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Demystifying AI for Healthcare Users



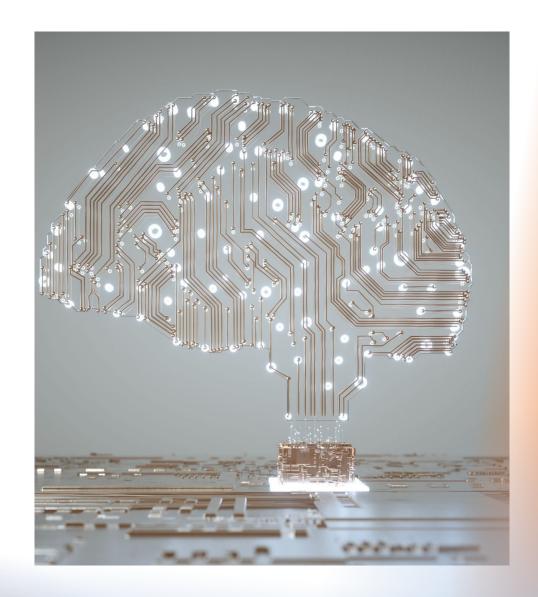
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Agenda

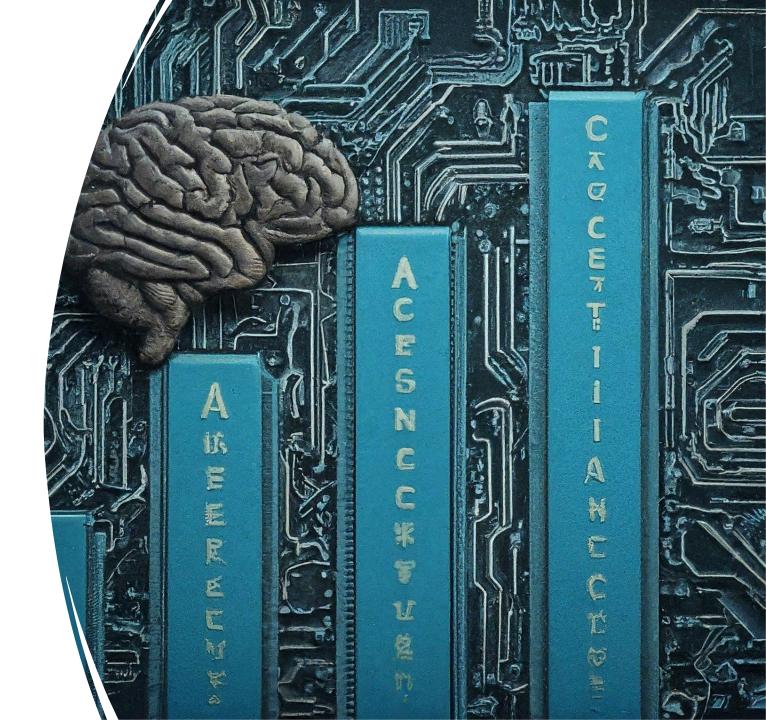
- · What is Al
- History of AI
- Why Al now?
- Al applications in Health care
- Current risks in AI
- Things to consider for successful implementation
- Future of Al

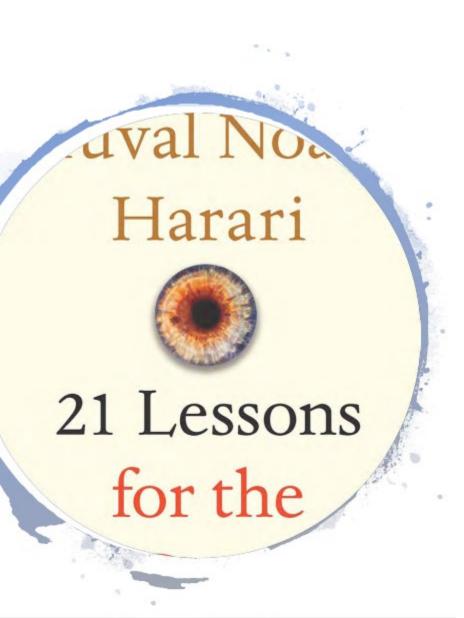




Decisions we make in our daily life

- What Netflix show are you watching tonight?
- How do you make online purchasing decisions?
- Whom do you date / swipe left-right?
- How much do you pay for your health / auto insurance?
- What colleges do your kids get into?





"HUMANS WERE ALWAYS FAR BETTER AT INVENTING TOOLS THAN USING THEM WISELY."

