

# Machine Learning for Clinicians: Advances for Multi-Modal Health Data

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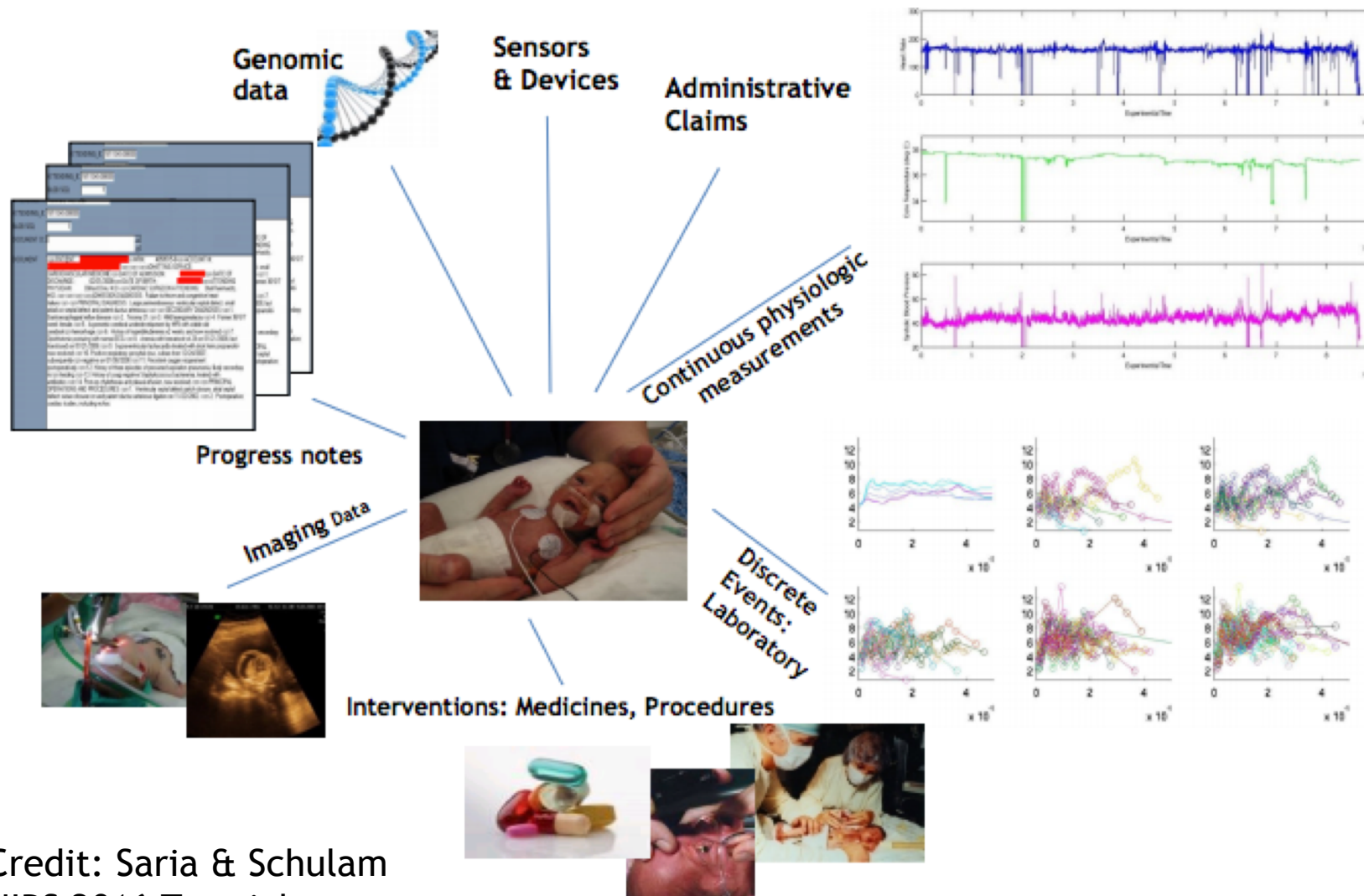


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Slides / Resources / Bibliography:

[https://michaelchughes.com/mlhc2018\\_tutorial.html](https://michaelchughes.com/mlhc2018_tutorial.html)

# The Promise of Healthcare Data



Credit: Saria & Schulam  
NIPS 2016 Tutorial

# Possible ML Use Cases in Health

- New Capabilities
  - Identify heart attack or falls from wearables?
  - Identify new drugs?
- Improve Patient Treatment Decisions
  - What drug to give this patient?
  - Will a ventilator be needed in 2 hours?
- Improve Information Management
  - Summarize this patient's chart?
  - Detect anomaly in dosage?
- Assist with Operations
  - How many beds will be free in the ICU tomorrow?

