



Lost in translation: Challenges in transferring global state-of-the-art AI models to Australian hospitals

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Datarwe's Clinical Data Nexus

The Clinical Data Nexus (CDN) is a trusted, secure data utility that allows accelerated connection of multi-modal data sets for approved users.



1 PLATFORM

Datarwe's CDN is a singular point of connection to a vast network of local and international real world data



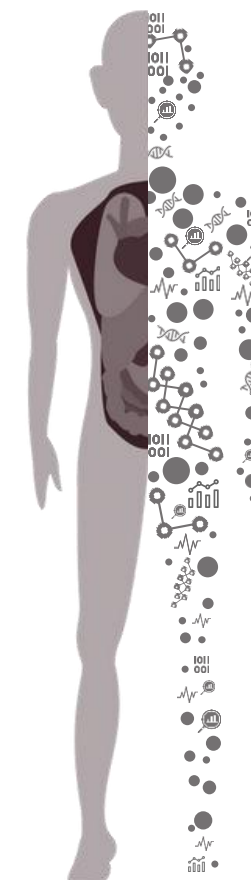
19+ HOSPITALS

Datarwe's CDN links 19+ national and international hospitals



13M+ EPISODE HRS

Datarwe's CDN avails network participants to more than 13 million episode hours of curated data



ELECTRONIC
MEDICAL
RECORD (EMR)



STREAMING DEVICE
DATA

DEMOGRAPHICS

PRE-ADMISSIONS

TIME-SERIES
PHYSIOLOGIC
DATA

LAB RESULTS /
PATHOLOGY

DIAGNOSES

MEDICATIONS
AND FLUIDS

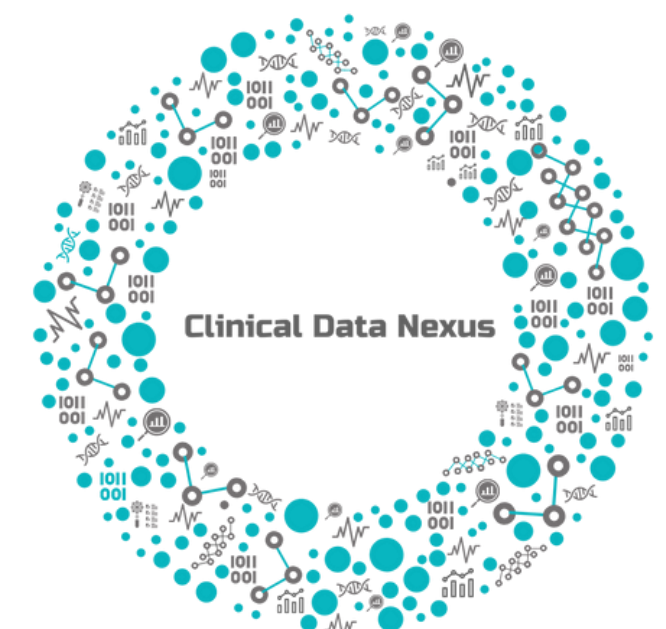
ORDERS

NURSES NOTES
AND
OBSERVATIONS

IMAGERY

OUTCOMES

HIGH FREQUENCY
250H/Z ECG
WAVEFORM DATA





The promise of AI for healthcare

- Democratisation of healthcare access
- Improved patient outcomes
- Reduced clinician workload
- Increased capacity for quality service delivery



Predictive models for clinical decision support

Sepsis

#1 cause of
hospital
deaths

\$38B cost to
healthcare
annually

Article | [Published: 21 July 2022](#)

naturemedicine

Prospective, multi-site study of patient outcomes after implementation of the TREWS machine learning-based early warning system for sepsis

[Roy Adams](#), [Katharine E. Henry](#), [Anirudh Sridharan](#), [Hossein Soleimani](#), [Andong Zhan](#), [Nishi Rawat](#), [Lauren](#)

