

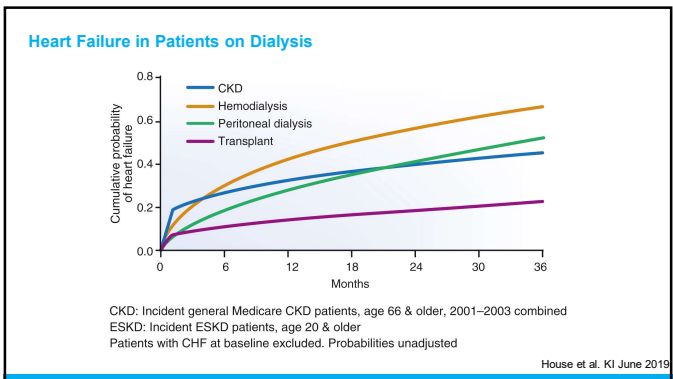
ECG for Prediction of LV Function and IDH in Patients on HD

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Conflicts of Interest

- Grant funding from NIH
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Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction



Abnormalities of Left Ventricle Precedes HF

- CRIC study of 417 participants
 - Echocardiograms at Year 1 and at dialysis start
- At an average of 2.9 years after dialysis initiation, 4% worsening in LVEF, P<0.001
- Every 1% decline in LVEF was associated with a 3% greater risk of mortality after ESRD

Variable	Change from CKD to ESRD	
	Unadjusted HR (95% CI)	Adjusted ¹ HR (95% CI)
Ejection fraction, per 1% decline	1.04 (1.01, 1.05)	1.03 (1.00, 1.06)

The model is adjusted for age, sex, race, dialysis modality, cardiovascular disease, systolic blood pressure, number of anti-hypertensive med classes, diabetes, current smoker, and BMI

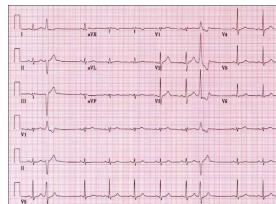
Bansai et al. AJKD Sep 2019

Current Diagnostic Paradigm

- Clinical Presentation:
 - Dyspnea
 - Orthopnea
 - Dependent edema
- CXR:
 - specific but only moderately sensitive in diagnosing HF
- ECG:
 - Rhythm disturbances
 - Evidence of prior myocardial damage
- Echocardiogram
 - Gold standard to evaluate LV function

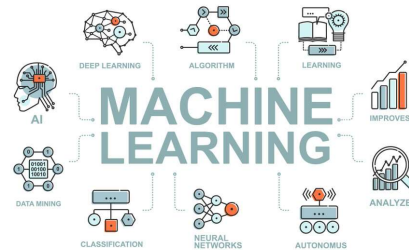
The ECG

- Surface level record of the electrical activity of the myocardium
- Voltage and complex morphology corresponds to the state of the heart
- Some features invisible to naked eye



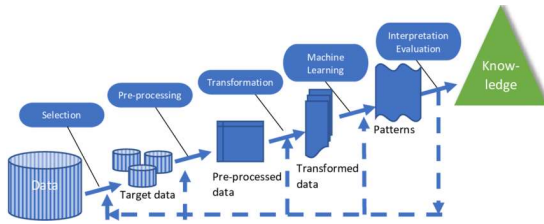
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Machine learning

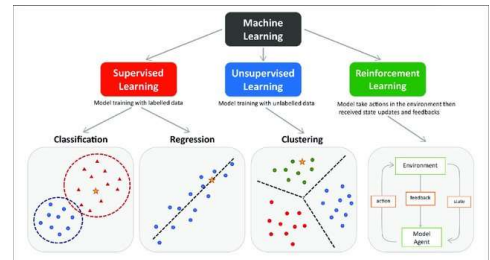


What is Machine Learning?

- Branch of artificial intelligence that enables a computer to learn from training data and improve over time with little to no human input



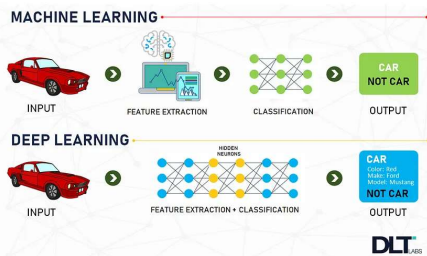
Types of Machine Learning



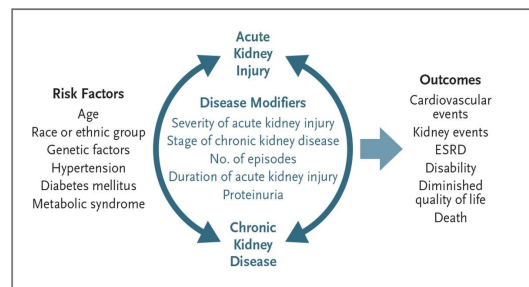
Peng et al. Frontiers in Pharmacology Sept 2021

Deep Learning

- Subset of ML that is based on representation learning and artificial neural networks