21 LESSONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY BY YUVAL NOAH HARARI



```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  printf(" Pls Subscribe \n");
  return 0;
```











Early indications in 19th century

First recorded algorithm for a computer which can do more than calculations

History of AI

1940s-1950s- Official Birth of Al

WWII, founding figures like John McCarthy, Marvin Minsky, Allen Newell, and Herbert A. Simon. McCarthy coined the term 'Artificial Intelligence' at the Dartmouth conference in 1956

1960s-1990s- Rise and Fall of Al

Early success in chemical analysis and medical diagnosis, fraud detection, inventory management. High expectations. Lacked funding and large computing requirements

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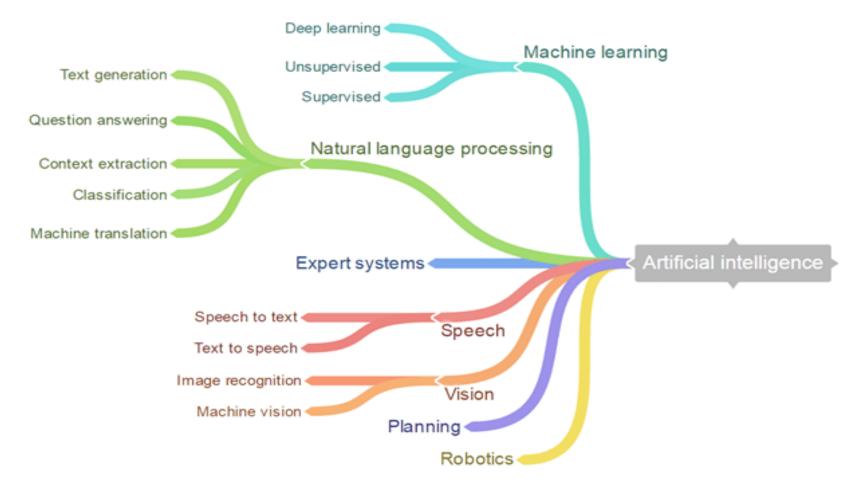
Significant milestones by Al over the years..

- ✓ In 1997, IBM's Deep Blue defeated world chess champion Garry Kasparov
- ✓ Early 2000s Netflix used AI models into their recommendation system
- ✓ 2011 IBM Watson won Jeopardy! Major breakthrough in Al and Natural Language Processing
- ✓ Game of Go Google DeepMin's AlphaGo defeated human reigning champions 2015-2017
- ✓ 2015 OpenAI, a research organizing advancing digital intelligence in a safe beneficial manner was founded
- √ 2020 Pfizer and Moderna used AI models in development of Covid-19 vaccines



The Current Al Landscape

Structured and Unstructured Data Data-Driven insights Expanded and scalable





Like humans, AI has evolved!

Algorithms

E.g., Payer Claim adjudication



Algorithms with specific expertise

E.g., Computer Aided coding – uses NLP



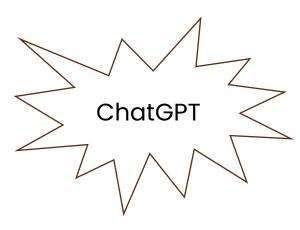
Machine Learning

E.g., Watson – Clinical decision support



GenAI (Large Language Models)

E.g., Automated correspondence Electronic prior authorization





Rule-based coding Example – EMR!



Where is AI being used in Healthcare?

01.Drug Discovery

02.Clinical Decision Support



03. Health Administration



Healthcare Al Takes Center Stage

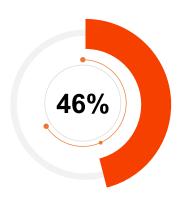
Why AI and why now??

- Staffing shortages: clinical as well as administrative staff challenges and increasing costs
- Disparate systems and technologies: distributed data and systems don't talk to each other
- Vast amounts of complex data: Al finds patterns, predicts medical outcomes, and supports clinical decision-making based on analysis often too much for any human to parse.
- **Streamlining and Improving Processes:** From diagnostic accuracy to optimizing surgical care, the promise is smarter systems aiding medical and health administrative services.
- Personalization: Applications range from tailored drug recommendations based on a patient's genome to flagging individual financial difficulties affecting the ability to pay.

Staffing shortages will continue.....



