

# AI in the Clinic: Error Detection and Prevention

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Radiation Therapy in the Era of Artificial Intelligence

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# Outline

## AI in the Clinic: Error Detection and Prevention

### AI in the Clinic

Accuracy  
Interpretability  
Integration

### Error Detection AI for QA

AI for patient-specific QA  
Treatment plan QA  
AI for quality improvement  
and incident learning

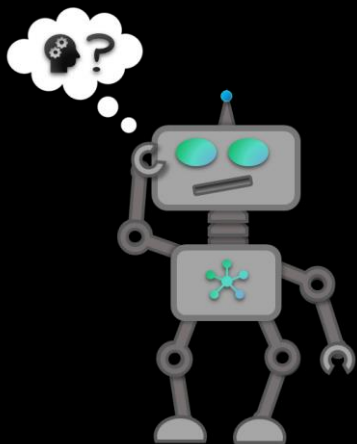
### Error Prevention QA for AI

Validation:  
Technical & Clinical  
Risk-based analysis



# AI in the Clinic

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Decision Support System (DSS): guide judgements & actions

DSS for oncologists:

- Predict disease presence (diagnosis) or outcomes (prognosis)

DSS for physicists:

- Does this machine require maintenance?
- Is this treatment plan acceptable and deliverable?
- Are there gaps in my quality program?



# AI *for* the Clinic → AI *in* the Clinic

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Tension between Accuracy and Interpretability



Machine Prediction meets Human Judgement



Workflow Integration



# Error Detection

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## Traditional Rule-based

Compare with historical or reference values

Statistical outlier methods:  
mean, standard deviation

Statistical Process Control



## Machine Learning-based

Linear regression

Classification model

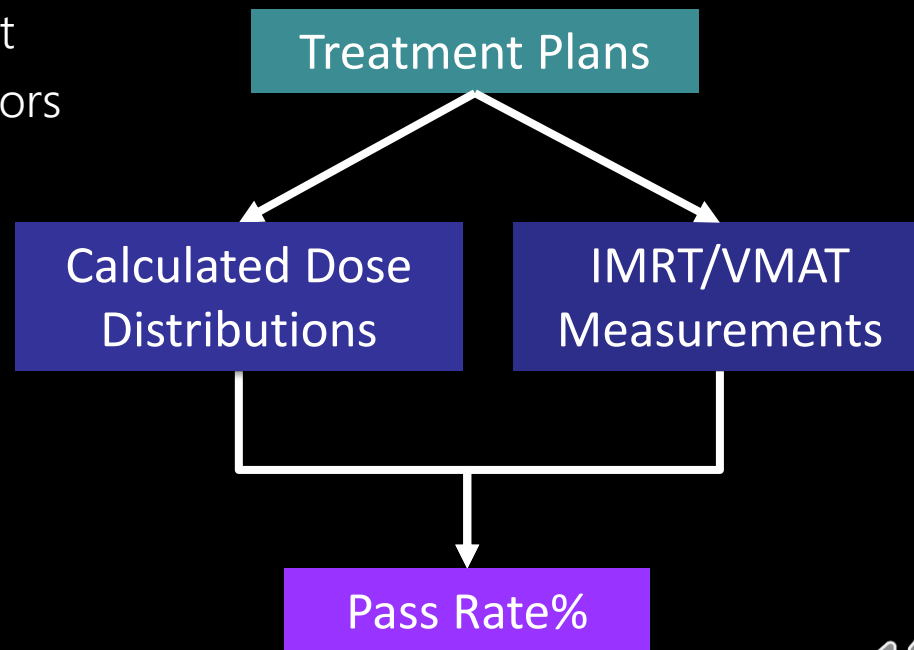
Random Forests, Isolation Forests

Convolutional Neural Networks

# Error Detection in Patient Specific QA

## Patient specific QA

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- Insensitive, often unable to catch errors
- Occurs late in the planning process



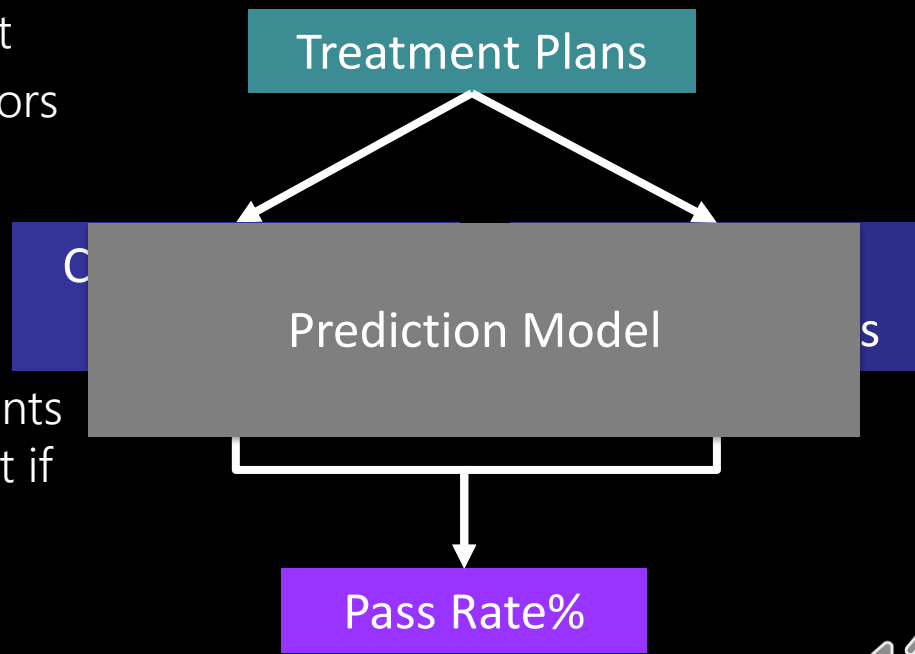
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## AI for patient specific QA

