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AI and machine learning in resuscitation: Ongoing research, new concepts, and key challenges



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Abstract

Aim: Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are important areas of computer science that have recently attracted attention for their application to medicine. However, as techniques continue to advance and become more complex, it is increasingly challenging for clinicians to stay abreast of the latest research. This overview aims to translate research concepts and potential concerns to healthcare professionals interested in applying AI and ML to resuscitation research but who are not experts in the field.

Main text: We present various research including prediction models using structured and unstructured data, exploring treatment heterogeneity, reinforcement learning, language processing, and large-scale language models. These studies potentially offer valuable insights for optimizing treatment strategies and clinical workflows. However, implementing AI and ML in clinical settings presents its own set of challenges. The availability of high-quality and reliable data is crucial for developing accurate ML models. A rigorous validation process and the integration of ML into clinical practice is essential for practical implementation. We furthermore highlight the potential risks associated with self-fulfilling prophecies and feedback loops, emphasizing the importance of transparency, interpretability, and trustworthiness in AI and ML models. These issues need to be addressed in order to establish reliable and trustworthy AI and ML models.

Conclusion: In this article, we overview concepts and examples of AI and ML research in the resuscitation field. Moving forward, appropriate understanding of ML and collaboration with relevant experts will be essential for researchers and clinicians to overcome the challenges and harness the full potential of AI and ML in resuscitation.

Keywords: Prediction model, Natural language processing, Heterogeneity, Self-fulfilling prophecy, Feedback loop, Large language model, Emergency medicine

Introduction

Artificial intelligence (AI) and Machine learning (ML) are important areas of computer science that have recently attracted attention for their combined application to medicine. AI refers to technology in which computer systems have the ability to think and learn like humans and to automatically perform tasks that humans would normally perform such as cognition driven decision-making.¹ ML is used to develop algorithms and models that can learn from and make predictions or recommend decisions based on large datasets.¹ In resuscitation medicine, AI and ML hold the potential to revolutionize patient care by providing decision support and optimizing treatment

strategies. However, as techniques continue to advance and become more complex, it is increasingly challenging for clinicians to stay abreast of the latest research involving AI and ML techniques in the resuscitation field.

This review aims to introduce recent AI and ML research to healthcare professionals interested in applying ML to resuscitation research but who are not experts in the field. We reviewed the relevant literatures searched as described in the [Supplementary file](#) to introduce prediction models, natural language processing (including large language models, LLM), consideration of treatment heterogeneity, and optimization of medical practice and resource management by reinforcement learning. We also discuss the limitations and challenges of implementing AI and ML tools in actual clinical settings.

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We aim to facilitate discussion on the potential for further research and enhance communication between clinicians, resuscitation researchers and AI and ML experts.

Prediction models

The most common use of ML is predictive modeling.¹ Prediction models (also known as supervised learning) are commonly used to predict a patient's diagnosis or outcomes based on clinical data. For example, ML models can be helpful to diagnose, estimate the severity in triage, and understand the risk of complications in decision-making for surgery, which can allow us to develop more appropriate treatment plans and potentially improve patient prognosis in a more objective manner.²⁻⁴ This type of prediction model may also be applied to adjust for severity when considering the quality of care and assuming the counterfactual scenario (such as if a certain treatment was not performed with the resulting outcome) when discussing causal inference.^{5,6}

Prediction models may incorporate a wide array of data including structured data such as demographic information, clinical variables, biomarkers, and blood test results, and also unstructured data such as images and bio-signals like electrocardiograms (EEG) and electroencephalograms (EEG), to predict outcomes (Fig. 1). We introduce some examples of research on prediction models based on the type of data.

