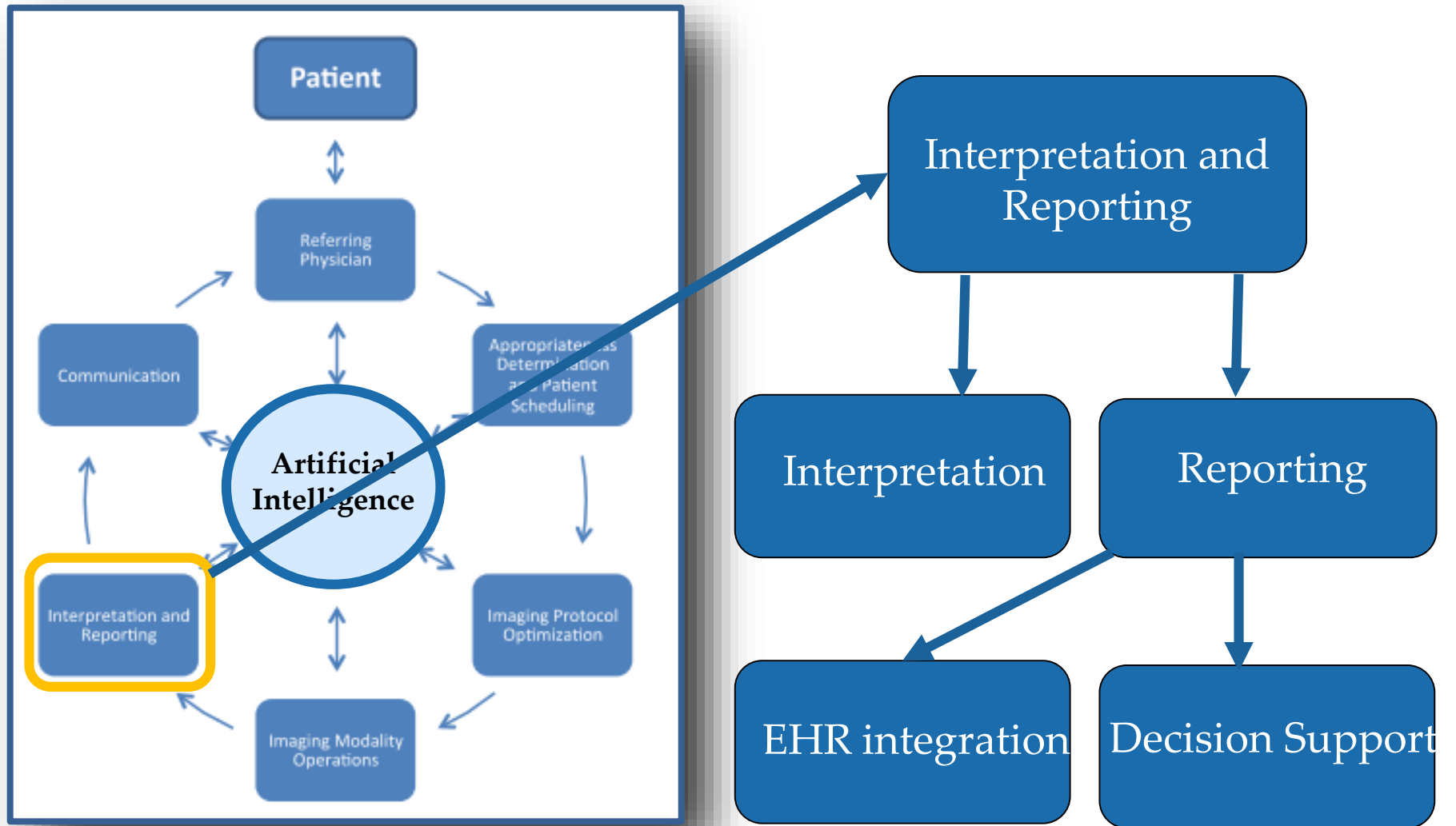
- More jobs or less jobs with computers?
- “lump of labor” fallacy.
- “This notion that there’s only a finite amount of work to do, and therefore that if you automate some of it there’s less for people to do, is just totally wrong,”. Those sounding warnings about technological unemployment “basically ignore the issue of the economic response to automation”
- So more work, but probably different types of work
- We will have to adjust
- AI will likely impact each activity in the imaging value chain