# Exciting Application: Sepsis Risk

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## An Improved Multi-Output Gaussian Process RNN with Real-Time Validation for Early Sepsis Detection

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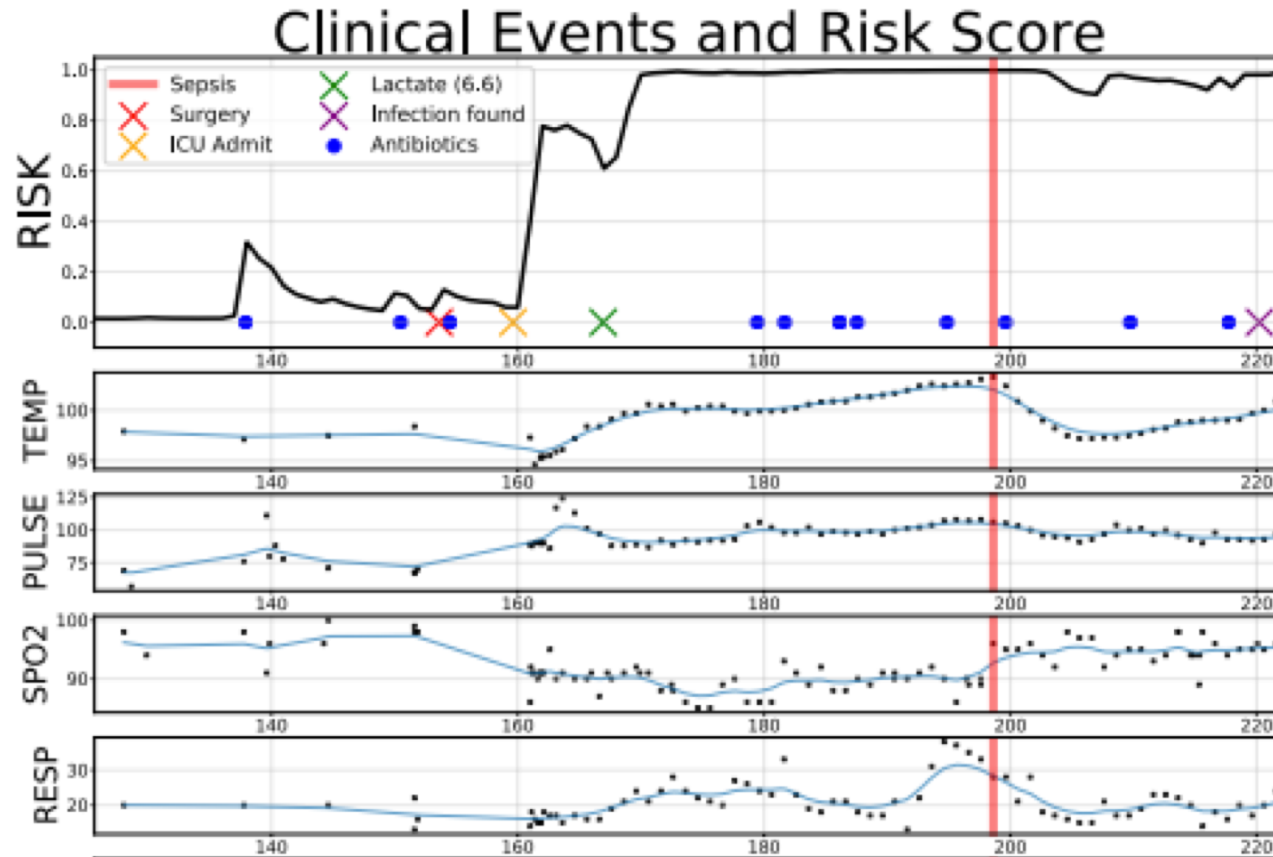
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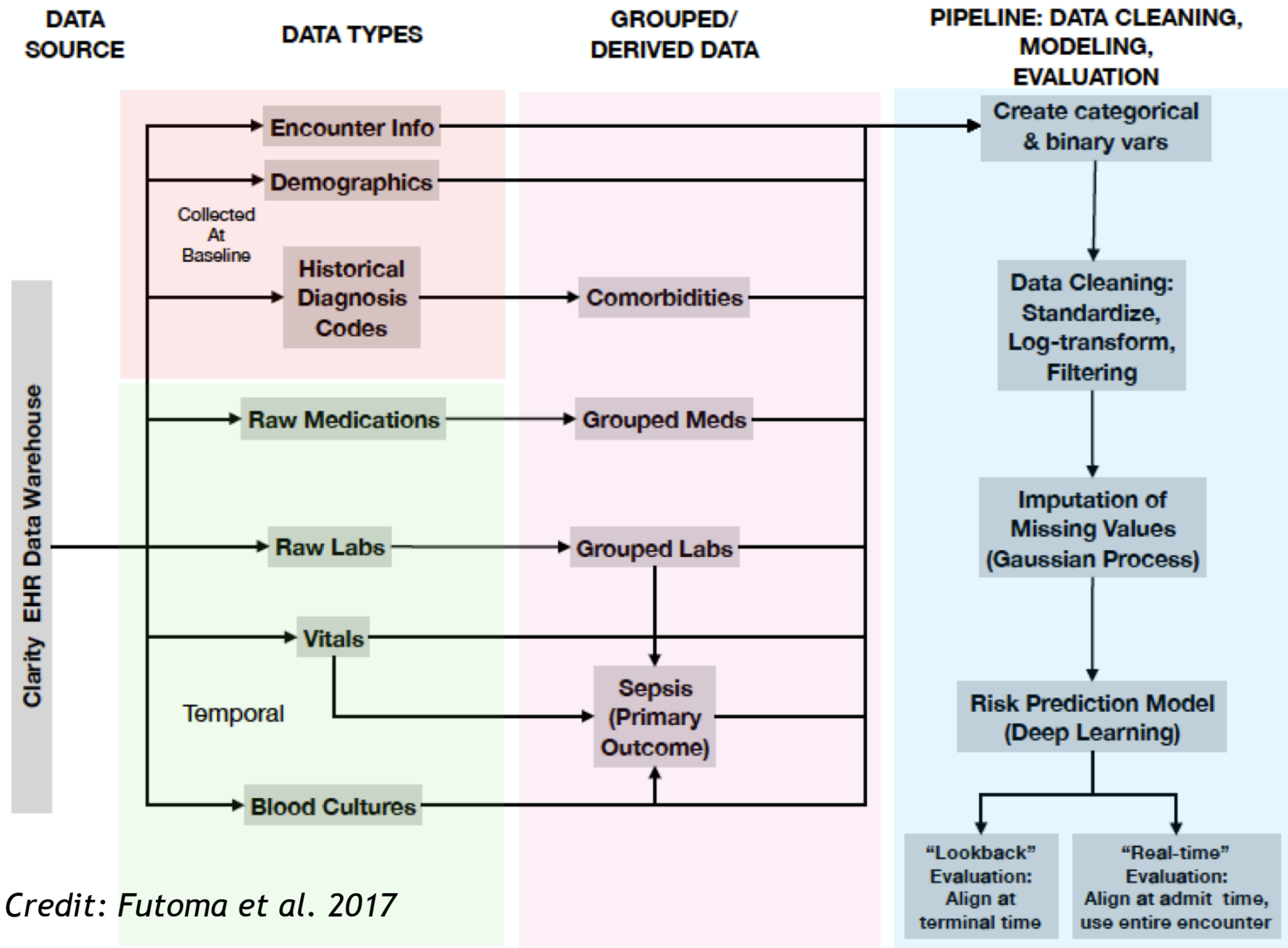
# Risk Prediction Illustration