Machine Learning for All Stages of Kidney Disease



Kimmel et al NEJM

DL for LVEF from the ECG

- Can quantify low LVEF (<40%) with an Area Under Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve of 0.94
- Much faster and more inexpensive than going for a Transthoracic Echo

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Patients with ESKD on HD

- Hemodialysis positively associated with increased risk of heart failure initially manifesting as Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction
- Can be screened using ECGs
- Small patient population**

Transfer Learning

- Utilize the expertise of a model trained on one task for an adjacent task
- Training on 2nd task: *Fine-tuning*
- Gets a better model – faster, and with **much less data**

Andreas Meri, Thomas R. Bromley, Josh Isaac, Maria Schuld, and Nathan Killoran. Transfer learning in hybrid classical-quantum neural networks. arXiv:1912.08278 (2019)

Design

- ECGs paired to LVEF from Echo (ECG: Echo pairs)
- HD patients: 2,168 | ECG: Echo pairs: 18,626
- Non-HD patients: ~150,000 | ECG: Echo pairs: ~700,000

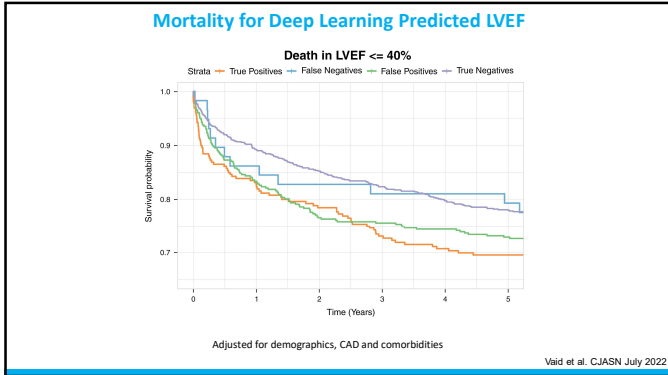
Model	Trained on	Fine-tuned on
Trained from scratch	HD patients	-
Pretrained on Imagenet	LAM ImageNet Images	HD patients
Large LVEF	Non-HD patients	-
Large LVEF	Non-HD patients	HD patients

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Improved Performance with Transfer Learning

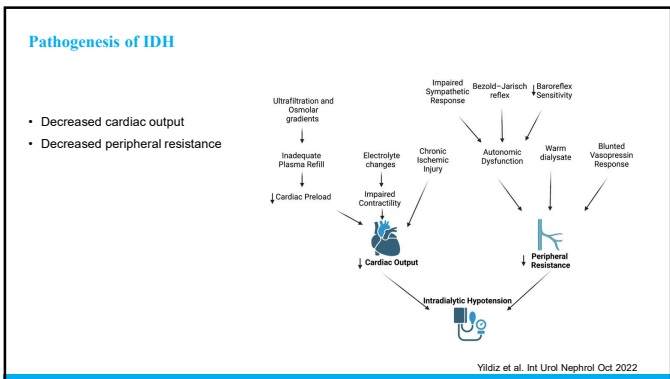
Training method	AUROC: Value (95% CI)		
	LVEF ≤ 40%	LVEF 41-50%	LVEF > 50%
HD patients	0.74 (0.67 - 0.8)	0.55 (0.49 - 0.61)	0.71 (0.66 - 0.75)
ImageNet →	0.71 (0.65 - 0.77)	0.55 (0.49 - 0.6)	0.69 (0.62 - 0.77)
Fine-tuned on HD data	0.86 (0.83 - 0.88)	0.68 (0.63 - 0.73)	0.83 (0.80 - 0.85)
Non-HD patients	0.80 (0.77 - 0.83)	0.51 (0.41 - 0.61)	0.77 (0.73 - 0.80)
Non-HD →	0.86 (0.83 - 0.88)	0.68 (0.63 - 0.73)	0.83 (0.80 - 0.85)
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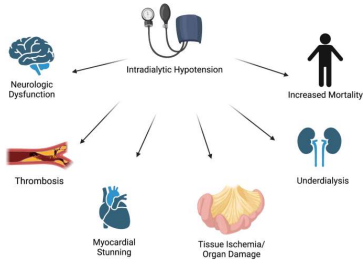


- ### Summary 1
- Deep learning can determine LVEF accurately from EKGs in patients on maintenance dialysis
 - This prediction is more accurate if using pretrained models on non dialysis patients and then fine tuned for patients on dialysis (transfer learning)
 - A DL determination of low LVEF is highly predictive of future mortality

Intradialytic Hypotension

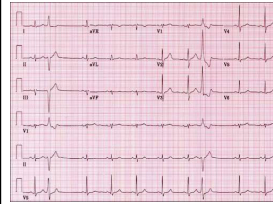


Adverse clinical outcomes of IDH



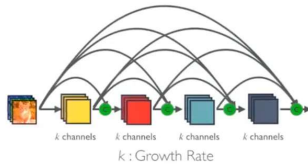
Yildiz et al. Int Urol Nephrol Oct 2022

Can we use ECG to predict IDH risk?