- Use past patient specific measurements to train and test the model to predict if a plan will pass QA





# AI for PSQA

## Detectors

- Planar diode array [1,2,7], Film [5]
- 3D Diode Array [3,8]
- Portal Dosimetry or EPID [2,4]

## Models

- Poisson regression [1,2,7]
- Random forest [7,8]
- Support vector classifier [3,6]
- CNN [5,6,8]

## Predicted Values

- Gamma pass rate [1,2,5,7,8]
- Mean dose difference [3]
- Errors/Outliers [4,6]

## Features

- Plan based & complexity [1,2,3,5,7,8]
- Machine QC results [3]
- Radiomics [4,6]

1. G. Valdes et al 2016 Med Phys 43(7): 4323 – 4334.
2. G. Valdes et al 2017 J Appl Clin Med Phys 18(5): 279-284.
3. D. Granville et al 2019 Phys Med Biol 64: 095017.
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5. S. Tomori et al 2018 Med Phys 45(9): 4055 – 4065.
6. M Nyflot et al 2019 Med Phys 46(2): 456 - 464
7. J Li et al 2019 IJROBP 105(4): 893 – 902.
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# AI-facilitated interpretation

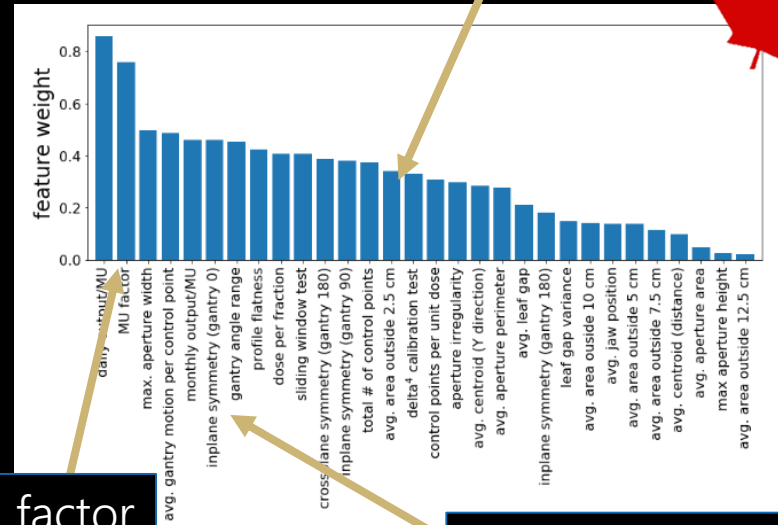
Unlike traditional measurements, predictions can be interrogated to determine most relevant features.

This inferred knowledge can be fed back into continuous quality improvement.

- Planning
- Machine QA
- Detector limitations

## Detector Calibration

Top 30 most predictive features



MU factor

In-plane symmetry



# AI in a different clinic

## RADIATION ONCOLOGY PHYSICS

### IMRT QA using machine learning: A multi-institutional validation

Gilmer Valdes<sup>1,3,a</sup> | Maria F. Chan<sup>2,a</sup> | Seng Boh Lim<sup>2</sup> | Ryan Scheuermann<sup>3</sup> | Joseph O. Deasy<sup>2</sup> | Timothy D. Solberg<sup>1,3</sup>

- “Virtual IMRT QA” (Valdes 2016)
- ~80-200 plans to train model
- Complimentary to measurement-based program

## Model

### Features

>90 plan complexity metrics (CIAO, modulation factor, irregularity factor...)

