



# Future Care

## Sensors, AI & the Reinvention of Medicine

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# My objectives

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Gaps in our  
Healthcare System

Role of Sensors in  
Care Delivery

The Data  
Conundrum & Role  
of AI in Healthcare

Future Models of  
Clinical Care

**Change is not merely necessary to  
life – it is life**

Alvin Toffler





- Journey across 3 healthcare systems

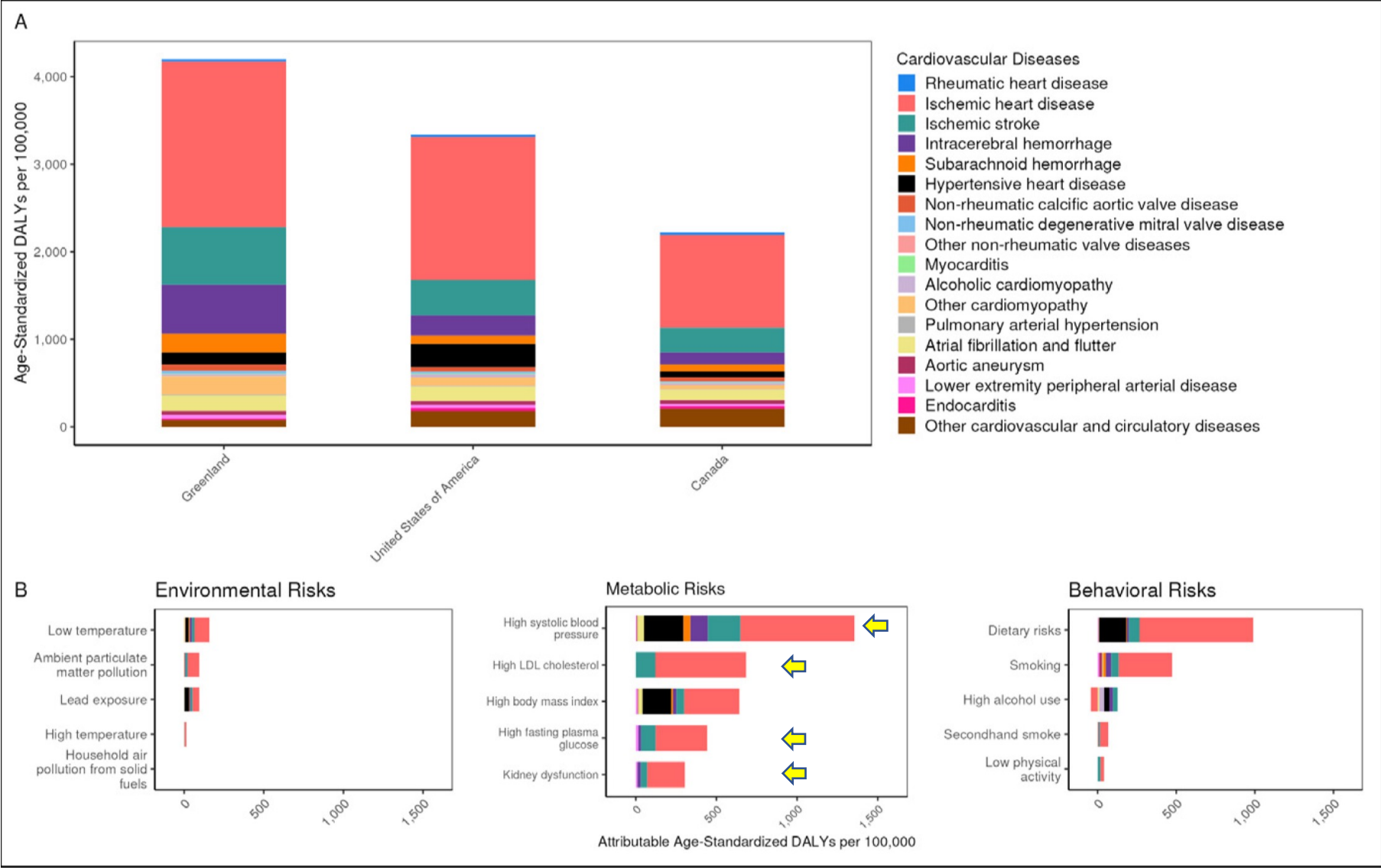




# US Healthcare System

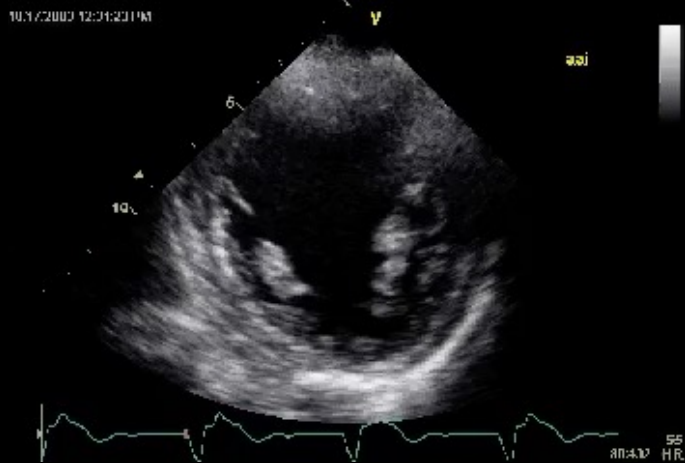
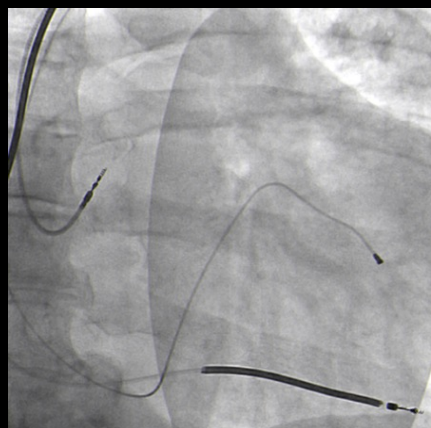
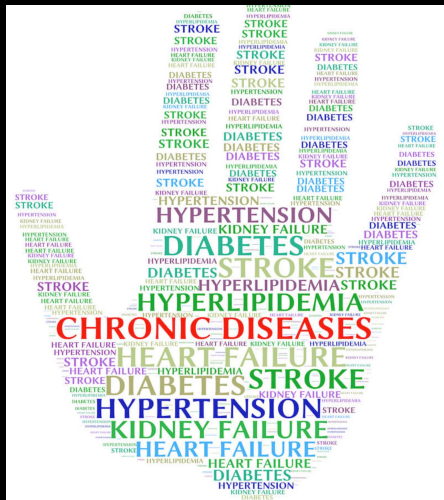
- Big, Fat & Sick!
- nearly 1/5<sup>th</sup> of GDP
- Some concerns
  - I's & O's
  - Culture of margins
  - Living Contradiction
    - 3 of 4 \$- chronic diseases
    - Our wellness depends on sickness

# Cardiovascular Disease Burden & Contributors

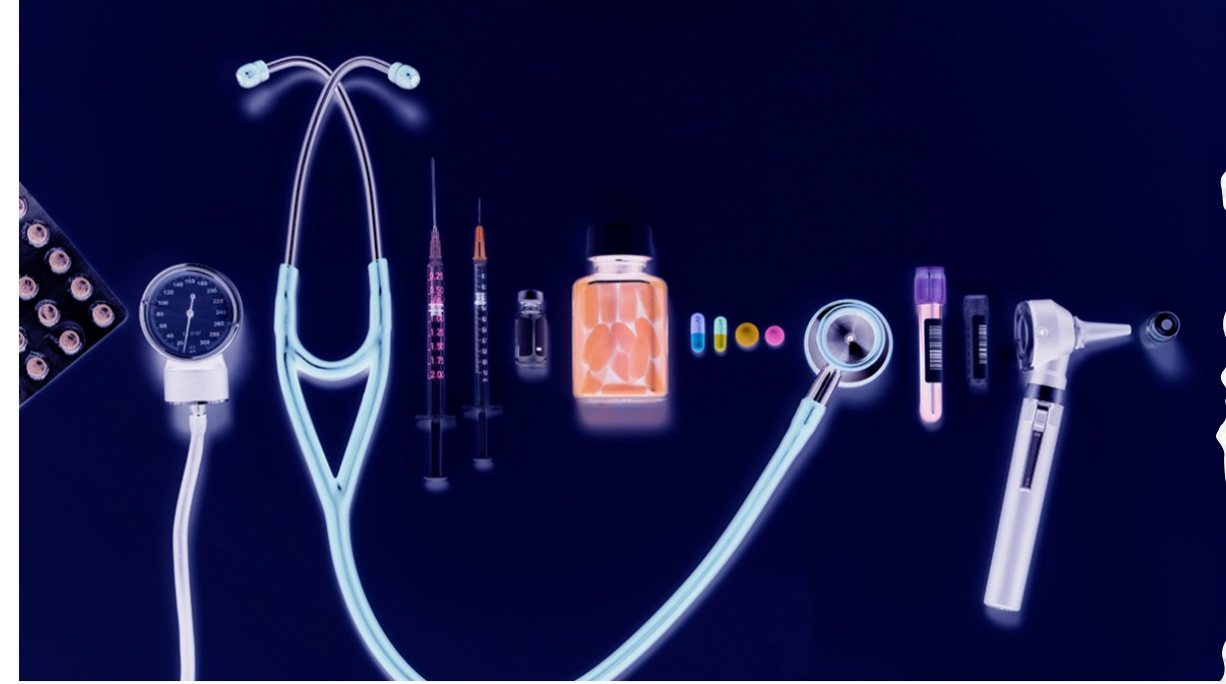


# Paul's Story

- 2003
  - 71-year-old
  - 3 Chronic diseases
  - End organ damage
  - Hemodialysis for 7 years
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- What went wrong?