Prediction models using structured data

Structured data is one of the most common sources of data for ML models in resuscitation research.^{7,8} This type of data is typically presented in a tabular format with clear rows and columns, representing patients and their respective features or attributes. These may include demographic information, medical history, vital signs, laboratory test results, and more. For out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) research, the Utstein format is established worldwide as a standardized data format. This enables us to easily develop ML models applied to the data.^{9,10} One of the primary uses of ML with tabular data in resuscitation research are predictive models to estimate the likelihood of outcomes such as return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC), survival, or neurological recovery after cardiac arrest.^{7,8,11} In another example, tabular data was also used to develop early warning systems (EWS) that predict the risk of cardiac arrest or other serious adverse events among patients admitted to hospital.¹²⁻¹⁴ These systems use ML models to analyze various data such as heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, tempera-

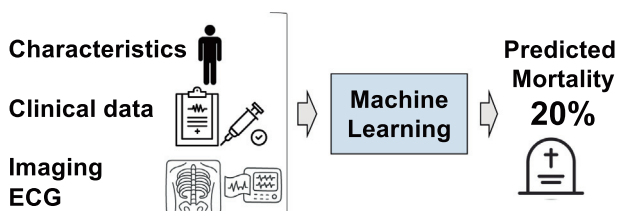


Fig. 1 – The concept of prediction models applied to predict mortality A prediction model is one type of ML developed to predict the outcome. Various patterns of clinical information can be utilized to develop prediction models.

ture, and laboratory data, to identify patterns that may suggest a patient's condition is deteriorating. As a result, EWS can alert health-care providers to intervene before a cardiac arrest occurs.¹⁴ Further, these predictions are also valuable to estimate demand for bed capacity and to appropriately allocate medical resources.¹⁵ Some of these ML models are implemented in electronic medical record systems or as applications on tablets or smartphones, which automatically input the data into the model and output the calculated results, improving user availability and accessibility.^{14,15}

Prediction models using unstructured data

Images and bio-signals (EEG, and ECG)

ML has been increasingly utilized in resuscitation research to enhance diagnostic and prognostic accuracy in unstructured data such as various imaging modalities, including CT scans, EEG, and ECG. For example, there are some researchers developing ML models to predict neurological outcomes using head CT images¹⁶⁻¹⁸ and EEG.¹⁹⁻²¹ potentially leading to more accurate and timely diagnoses. Similarly, ML models have been employed to analyze ECG data, enabling the prediction of critical events such as in-hospital cardiac arrest, ventricular arrhythmia, sudden cardiac death, and the success of defibrillation during resuscitation.²²⁻²⁶ These applications of ML models using medical imaging and bio-signals are expected to contribute to facilitating early detection, improving predictive accuracy, and ultimately enhancing more appropriate resuscitation, emergency, or intensive care.

Exploring sub-phenotypes and treatment heterogeneity

ML is also used to explore sub-phenotypes, an emerging concept in precision medicine. (Fig. 2) Sub-phenotypes are distinct subgroups within a disease or condition characterized by different clinical features such as disease progression, outcomes, and underlying biological mechanisms.^{27,28} Whereas phenotypes represent categories of patients with common features such as a specific syndrome, e.g., sepsis or acute respiratory distress syndrome,^{27,28} sub-phenotype is particularly relevant when discussing subgroups with heterogeneity on treatment effect.²⁷ Heterogeneity on treatment effect refers to the variation in how different individuals or groups respond to the same treatment.⁵ It means that not all patients respond to treatments in the same way due to various factors such as genetic differences, lifestyle factors, pre-existing health conditions, and more.⁵ Understanding the concept of sub-phenotypes and the complexities of treatment effect heterogeneity are anticipated to advance the development of personalized medicine, moving beyond the conventional 'one-size-fits-all' treatment approach. For example, some research in the resuscitation context suggests the hypothesis that sub-phenotypes exhibit heterogeneity of effect of targeted temperature management, such as some subgroups may have the potential benefit of hypothermia (e.g., at 33 °C), while others may not.^{29,30} For exploring such treatment heterogeneity, ML such as "clustering" or "causal machine learning" are utilized in some research.^{31,32}

Clustering

Clustering is a type of unsupervised machine learning that can be used to identify subgroups who share similar clinical characteristics and explore treatment heterogeneity or novel association between the subgroups and events, using data such as patients' characteris-