# Imaging Value Chain – JACR 2015

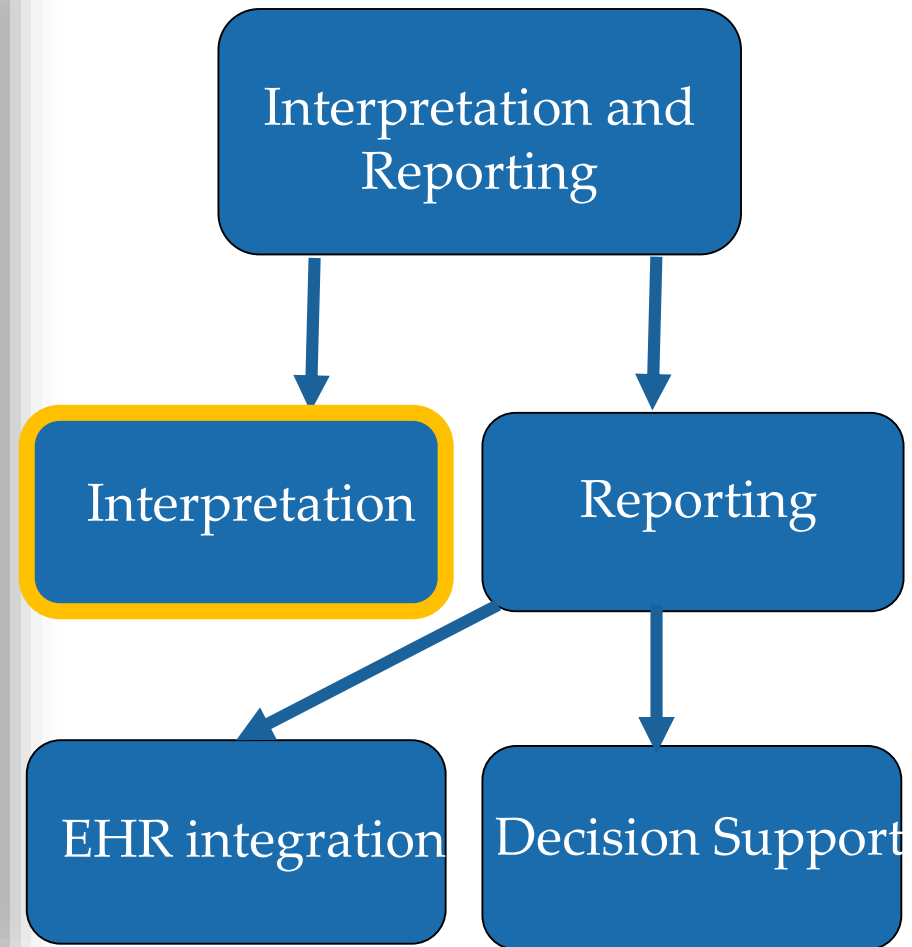
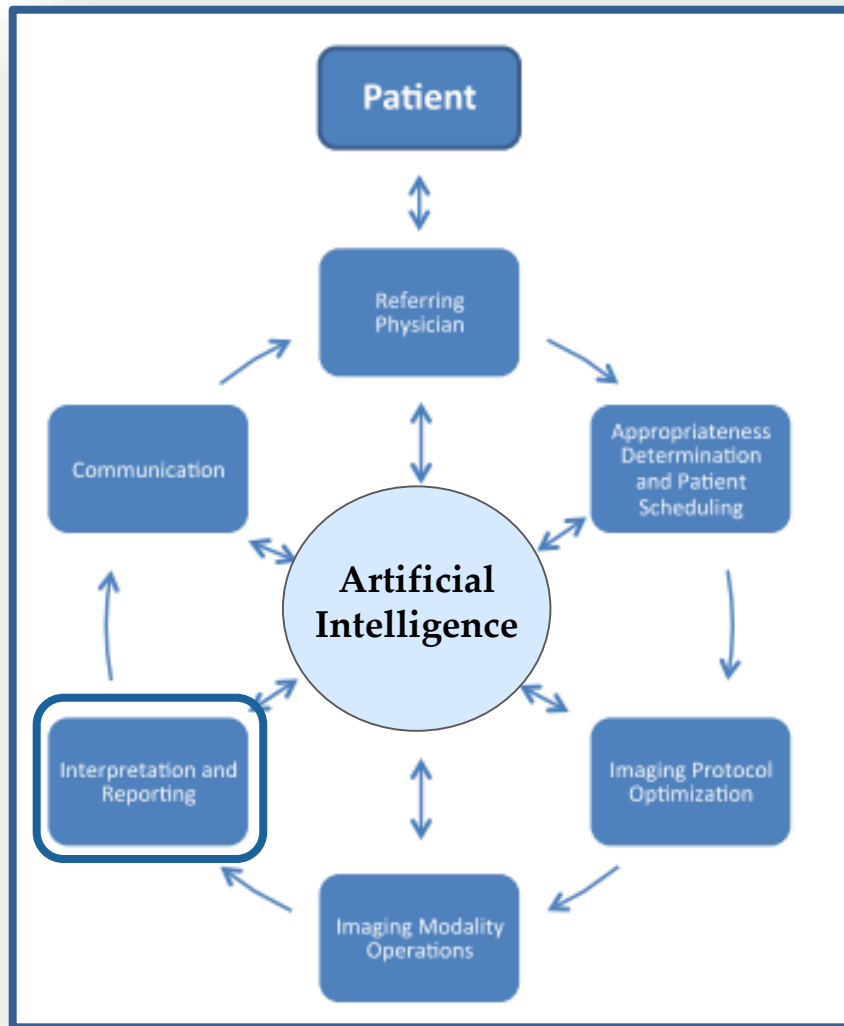




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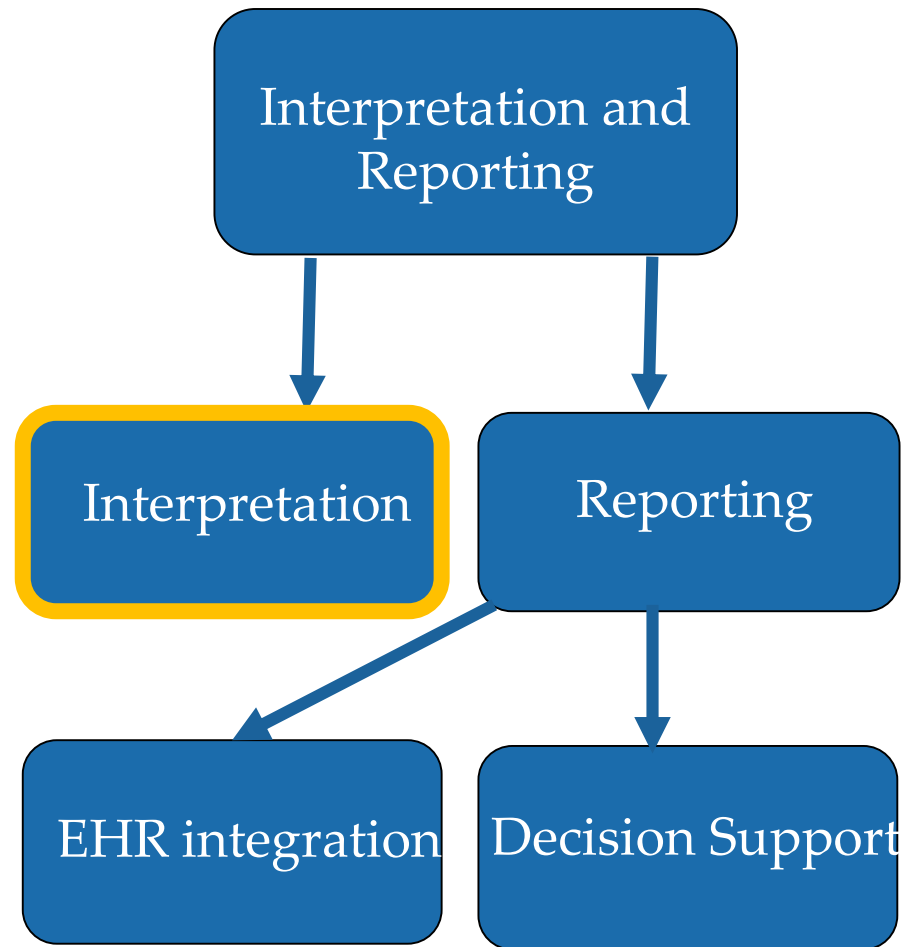
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# Imaging Value Chain