- Main story in medicine is finding a tenable life with disease
- Bridging gaps between patient expectations and workings of a busy hospital
- We are now blessed with -
  - Data
  - Unlimited connectivity
  - Massive processing power



## Future of Care will be -

- Virtual
- Sensor-aided
- Powered by AI
- Remote monitoring
- Sustainable Workflows



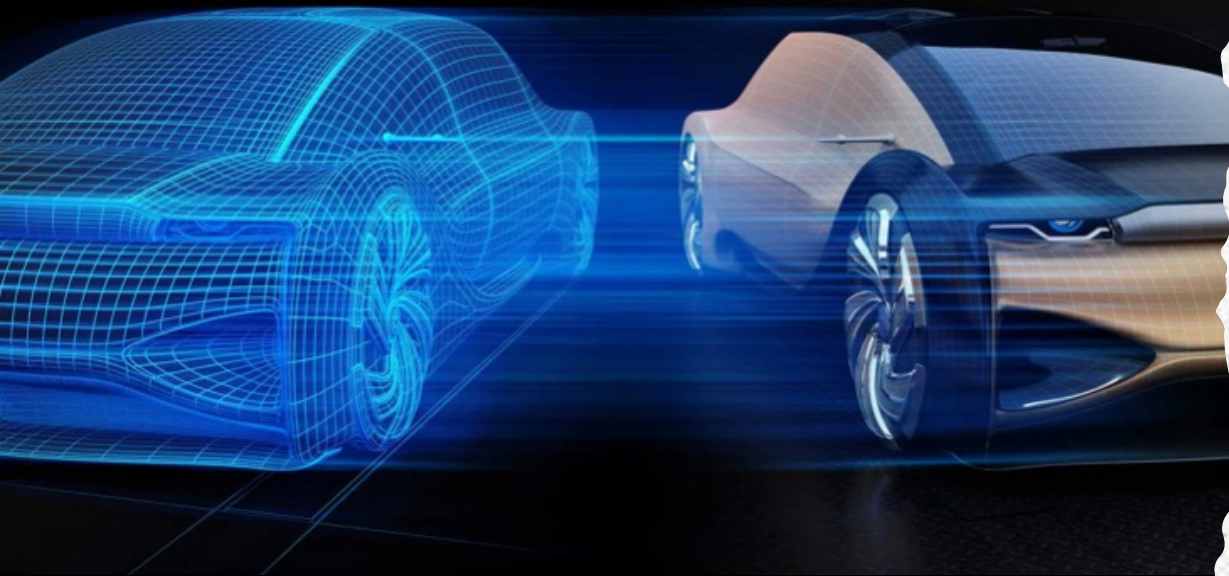


- All knowledge begins with the senses

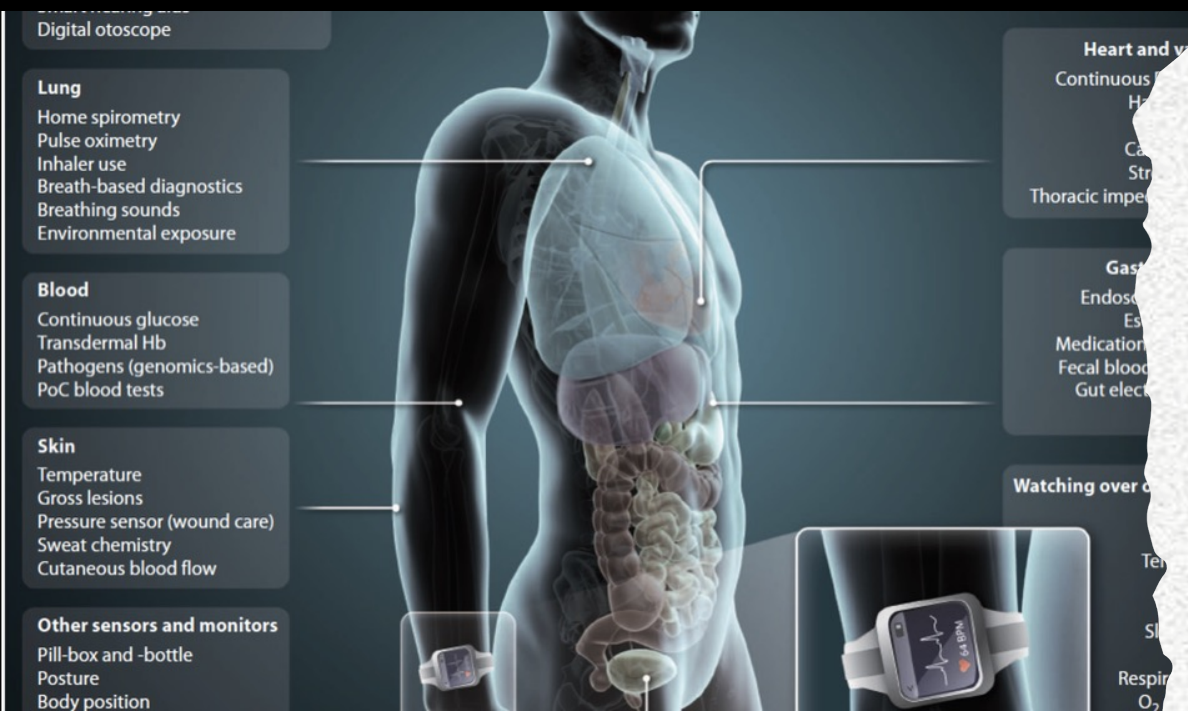
- *Emmanuel Kant*

- Analog experience = electric charge
- Every cell /every organ – operates through a sequence of binary codes





- Digitizing the human body & digital dashboards
- Automobile equivalent Check Engine Light
- Provides the opportunity to monitor, forecast, and proactively intervene





# Device-based Sensors

- this is not new!

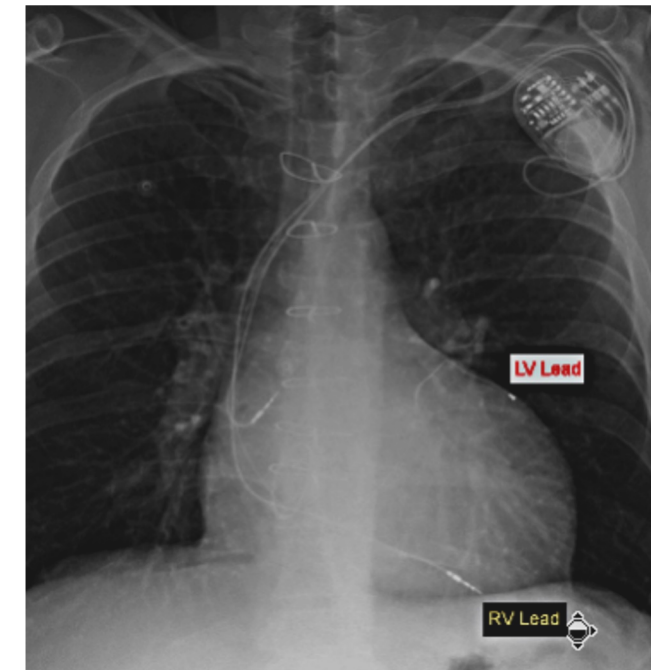
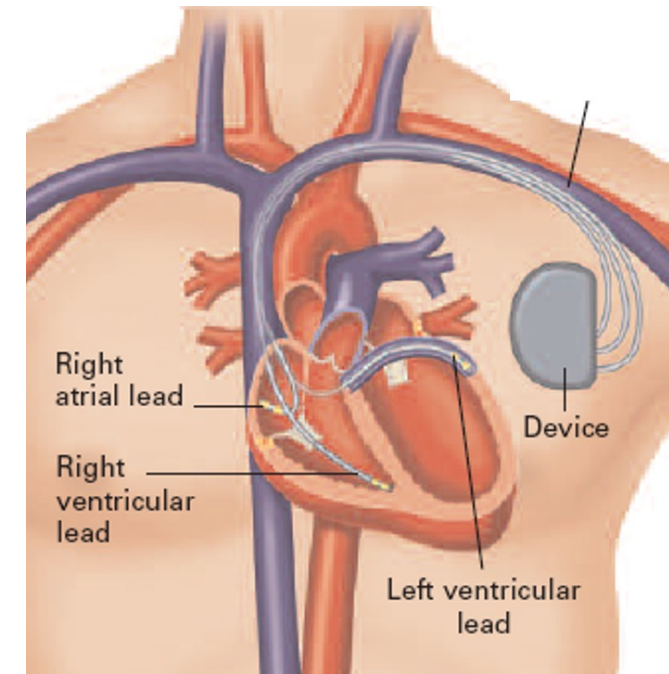
- Simple Sensors

- Heart rate and derivatives
- Accelerometers
- Impedance derived measures
- Heart sounds
- Respiratory

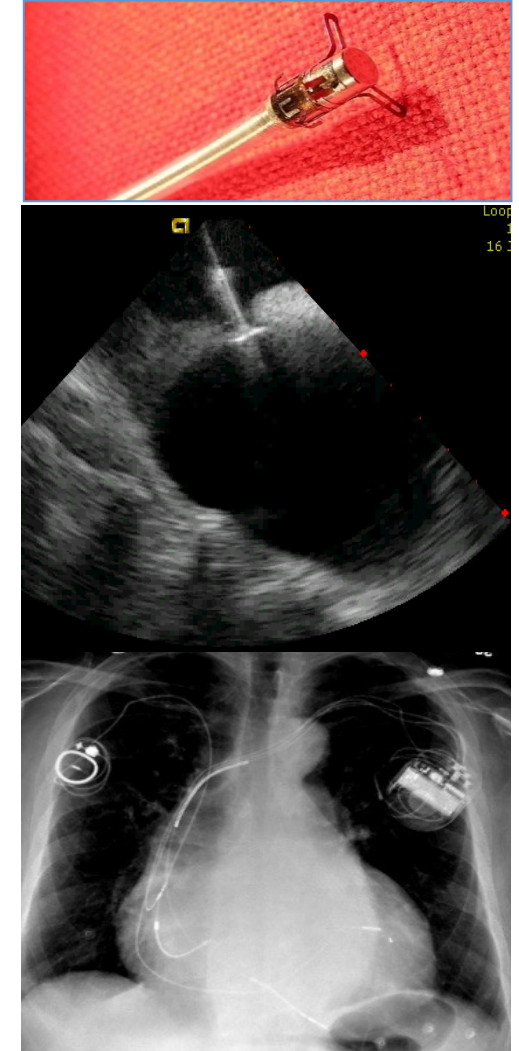
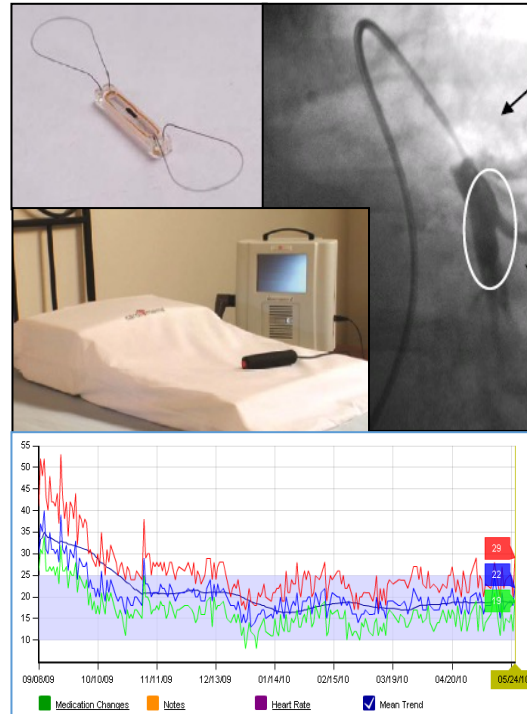
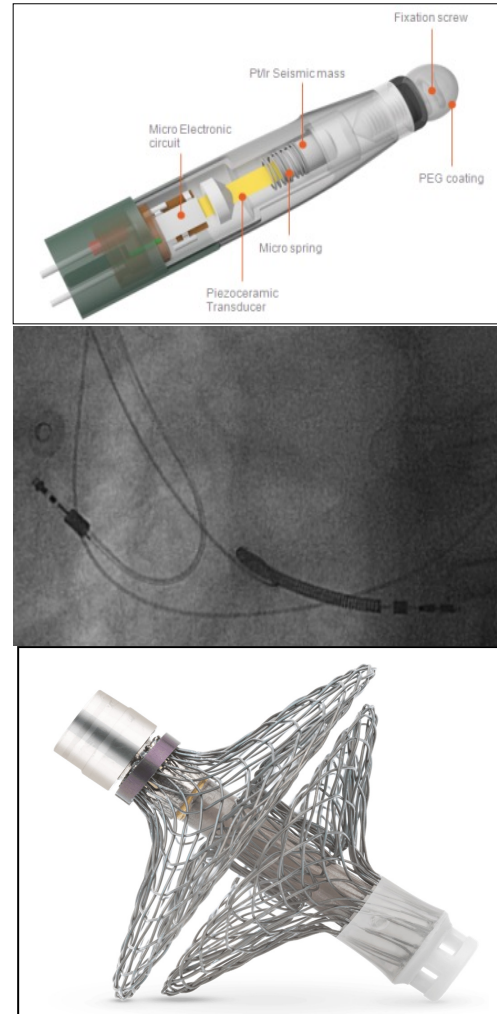
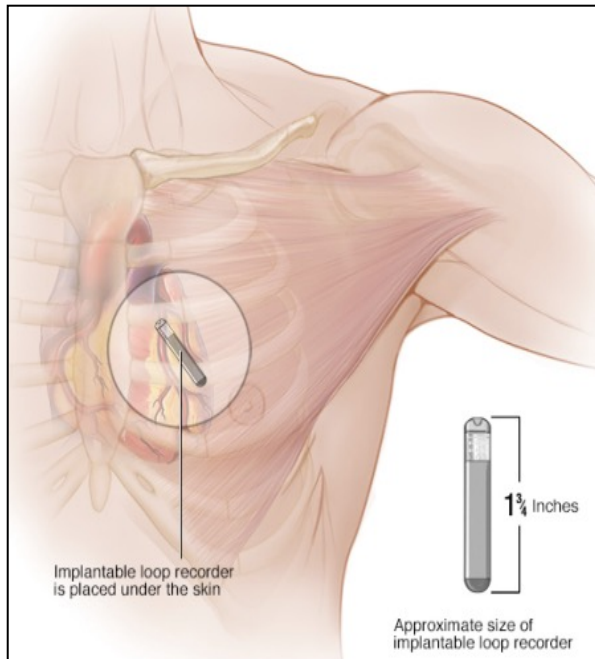
- Sophisticated Sensors