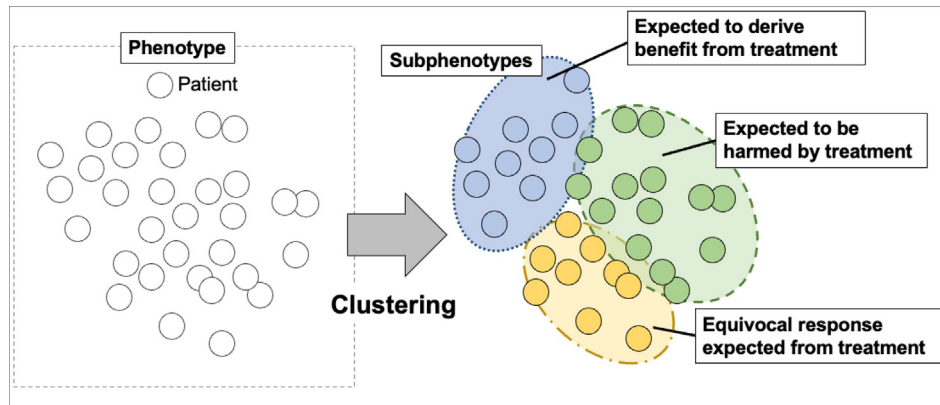


Fig. 2 – The concept of clustering and sub-phenotypes Phenotypes (e.g., sepsis, acute respiratory distress syndrome) are categorized by clustering to sub-phenotypes with different clinical features and the heterogeneous response to the treatment.

tics, biomarker values, and genomic data (Fig. 2).^{31,33} One of the strengths of clustering is its ability to manage data complexity and discover hidden patterns, making the data easier to understand and visualize. Previously, this clustering analysis was used in research exploring novel sub-phenotypes among patients with various patterns in emergency medicine and critical care such as sepsis, ARDS, trauma, and cardiac arrest.^{27,28,34–39}

For instance, various clinical patterns in coagulopathy among patients with severe head trauma are associated with different outcomes.³⁸ There are also subgroups among OHCA patients with different clinical outcomes when treated with ECPR.³⁹ Some research suggests the effect of early goal-directed treatment or the effect of drugs on coagulopathy are different among subgroups in sepsis.^{36,37} This technique is also utilized to summarize the risk factors as a subgroup. One example is the subgroups with environmental features characterized by environmental parameters such as temperature, wind speed, and air pollution are suggested to be associated with the occurrence of acute myocardial infarction or acute ischemic stroke.^{40,41}

Causal machine learning

Causal machine learning is an ML approach to investigate causal inference, which is particularly valuable in assessing heterogeneity in treatment effects (Fig. 3).^{5,42,43} Causal forest, one approach within causal machine learning based on the random forest, works by splitting the data into different subgroups and assessing the treatment effect within each subgroup by handling the non-linear and/or high-dimensional data.^{5,42,43} For example in critical care fields, the causal forest was used on data from an RCT about the effect of using a bougie during intubation.⁴⁴ This RCT found that using a bougie did not increase the incidence of successful intubation on the first attempt in all critically ill adults; however, the causal forest analysis suggested some individuals who had the potential benefit of using a bougie.

The application of machine learning using genetic and molecular data (omics data) to treatment heterogeneity and precision medicine is also expected to result in a more personalized approach to healthcare such as investigating the heterogeneity of the treatment response or adverse events of drugs among patients with certain genetic features.^{45,46} Although this type of research is mainly focused on the oncology field because the drugs are commonly

targeted to specific genetic features,^{47,48} there will be an increasing number of studies on treatment heterogeneity and pharmacogenomics in the resuscitation field.

Reinforcement learning to optimize treatment

Reinforcement learning is a type of machine learning that autonomously chooses actions to maximize rewards obtained from the given environment. The system learns through trial and error to select actions that lead to the highest possible reward. Reinforcement learning has broad applications and is particularly useful for complex tasks, such as games, autonomous driving, robotics, and logistics.⁴⁹ For example, in 2015, AlphaGo, an AI developed using reinforcement learning, famously defeated a world champion Go player.⁵⁰

In the field of medicine and healthcare, reinforcement learning has potential applications in optimizing treatment strategies. (Fig. 4) For example, one notable example of using reinforcement learning, in the context of intensive care, is the development of an “AI Clinician” for sepsis treatment in managing fluids and vasopressors.⁵¹ This AI system analyzed two ICU databases and learned optimal treatment strategies by examining numerous treatment decisions to maximize the expected survival outcome. As a result, this AI model could select the optimal treatment strategy which showed the lowest mortality rates. Another model using reinforcement learning suggested personalized optimization of mechanical ventilation in patients staying at cardiovascular ICUs.⁵² In other examples, some reinforcement learning programs were suggested to investigate the optimal dose of sedative agents in general anesthesia.⁵³ Although there are few published research using reinforcement learning in the resuscitation field, it has potential for future studies.

