

Supplementary Material

Supplemental Notes:

Details of machine learning feature generation and algorithm

Each sample used for the machine learning (ML) model training represented a single patient visit to a University of Utah facility. The label predicted for that sample was defined as 1 if the patient visited a University of Utah emergency department (ED) within 60 days of the visit, and 0 otherwise.

Features (covariates) used by the model were selected through a collaborative and iterative process involving clinical experts and data scientists. An initial list of potential features was informed by input from clinicians, review of existing literature, and data scientists who evaluated which of these features were accessible in structured electronic health record (EHR) data and had acceptable completeness and prevalence in conjunction with clinical experts.

All features used in the model were structured as binary variables. A list of features can be found in Supplemental Table 3. We included both time-varying and non-time-varying features as inputs to the model in order to accommodate the longitudinal nature of patient health and potential deterioration. This enables the model to learn relationships between not just clinical concepts, and to account for their recency in relation to ED visits. Some features, such as race, ethnicity, and sex, were assumed not to change across all visits for a given patient. Others, such as diagnoses, were considered present for all visits on or after the appearance of the relevant ICD code. Features related to past visits, medications, or changes in vitals made use of clinically-relevant time

windows relative to the visit of interest. Examples of time window features include whether the patient received an antiemetic order in the past 30 days, and whether the patient had lost greater than 5 pounds in the past 30 days.

The ML model was a L2-regularized logistic regression. We used k-fold cross-validation with 5 folds, using the AUC metric to select the best-performing level of regularization.

Calibration factor definition

We used calibration factor as a summary statistic to evaluate the calibration within each group of interest. The calibration factor was defined as follows. For each recorded visit i within a group of interest, the model calculates a risk score r_i between 0 and 1. We then observe an outcome o_i , either ED utilization or no ED utilization, encoded as 1 or 0 respectively. The calibration factor is then $cf = mean(r_i) - mean(o_i)$ calculated over all visits and outcomes in that group. A calibration factor greater than 0 indicates that the model is over-predicting risk within the group, while a calibration factor less than 0 indicates that the model is under-predicting risk within the group.

Supplemental Tables

MI-CLAIM Checklist.

After the framework in this study was developed and the use cases were designed and developed, an external group of leaders in the healthcare machine learning community published a guide for transparent reporting, The Minimum Information about Clinical Artificial Intelligence Modeling (MI-CLAIM) Checklist. We have included the checklist completed here (Supplemental Table 1) with our post-hoc assessment of the manuscript as a supplement to promote transparency.

Supplemental Table 1: Comparison of Models as Part of Retrospective Analysis

Model performance metric	Logistic Regression (actual model used) Retrospective result	Random Forest (model hyperparameters tuned using random grid search) for comparison
ED prevalence observed	10%	10%
Model AUC	0.69	0.72
Model threshold	0.20	0.20
Predicted risk level, proportion of patients classified as “high risk”	8%	9%
Sensitivity (sens) [aka: recall]	19% (95% CI: 19–20)	23% (95% CI: 23–23)
Specificity (spec)	93% (95% CI: 93–93)	93% (95% CI: 93–93)
PPV	26% (95% CI: 26–26)	26% (95% CI: 26–26)
NPV	91% (95% CI: 91–91)	91% (95% CI: 91–91)
OR of ED visit (high-risk vs low-risk patients)	3.5 (95% CI: 3.4–3.5)	3.7 (95% CI: 3.7–3.8)

Note: Prospective evaluation metrics are at the patient level and retrospective evaluation metrics for both models are calculated at the encounter level.

Abbreviations: ED, emergency department; AUC, area under the (receiver operating characteristic) curve; NPV, negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value.

Supplemental Table 2. The MI-CLAIM checklist^a

Study design (Part 1)	Completed: page number	Notes if not completed
The clinical problem in which the model will be employed is clearly detailed in the paper.	Yes; pg. 13	
The research question is clearly stated.	Yes; pg. 12,13	
The characteristics of the cohorts (training and test sets) are detailed in the text.	Yes; pg. 14-16	
The cohorts (training and test sets) are shown to be representative of real-world clinical settings.	Yes; pg. 14-16	
The state-of-the-art solution used as a baseline for comparison has been identified and detailed.	Other leading modeling approaches were considered at the time of model building, some results are in Supplemental Table 1	
Data and optimization (Parts 2, 3)	Completed: page number	Notes if not completed
The origin of the data is described and the original format is detailed in the paper.	Yes; pg. 15-16, 18-19	
Transformations of the data before it is applied to the proposed model are described.	Yes; pg. 16	Due to space constraints and IP protection, a full provenance of the data is omitted from the manuscript, most relevant methods are described on pg. 16
The independence between training and test sets has been proven in the paper.	Yes; pg. 17	
Details on the models that were evaluated and the code developed to select the best model are provided.	Yes; pg. 14-17	Note: The de-identified data that support the findings of this study may be made available upon request, and are subject