- Pressure: left atrial pressure, pulmonary artery pressure, RV dP/dt, etc.
- Heart Sound: PEA
- C Output: Doppler
- Chemicals:  $PO_2$ ,  $PCO_2$ , pH, electrolytes and glucose
- Biomarkers: TNF, BNP, etc.

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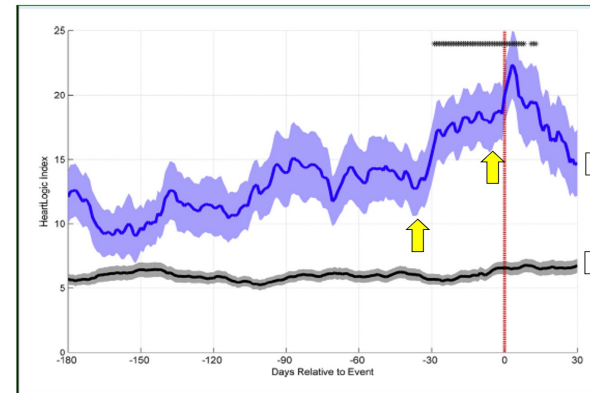
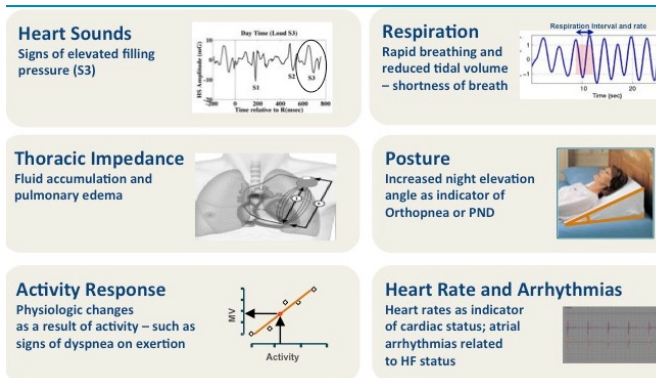


# Stand-alone Implantable Sensors



# Implantable Sensors

- risk stratify, predict & prevent (**narrow AI**)

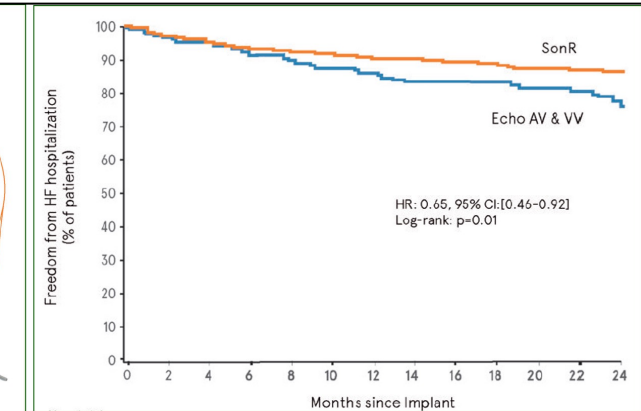
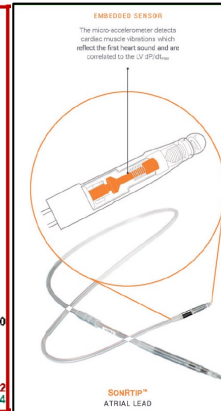
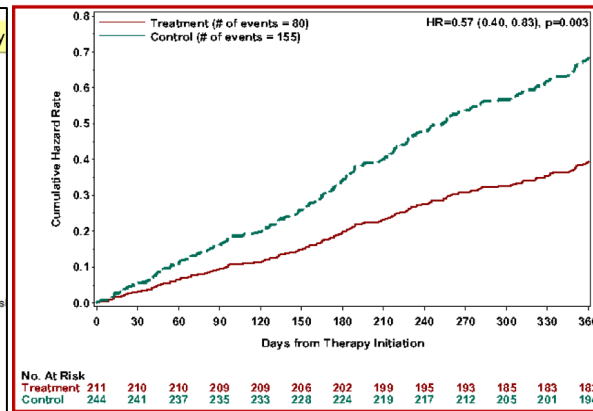
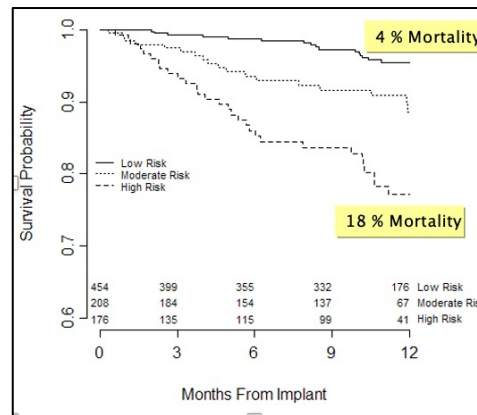


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## A Multisensor Algorithm Predicts Heart Failure Events in Patients With Implanted Devices

Results From the MultiSENSE Study

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# Wearables & Ambient Sensors














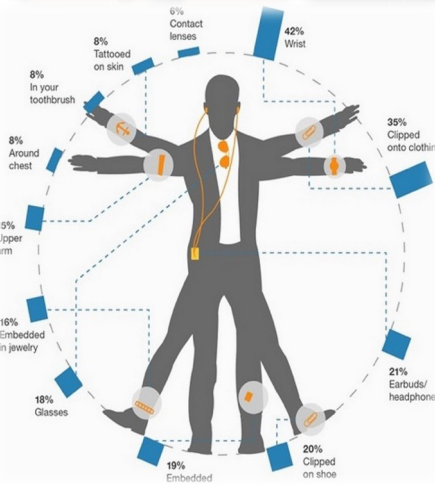





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**Eye**

- Glucose-sensing lens
- Digital funduscope
- Smartphone visual-acuity tracking
- Automated refractive error
- Noninvasive intracocular pressure

**Ear**

- Smart hearing aids
- Digital otoscope

**Lung**

- Home spirometry
- Pulse oximetry
- Inhaler use
- Breath-based diagnostics
- Breathing sounds
- Environmental exposure

**Blood**

- Continuous glucose
- Transdermal Hb
- Pathogens (genomics-based)
- Purc blood tests

**Skin**

- Temperature
- Gross lesions
- Pressure sensor (wound care)
- Sweat chemistry
- Cutaneous blood flow

**Other sensors and monitors**

- Pill box and -bottle
- Posture
- Body position
- Activity
- Sleep

**Bladder and urine**

- Comprehensive urinalysis
- STDs (genomic detection)
- Diaper-based sensors

**Brain and emotion**

- Wireless mobile EEG
- Seizure
- Autonomic nervous activity
- Head-impact sensor
- Intracranial pressure (noninvasive)
- Stress recognition (voice, respiration)

**Heart and vascular**

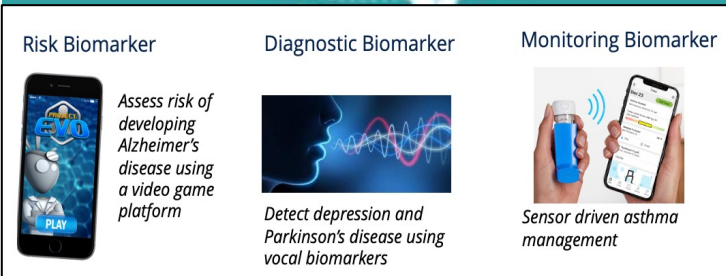
- Continuous BP tracking
- Handheld ECG
- Heart rhythm
- Cardiac output
- Stroke volume
- Thoracic impedance (fluid)

**Gastrointestinal**

- Endoscopic imaging
- Esophageal pH
- Medication compliance
- Fecal blood or bilirubin
- Gut electrical activity
- Chewing

**Watching over one's health**

- Pulse
- BP
- Temperature
- Activity
- Hydration
- Sleep stages
- Seizure
- Respiration rate
- O<sub>2</sub> saturation
- Blood CO<sub>2</sub>
- Blood glucose
- ECG (single-lead)
- Cardiac output
- Stroke volume
- Stress
- Heart-rate variability
- Electrodermal activity