## AI Clinical Applications

MR Ischemic Stroke  
CTA LVO  
CT Hemorrhage  
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CTA Collaterals  
Image Quality Dashboard  
CT C-spine Fracture  
CT Rib Fracture  
CV Ultrasound  
Bedside Data Acquisition  
MR Reconstruction  
CT Reconstruction  
US Reconstruction  
CT Aortic Aneurysm  
CT Liver Tumor  
MR Brain Triage  
MR Lumber Spine  
MR Prostate Segmentation  
Inference and Edge-device  
Pipelining  
Cluster Scheduling  
COPD  
PET/CT Brown Fat  
CT Body Composition  
Radiology Operations  
MR Series Selection





# Spine CAD

## SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS BY LEVEL:

**T12-L1:** Unremarkable.

**L1-2:** Unremarkable.

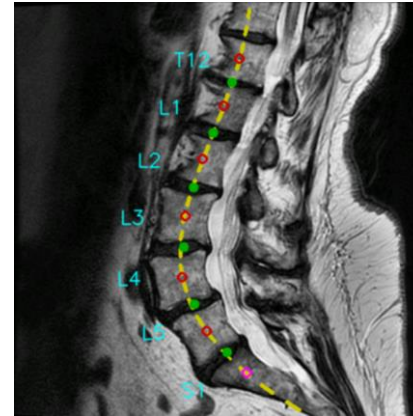
**L2-3:** There is disc bulge, mild facet arthropathy bilaterally as well as a left foraminal/extraforaminal disc protrusion resulting in **mild spinal canal stenosis**, as well as **mild right and moderate left neural foraminal stenosis**.

**L3-4:** There is bilateral facet arthropathy, prominence of the epidural fat, as well as a left foraminal/extraforaminal disc protrusion **without significant neural foraminal**. There is **mild spinal canal stenosis**.

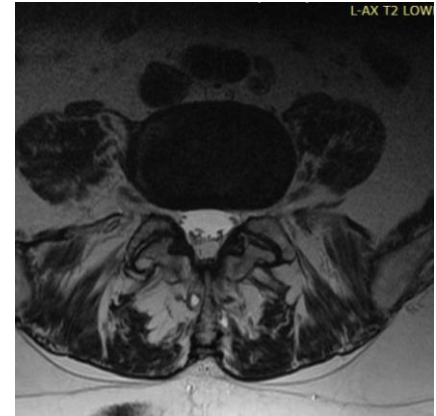
**L4-5:** There is a bulging disc, prominence of the epidural fat, as well as bilateral facet arthropathy with **mild left and mild-moderate right neural foraminal stenosis**. There is **mild spinal canal stenosis**.

**L5-S1:** There is bilateral facet arthropathy as well as disc uncovering and prominence of the epidural fat, which results in **severe right and moderate left neural foraminal stenosis**.

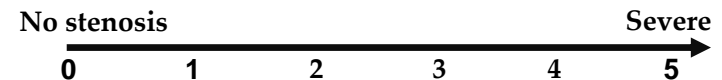
## Localization



## Stenosis Grading



	Central	Right	Left
T12-L1	0	0	0
L1-2	0	0	0
L2-3	1	1	3
L3-4	1	0	0
L4-5	1	2	1
L5-S1	0	5	3



# Machine Learning: Lumbar Spine MRI Interpretation Algorithm

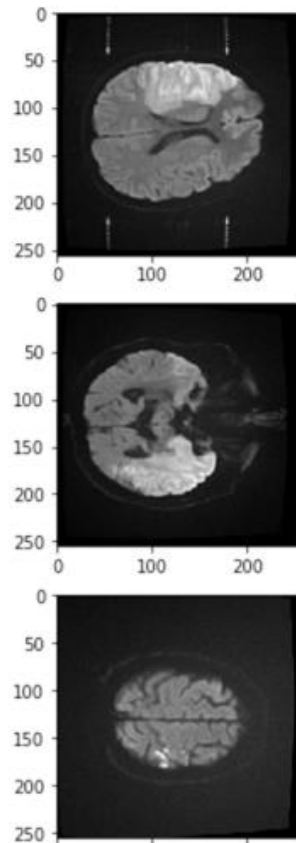


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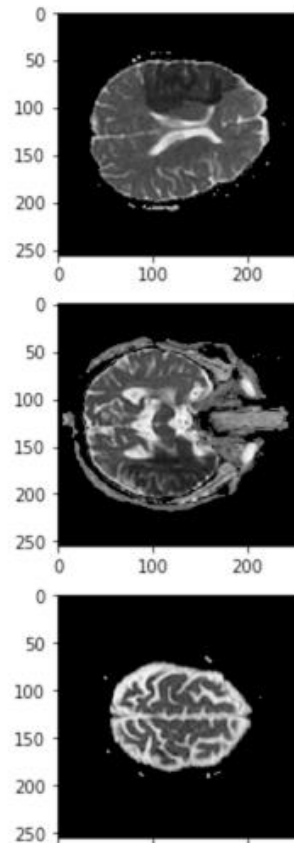


# Stroke Detection and Outcomes

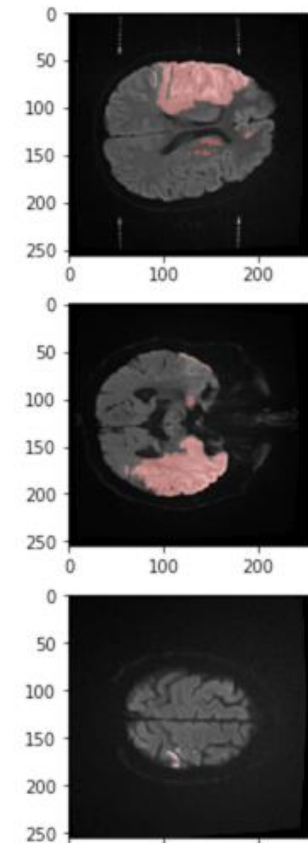
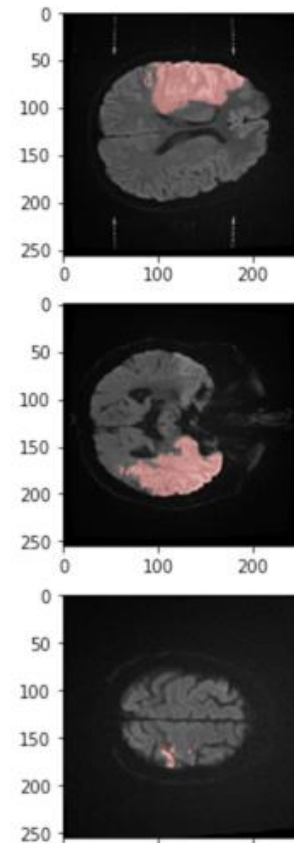
MR DWI