Reduced mortality

14% vs 19%

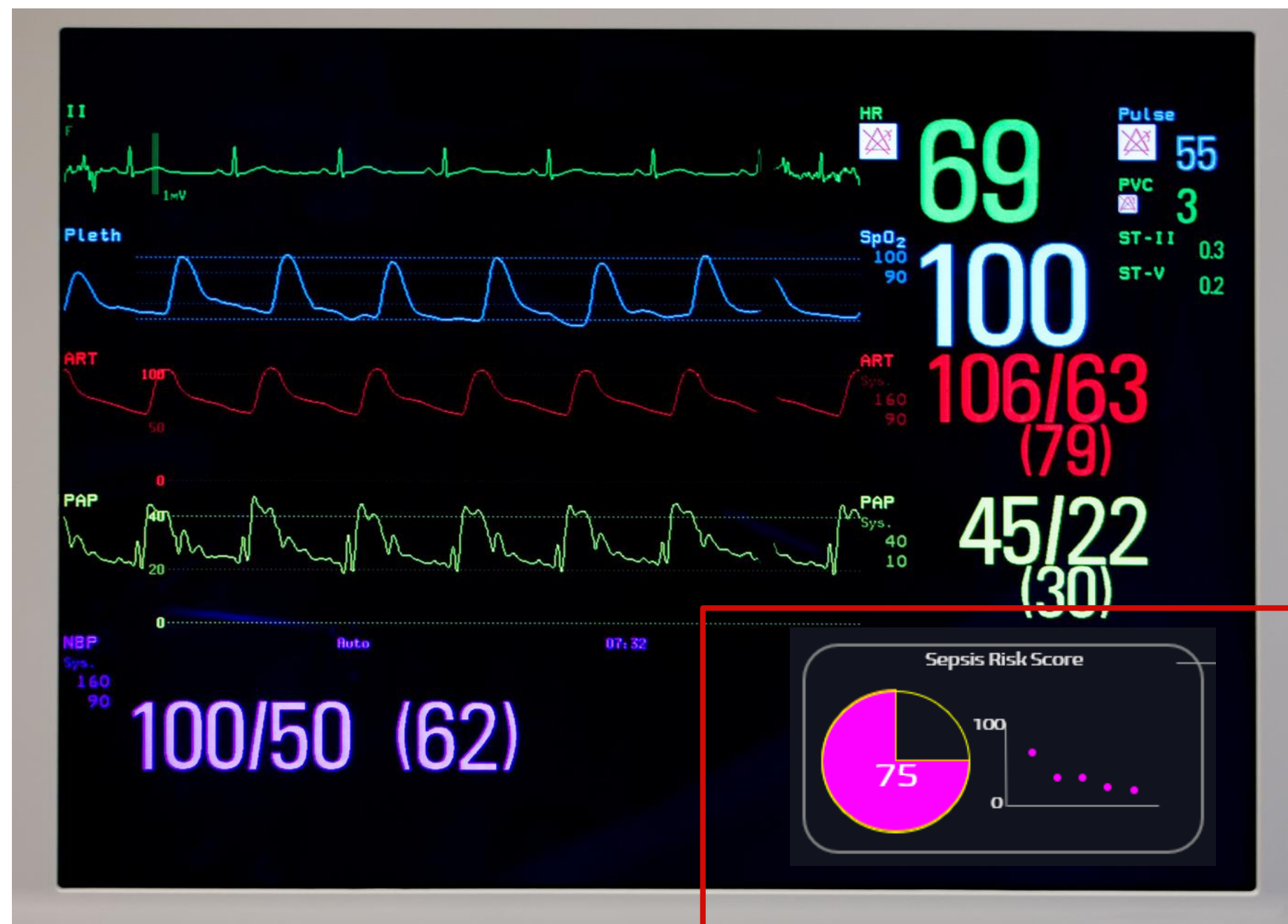
**Improved SOFA
score progression**

–0.8 vs –0.4

**Reduced length
of stay**

6.6d vs 8.1d

Use case: personalised live sepsis risk monitoring



Deploying state-of-the-art models: why re-invent the wheel?

