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Learning Health System Response to Public Vaccine Concerns

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Problem





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Data





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Digital Health
Solution



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Outcomes,
evaluation



Digital Health
Solution



Comprehensive integrated vaccine safety clinical management, safety surveillance & signal detection

Established national leading spontaneous AEFI surveillance system

Victoria contributes >40% of all national AEFI reporting.

SAEFVIC

Spontaneous AEFI surveillance

Specialist immunisation services for follow-up of reported AEFI

Urgent clinical support for serious AEFI

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Victorian Specialist Immunisation Services (VicSIS)

Signal detection systems using multi-faceted data interrogation of routine health data sources

Includes background rates, & monitoring of healthcare datasets (ED, Aged care, GP)

SAFESig

Integrated safety signal detection

Active (solicited) post-vaccination SMS-based survey

SMS sent post vaccination (day 3, 8 & 42) asks if the person experienced an AEFI

AusVaxSafety
An NCIRS led collaboration

Post-vaccination active surveillance

Alert Advisory Group (AAG)

Systematic escalation pathway for serious AEFI, signal events or issues that may bring risk to the COVID vaccination program

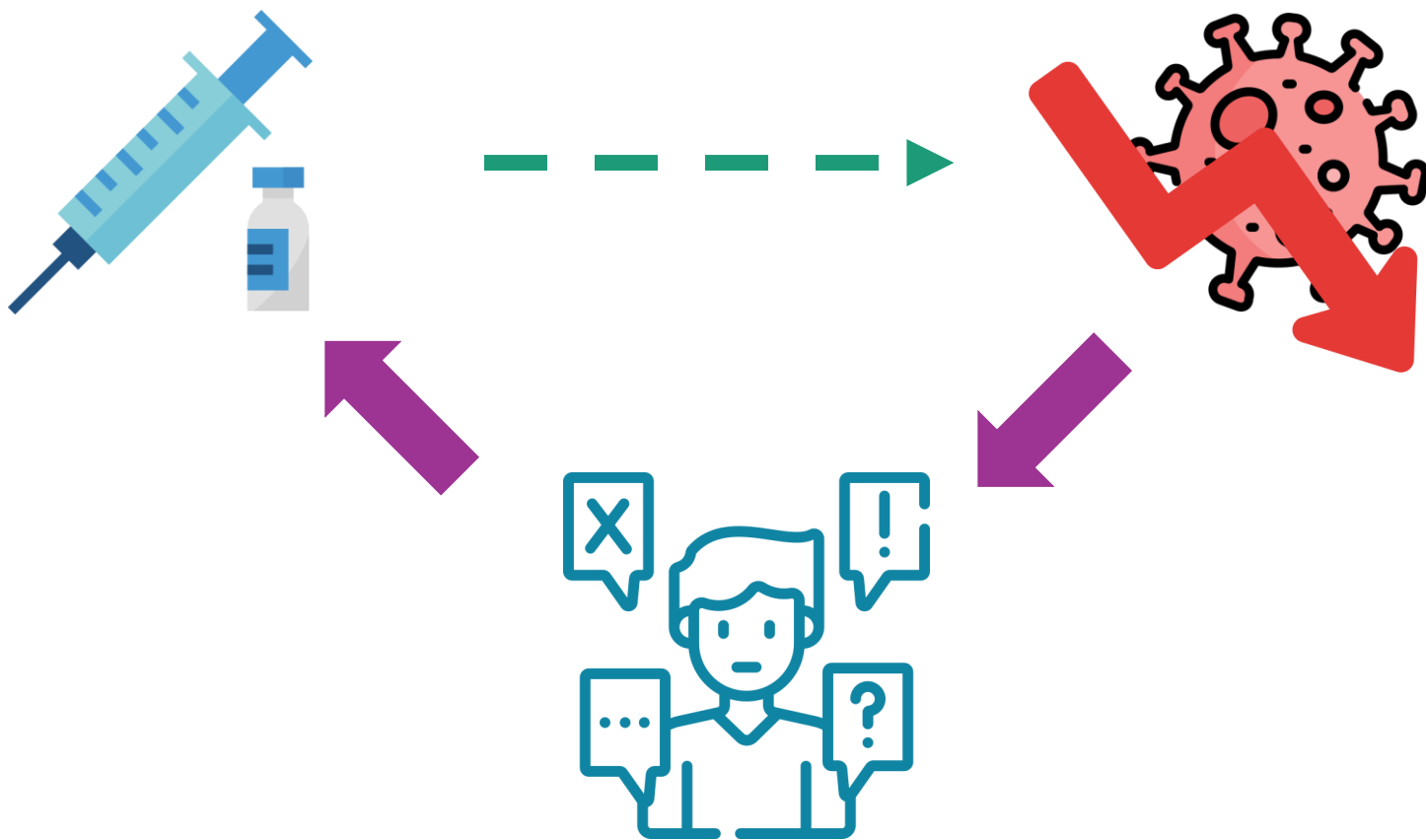
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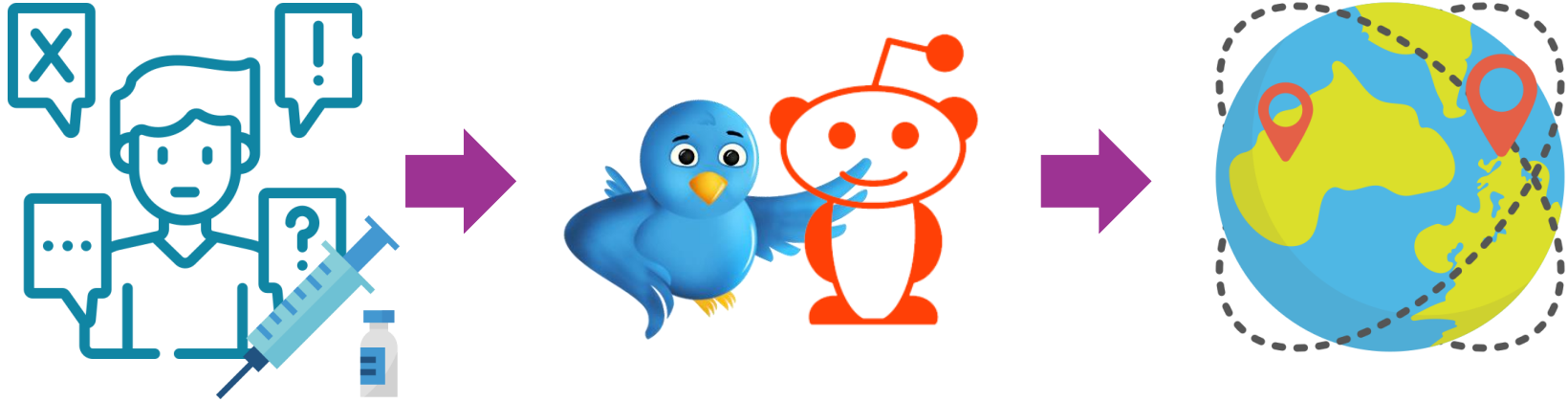
Serious AEFI Urgent escalation