MR ADC



Machine Learning



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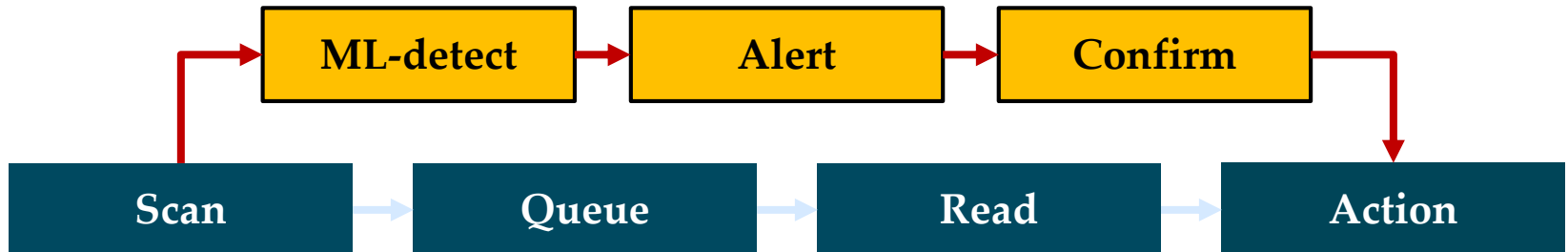


# Stroke Detection Workflow

## Current clinical workflow

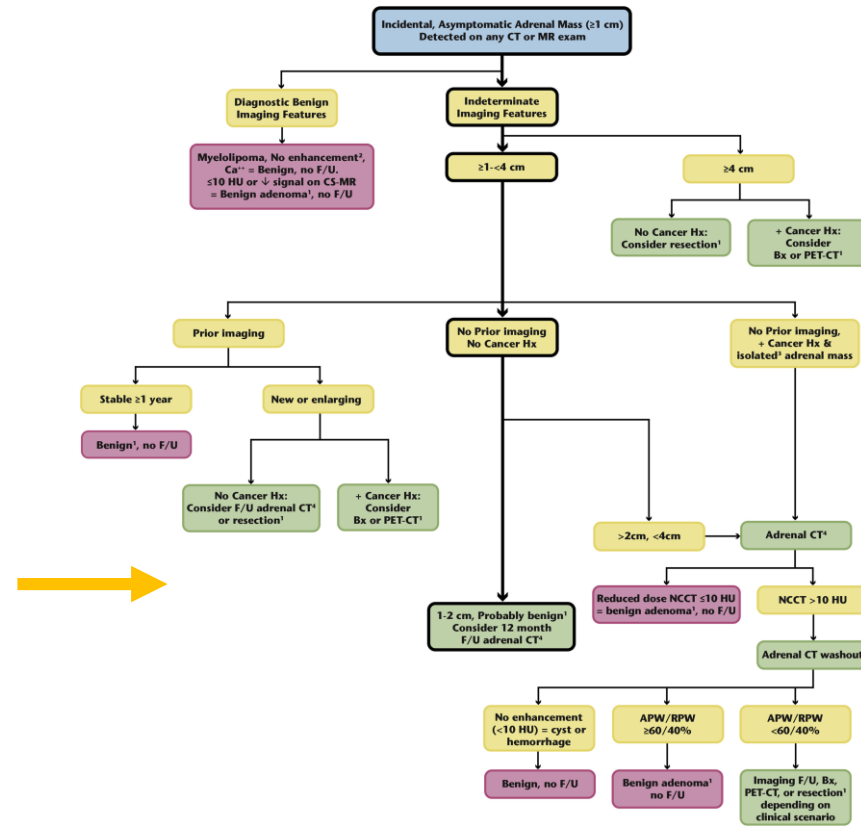
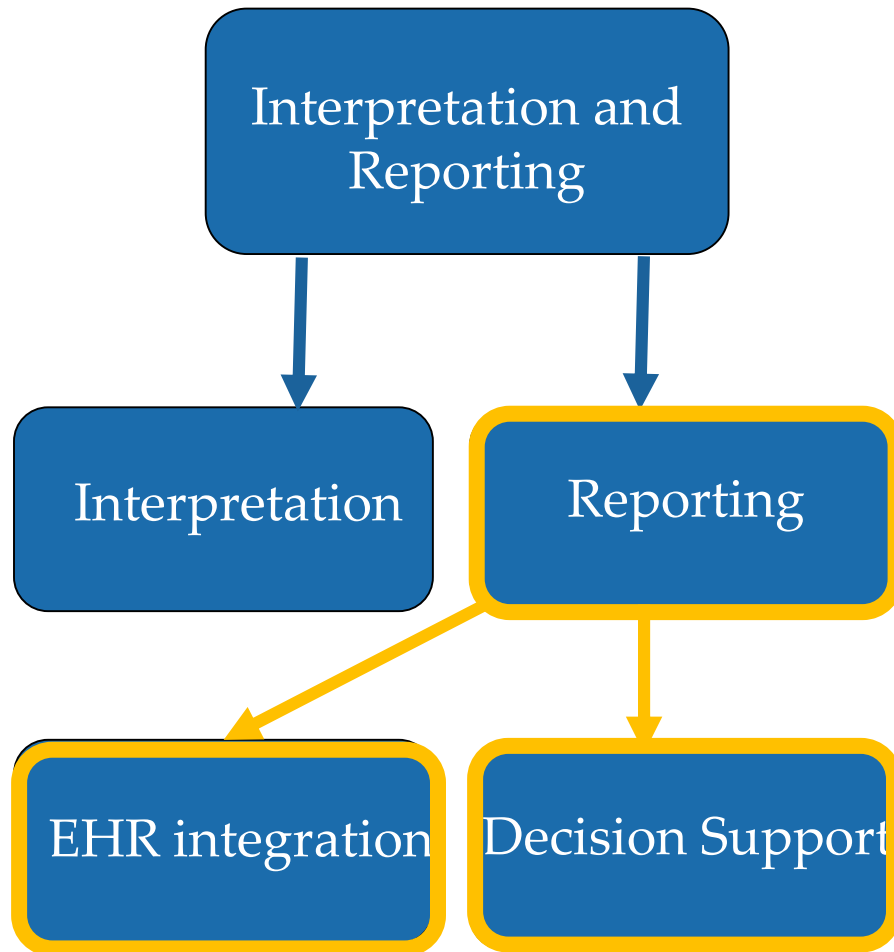