Approach

Replicate study results on original data set (MIMIC-III)

Attempt to reproduce early detection of sepsis accuracy (MIMIC-III)

Test transferability on retrospective clinical data (AUS ICU)



Database Credentialed Access

MIMIC-III Clinical Database

Alistair Johnson , Tom Pollard , Roger Mark 

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Outcomes

- ✗ Could not replicate reported AUC from study on original data.
- ✗ Transferability failed despite extensive testing.

JAMA Internal Medicine

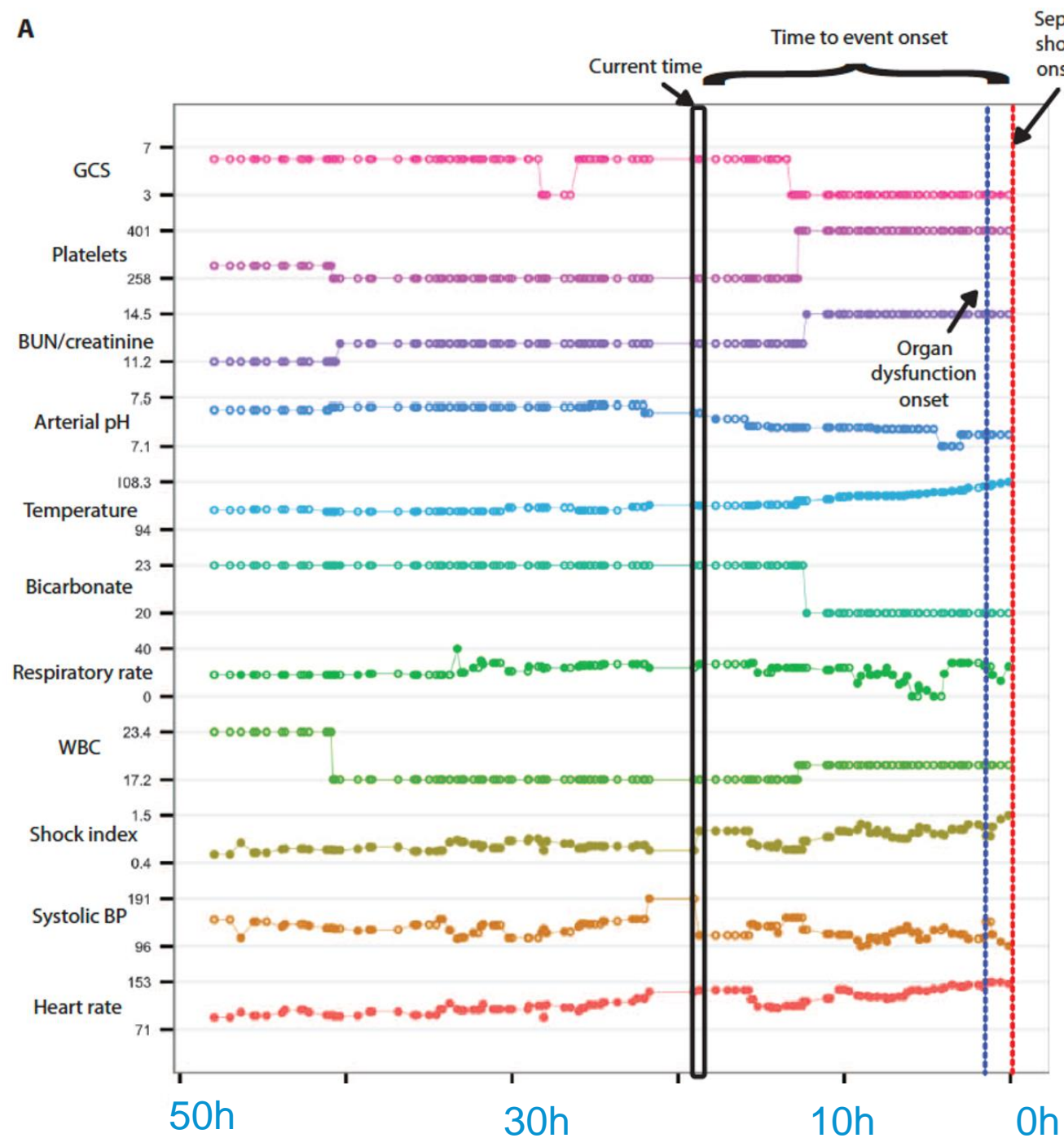
External Validation of a Widely Implemented Proprietary Sepsis Prediction Model in Hospitalized Patients