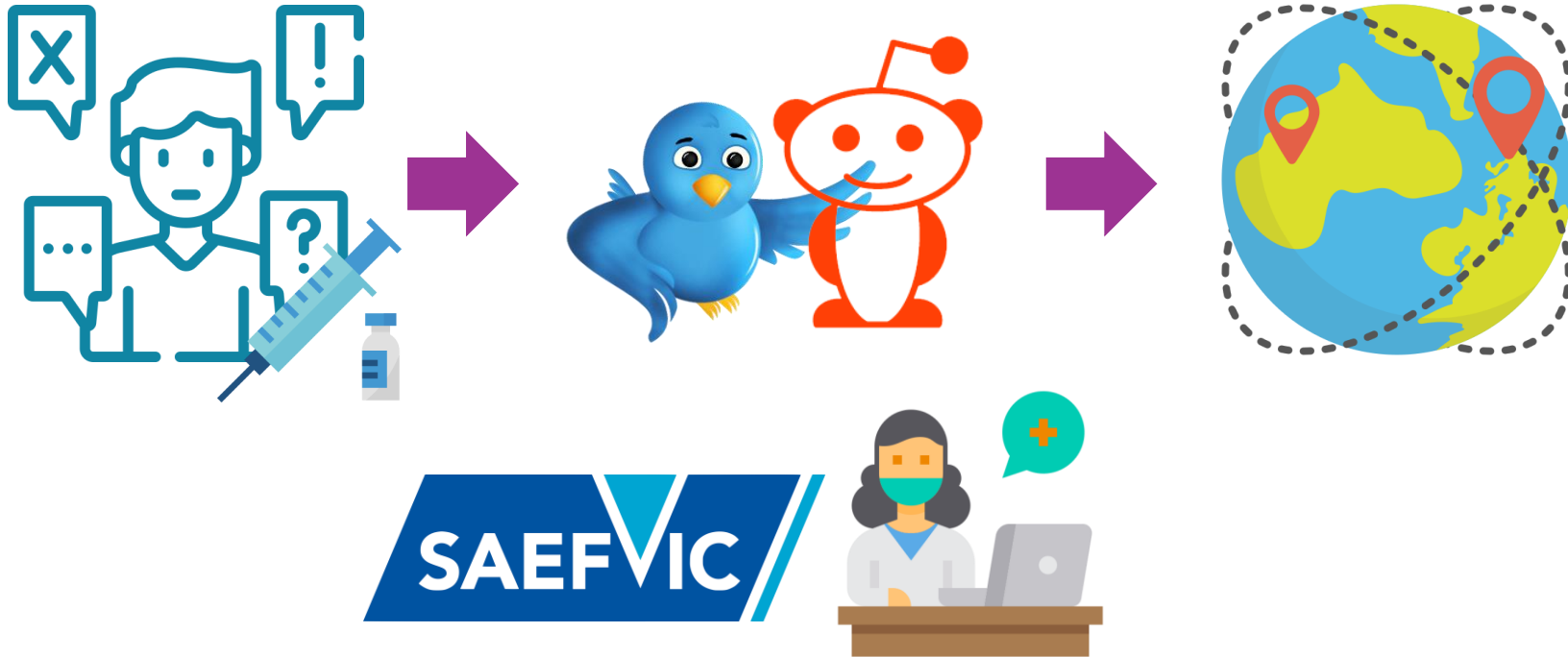














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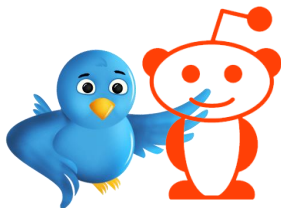