### Prediction

Gamma Pass Rate  
3%/3 mm Threshold: 10%

Institution 1  
Diode array  
498 plans

3% accuracy

Institution 2  
Portal dosimetry  
139 plans

3.5% accuracy

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# Error Detection in Treatment Planning

## MEDICAL PHYSICS

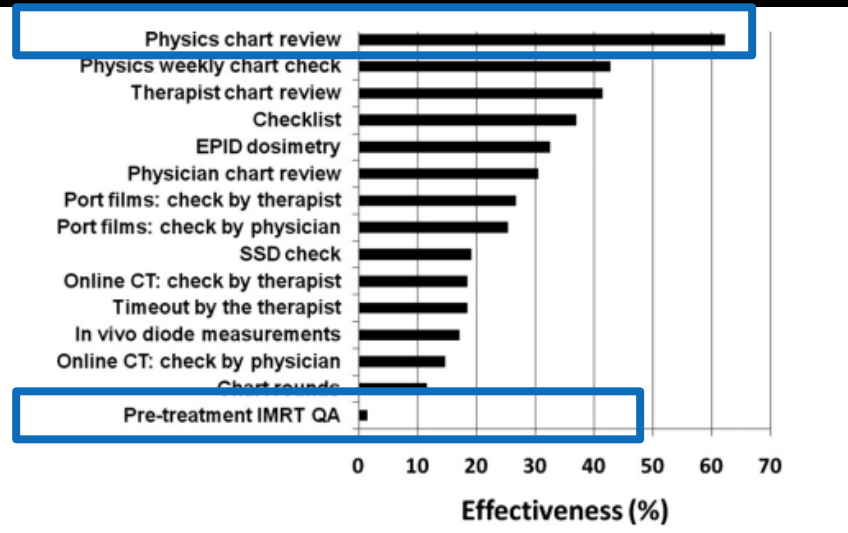
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### Strategies for effective physics plan and chart review in radiation therapy: Report of AAPM Task Group 275

Eric Ford , Leigh Conroy, Lei Dong, Luis Fong de Los Santos, Anne Greener, Grace Gwe-Ya Kim, Jennifer Johnson, Perry Johnson, James G. Mechalakos, Brian Napolitano ... See all authors 

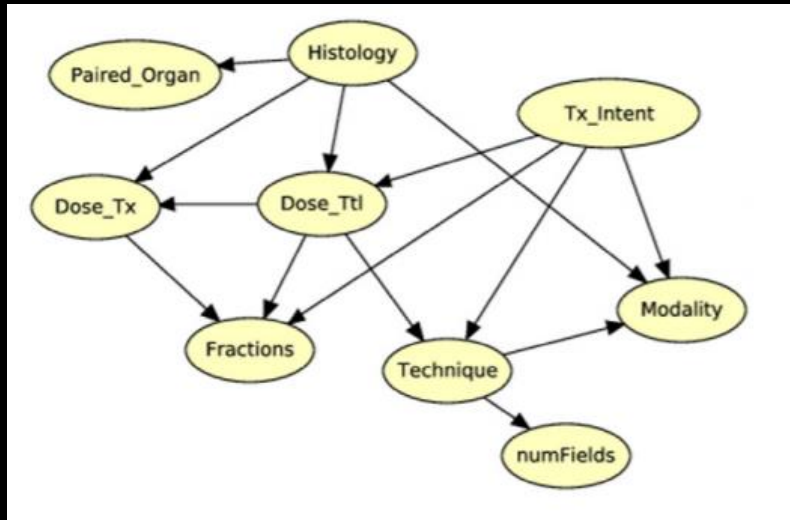
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E. Ford et al 2012 IJROBP 84(3): e263 - 269



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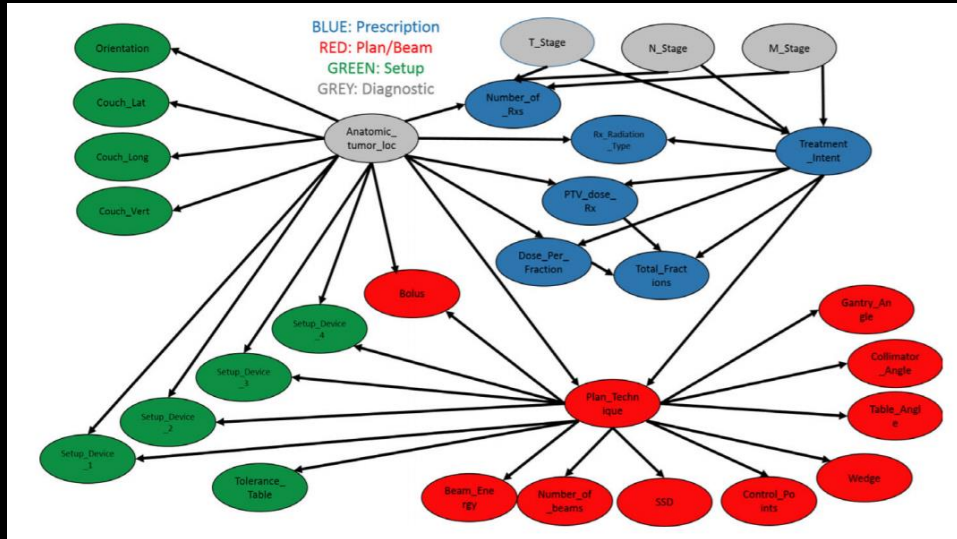
- Joint probability distributions: what is the probability of certain RT parameters, given set of clinical information
- Flag low probability events
- Mimics how humans check plans