Natural language processing

Natural language processing (NLP) is a subset of ML technology that enables computers to analyze the language that humans usually use in daily life. This technology is prevalent in our modern lives with applications using voice recognition such as voice assistant

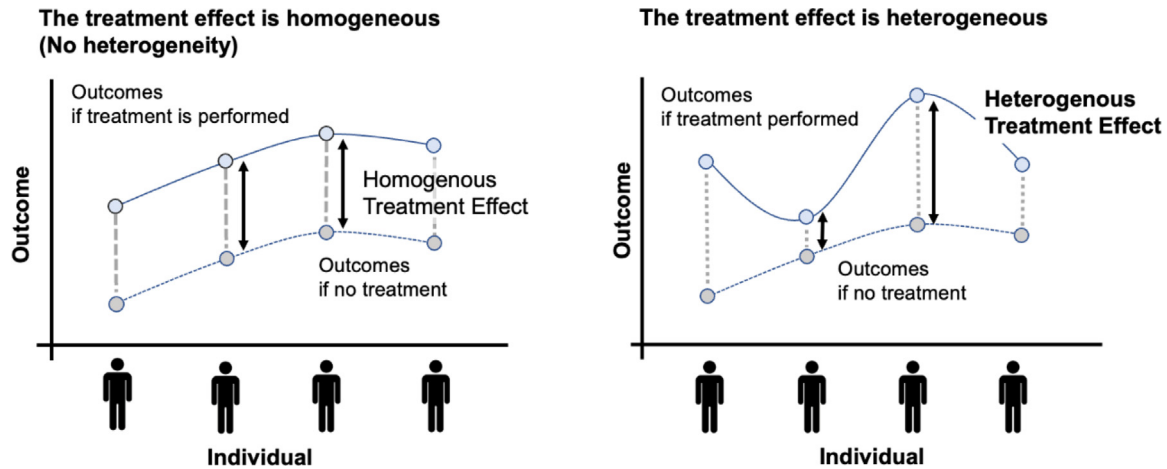


Fig. 3 – The concept of treatment heterogeneity (Left) Assuming that the difference between outcomes when treatment is performed and when it is not, is the same in each patient: treatment effect is homogenous between individual patients. (Right) Assuming that the difference between outcomes when treatment is performed and when it is not, is different in each patient: treatment effect is heterogenous between individual patients.

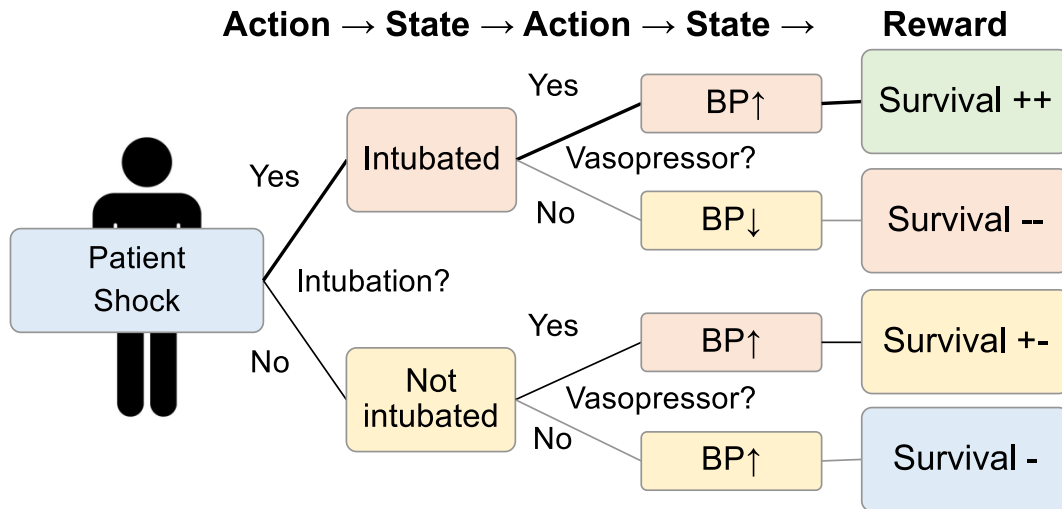


Fig. 4 – The concept of reinforcement learning in medical research. Patient status is changed to a different status by the action, and consequently, the reward is obtained based on the status. Reinforcement learning can find the best strategy to maximize the rewards based on many trials.