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**Social
Media**



- 353,218 Reddit posts collected
- January 2021 to June 2022
- Preprocessed, cleaned

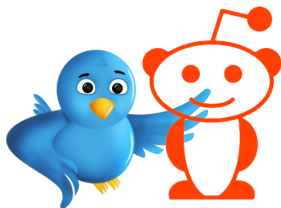


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- Pretrained COVID-Twitter BERT V2 ML
- Finetuned on SAEFVIC Reactions



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- Topics generated through BERTopic
- Additional classification by clinician based on AEFI



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A digital health story: Methods

- Heuristic for evaluating health data portal
- Interdisciplinary experts and end users



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A digital health story: Methods

- consumer partner
- human-computer interaction
- consumer engagement
- communication & social science
- clinical education & public engagement



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- Review social media public concerns
- Consider concerns during evaluation
- Provide feedback to improve



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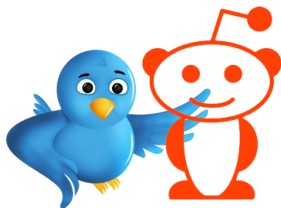


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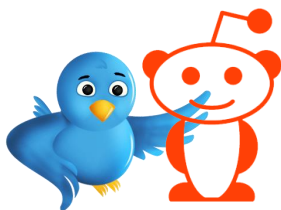


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- Most discussed:
 - Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle)
 - Pericarditis (inflammation of the saclike tissue surrounding the heart)

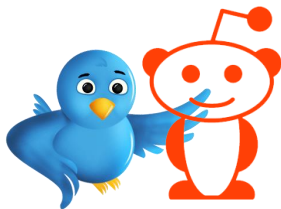


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“if you are young and healthy
you are more likely to
develop heart issues from the
vaccine than COVID”

“are we talking about the
myocarditis caused by the shot
that we're expected to have 3x
by now how many booster until
your heart stops?”

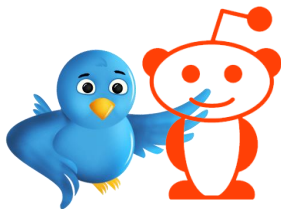


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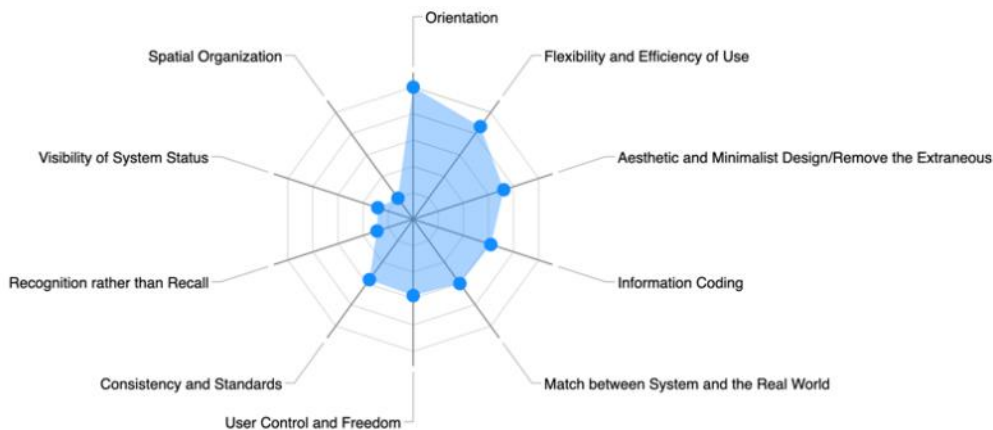
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“there are reports of young people getting myocarditis after their second covid shots in the news recently...should I start worrying?”



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Victorian COVID-19 vaccine

18 Following 20.1K Followers 1.2M Likes

@unimelb students helping tiktok stay healthy

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A digital health story: Results

0-4 Highest Severity

Heuristic	Mean
Visibility of System Status	2.0
Spatial Organization	1.8
Aesthetic and Minimalist Design	1.4
Recognition rather than Recall	1.4
Match between System and the Real World	1.2



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Social media data guided evaluation

There is a huge amount of data available, much more than would be necessary for the average consumer

lay readability of the text could be improved for people to understand the risk-benefit ratio of myo-peri



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Social media data guided evaluation

Decrease level of detail in visualisations

Develop a 'deck of graphs' that could be presented when public concerns are identified



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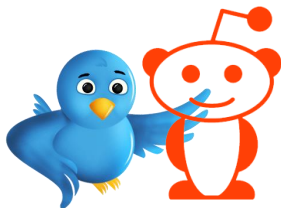


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Thank you!

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