## Technical & Clinical Expert Validation

- Network AUCs = 0.88 – 0.98
- Human Expert AUCs = 0.90 +/- 0.01



# Error Detection in Treatment Planning



AUC by years of historical data trained on:

2 years: 0.82

3 years: 0.85

4 years: 0.89

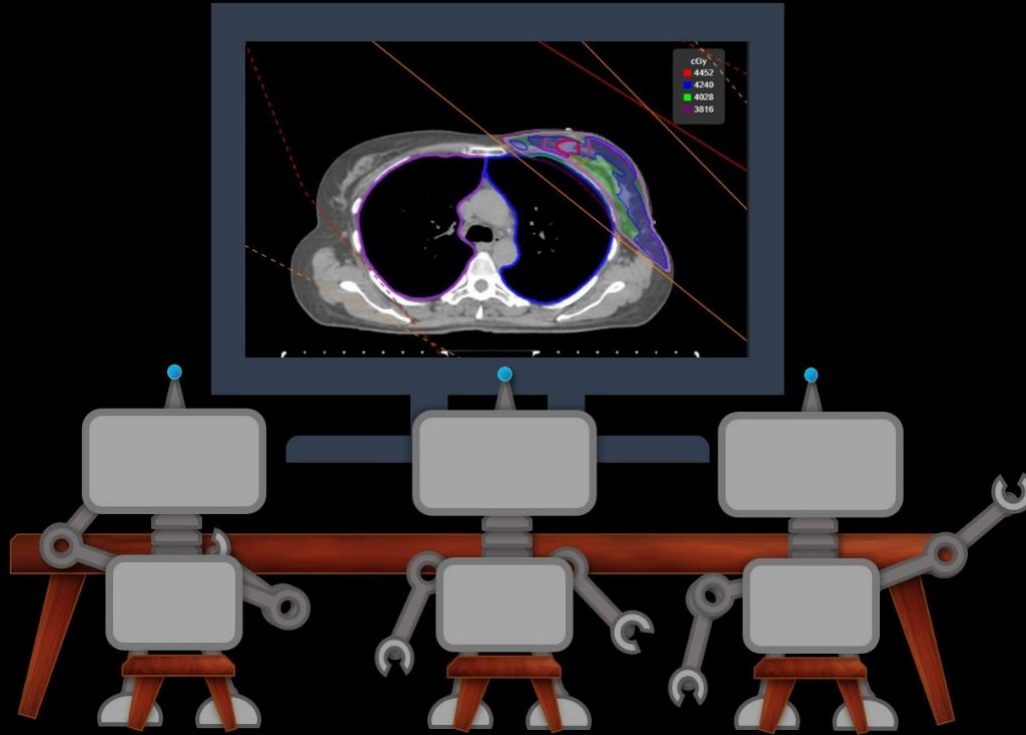
5 years: 0.88

Recommendation

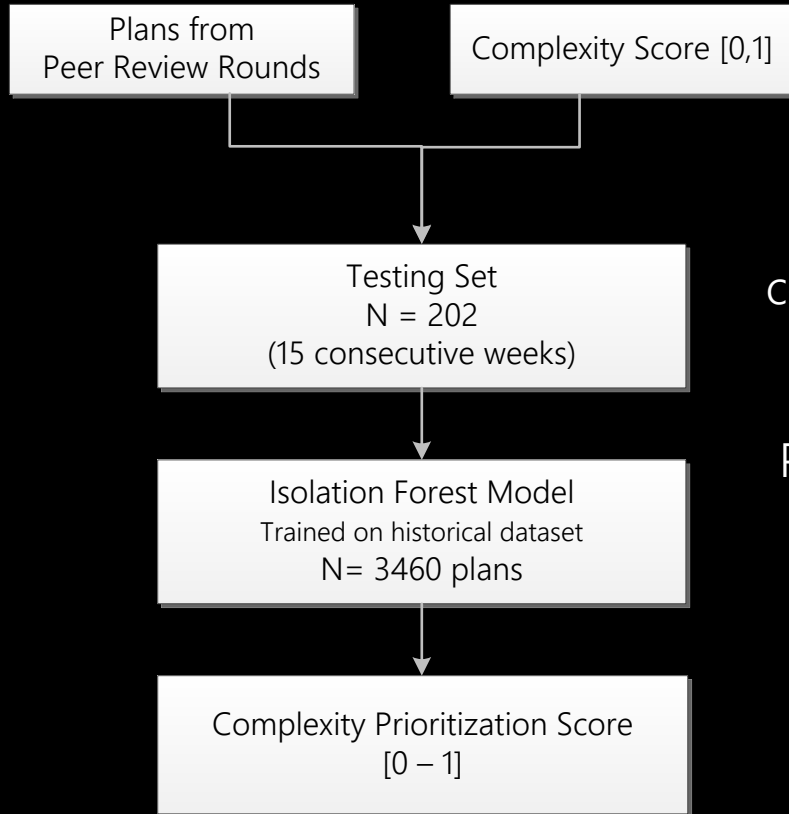
Train on 4 years of data, update model yearly