Respondents who say staff are leaving to other employers, both in and out of healthcare

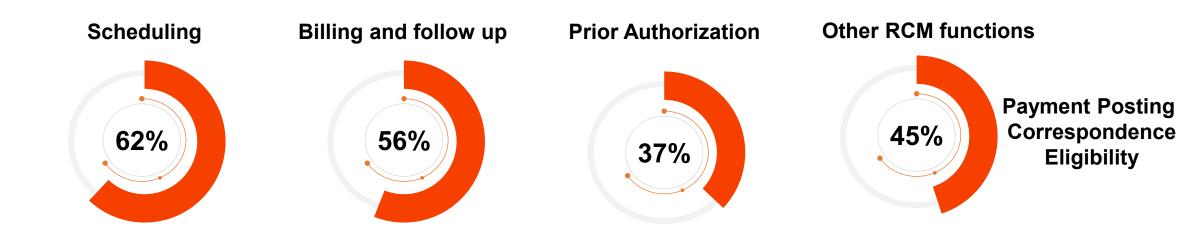


Respondents who say there aren't enough people skilled in RCM and patient intake

All are facing the shortage, and it is taking a long time to fill the positions in RCM 84 to 207 days on average!



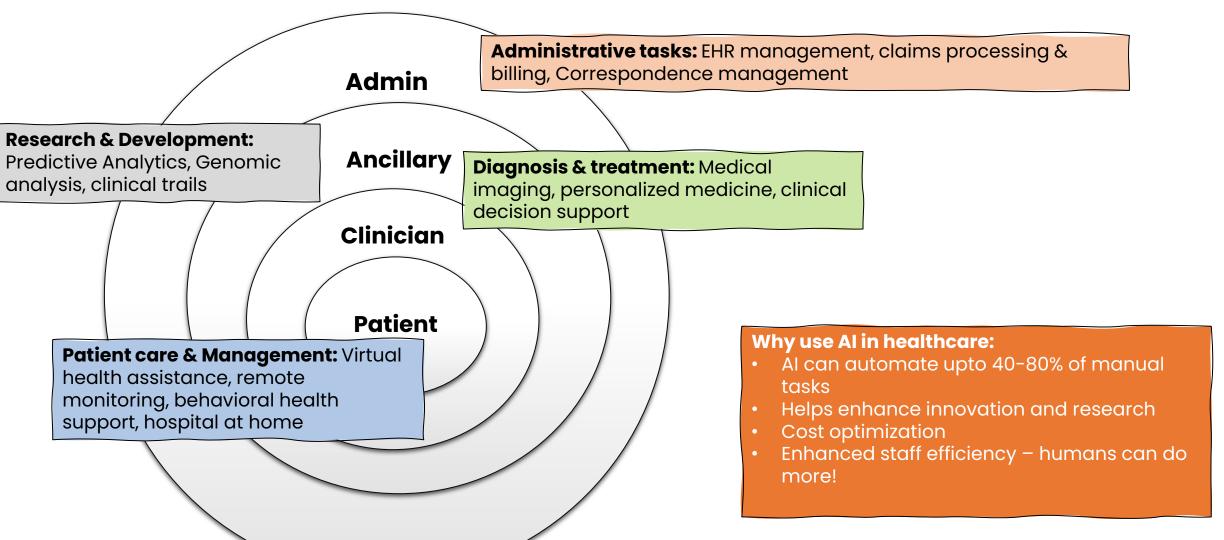
Why AI in Healthcare Administration



Short-staffed for a long time!
RCM Functions are the hardest hit



Where can I use AI in Healthcare? And Why?





Al driven automation for driving quick value for providers

Eliminating manual work

Increase capacity

Increased revenue realization

Reduce costs

Implement new automated workflows



Pre encounter

- Scheduling
- Pre registration
- · Eligibility & Verification
- Prior Authorization
- · Financial Counselling
- Registration



Patient Encounter

- Care delivery
- Care management
- Utilization management
- Discharge planning
- Patient discharge
- Quality management & reporting



Encounter Documentation

- · Charge Master
- Transcription
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- Late charges
- · Lab Orders



Billing

- Claims editor
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AR Management

- Payment posting
- Secondary billing
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- Patient payment bad debt/ write offs
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Al in Action : Healthcare Document Management

Problem Statement

Manual classification requires employees to read and analyze each document individually, and is prone to human misinterpretation or misclassification

Correspondence Management

Batches received and "read" using a combination of OCR, NLP and Machine Learning and LLMs

Letter Splitting

As the single file contains number of letters, to segregate individual letter, we have used the Vision based model LayoutLMv2

Letter Classification

Model Selection and Model training on document classification. Multiple models used for final inferencing like BERT, Extra-Tree Classifier

Entity Extraction

Extract the key entities from the letter like Patient Details, MRN number to attach them to further workflow, Used BERT capabilities to extract the entities Receive mix bag of scanned correspondence 'batches' from lock boxes