programs like Apple’s Siri or Google Assistant and using text like chatbots or language translation tools.

In the field of research in resuscitation, NLP models are being utilized in innovative ways. One notable example of using voice data is ML programs to help recognize cardiac arrest and support initiating bystander-CPR during emergency calls to the dispatch center (Fig. 5).^{54,55} These programs can analyze the caller’s words during an emergency call and estimate the probability of the patient being in cardiac arrest. This kind of program has also been applied in research to detect other emergencies such as severe trauma after road trauma and stroke.^{56,57} Additionally, NLP voice recognition technology offers practical benefits for paramedics in the field. Paramedics can use voice commands to create prehospital records thereby reducing the need for manual data entry and enabling them to focus more on patient care.⁵⁸ These programs have the potential

to enable faster and more accurate deployment of emergency medical services, which can improve patient outcomes.

NLP technology can also be utilized to analyze clinical data from the free text in medical records such as medical history or physical findings.⁵⁹ Algorithms can be developed to predict emergency conditions such as in-hospital cardiac arrest or give decision support on the appropriate disposition of patients at the emergency department.^{59–63} This technique can also be used to accurately predict neurological outcomes such as a modified Rankin scale by analyzing free text data in clinical notes.⁶⁴ Additionally, chatbot tools using NLP have also been developed in the resuscitation research fields. One example is a preliminary chatbot to guide users on how to perform bystander CPR.⁶² In summary, NLP-applied research using voice or text is increasing and they can analyze communication or medical records to predict events and be a guide to action in resuscitation.

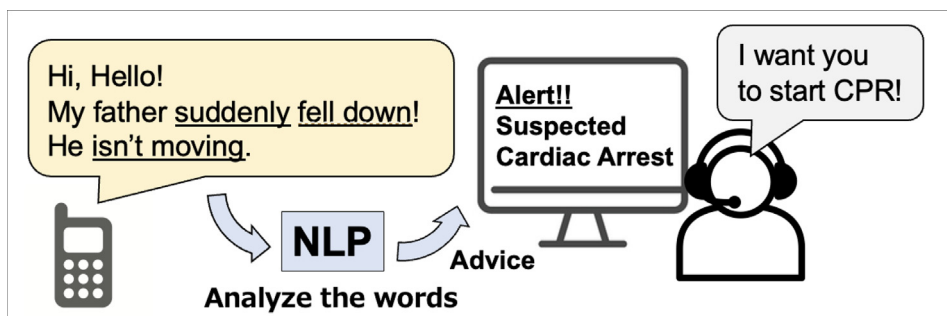


Fig. 5 – Example of Natural Language Processing for Activating Bystander CPR NLP: Natural Language Processing, CPR: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation In the emergency call dispatch center, the application utilizes natural language processing (NLP) to analyze the caller's words, aiding the dispatcher in identifying potential cases of cardiac arrest.⁵⁴

Large language model (LLM) is one domain of research in NLP fields that can understand and generate natural language used by humans. Typically, by learning patterns from large amounts of textual data, these models can generate answers to new questions, or produce text to accomplish specific tasks such as translation or revising the text. Recently, the GPT-3 and GPT-4 developed by OpenAI have attracted a lot of attention for their wide adaptability and flexibility.⁶⁵ If you enter the prompt "What should we do if we encounter a patient who has suddenly collapsed?" into the application, the application can provide plausible answers as if they are provided by a healthcare professional. (However, it should be noted that these answers may be incorrect.) One representative example of using LLM is that the LLM can pass the medical licensing examination without any additional training data.^{66,67} Further, some research indicated that LLM can provide quality and empathetic responses to patient questions.^{68,69} Further, the LLM is also expected to summarize the clinical information from medical records like a professional or perform the systematic review instead of humans.^{70,71} Although research in the resuscitation field has not yet been published, it is expected to develop in the future. In contrast, this LLM has also caused various controversial issues, such as the accuracy, validity, and responsibility of the generated sentences and ethical issues that may arise (more detail is discussed in the next paragraph).⁶⁵ Although several concerns, LLM has great potential to improve the burden on healthcare providers, especially in terms of decision-making, documentation, and summarizing medical information.