## ML-enhanced clinical workflow



- Reduces time to action for stroke victims, especially in incidental findings
- Enables MGH/BWH to more effectively read scans from other hospitals, especially at night

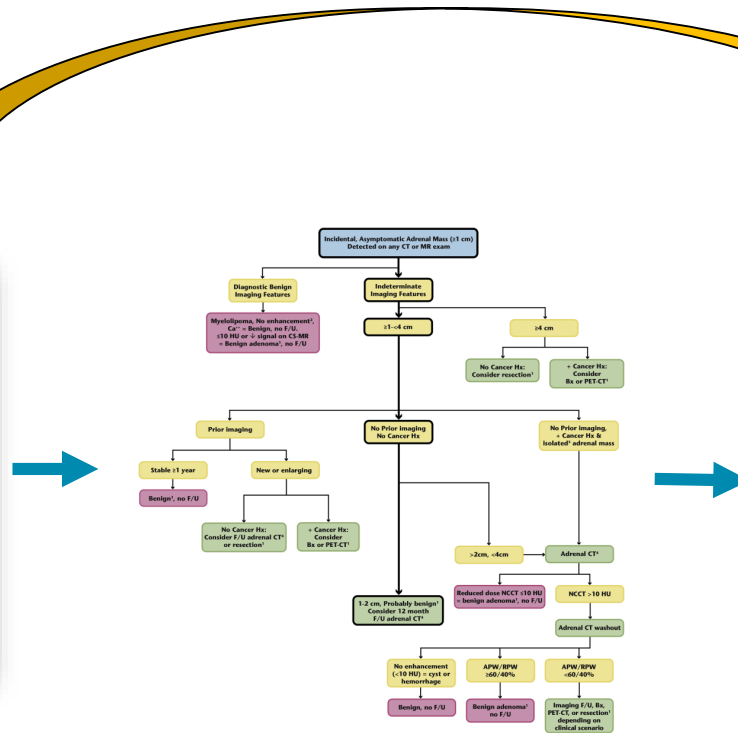
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Imaging Data



Best practice algorithm

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Radiation to the lateral thoracic art staple in the interval  
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IMPRESSION:  
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above, with no evidence of pneumothorax.  
2) Improved left retrocardiac opacity and worsened right  
lower lobe opacity likely due to atelectasis.  
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Actionable Radiology Report

## Computer Assisted Decision Support

Patient: 74F  
Exam: CTABPW (  
Completed: 2013-12-02T

Pulmonary Nodule

Adrenal Nodule

× Adrenal Nodule

Size  mm Se/Im

Side ☐ Right ☐ Left

Previously characterized

Diagnostic feature

Hx malignancy ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Changed size

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Right, 12 mm

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Changed size

**Body**

In the right adrenal gland (series 2, image 12), a 12 mm lesion does not have specifically benign imaging features.

**Impression**

Indeterminate 12 mm right adrenal nodule does not have the typical characteristics of a benign adenoma, although most such lesions will ultimately prove to be benign.

**Recommendations**

- Adrenal mass protocol CT in 6 months.
- As adrenal adenomas may be hormonally active with subclinical features, NIH guidelines suggest further evaluation for endocrine hyperfunction for most patients. Cf. Grumbach MM et al. (2003) "Management of the clinically inapparent adrenal mass ('incidentaloma')," Ann Int Med 138:424-429 and Young, W. (2007) "The incidentally discovered adrenal mass," New Engl J Med 356:601-610

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# Computer Assisted Reporting: Adrenal

Scans were continued into the pelvis to evaluate the entire GI tract.

**COMPARISON:** 9/15/2012

**FINDINGS:**

LOWER THORAX: Lung bases are clear.

HEPATOBIILIARY: No focal hepatic lesions. No biliary ductal dilatation.

SPLEEN: No splenomegaly.

PANCREAS: No focal masses or ductal dilatation.

**ADRENALS:**

In the right adrenal gland (series 2, image 12), a 12 mm lesion is unchanged in size for at least six months.

KIDNEYS/URETERS: No hydronephrosis, stones, or solid mass lesions.

PELVIC ORGANS/BLADDER: Unremarkable.

PERITONEUM / RETROPERITONEUM: No free air or fluid.

LYMPH NODES: No lymphadenopathy.

VESSELS: Unremarkable.

GI TRACT: No distention or wall thickening.