Index and orchestrate in EMR



Classified Documents















Checks



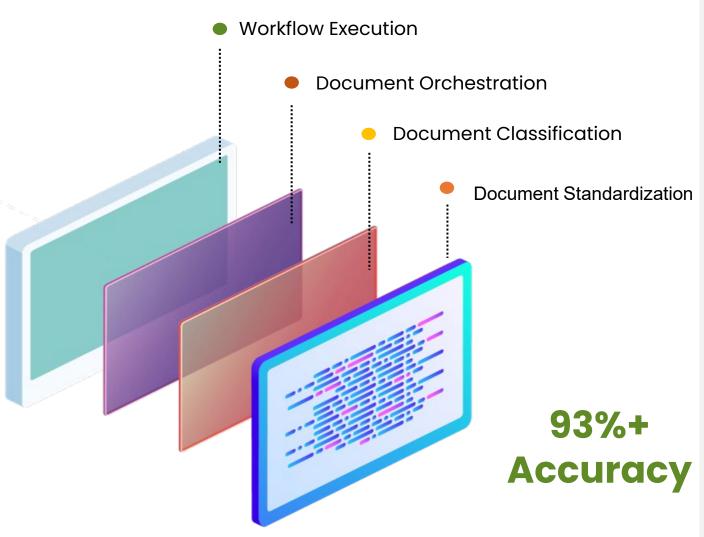








How does it work: Automated Correspondence



Four layered self learning solution

Documentation standardization

- Standardize documents to 300+ DPI
- Read the first and last page, **get rid of blank pages**
- Identify an individual letter, with attachments

Document Classification

- Sort and classify individual letter type into various types
- Classify into EOBs, checks, denials, approval, bankruptcy, attorney letters, medical record requests
- Deep Learning challenger algorithm increases accuracy to
 93% + with small data set ~1000 documents

Document Orchestration

- Extract the relevant data fields like Patient name, DOB,
 Encounter #, Patient Insurance number, DX code and index
- Create a document repository based on the classification

Workflow Execution

- Enable and trigger RCM and HIM workflows
- Workflow 1 : **First level appeals** for denied claims
- Workflow 2: Approval letters are archived without human touch



Al- iCAN™ Manage Screens to showcasing expandability and QA on the model output and use the data to auto-retrain the model for better performance

Document classification

Feature Importance:

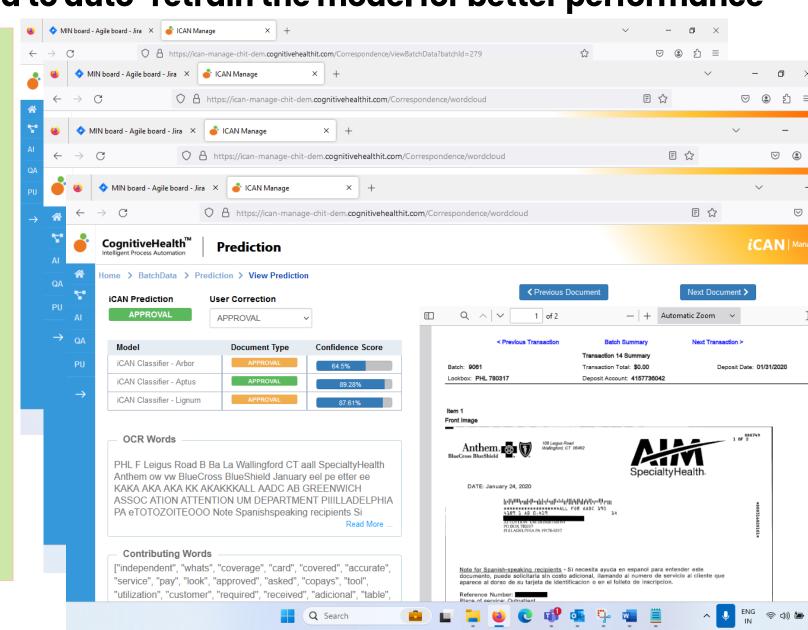
By analysing the importance of different features or words within the document, reveal which aspects of the text influenced the classification decision

Rule Extraction:

Explainable AI has extracted the decision rules or logical explanations from the trained model. This involves identifying patterns or conditions that the model uses to classify documents. These rules can be represented in a human-readable format, providing transparency into the decision-making process

Document Summarization Post-hoc explainability

methods aim to explain the model's decisions after it has made them. SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) provided the explanations by perturbing the input document and observing the model's response. It has provided the weightage for each tokens, so that easily a human could visualize where the model is more emphasizing



Methodologies for actionable Al

Implementing explainable AI requires certain best practices to ensure effective results:



Collect high-quality and representative datasets for training Al models.