Identify infection  
Diagnose sepsis  
Treat with antibiotics

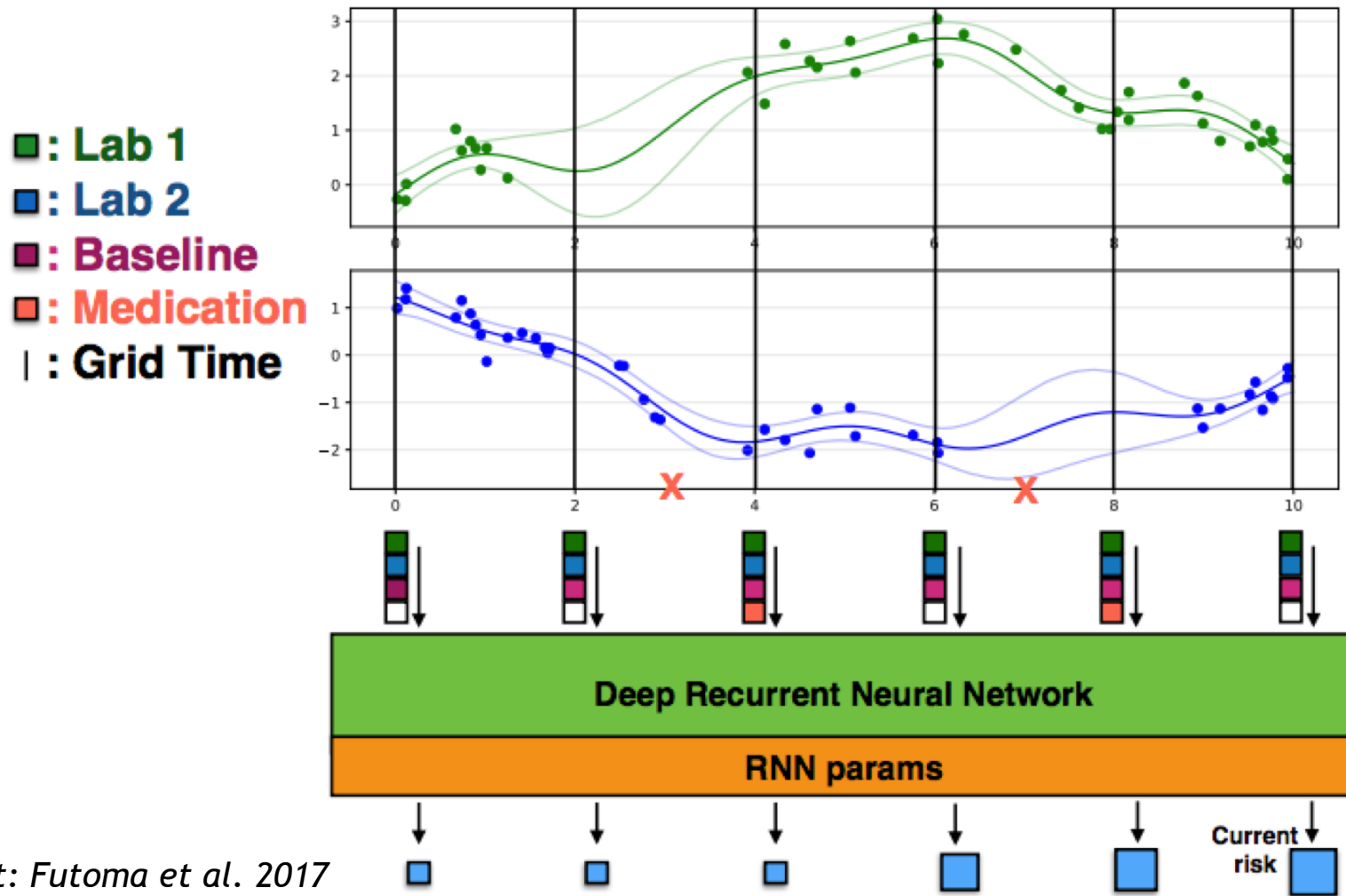
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# Data