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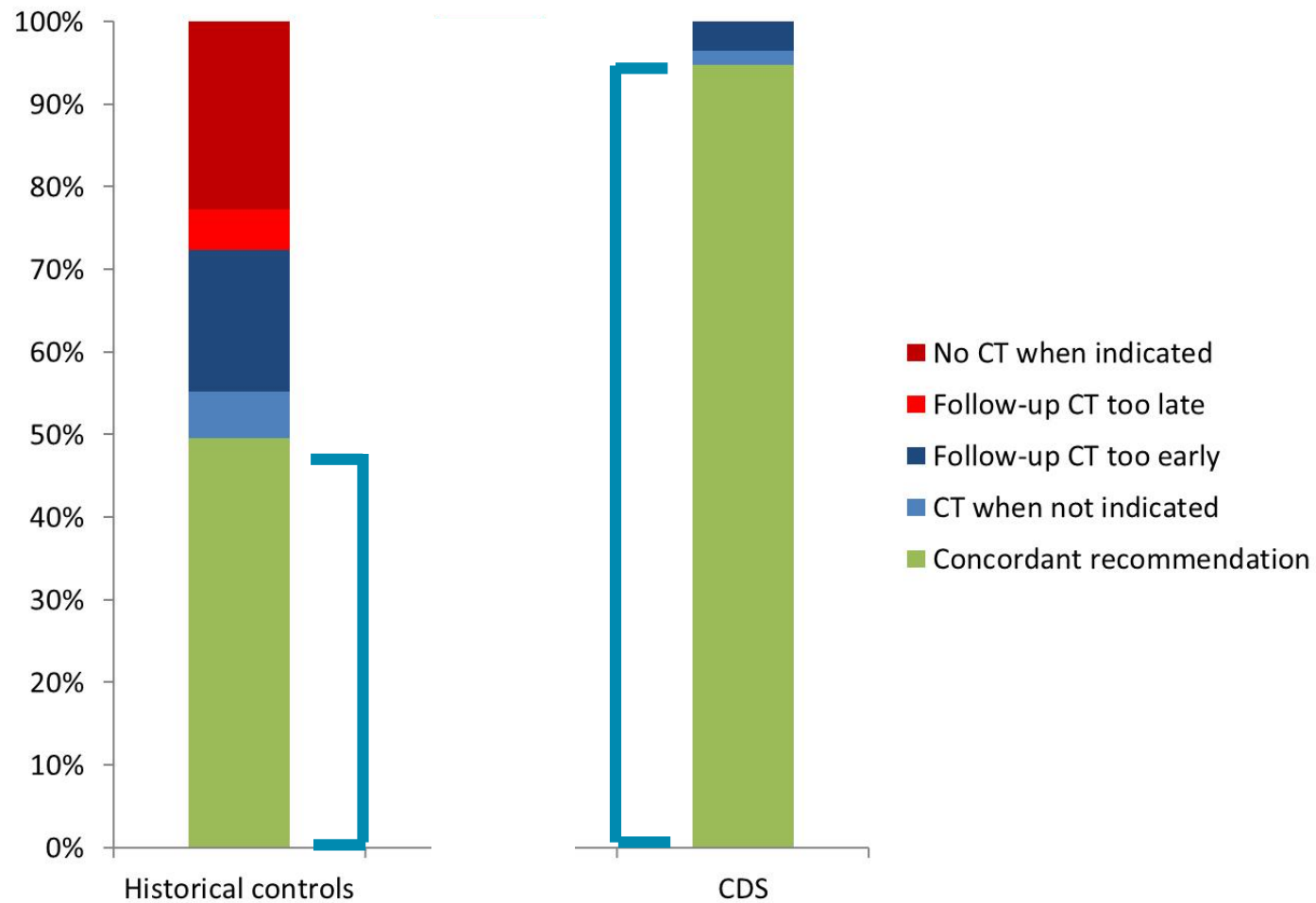
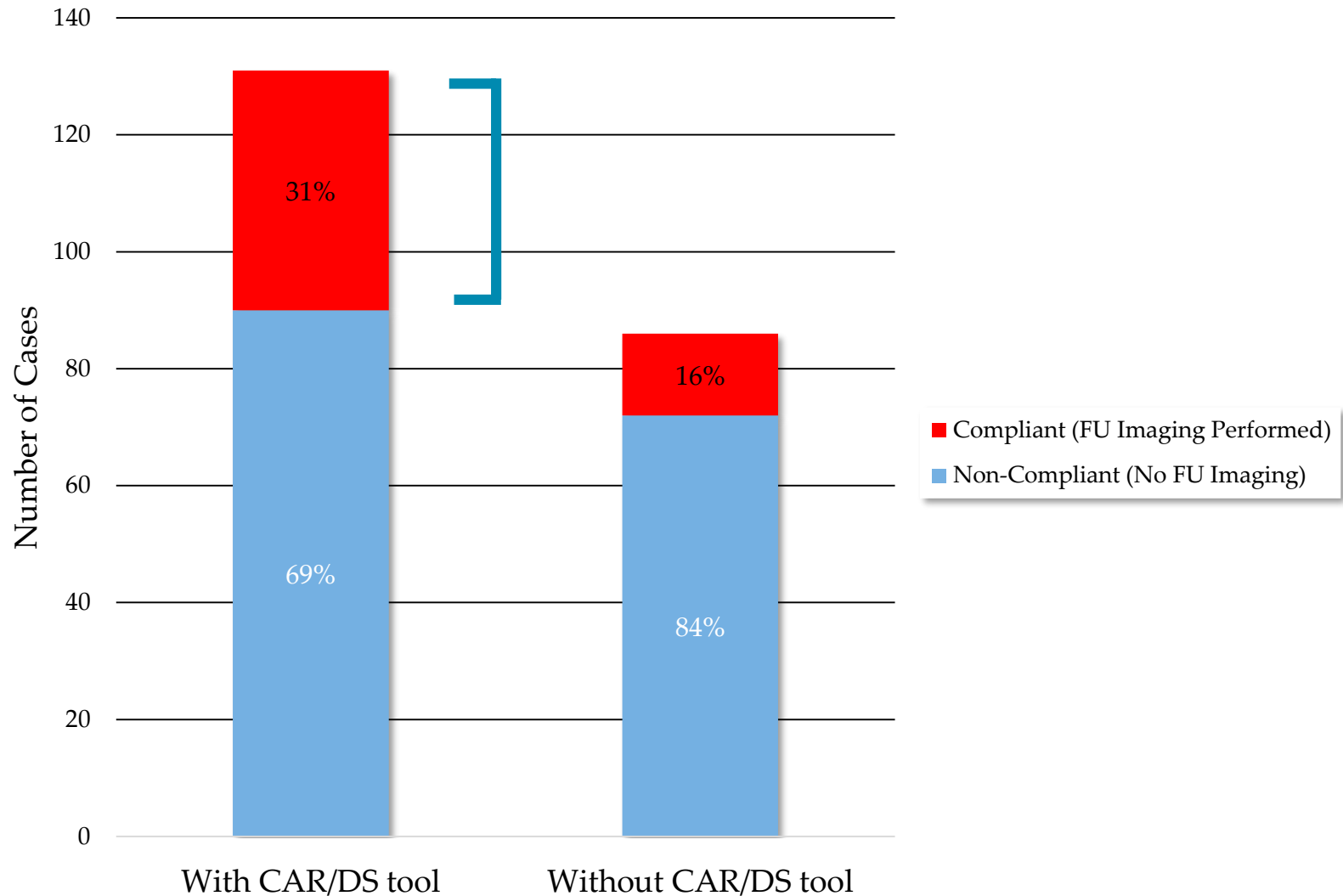


Figure 1: Percentage with guidelines-concordant recommendation for follow-up CT. The clinical decision support (CDS) group was significantly more likely to have a concordant recommendation than the non-CDS and pre-intervention historical controls (both with  $p < 0.01$ ).