Andrew Wong, MD¹; Erkin Otles, MEng^{2,3}; John P. Donnelly, PhD⁴; [et al](#)

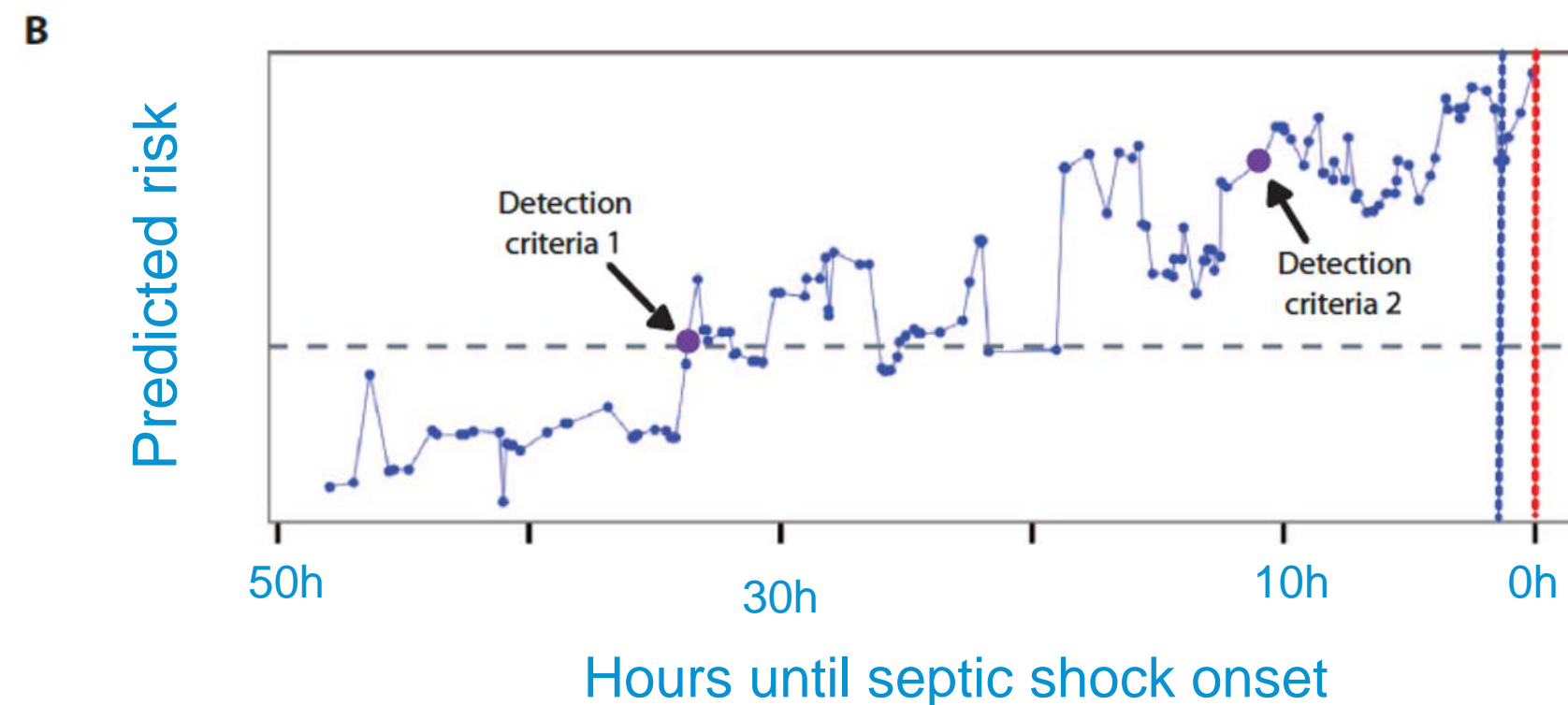
- Only identified 183 of 2552 patients with sepsis (7%) who did not receive timely treatment
- Low sensitivity in comparison with clinical practice.
- Did not identify 1709 patients with sepsis (67%)