Challenges for AI and ML in resuscitation research and implementation

Despite the extensive research conducted, actual implementation of AI and ML in the clinical setting remains limited, though some practices have implemented AI and ML-based algorithms in resuscitation and intensive care.^{14,15,54,72,73} Widespread adoption may be slow due to several concerns and limitations.⁷⁴ Here we give an overview of the most important challenges and barriers that prevent proper implementation.

Data quality and availability

AI and ML algorithms heavily depend on the quality of data they are trained on. If the data is unreliable, missing, incomplete, or biased, the model's predictions or performance can be inaccurate or even

harmful. A prediction model may simply be biased because of the original data it is trained on, reflecting the existing bias as is. For example, an AI model may reflect historical disparities in healthcare access and outcomes, and inadvertently perpetuate these biases by recommending differential treatment based on factors such as race, gender, age, or socioeconomic status.^{75,76} It is therefore essential that the training data is diverse and representative of the patient population. However, in the actual scene of resuscitation, obtaining comprehensive and diverse datasets can be challenging. Clinical situations can change drastically in a short time, making it difficult to comprehensively collect data in a timely manner, such as in a resource-limited environment like the prehospital setting or a crowded emergency department.^{77,78} Furthermore, in many settings of resuscitation, clinical data is still being recorded using paper and pen, and some backend data entry process is needed to integrate the data into electronic medical records for it to be utilized for ML application.⁷⁹ Yet, ensuring the availability of comprehensive and representative data is crucial to develop accurate and generalizable models.

Validation process to verify the reproducibility

Once ML models have been developed, they should be reproducible.⁸⁰ Previously, it has been reported that many prediction models have a high risk of bias, especially due to the lack of the validation process to confirm the reproducibility of the models using different datasets.^{80–83} One of the problems to validate the ML and AI models using different datasets is the difficulty in obtaining different data from the original data with consistent format and definition of the variables. In the resuscitation fields, the Utstein format is broadly accepted as a universal data-collecting standard mainly in pre-hospital settings; however, some of the in-hospital data have not yet been standardized (e.g., some variables in the emergency department or intensive care unit have still not been strictly defined).¹⁰

Another concern is inappropriate reporting of the originally developed models.⁸³ Reproducibility can be difficult to ascertain as details of the models are not reported.⁸³ Furthermore, validation study risks selective reporting bias, meaning that validation studies reporting models with poor performance are less likely to get published.⁸¹ Yet, ensuring robustness in AI and ML models, including their reliability and reproducibility, is essential to prevent or minimize unintended harm.

Generalizability and clinical integration

Verifying the Generalizability is also essential to validate the AI and ML models prior to clinical application. Again, ML models depend on data, and if the model too strongly fits certain features of the data (“overfitting”), the results may not be generalizable to the different population without those features. Resuscitation practices vary across different healthcare settings, geopolitical contexts, and patient populations.^{84–87} AI models developed in one context may not generalize well when traveling to other settings. Ensuring the generalizability and applicability the models to diverse populations, different clinical protocols and resource-constrained environments is essential for their widespread application.⁸⁷

Additionally, other practical barriers exist to implementing AI and ML in clinical settings. It includes not only regulatory approval but also integration into clinical workflows. Moreover, the adoption of ML models necessitates clear benefits in routine clinical practice, such as improving patients’ outcomes and reducing workload or costs. However, few randomized controlled trials (RCTs) have shown the actual benefit of ML models in clinical settings.^{42,80} If integration of ML models into general clinical workflows does not yield clear benefits for clinicians, patients, or other stakeholders, no one would use these models. The actual benefit of ML tools in clinical settings compared to existing clinical workflows need to be demonstrated in research before widespread adoption will follow.