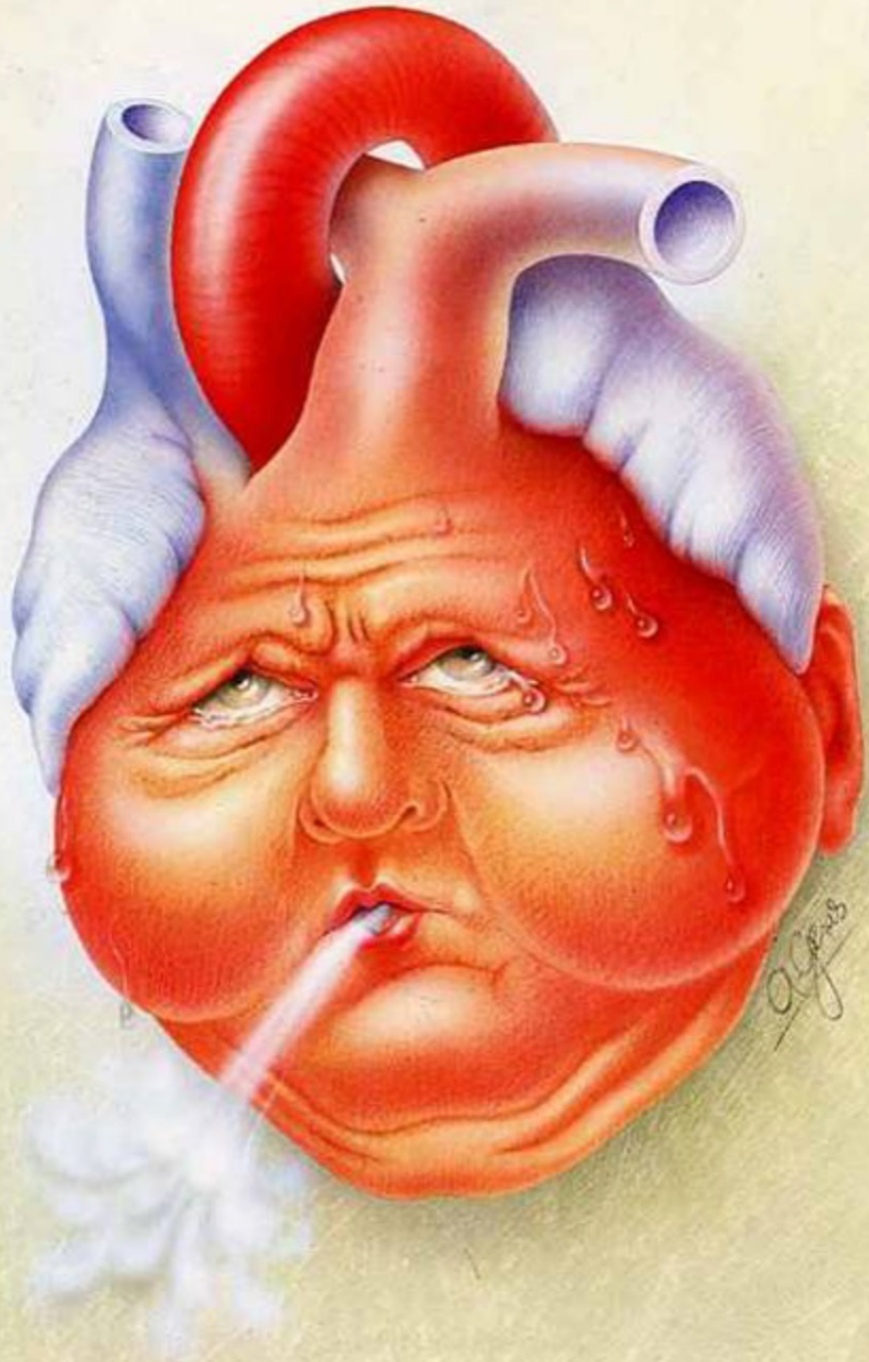
# Smartphone revolution

- Numbers are ever-increasing
- Incorporates - medical tool kit

## Provides high touch technology

1. Risk, diagnostic & monitoring biomarkers
2. Digital phenotyping of behavioural patterns
3. Monitor **Hypertension, Diabetes, HF**  
Parkinson's, asthma, COPD, etc.
4. Predict cognitive decline, Alzheimer's, & **HF**





# Paul's story - II

- Began recovering his heart function (LVEF of 45%)
- Still very brittle, on Hemodialysis
- Multiple admissions in 2005 with Heart failure
- Noted to have atrial fibrillation & NSVT

\* No sensor strategies then

# Virtual Care – Equitable & Multidisciplinary ?



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European Society  
of Cardiology

European Heart Journal - Digital Health (2021) 2, 244–253  
doi:10.1093/ehjdh/ztab039

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Social determinants of telemedicine utilization in ambulatory cardiovascular patients during the COVID-19 pandemic

Kemar J. Brown <sup>†</sup>, Njambo Mathenge<sup>†</sup>, Daniela Crousillat, Jaclyn Pagliaro, Connor Grady, Nava Katz, Jagmeet P. Singh, and Ami B. Bhatt\*

Virtual multidisciplinary care for heart failure patients with cardiac resynchronization therapy devices during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic



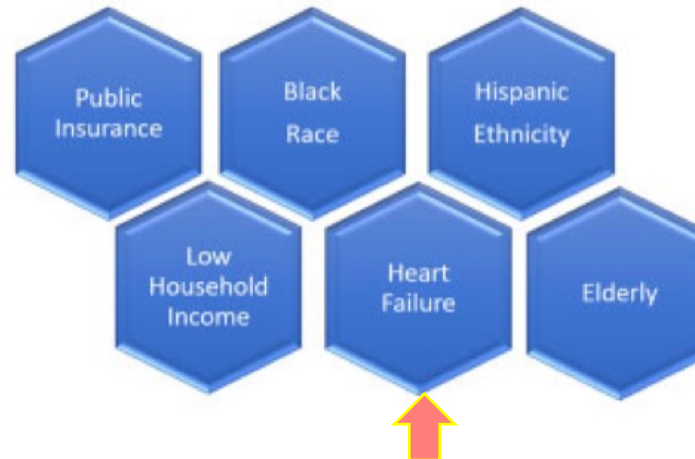
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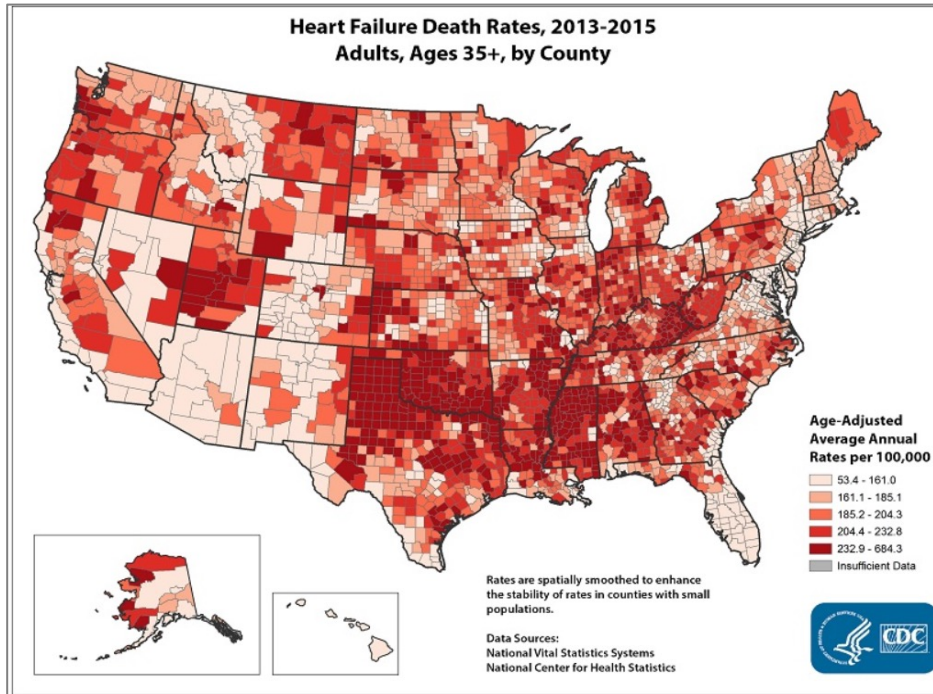
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### Factors Associated with Lower Telemedicine Video Utilization

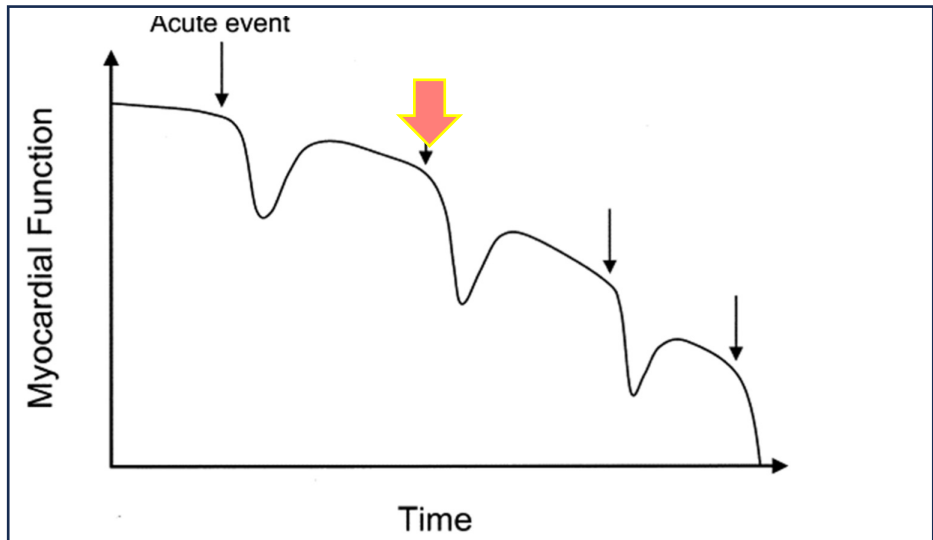






# Heart Failure

- Complex problem
- Commonest cause of readmissions
- Projected expenditure – \$70 billion by 2030

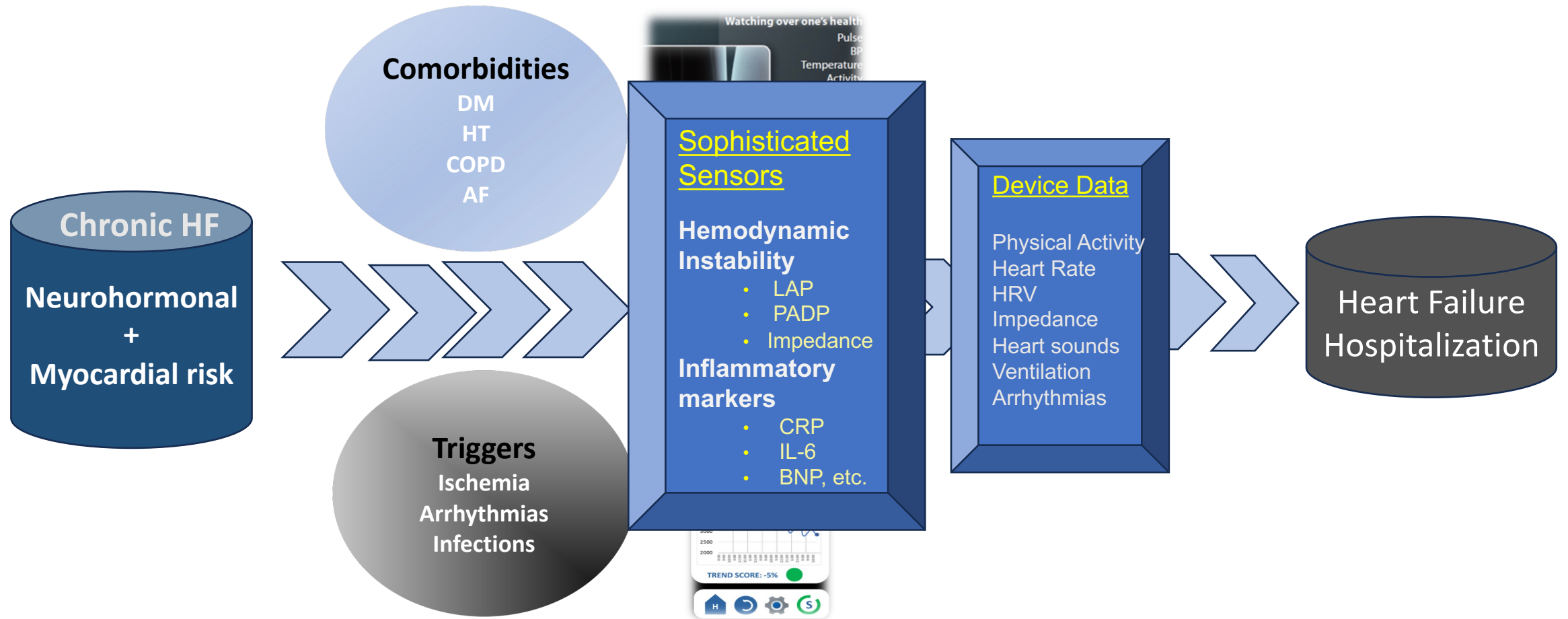


- Every readmission associated with progressive decline
- But device-based sensors can help us predict & prevent