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# Model



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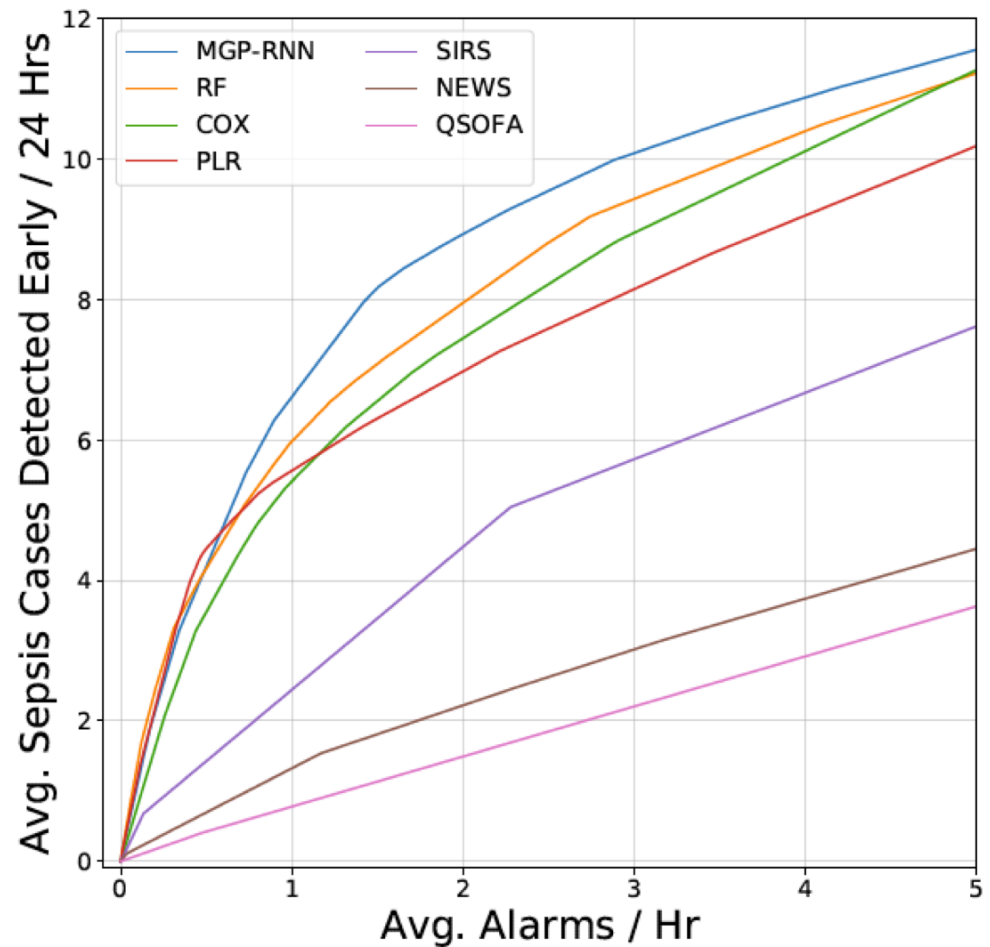
# Evaluation

## AUC for sepsis classifier

4 hrs beforehand

- 0.84 MGP-RNN
- 0.73 RNN
- 0.71 NEWS

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# Deployment into Clinical Workflow