# AI for Peer Review Rounds



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Aim: Develop an automated framework for complex case prioritization in peer review rounds

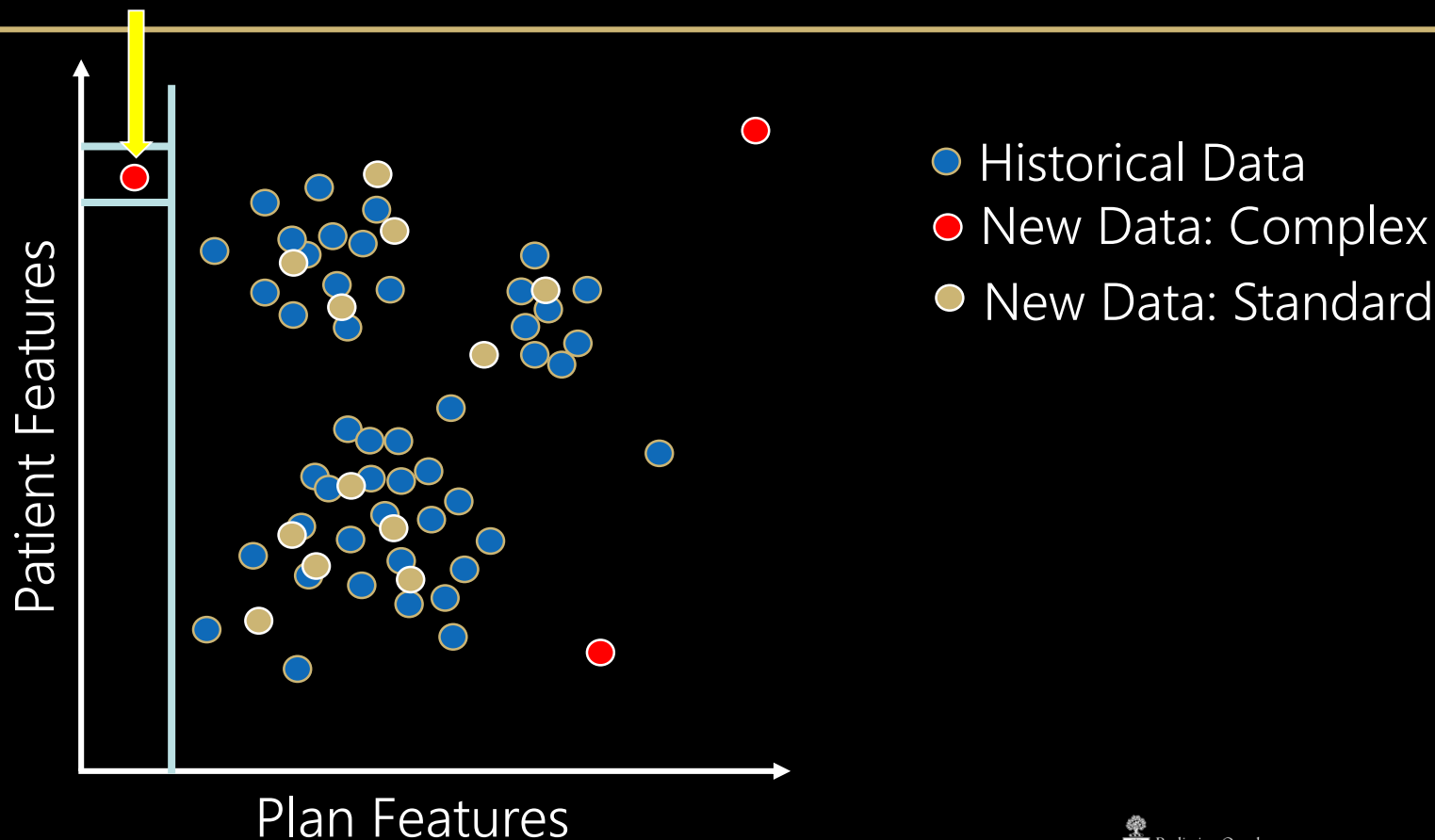
Prospectively assigned binary complexity scores

Complex plan (discussion) = 1 [n=38]