# AI Facilitated-Sensor Data Integration

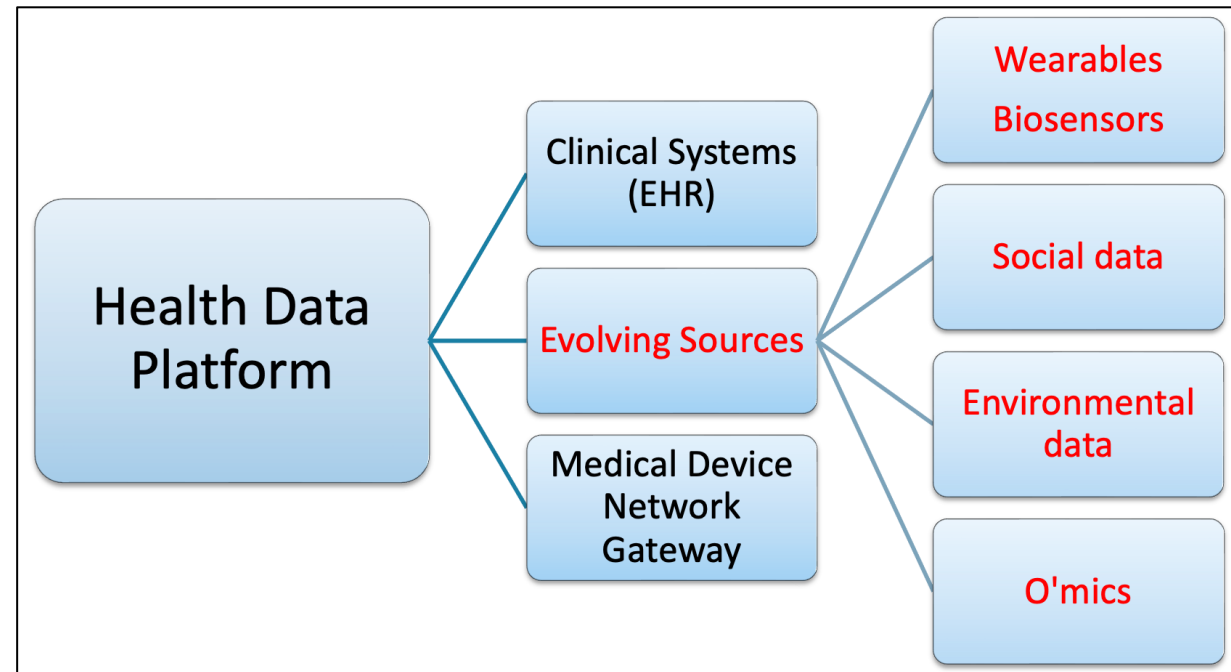
## Predicting & prevention



# The Data Conundrum

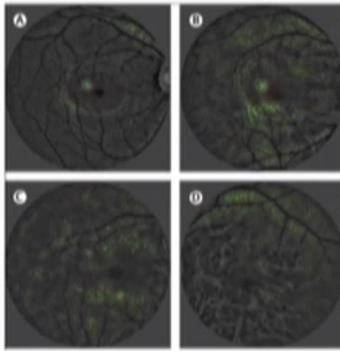
You can have data without information, but you cannot have information without data

*Daniel Keys Moran*



# Machine Eyes vs. Human Eyes (Analytical AI)

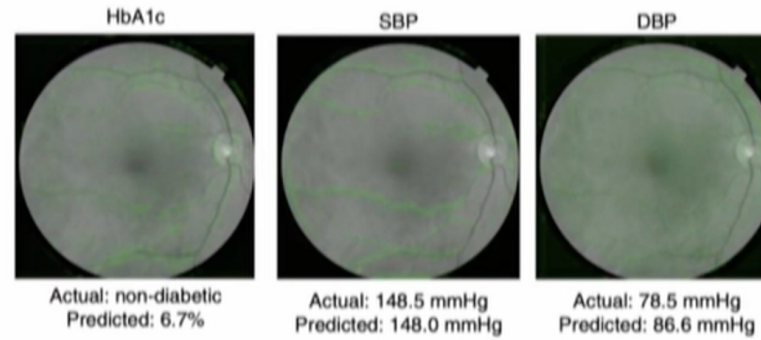
## Kidney Disease



A deep learning algorithm to detect chronic kidney disease from retinal photographs in community-based populations

*Lancet Digital Health* May 12, 2020

## Diabetes and Blood Pressure Control



Prediction of cardiovascular risk factors from retinal fundus photographs via deep learning

March 2018

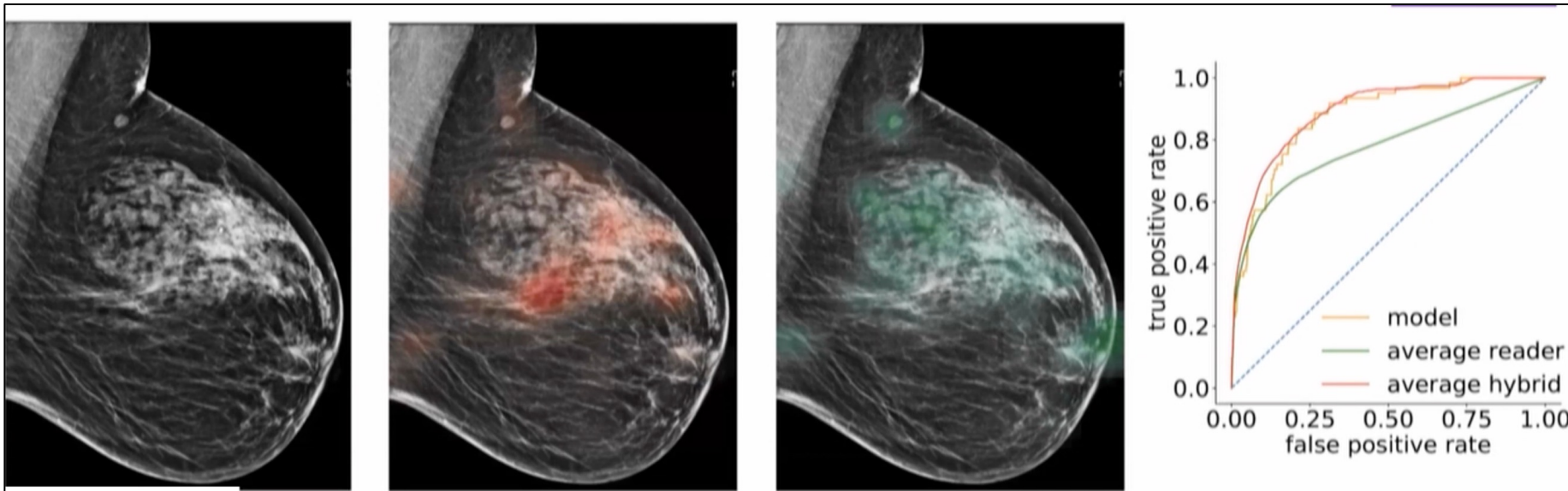
nature  
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## Alzheimer's Disease



A system based on AI will scan the retina for signs of Alzheimer's

**AlzEye** Moorfields Eye Hospital  
Detecting signs of dementia in the retina NHS Foundation Trust





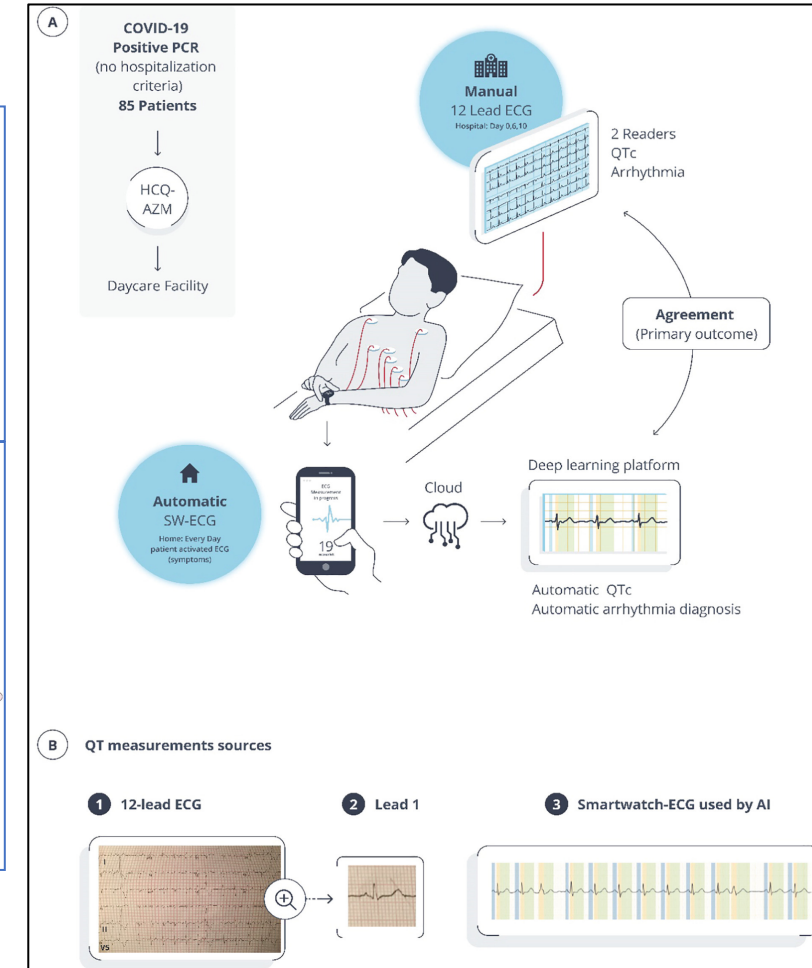
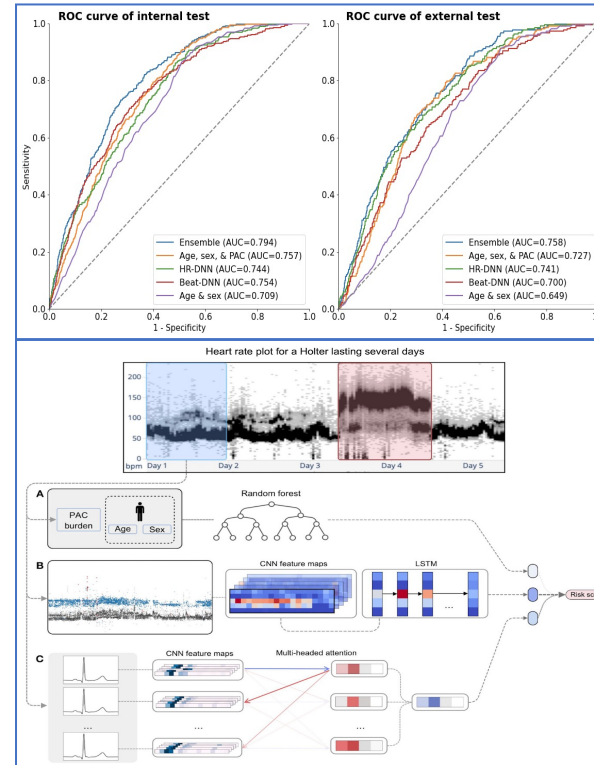
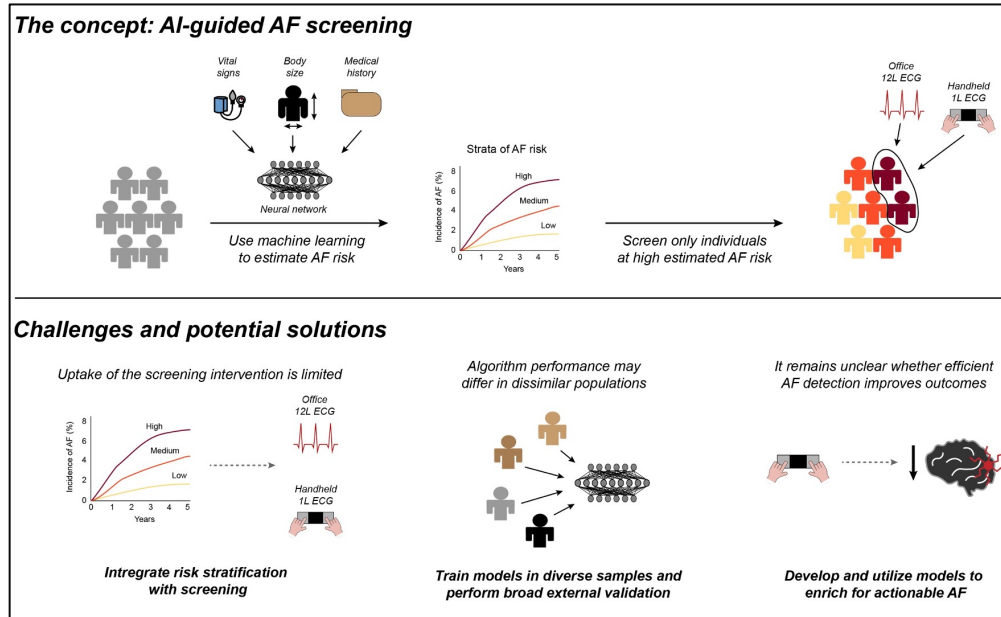
# What about Atrial fibrillation ?