Methods

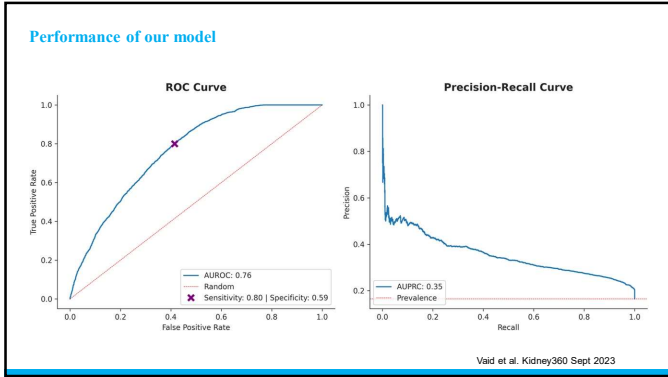
- ECG waveform data from Mount Sinai Health Systems hospitals in New York City
- Identified starting and ending times of inpatient HD procedures with flow sheets
 - IDH defined as a SBP \leq 90 mm Hg
- Only ECGs within 48 hours of an HD procedure were included
- Model structure was a 2-D CNN
 - Densenet 201: pretrained on images from ImageNet



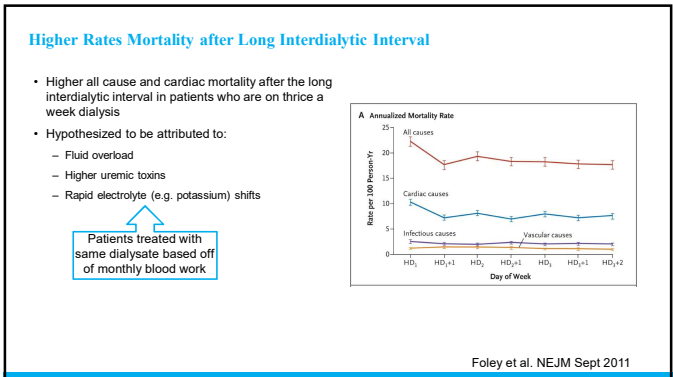
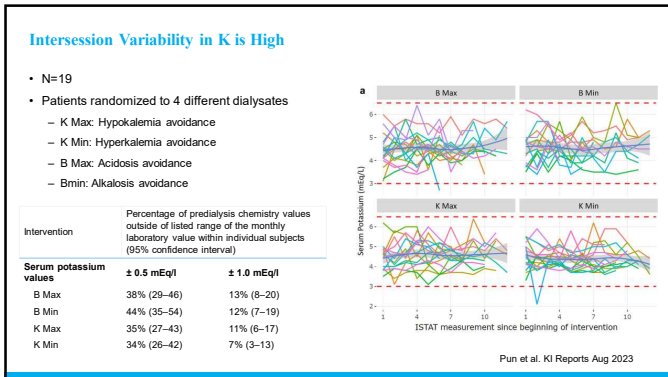
Patient characteristics

Characteristics	Overall (ECGs=86,362)	IDH (ECGs=12,437)	No IDH (ECGs=73,925)
Age, mean (SD)	62.3 (14.12)	63.24 (13.45)	62.69 (14.09)
Male patients, %	60.9%	60.0%	60.9%
Racial groups: %			
White	19.5%	22.6%	19.0%
Black	11.3%	11.6%	11.6%
Hispanic	5.3%	5.0%	5.3%
Asian	2.9%	2.2%	3.0%
Other/unknown	61.0%	58.6%	61.1%
SBP before starting HD session, mean (SD)	133 (28)	106 (21)	137 (26)

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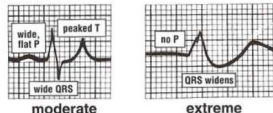
Dyskalemia



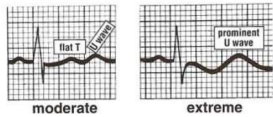
Notable ECG Changes at Extreme Serum Potassium Levels

Potassium

Increased K⁺
(hyperkalemia)



Decreased K⁺
(hypokalemia)



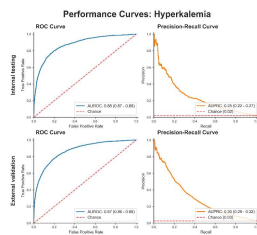
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Study Methods

- ECG waveform data from Mount Sinai Health Systems hospitals in New York City
- >600,000 patients with an ECG within 24 hours of a serum potassium level
- The model architecture was a ConvNeXt Large, a purely convolutional neural network developed by Meta and pre-trained on ImageNet.
- The cohort was split 80:20 into training and test sets.
- Primary outcome was K>6 mEq/L within 24 hours of an ECG

Performance of Model for Hyperkalemia

- 12087 (2%) of patients had a K>6 mEq/L
- The model achieved an AUROC of 0.88 and an AUPRC of 0.25 on internal testing, and an AUROC of 0.87 and AUPRC of 0.30 on external validation



Summary #2

- Deep learning can predict IDH using ECG in hospitalized patients on HD
- Deep learning can be used to identify hyperkalemia (K>6 mEq/L) using ECG in hospitalized patients on HD