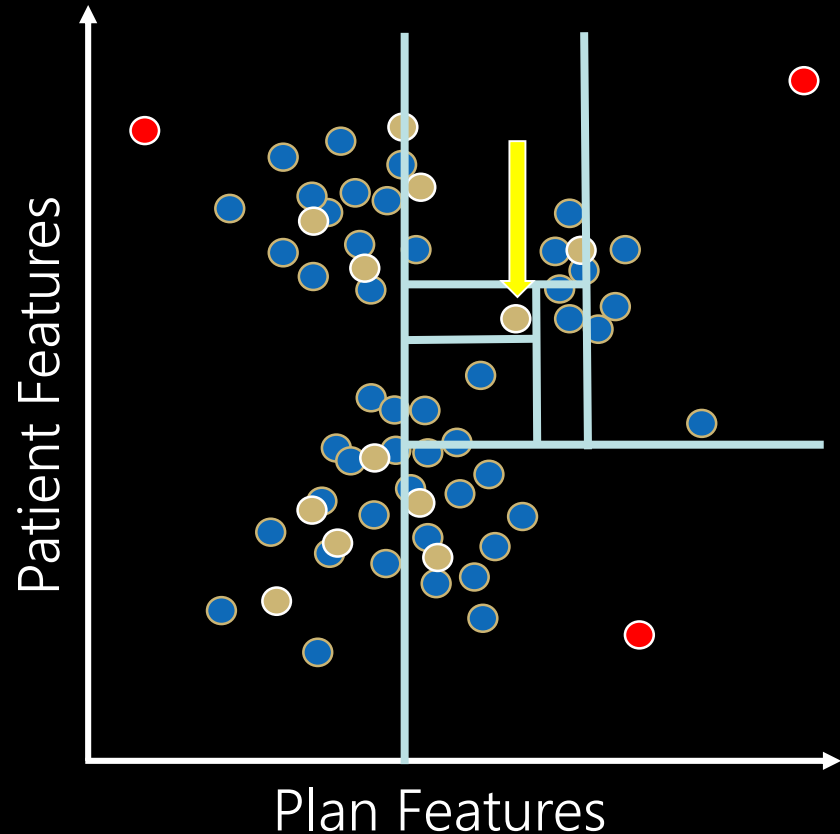
Standard plan (no discussion) = 0 [n=164]



# Isolation Forest for Outlier Detection



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- Historical Data
- New Data: Complex
- New Data: Standard

# Predicting Complexity

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Extracted Features Included:

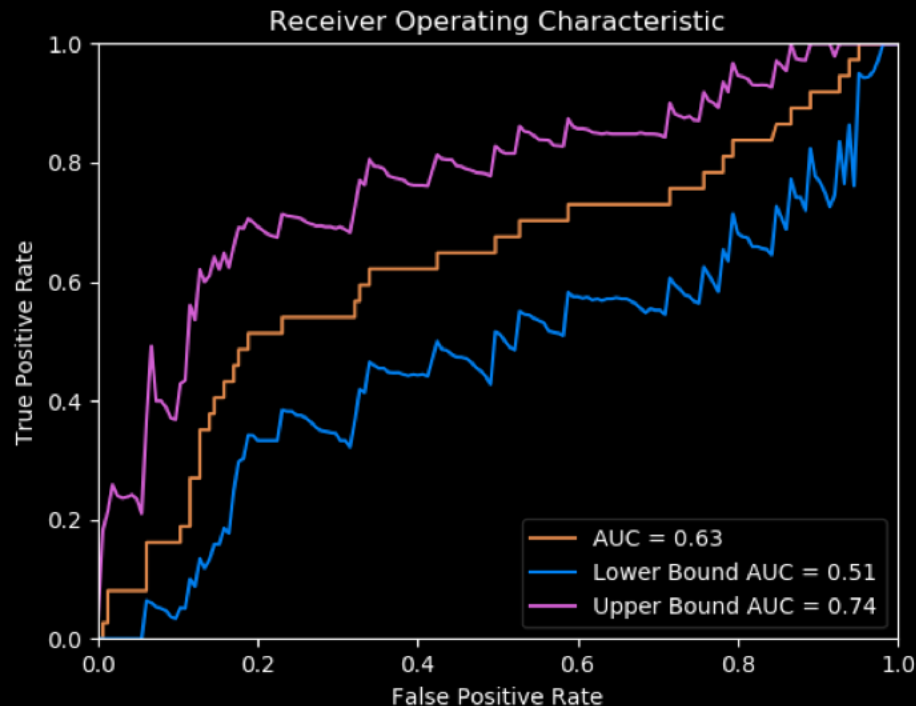
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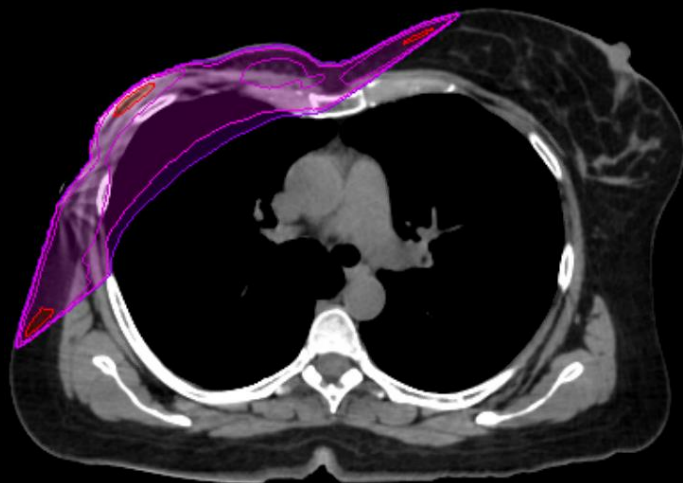
# Predicting Complexity