Perform thorough feature engineering to identify relevant features and representations for classification.



Choose appropriate explainable AI models, such as decision trees or rule-based systems, based on the specific requirements.



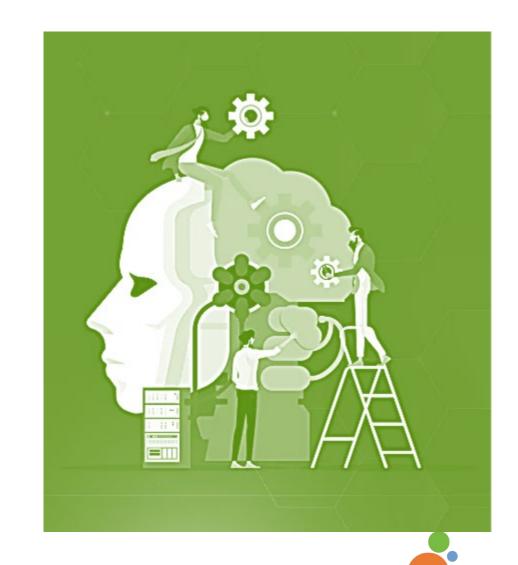
Design interpretable model architectures that provide transparent decision-making processes.



Employ post-hoc interpretability techniques like LIME or SHAP to provide explanations for black-box models.

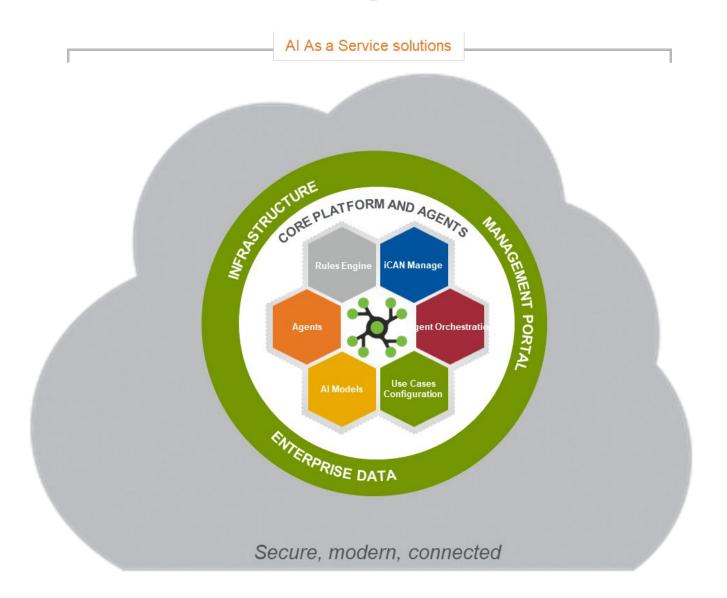


Continuously incorporate user feedback to refine the AI model and improve its performance.



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Look for AI as a Service Model (AasM) Purpose-built for Healthcare



Only a healthcaregrounded approach can solve healthcare business problems.



Al Deployment Life Cycle Model

Ideation

- Conduct Brainstorming
- Identify target processes
- Reassess them!

Requirements

- Describe existing workflows
- Define the desired target state

Engage right vendors

- > Al as a service vendor or Inhouse development
- > Assess the technology, security and healthcare specific knowledge



Design and Develop

- Design and develop the Al application
- > TEST, TEST, and TEST

Maintain and update

- Maintain the application
- Update them as the process, business demands change.

Monitor

- Monitor ongoing performance
- Review and tune

Deploy

Implement AI systems in target settings





Al isn't perfect – Key considerations

- Protecting patient privacy
- Not replacing but augmentation
- Leadership vision and human management
- Data Bias Ongoing evaluation of the AI decisions
- Human oversight
- Learning curve
- The 'Black box' to 'Glass box' transparency and explainability
- Democratization of Al expertise
- Accountability



Regulatory frameworks / Initiatives for safe and Ethical Al



FDA Regulations -

Center for devices and radiological heath(CDRH), Pre-Market Approval(PMA), AI/ML based Software as Medical Device(SaMD), Real World Evidence(RWE)

Digital Health Innovation Action Plan



Data Privacy and Security – HIPAA, HITECH Act, 21st Century Cures Act,



Legislative proposal and initiatives - Collaboration(Private-public partnerships) and standards development Organizations (IEEE, ISO)





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Don't Wait, **Automate**

Questions?