Parameters used to calculate risk score



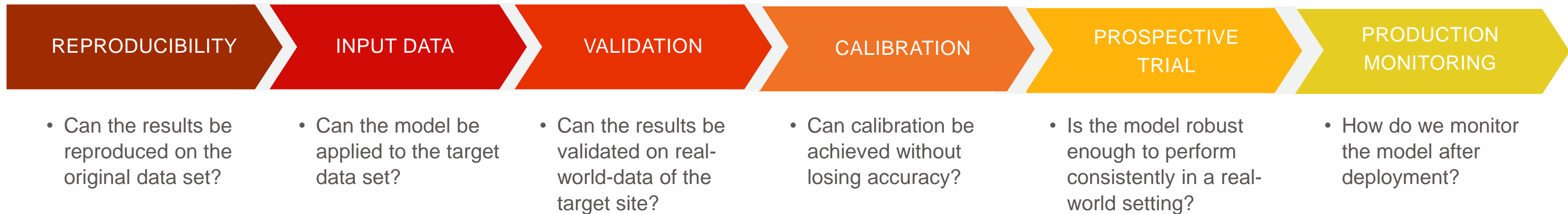
How long is the patient's risk score maintained above a certain threshold?



Hours until septic shock onset



Model translation: challenges at each stage



Reproducibility

REPRODUCIBILITY

Can the results be reproduced on the original data set?

- How has the training data set been cleansed?
- How has the test data set been cleansed?
- What were the inclusion & exclusion criteria?
- What hyperparameters were used? (ML parameters)
- How are the models weighted?

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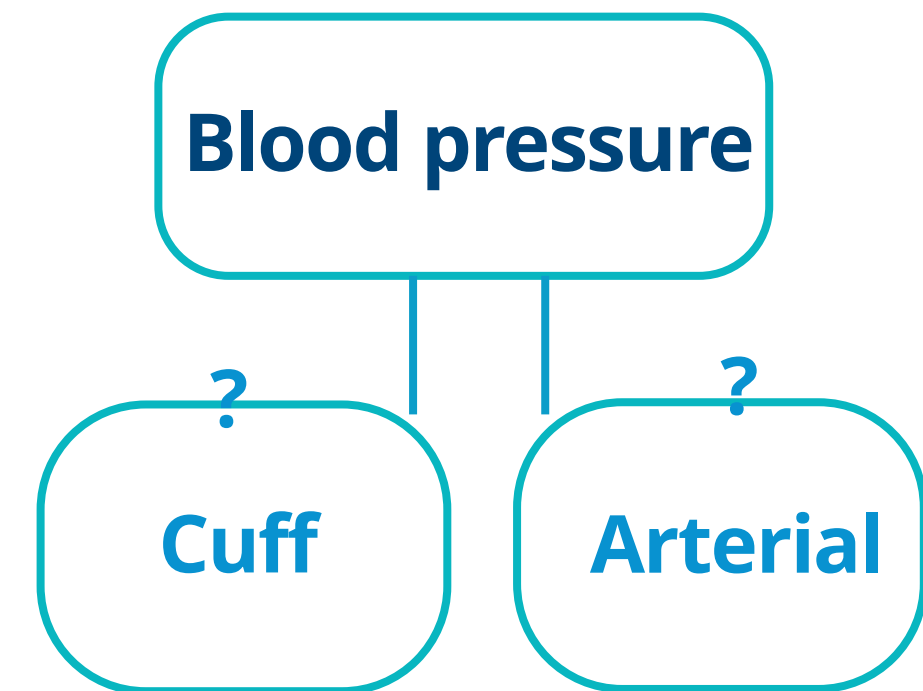
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Input data

INPUT DATA

What data should be used for model testing?

- Variance in data across populations.
- Lack of model development transparency.
- Missing data variations.
- Data frequency and aggregating data.
- Challenges in standardizing and integrating diverse data sources.