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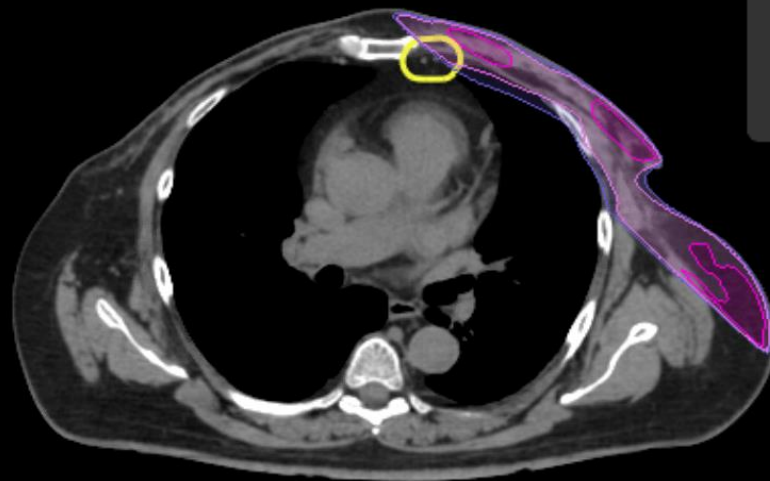
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# Interpretation



True Positive



False Negative



# Princess Margaret: Then and Now

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	Historical Training Set (2016)	Testing Set (2018)
TPS	Pinnacle	RayStation
Nomenclature	Institutional	AAPM TG-263
Clinical Practice	Few IMNs treated	Many IMNs treated

- Changes in practice impact the applicability of trained models
- Clinical data has a half life
- Data curation and feature selection require domain expertise and many iterations

# AI for near miss identification

Basic Original Report

## A Radiation Oncology—Specific Automated Trigger Indicator Tool for High-Risk, Near-Miss Safety Events

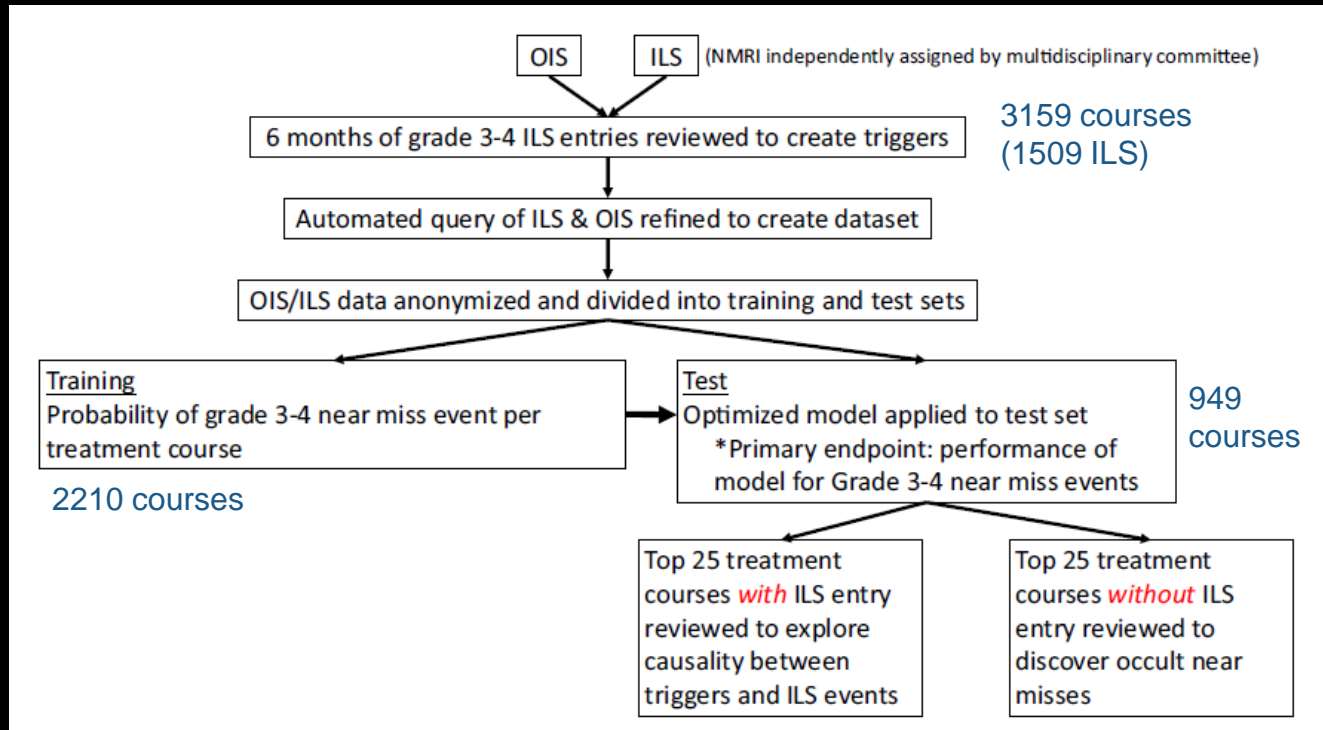
Pehr E. Hartvigson, MD,<sup>a,b,\*</sup> Michael F. Gensheimer, MD,<sup>c</sup>  
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- Limitations of Incident Learning Systems:
  - Voluntary
  - Require strong safety culture for high volume reporting
  - There will always be unreported events
- **Objective:** Develop a radiation oncology-specific trigger tool to estimate the probability of a grade 3-4 near-miss event for each treatment course using only the data available in the OIS.

