

Project Title:  
**Applied Data Science in Healthcare**

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**Project Description:** Healthcare systems are changing in the era of big data. Advances in artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare make it possible for healthcare providers to sift through tremendous amounts of information efficiently, extracting knowledge in the form of classifications, predictions, and causal relationships that can improve clinical decision making. There are various types of health information ranging from medical literature to pathology reports that can be used in analyses. In our projects we develop and apply Machine Learning (ML) methods that can efficiently utilize Electronic Health/Medical Records (EHRs/EMRs) and other proprietary data to facilitate decision making of physicians in their clinical practice.

In addition to ML methods, we also consider Human-Centered AI (HCAI) for Data Driven Decision Making (D3M) addressing healthcare/medicine problems. Our lab has multiple projects available in the general area of applied data science in healthcare. Interactive Machine Learning (iML) improves ML *prediction* by including human experts in the learning process and integrating human expertise. eXplainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) and trustworthy AI in healthcare systems are further areas of interest where the goal is to not only improve the uptake of ML models but to also increase physician *trust* in ML predictions so that they can be used in clinical decision making.

In this project, you will have opportunities to work with real healthcare and medical data including EHRs/EMRs for multiple cognitive disorders and chronic diseases collaborating with physicians, clinicians and psychiatrists, etc. Areas of active investigation include prediction of delirium (acute brain failure) in elderly hospital patients, choosing different anti-depressant drugs based on depression symptoms in patients, and development of software tools to improve human interaction with machine learning tools and outputs.

**Start date:** Winter 2022

**Research area:** Data science, machine learning, artificial intelligence, healthcare, medical research.