		to a license agreement; interested researchers should contact <DataAccess@flatiron.com> to determine licensing terms.
Is the input data type structured or unstructured?	Structured	
Model performance (Part 4)	Completed: page number	Notes if not completed
The primary metric selected to evaluate algorithm performance (e.g., AUC, F-score, etc.), including the justification for selection, has been clearly stated.	Yes; pg. 14-19	
The primary metric selected to evaluate the clinical utility of the model (e.g., PPV, NNT, etc.), including the justification for selection, has been clearly stated.	Yes; pg. 17-19	
The performance comparison between baseline and proposed model is presented with the appropriate statistical significance.	Yes, Supplemental Table 1	
Model examination (Part 5)	Completed: page number	Notes if not completed
Examination technique 1a	Yes; model examination was completed using coefficients and sensitivity analysis; these can be made available upon request.	
Examination technique 2a	See above	
A discussion of the relevance of the examination results with respect to model/algorithm performance is presented.	Yes; pg. 7-11	
A discussion of the feasibility and significance of model interpretability at the case level if examination methods are uninterpretable as presented.	Model methods used were interpretable; see discussion	

	on pg. 8-9, 16	
A discussion of the reliability and robustness of the model as the underlying data distribution shifts is included.	Yes; pg. 10-11	
Reproducibility (Part 6): choose appropriate tier of transparency	N/A	Notes
Tier 1: complete sharing of the code		
Tier 2: allow a third party to evaluate the code for accuracy/fairness; share the results of this evaluation		
Tier 3: release of a virtual machine (binary) for running the code on new data without sharing its details		
Tier 4: no sharing	✓	Note: The de-identified data that support the findings of this study may be made available upon request, and are subject to a license agreement; interested researchers should contact <DataAccess@flatiron.com> to determine licensing terms.

MI-CLAIM, Minimum information about clinical artificial intelligence modeling; N/A, not applicable.
^aSource: Norgeot B, Quer G, Beaulieu-Jones BK, et al. Minimum information about clinical artificial intelligence modeling: the MI-CLAIM checklist. *Nat Med.* 2020;26(9):1320-1324. doi:10.1038/s41591-020-1041-y

Supplemental Table 3. Example Model Features

Category	Example Features^a
Demographics	age brackets ≥55 years, ≥65 years, ≥75 years, ≥85 years, gender, medicaid insurance effective ever, hispanic ethnicity, race (asian, black, unknown, other)
Labs	hemoglobin, hematocrit, bilirubin in range or out of range for 5 day, 30 day and 90 day time periods
Comorbidities	cardiac disease, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, Autism
Primary Cancer Diagnosis	Brain cancer, Lung cancer, Breast cancer
Secondary Malignant Neoplasms	Secondary malignant neoplasm of left adrenal gland, Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph node unspecified
Visits or Admissions	1, 2 or 3+ visits/admission to ED, inpatient, ICU within past 5, 30, or 90 days
Medications	antiemetic, anti-depressant, pain medication, anti-neoplastic order in last 5, 30, or 90 days
Vitals	change of 5%, 10%, 20% of body weight or more

Abbreviations: ED, emergency department; ICU, intensive care unit.

^aThis is not the full list of features used in the model.

Supplemental Table 4. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria^a

Inclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Age 18 years or older at the date of the University of Utah encounter b. Has a cancer diagnosis ICD code dated prior to the encounter at the University of Utah c. Has at least one University of Utah encounter during the study time period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Model training time period: 01-01-2016 to 12-31-2018 ii. Retrospective study time period: 03-01-2019 to 09-30-2019 iii. Prospective study time period: 01-04-2020 to 02-07-2020
Exclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Insufficient structured oncology data: first ever oncology-related visit at the University of Utah is less than 90 days prior to the prediction encounter at the University of Utah (i.e., patients newly diagnosed with a cancer ICD code within 90 days prior to the prediction encounter will be excluded) b. Inactive patient: has fewer than two oncology-related visits in the 90 days prior to the prediction encounter(s) at the University of Utah c. Ineligible zip code for enrollment at Huntsman at Home: zip code is not within the 20-mile radius of the University of Utah (eligible zip code list provided by Huntsman at Home team)

ICD, International Classification of Diseases

^aThe inclusion/exclusion criteria were the same for model training and the retrospective and prospective studies (with the exception of eligibility time period).