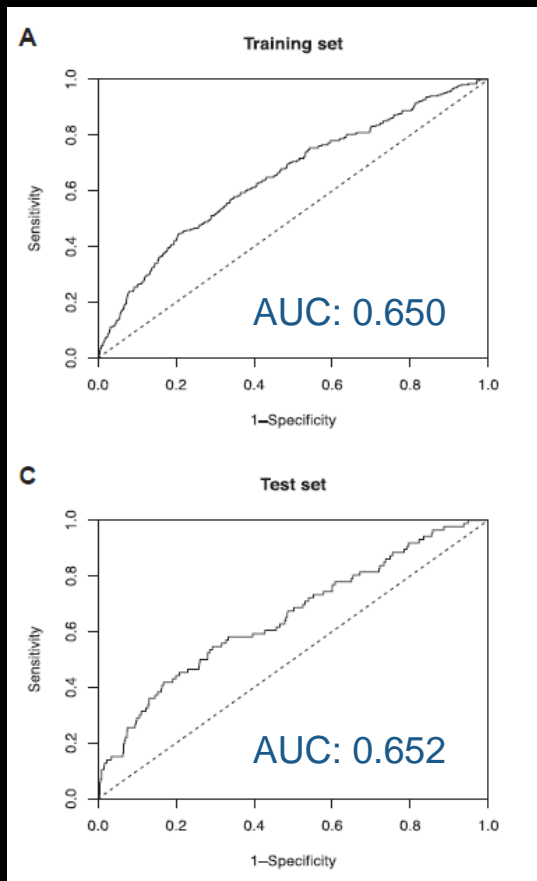


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9/20 triggers significant:

- Hidden/new/deleted fields
- New prescription
- Documentation

- With ILS entry: causal effect in 50%
- Without ILS entry:
  - 5/25 flagged for additional review
  - 2/5 were unreported near miss



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Assess risk through systematic risk analysis (TG-100)  
Mitigate risk with specialized AI-QA program design

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AAPM Machine Learning Subcommittee (MLSC) Task group Proposal:  
Quality Assurance for Machine Learning-based Clinical Technologies  
Co-chairs: Dr. Habib Zaidi & Dr. Gilmer Valdes



# Where do Medical Physicists fit in?

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Physicists are technical experts with clinical domain expertise  
We are uniquely positioned to shape the future of AI in medicine

- Data: governance, collection, curation
- Problem definition
- Model development, testing, and tuning
- Workflow design, validation, and implementation
- Supervision, maintenance
- Development and execution of QA for AI

# AI for Error Detection @ AAPM | COMP 2020

Thursday, 7/16/2020, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM [Eastern Time (GMT-4)] Room: Track 5

**A Generalizable Contour Validation Method Using Deep Learning-Based Image Classification**

Y Zhang, F Ceballos, Y Liang, L Buchanan, X Li

## E Posters:

**Reducing IMRT QA Workload by 95% and Keeping the Same Level of Quality Control** T Nano, M Descovich, E Hirata, Y Interian, G Valdes

**Development and Validation of a Machine Learning Predictive Model of IMRT Patient-Specific Quality Assurance Approval Using Gamma-Radiomics** C Yaly, J Lizar, P Santos, A Colello Bruno, G Viani, J Pavoni

**Towards a Treatment Planning Optimization Framework Utilizing Predicted Quality Assurance Outcomes From a Machine Learning Model to Maximize Plan Quality and Deliverability** P Wall, J Fontenot

**Error Detection and Classification in Patient Specific IMRT QA with Dual Neural Networks** N Potter, K Mund, J Andreozzi, J Li, C Liu, G Yan

**Dose Prediction for Patient-Specific QA Using a Convolutional Neural Network** K Mund, G Yan

**Does Radiomics Have the Potential to Assess KV-CBCT Image Performance Acquired From Phantom Data Used for Daily QA?**  
M Shenouda, N Baughan, J Cruz Bastida, E Pearson, H Al-Hallaq

**Out of Sample Performance of a Deep Learning Based Registration Quality Assurance Method** X Zhou, S Galib, H Lee, G Hugo

**Towards Quality Assurance for First AI-Driven Online Adaptive Radiotherapy Based On Failure Mode and Effect Analysis**  
J Booth, P Sibolt, E Laugeman, B Cai, D Sjostrom, S Mutic, M Perez