Self-fulfilling prophecies and feedback loops

Another important issue to be focused on in the resuscitation field is the risk of hidden false positive bias by self-fulfilling prophecy and feedback loop when predicting the prognosis of cardiac arrest patients.^{88,89} A self-fulfilling prophecy is a prediction that influences people’s beliefs and behavior through which the prediction is then realized.⁹⁰ In resuscitation, if clinicians expect that a particular patient may not survive despite the best treatment, the expectation could influence their decision to forego further treatment, allowing the patient’s death, thereby fulfilling the initial prediction (self-fulfilling prophecy). This becomes especially problematic if the initial prediction was incorrect (a false-positive), which could result in the patient not receiving the potentially beneficial care. While these issues have existed even before AI and ML are developed (because predictions of clinicians are sometimes inaccurate),⁹¹ there is growing concern that AI and ML might amplify the bias due to self-fulfilling feedback loops (Fig. 6). If a model trained on biased data is applied to guide clinical decision-making, and the new data influenced by the model’s results are then used as input data again to “improve” the model, there is a risk that the initial biases will be reinforced and amplified. To illustrate, if a prediction model is developed using data from a hospital where resuscitation efforts were consistently terminated early for OHCA patients aged over 70 years old during a specific period due to temporary limitation of resources (such as limitation of intensive care during the COVID-19 pandemic), the model may inevitably predict the lower probability of survival for similar patients than is accurate. This prediction merely reflects the flawed input data itself rather than the truth under ideal circumstances. Yet, if clinicians perceive this prediction as “accurate” and terminate resuscitation efforts based on such false positives, no one will notice the missed opportunities for successful resuscitation of OHCA patients over 70 years, since the outcome confirms the prediction.⁸⁸ If new models are then trained based on the confirmed biased data, it can further amplify the biased prediction and inappropriate withdrawal rates. In

essence, past mistakes lead to new self-fulfilling prophecies, reinforcing predictions that generate inappropriate clinical judgments, creating a vicious cycle; an automated feedback loop of self-fulfilling poor outcomes for future cardiac arrest patients.⁸⁸ Furthermore, the lack of error signals due to confirmative outcomes combined with the lack of interpretability of ML models greatly hinders clinicians from recognizing such biased predictive feedback loops. Catching false positives retrospectively is near to impossible, since this would require counterfactual data. Clinical guidelines suggest the need for a multi-modal approach to predict the outcome of cardiac arrest patients to minimize the potential harm of false-positive of predictions.⁹² When advanced AI models are developed, clinicians must remain aware of the risk for amplified bias through self-fulfilling prophecies and feedback loops.

Transparency, Interpretability, and trust

A key challenge when applying AI and ML to the actual resuscitation scene is the interpretability of and trust in ML models.^{80–82} ML models are often described as a ‘black box’ due to the complexity of the models that generate the results. This lack of transparency can hinder clinicians’ or patients’ trust towards ML models. One example is, as mentioned above, an ML model was developed to detect potential cardiac arrest cases using the voice data of emergency calls at the dispatch center.⁵⁴ The retrospective observational study using the voice recordings indicated that the ML model outperformed human dispatchers.⁷⁷ However, the RCT comparing the dispatcher assisted by the ML model to those without such assistance, did not demonstrate any improvement in the performance to recognize the cardiac arrest cases.⁵⁴ One of the potential mechanisms of this result suggested by the research team was that the dispatcher could not understand the ML model’s decision-making process and the dispatcher possibly did not trust the alert from the ML program.⁹³ Had the advice come from human experts instead of the ML model, the dispatchers might have asked the rationale why and how they concluded, considered accepting (or rejecting) their suggestion, and thereby improved their performance to recognize the cardiac arrest case. As such, achieving interpretability and trust in ML models may be essential to successfully implement AI and ML into real-world clinical practice.