- **Atrial Fibrillation**
  - Prevalence
  - Clinical manifestations
  - Double whammy\*
- **AI -ECG** – can predict AF, SCD, HF, etc.
- Recognizing the **Digital divide**



# Managing Atrial Fibrillation

## Machine Learning + Sensors + AI-ECG + Cloud based Algorithms



PULsE-AI Study, Hill N et al, EHJ-DH 2022

Khurshid S & Singh JP, EHJ – DH 2022

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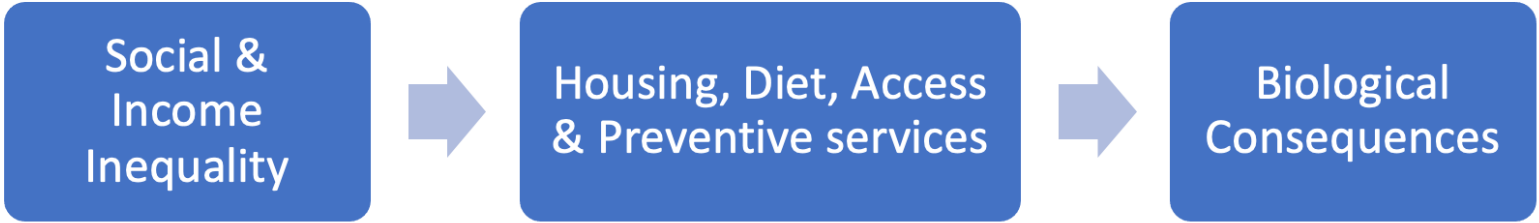
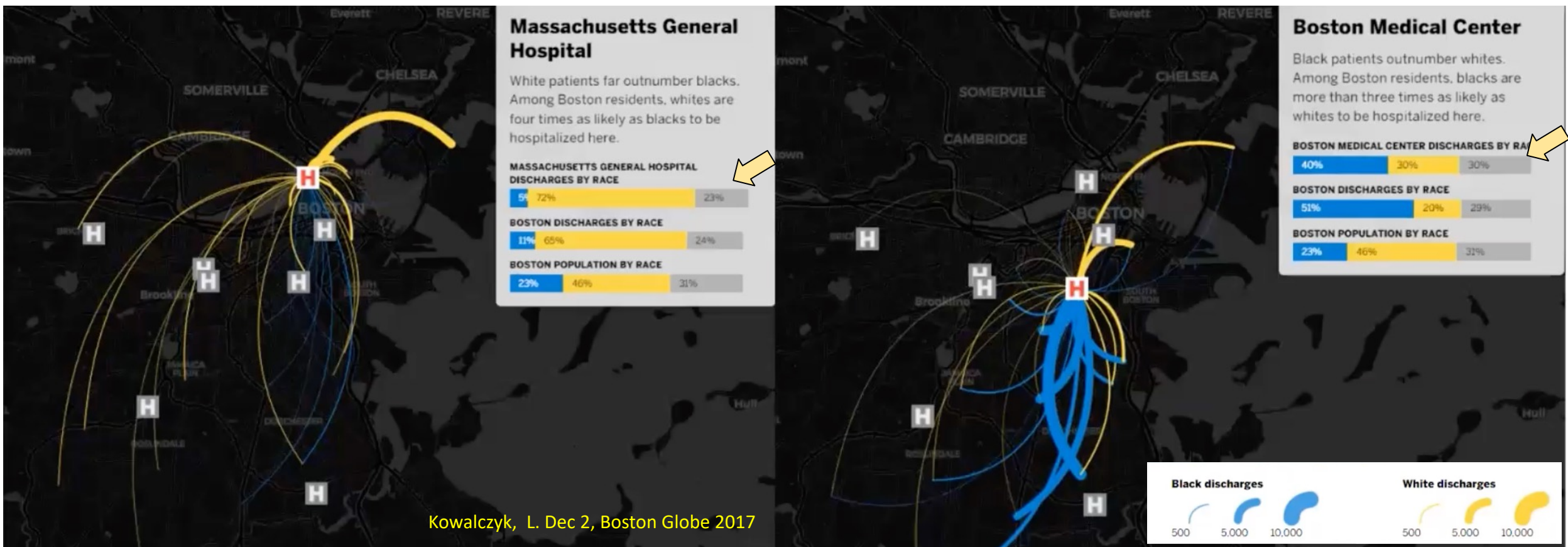
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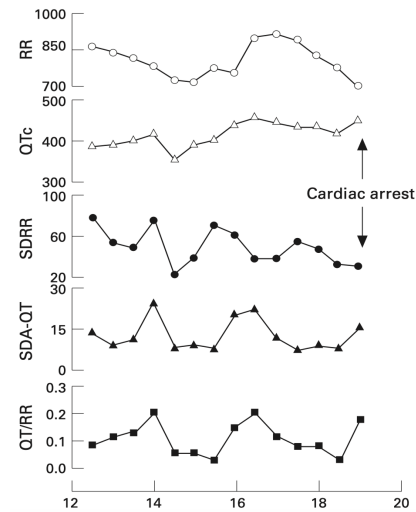
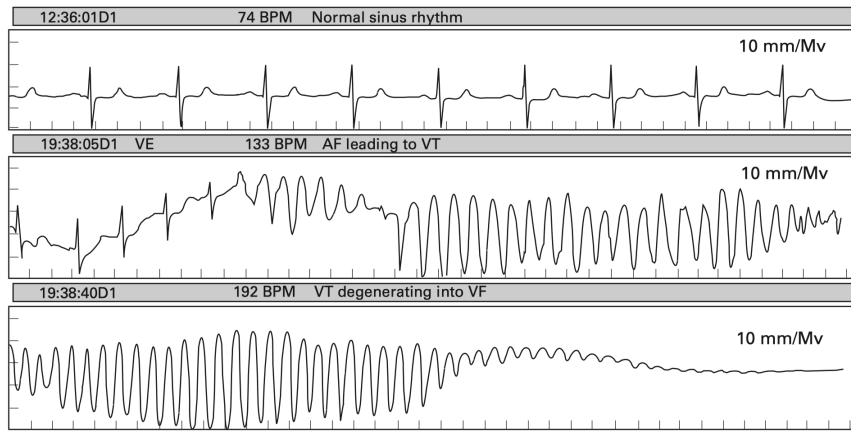
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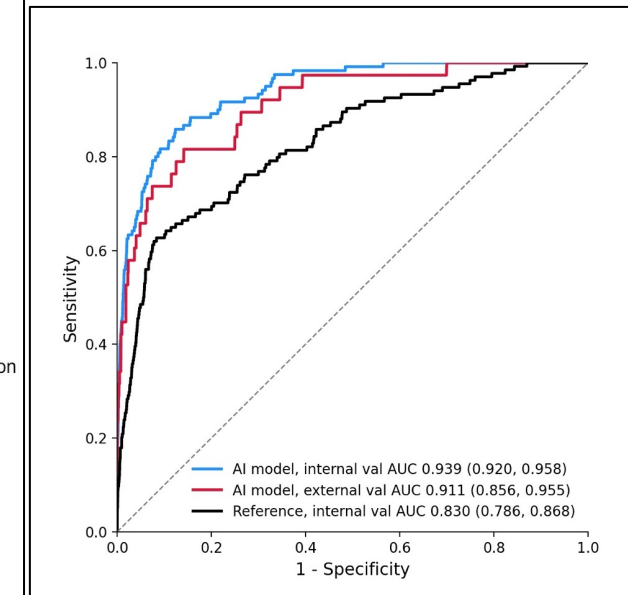
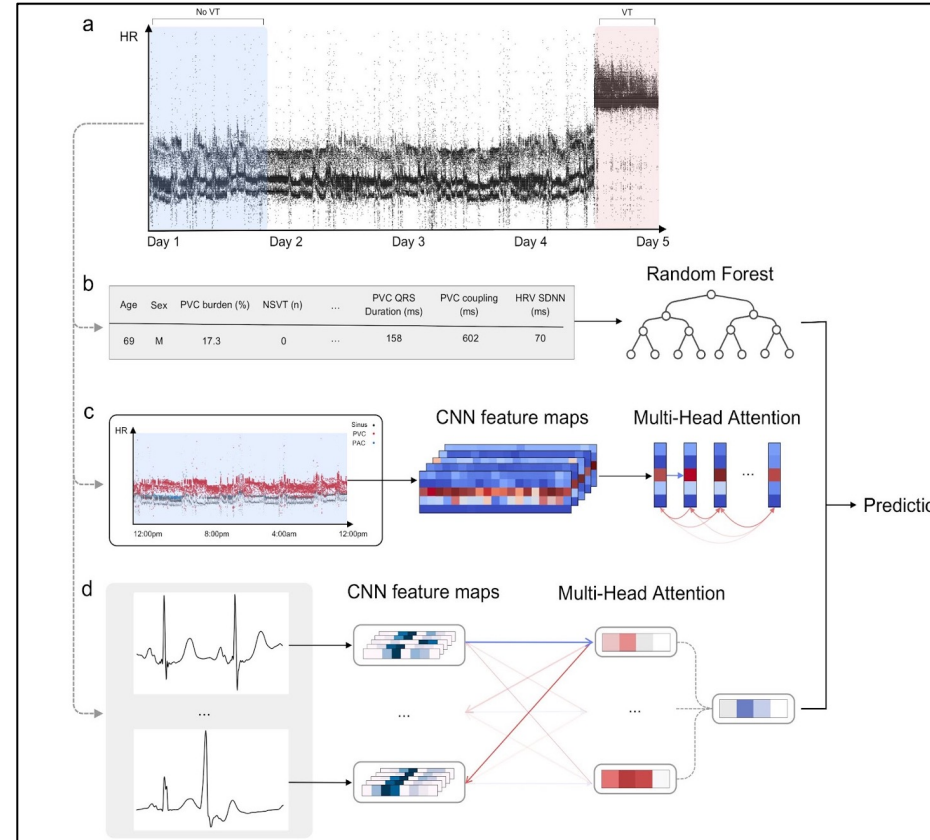
# Data, Equity & Implications