# Compliance with FU Imaging Recommendations for Conventional Reports and CAR/DS Reports

*Incidental Adrenal Nodules on Abdominal CTs (n=217 cases)*

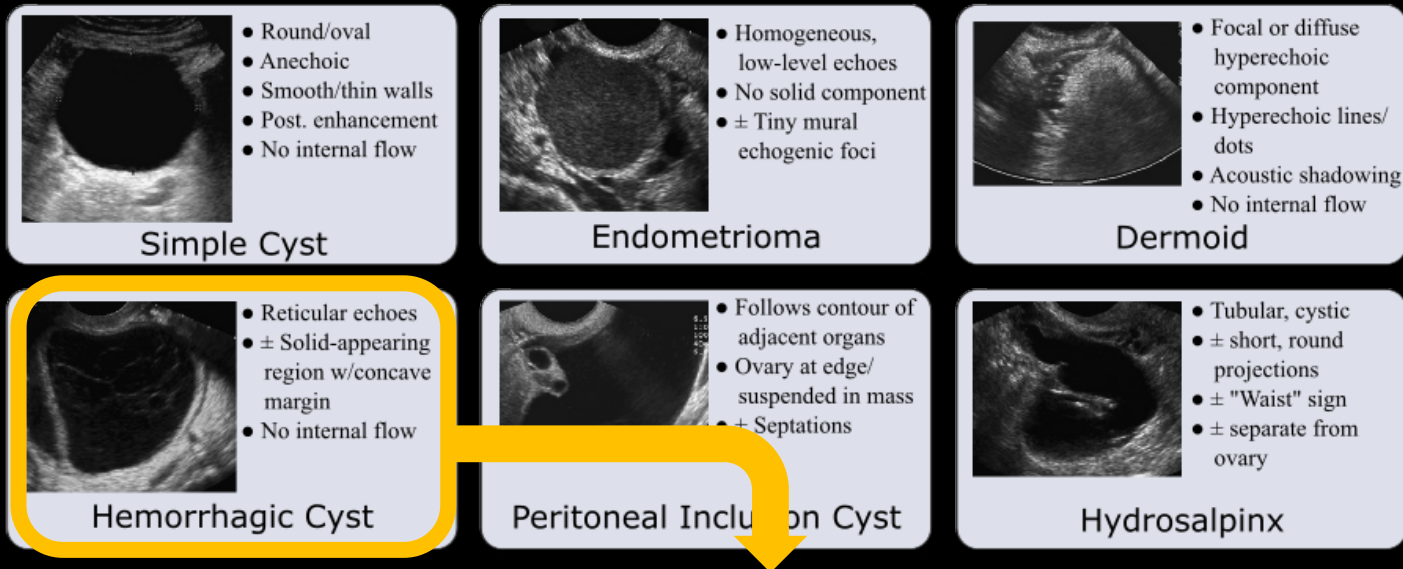


Courtesy Tarik Alkasab



# Computer Assisted Reporting: Ovarian Cysts

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## TECHNIQUE:

Transabdominal and transvaginal ultrasound imaging of the pelvis was performed.

**COMPARISON:** [None available]

## FINDINGS:

**KIDNEYS:** [Unremarkable]

**UTERUS:** The uterus measures [8.3 cm]. The endometrial echocomplex measures [6 mm].

**OVARIES/ADNEXA:** [A lesion is seen in the left ovary measuring 3 cm with appearance consistent with hemorrhagic cyst.]

**PELVIS:** [No] free fluid.

## IMPRESSION:

[A hemorrhagic cyst in the left ovary. Follow-up pelvic ultrasound is recommended in 6-12 weeks in an early post-menopausal woman. Optimally, the exam would take place in the follicular phase, days 3-10, of the menstrual cycle.]

Recommendations for adnexal cyst follow-up per Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound 2009 consensus statement on management of asymptomatic and ovarian and other adnexal cysts (Levine et al., Radiology 2010 256: 943-54).



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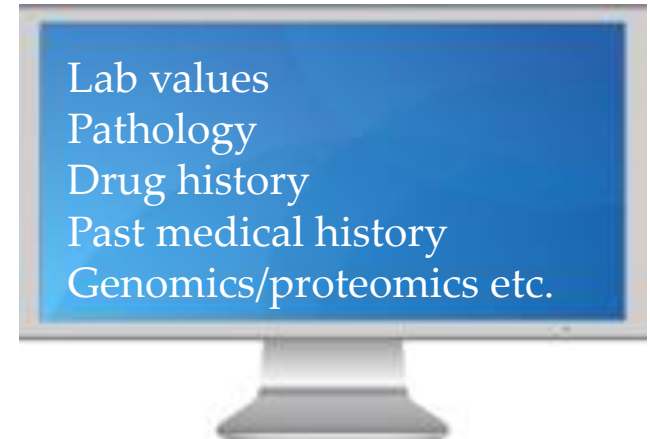


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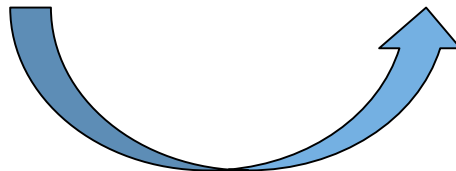