Regulatory and legal challenges

While proper data collection and management is an essential prerequisite for developing and applying ML models to clinical settings, such data collection and management must of course respect privacy and comply with the law.⁹⁴ Furthermore, liability and responsibility frameworks need to be developed and implemented for AI-driven and ML-based resuscitation interventions, in order to ensure accountability and patient safety. As seen in this article, AI and ML can raise several ethical concerns when it is applied to the actual medical system and care, although the ethical concerns far exceed the ones we mention here. Generally speaking, the Ethics Guideline for Trustworthy AI suggested seven key requirements including human agency and oversight, technical robustness and safety, privacy and data governance, transparency, diversity, non-discrimination and fairness, environmental and societal well-being, and, accountability.⁹⁴ While we have selected several significant issues particular to resuscitation, these ethical principles should be addressed across all AI applications in medicine, regardless of the specialty. Indeed, many non-profit institutions, regulatory, and gov-

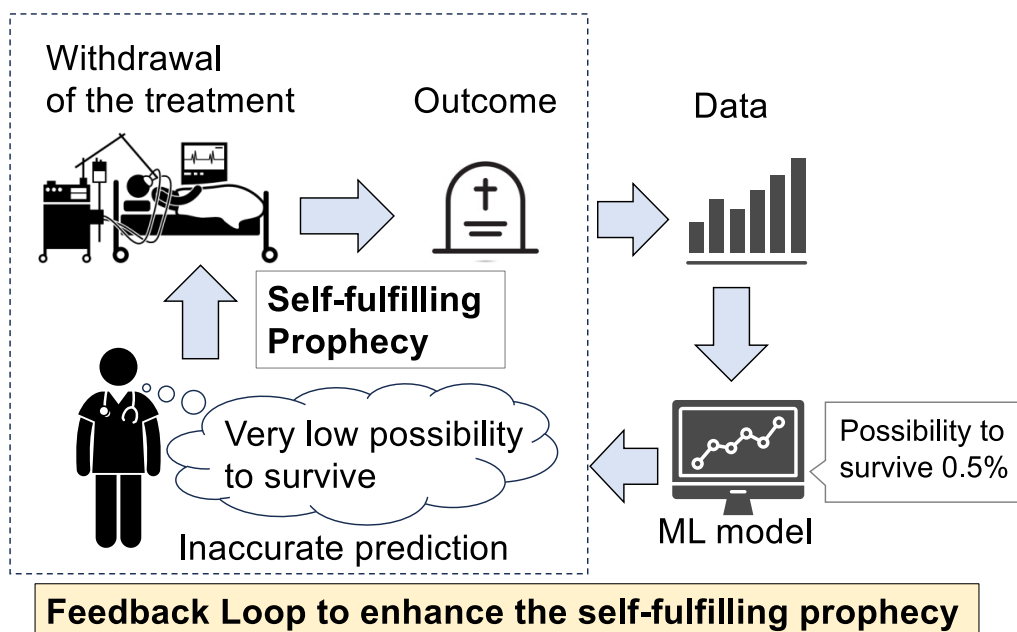


Fig. 6 – Concept of self-fulfilling prophecy and its feedback loop. A particular patient who could be saved is assessed as “Very low possibility to survive” by the inaccurate and biased prediction, which can potentially lead to the decision-making of treatment withdrawal. As a result, the initial prediction “Very low possibility to survive” is realized. If this data is utilized to develop the ML models, it can amplify and reproduce the false prediction, which lead to the potential harm that the patients lose the opportunity to be treated by the enhanced inaccurate prediction.

emmental bodies across the world are currently collaborating to ensure (inter)national laws that better protect citizens from the rapidly increasing impacts of AI and ML-driven models.

Conclusion

In this article, we introduce and illustrate important concepts within AI and ML research in the resuscitation field. The application of AI and ML in resuscitation research holds significant potential to revolutionize the field by improving prediction, supporting decision-making, and developing personalized treatment strategies. However, various limitations and ethical concerns must be addressed to ensure the responsible and effective implementation of these technologies in actual clinical practice. As more high-quality data becomes available, it is expected that AI-driven models and ML-based algorithms will play an increasingly important role in resuscitation research and practice. Moving forward, it will be essential for researchers, computer scientists, clinicians, ethicists, policymakers, and other stakeholders to work together to overcome the challenges and harness the full potential of AI and ML in resuscitation, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes and more efficient healthcare systems.

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