# Predicting Ventricular Tachycardia / VF



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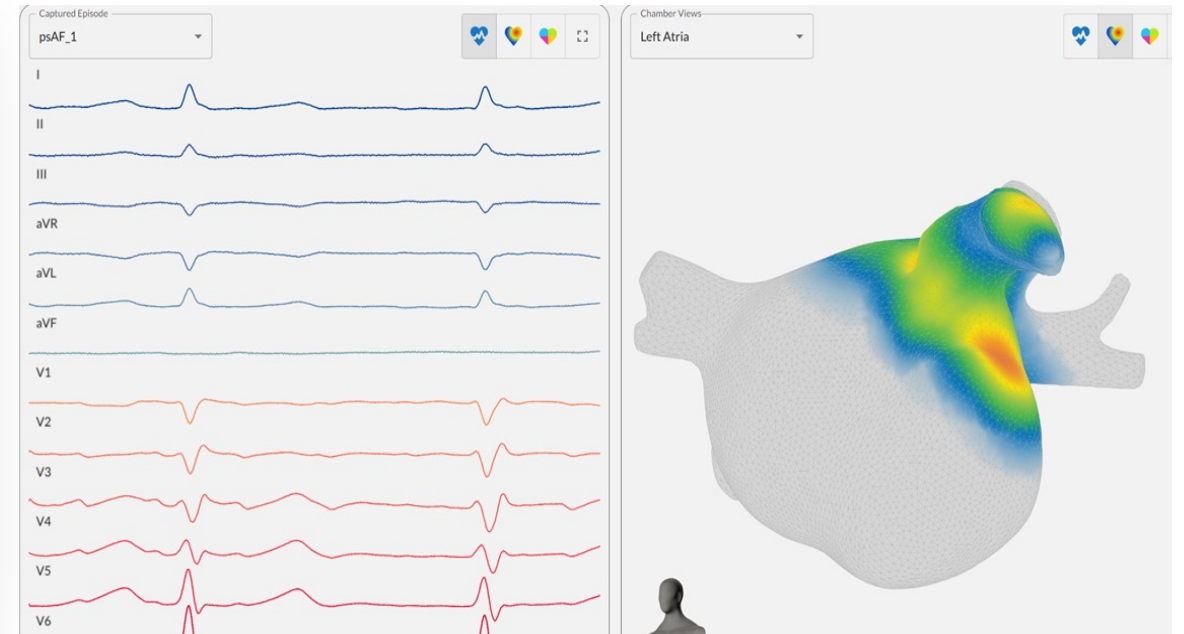
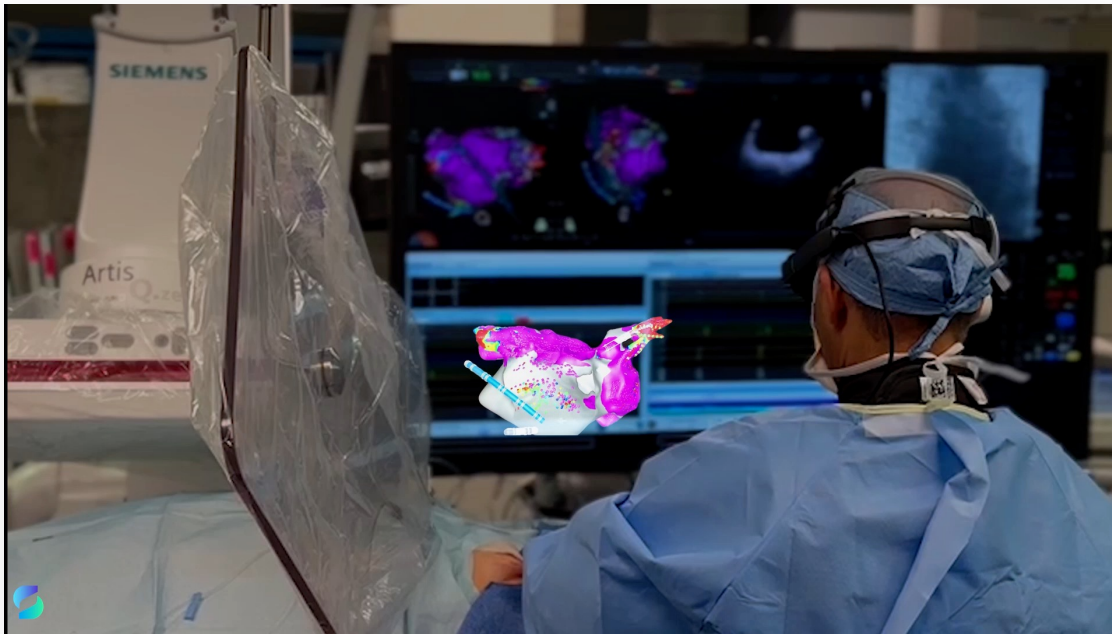


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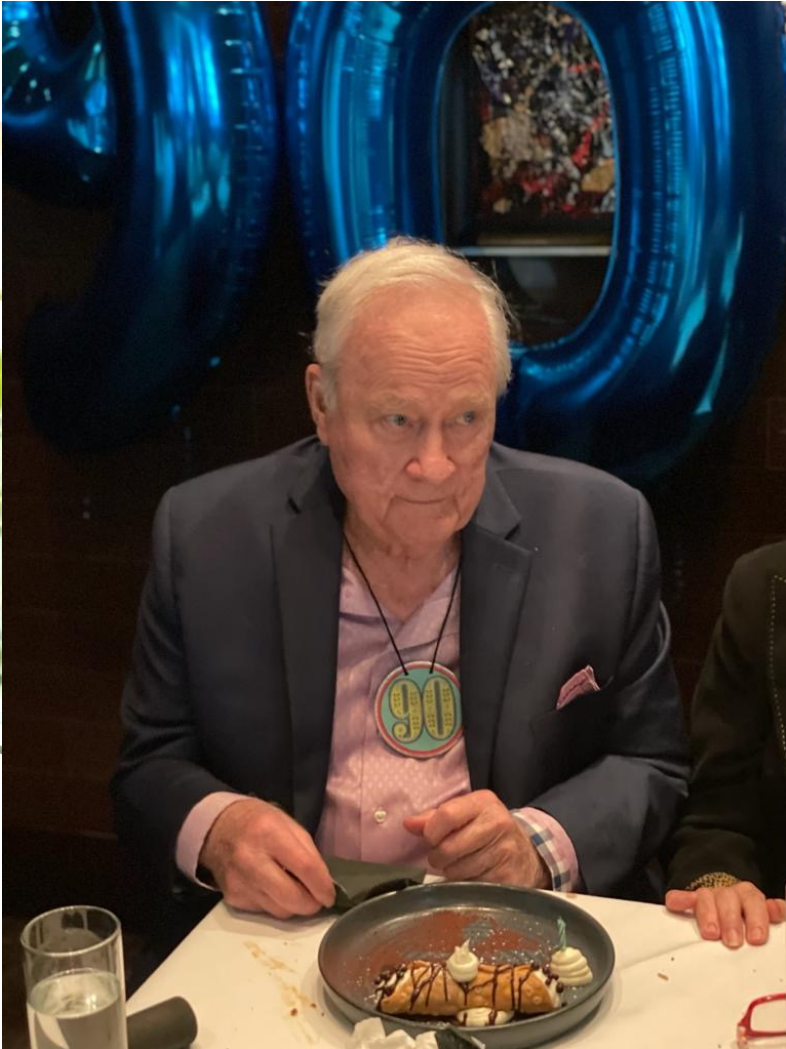


# Augmented Reality + AI Facilitated mapping (A-Fib Ablation)





# What about Paul?



- Chronic diseases were allowed to progress to renal and heart failure
- It was all preventable
- Siloed care – episodic & transactional
- Paul **lost many years of his life** and his youth dealing with disease & our healthcare system incurred huge expenses!

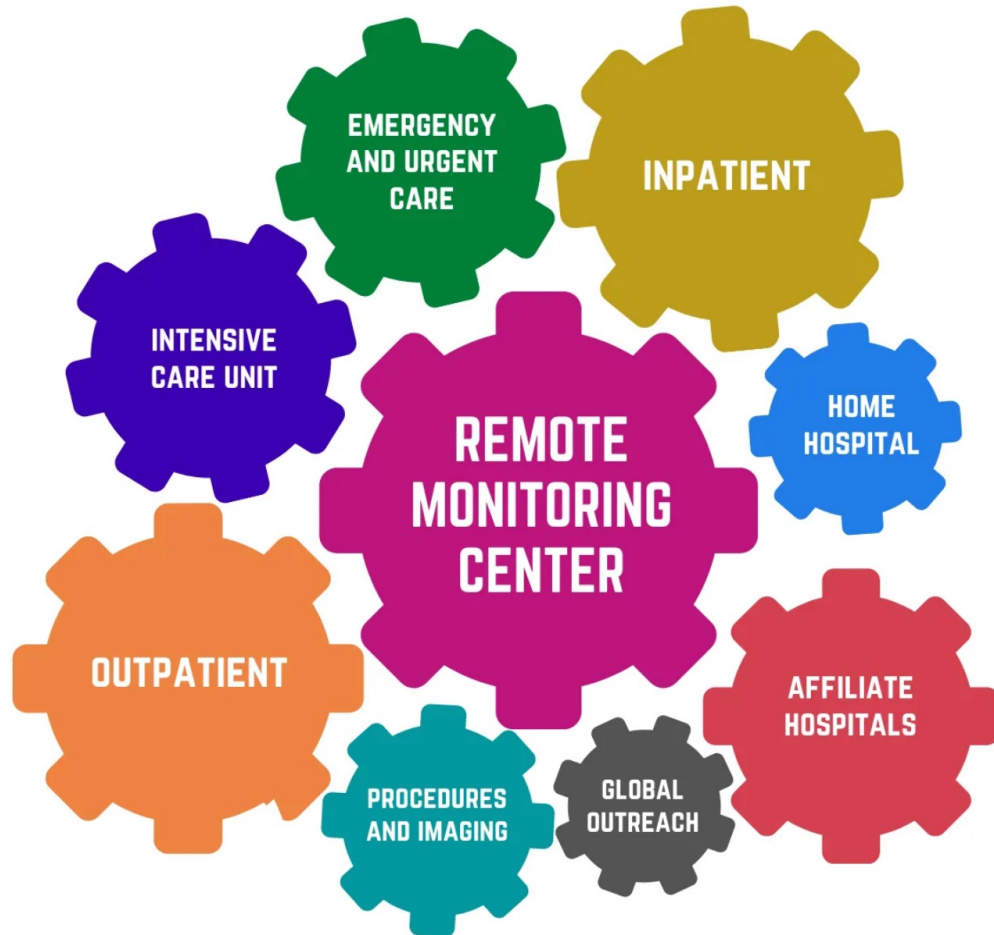


# Fostering the Digital Culture

- Ensuring sustainability & demand for value
- **Being Digital** is different, from being digitized
- Need to redefine the value proposition
  - Transactional to continuous care
    - **AI-driven logic**
    - **Continued evolution of algorithms**
    - **Exception based care**
  - MYOD