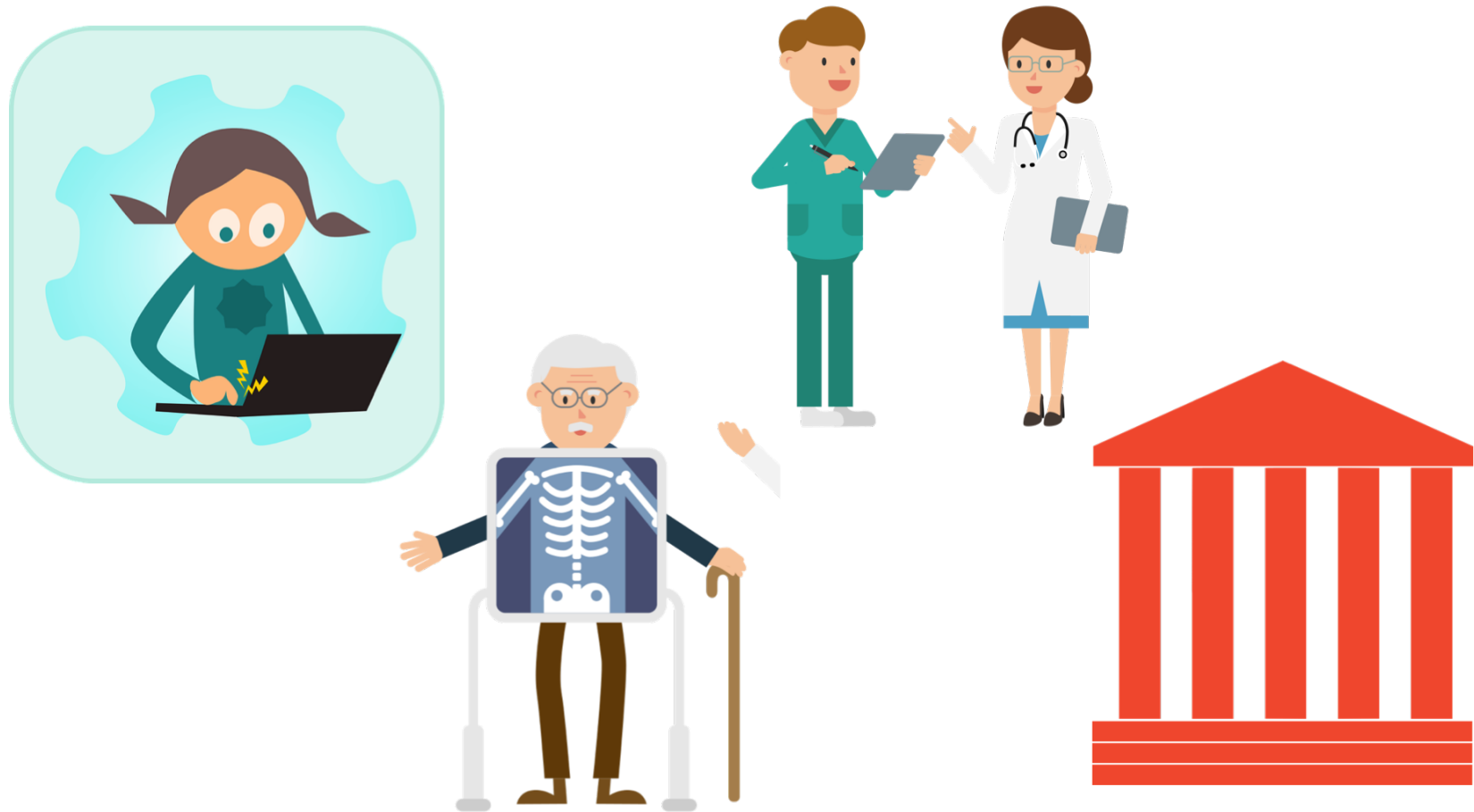
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# AI is seen less of a threat and is welcomed by health professionals, research reveals

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# How to do ML + health collaboration?



Goal: Team Science at every stage of the process

# Tutorial Goals

*After this tutorial, you should (I hope) be able to:*

- Collaborate with ML researchers more effectively
  - Frame relevant sub-problems in computational terms
  - Understand what is possible and what isn't possible
- Critically read an ML for health paper
  - Understand modeling approach (maybe not all details)
  - Critique performance measures and experimental design
    - Were appropriate baselines considered?
    - Are the evaluation metrics used reasonable?

# Tutorial Outline

- 1:30-2:20 Part 1: Making and Evaluating Predictions
- 2:20-2:30 10 min Q&A break + **SURVEY**
- 2:30-3:20 Part 2: Learning Representations
- 3:20-3:30 10 min Q&A break
- 3:30-4:30 Part 3: Addressing Challenges in Health Data

# Part 1 outline: Classic predictors

## Evaluation Best Practices

- Metrics
- Calibration
- Decision-theory and utility

## Quick tour of common predictors

- Linear models
- Decision trees and forests
- Neural nets (MLPs)

# Part 2 outline: Modern methods

Learned Representations for

- Images (CNNs)
- Time series (RNNs)
- Text (RNNs and embeddings)

Tricks of the trade

Models that generate data

# Part 3 outline: Challenges

M : “missing data”

I : “incomplete labels” (semisupervised learning)

M : “multimodal data” (text + images + EHR codes)

I : “interpretability”

C : “causality”

S : “sequential decision making” (reinforcement learning)



# Caveats

- Can't fit everything into this tutorial
- Please send feedback if I missed something!
  - [mike@michaelchughes.com](mailto:mike@michaelchughes.com)
- Known blindspots
  - Bias towards research at US institutions
  - Bias towards my conferences (NIPS/ICML/AISTATS)
  - Bias towards my areas (e.g. critical care)