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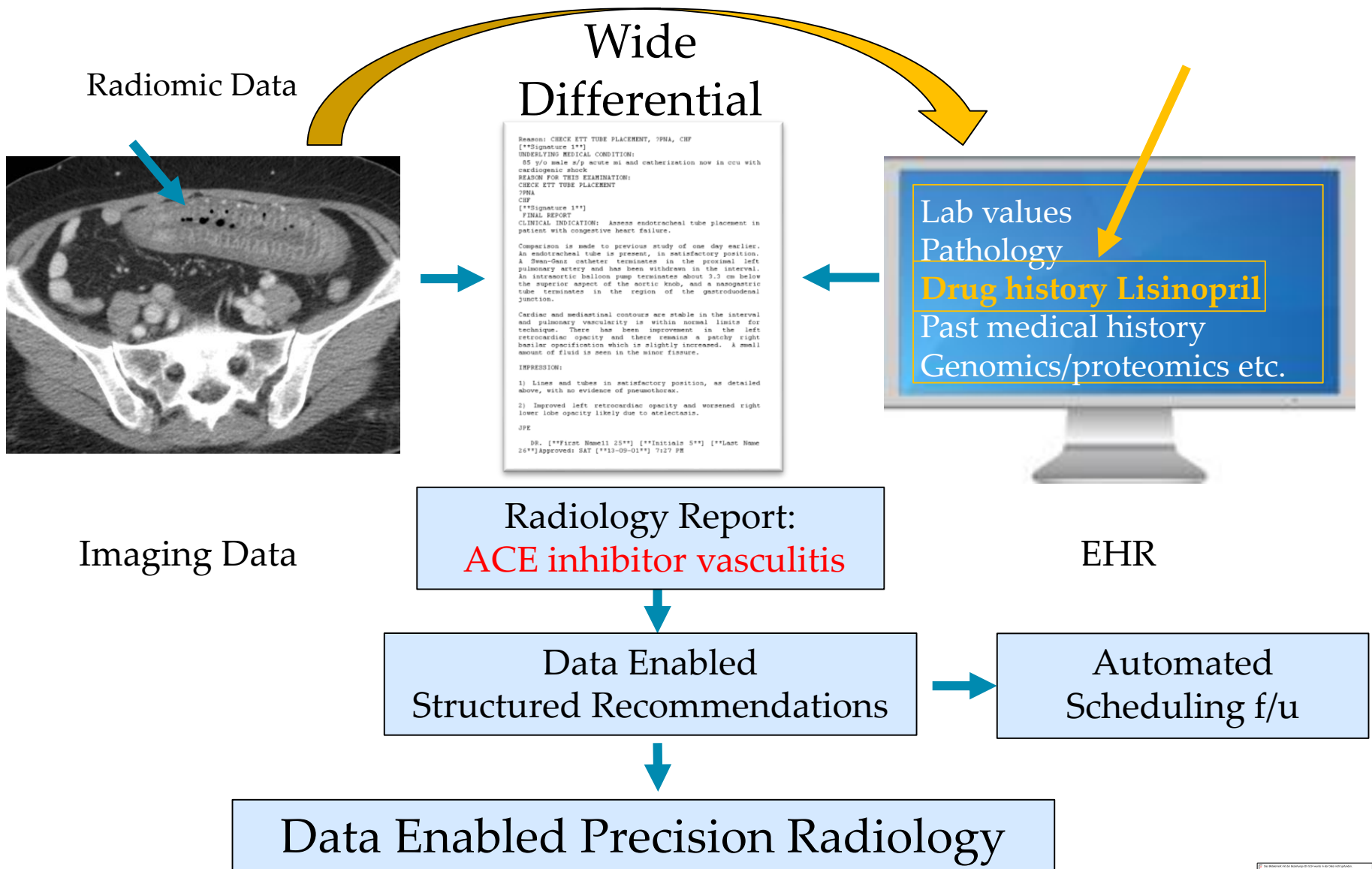
Actionable Report



EHR



# The Data Divide – EHR Integration



# Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Radiology: Opportunities, Challenges, Pitfalls, and Criteria for Success

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## Abstract

Worldwide interest in artificial intelligence (AI) applications, including imaging, is high and growing rapidly, fueled by availability of large datasets (“big data”), substantial advances in computing power, and new deep-learning algorithms. Apart from developing new AI methods per se, there are many opportunities and challenges for the imaging community, including the development of a common nomenclature, better ways to share image data, and standards for validating AI program use across different imaging platforms and patient populations. AI surveillance programs may help radiologists prioritize work lists by identifying suspicious or positive cases for early review. AI programs can be used to extract “radiomic” information from images not discernible by visual inspection, potentially increasing the diagnostic and prognostic value derived from image datasets. Predictions have been made that suggest AI will put radiologists out of business. This issue has been overstated, and it is much more likely that radiologists will beneficially incorporate AI methods into their practices. Current limitations in availability of technical expertise and even computing power will be resolved over time and can also be addressed by remote access solutions. Success for AI in imaging will be measured by value created: increased diagnostic certainty, faster turnaround, better outcomes for patients, and better quality of work life for radiologists. AI offers a new and promising set of methods for analyzing image data. Radiologists will explore these new pathways and are likely to play a leading role in medical applications of AI.

**Key Words:** Artificial intelligence, machine learning, opportunities, challenges, pitfalls

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# Why AI in Radiology?

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- **VALUE**
- Medicine should always be about better value for patients
- **Outcomes** – cost effective
- Too much variation with humans
- Convergence: Massive data, new computing power and new deep learning algorithms
- **New knowledge** – extraction of new and better information
- Information the human eye can't see (pixel biopsies)
- **Increased diagnostic certainty**, faster turnaround, better outcomes for patients,
- Better quality of work life for radiologists
- Peer Review

# Standardization

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- AI imaging research would benefit from:
  - (1) national and international image **sharing networks**,
  - (2) **reference datasets** of proven cases against which AI programs can be tested and compared (protocol and language variation)
  - (3) criteria for **standardization** and optimization of imaging protocols for use in AI applications
  - (4) a common lexicon for describing and reporting AI applications
- Standards still need to be developed that address curation of images



# Workflow

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- **DS and protocol optimization** –shorter scan times tailored to particular patient
- Real-time scanning management and patient flow
- Technologist tasks (body part separation)
- Prioritization of case urgency – optimization of work lists stroke/PE (while on table)
- **Pre-analysis** of cases in high-volume applications where observer fatigue may be a factor (screening)
- Improving the quality of reconstructed images.
- **Radiomics** – mathematical imaging phenotype

**However – before we get ahead of ourselves, there is a lot of hype**

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Machine learning is not a magic device that can spin data into gold, though many news releases would imply that it can. Instead, it is a natural extension to traditional statistical approaches. Machine learning is a valuable and increasingly necessary tool for the modern health care system. Considering the vast amounts of information a physician may need to evaluate<sup>3</sup>—such as the patient's personal history, familial diseases, genomic sequences, medications, activity on social media, admissions to other hospitals—deriving insight to guide clinical decision may be an overwhelming task for any one person. As more control is ceded to algorithms, it is important to note that these new algorithmic decision-making tools come with no guarantees of fairness, equitability, or even veracity. Although we are reluctant to repeat the cliché, even with the best machine learning algorithms the maxim of "garbage in, garbage out" remains true. Whether an algorithm is high or low on the machine learning spectrum, best analytic practices must be used to ensure that the end result is robust and valid. This is especially true in health care because these algorithms have the potential to affect the lives of millions of patients.

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Thank you