Validation

VALIDATION

Can the results be validated on real-world-data of the target site?

- How has the data been verified/ground truth labelling?
- How is the disease defined at the target site?
- Risk of overfitting to training data.
- Difficulty in defining suitable validation metrics eg. use of billing codes (ICD9).





Calibration

CALIBRATION

Can calibration be achieved without losing accuracy?

- Ensuring predicted probabilities align with real-world outcomes.
- Generalisation versus fine-tuned.
- Federated learning or transfer learning.
- Training data extraction.
- Is the volume of data required for accurate calibration available?



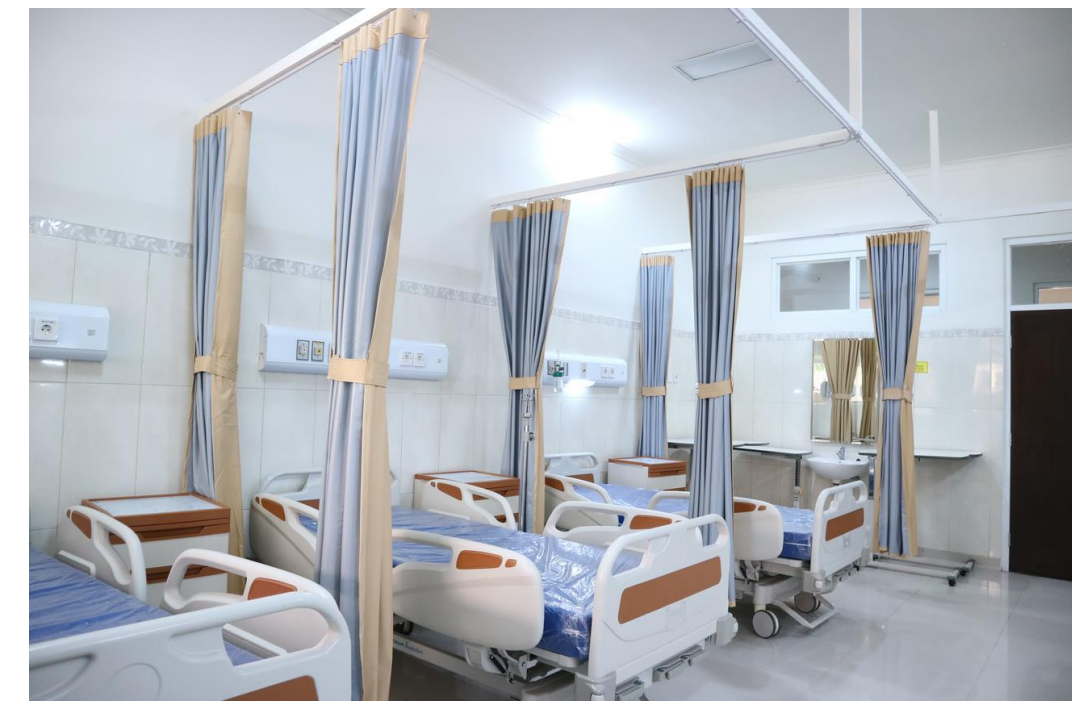


Prospective trial

PROSPECTIVE TRIAL

Is model robust enough to perform consistently in real-world setting?

- Time and cost-intensive real-world validation.
- Challenges in ethical trial design/control group.
- Ensuring patient safety in trial execution.
- Integration into human-in-the-loop.
- Bias: automation, selection.





Production monitoring

PRODUCTION MONITORING

How do we monitor the model after deployment?

- Model performance monitoring over time can be complex.
- Need for continuous updates and user feedback integration.
- Difficulties in integrating models into existing workflows and IT systems.





Conclusion

- **Translation of clinical AI tools is complex.**
- **A difficult problem to solve but critical for maintaining a modern healthcare system.**
- **Collaboration is key: clinicians & technologists.**
- **Access to aggregated, clean, labelled, real-world data is fundamental to success (Datarwe CDN).**



Datarwe's CDN provides access to data for **clinical model calibration & validation**

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