# Remote Monitoring & the Future of Care



- RM - lifecycle of disease
- Synergistic convergence between conventional AI + Generative AI + Clinicians
- Chronic care, Readmissions, self management, etc.

## High Priority

- i) Peri-operative care
- ii) Hospital @ Home – PNA, COPD, chronic disease
- iii) Specialty high burden care – HF, AF, DM, etc.

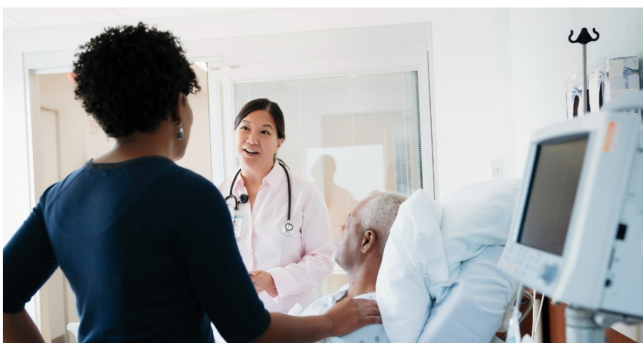
\* Enhancing Systemness



## NYU Langone Health LLM can predict hospital readmissions

The large language model is still in testing, but the AI tool had a median accuracy score of 77.8% compared to a physician score of 62.8%. The code base is now available to all healthcare organizations.

By [Andrea Fox](#) | June 09, 2023 | 03:34 PM



# • Chat-GPT & LLM's (Generative AI)

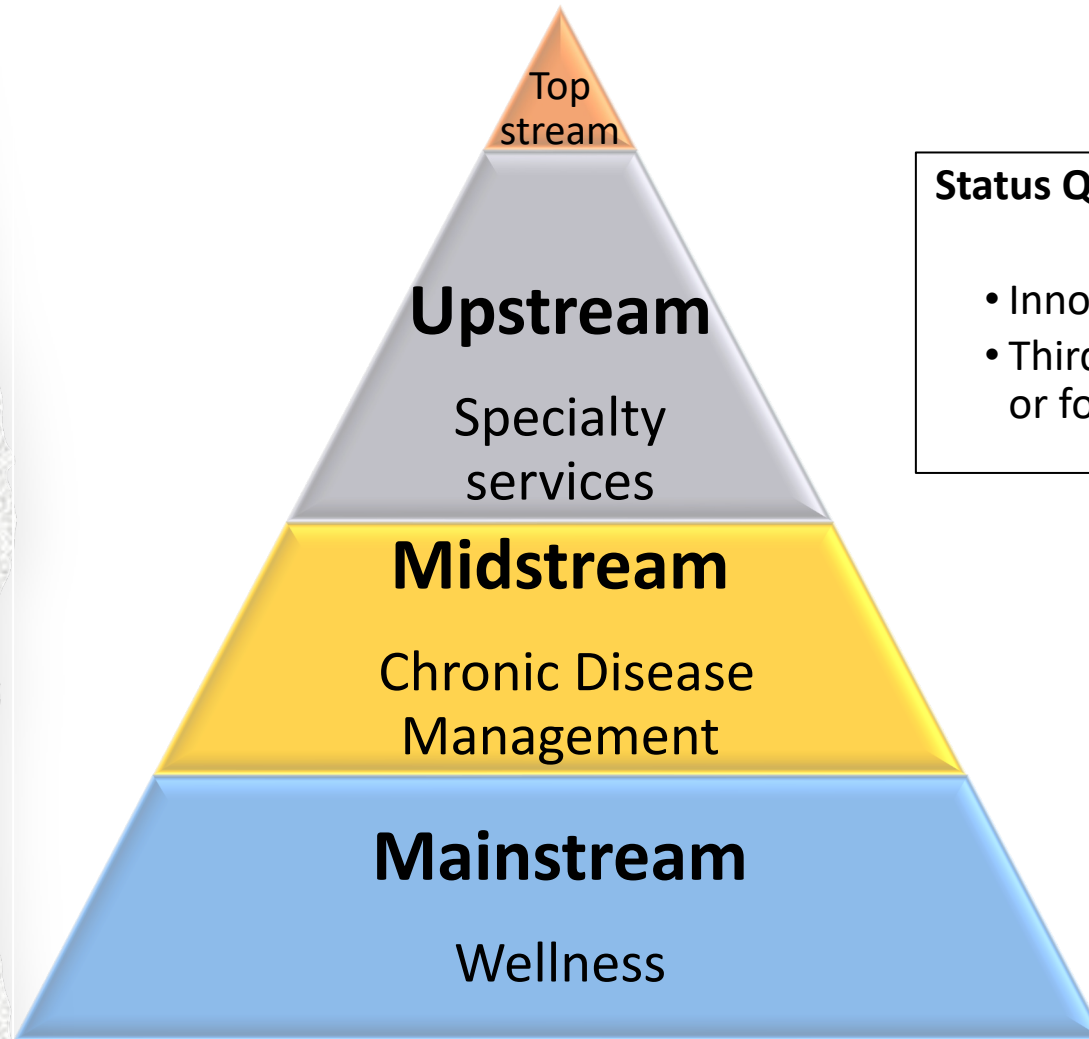
- Decode datasets & write computer programs
- Summarize information
- Will have an assistive role in healthcare
  - Keyboard liberation
    - (ambient notes / draft replies\*)
  - burnout
  - clinical decision tools
  - Can predict hospital readmissions

## Heart Failure Readmissions

- Narrow AI (via sensors) + conventional AI (ML) + Generative AI
- Self-management approaches



# Academic Medical Centers

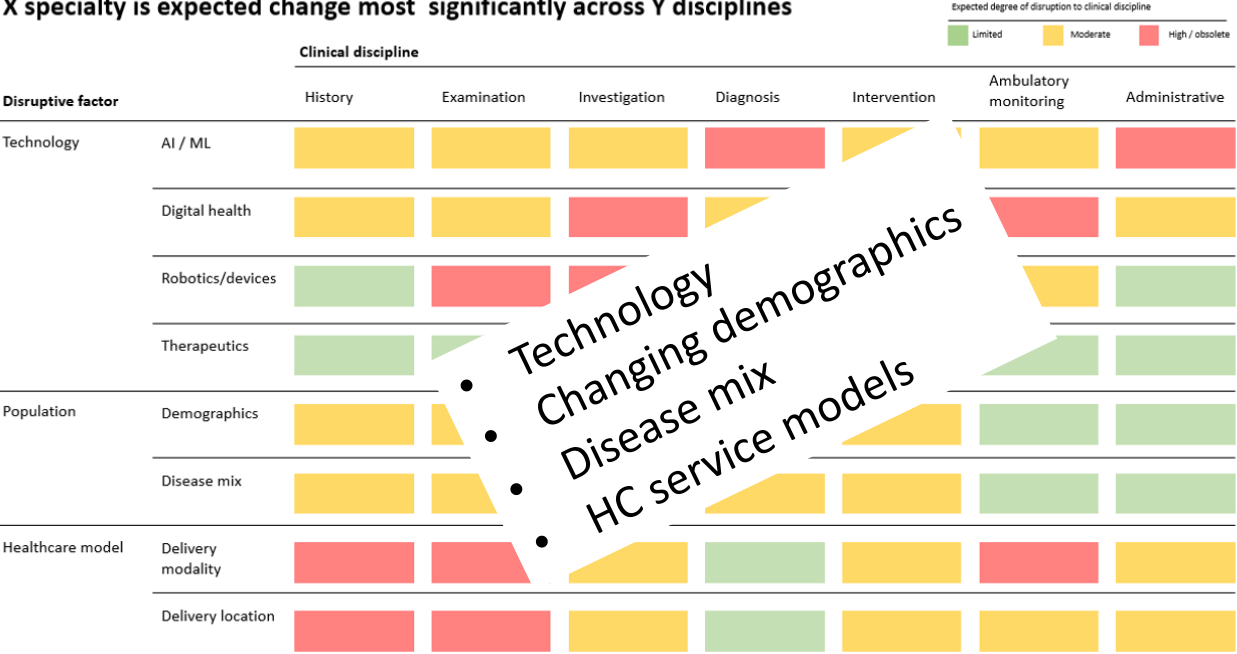


## Status Quo is Untenable

















































- Innovate & experiment
- Third party vendors – friends or foes?


# Disappearing disciplines & Changing Workforce?


X specialty is expected change most significantly across Y disciplines




Potential future clinical workforce

Role	Up to	Technology (AI/Robots)	Human	
Registered Nurse	40%	   	     	60%
Unit Secretaries	50%	    	    	50%
Nursing Assistants	30%	  	     	70%
Hospitalists	30%	  	     	70%
Case Management	50%	    	    	50%

 AI/ Robotics

 Adaptive Workforce  
(Flexible, remote, or 'gig' workers)

 Fixed Workforce

• Pillutla V & Singh JP 2024 (in submission)

Source: Accenture Analysis, 2023



# Future models of Care

- Shared savings approach
- Streaming services through 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors
  - Disease management models
  - Previvor platforms
- Self management strategies
- Uberization of Healthcare
  - Asset light approaches to out-patient care, research & education across the globe
  - Meeting in the Metaverse
  - Global health equity



## Systemness

- Connected care stratagem
- Initiating construct for the next level of care pathways

## Networkness

- Change in the social order of the practice of medicine
- Sensor-aided care with generative AI – across borders
- Evolving framework
- Era of openness with no borders



# Future Care



Sensors, Artificial Intelligence, and  
the Reinvention of Medicine

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- The secret of the **care** of the patient lies in **caring** for the patient'

-Francis Peabody

- Care must always be personal, technology forever tamed & we should continually strive to preserve the **human touch**!

# THANK YOU

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