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Predictive Healthcare Analytics Using Machine Learning for Early Risk Detection in Chronic Disease Management

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ABSTRACT

Cardiovascular disorders, diabetes, cancer and respiratory illnesses are examples of chronic diseases which are a significant burden to the world healthcare systems because they have long terms nature, cost of treatment, and growing prevalence. Conventional healthcare environments tend to work with reactive systems, treating diseases once they start to appear, thereby making it harder to treat and making them susceptible to mortality. As healthcare data expands rapidly due to electronic health records (EHRs), wearable devices, medical imaging, and genomic sequencing, the transition to predictive and preventative healthcare has a big opportunity. The paper discusses the use of machine learning and artificial intelligence in predictive analytics of healthcare to identify early chronic disease risks. The multi-source healthcare datasets are combined in the methodology, and powerful models, like logistic regression, random forests, support vector machines, and deep architectures (convolutional and recurrent neural networks) are used. The findings indicate that machine learning models are much more effective in early diagnosis, risk classification, and individualized treatment plans as compared to classical methods of statistics. Nonetheless, issues like data privacy, model interpretability, and data imbalance are very important. This research outlines the potentially transformative role of AI-based predictive analytics in enhancing patient outcomes, lowering cost of healthcare, and facilitating proactive approach to the disease.

Keywords: Machine Learning, Predictive Analytics, Chronic Diseases, Healthcare AI, Early Detection, Risk Prediction, Deep Learning, EHR, Data Mining.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Chronic diseases are becoming one of the most relevant healthcare challenges of the twenty-first century with an enormous share in the overall global mortality and morbidity. Treating huntington disease needs long-term follow-ups, ongoing care, and large amounts of medical care as people have conditions like diabetes, heart diseases, chronic respiratory infections, and cancer. Conventional healthcare systems are mainly reactive, as they involve diagnosis of diseases when the clinical manifestations are apparent. Such a practice usually results in postponed treatment, escalated medical expenditures, and decreased death rates of patients. Early detection and prevention has thus come to be vital constituents in contemporary healthcare interventions whereby action should be taken to adopt sophisticated analytical applications which will have the ability to indicate the risks of a disease before it manifests itself. The traditional statistical techniques such as regression analysis and risk scoring models have been popular in medical studies, but in most cases fail to capture high-dimensional and nonlinear relationships that are found in healthcare data.

The fast healthcare systems digitization has resulted in the creation of huge and heterogeneous data sets, such as electronic health records, laboratory data, imaging information, genomic sequences, and real-time data generated by wearable technologies. These datasets have a revelation of patient health in full, but advanced analytical methods are needed to derive significant information. Machine learning and AI have proven an effective tool to examine large datasets of healthcare data, detect latent patterns, and forecast the risk of diseases with high precision. Existing AI models like neural networks, ensemble learning, and deep learning systems are capable of dealing with temporal, spatial, and multimodal data, and can identify early signs of chronic diseases, as well as custom healthcare options. Such technologies enable predictive analytics, which enables the healthcare providers to transition the care on the side to proactive disease management rather than reactionary treatment. Nevertheless, issues like privacy of data, the transparency of the model, ethical issues and combining AI-based medical systems with clinical practice persist in shaping the acceptance of AI-based healthcare systems.

II. RELEATED WORKS

Predictive healthcare analytics Early work was based on classical models of statistics and epidemiology that aim to determine risk factors and patterns of disease progression related to chronic diseases. Other methods like the logistic regression, survival analysis and Cox proportional hazards models were widely employed to measure the probability of the disease being determined in relation to clinical predictors. These initial approaches made it possible to identify several key determinants of diseases including cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease, but they were burdened with their linear nature and the failure to captivate the complex interactions between biological, environment, and lifestyle factors. The era of electronic health records (EHRs) was that of the availability of large entries of information in the form of laboratory results, diagnoses, demographics, and clinical histories. Research started to incorporate these data into the risk predictive models, demonstrating that the structured EHRs variables could enhance the accuracy of disease prediction. Challenges, however, like the absence of values, non-homogenous data format, and limited support in modeling temporal dependencies were limiting the performance of traditional models. These shortcomings spurred the shift to taking on more flexible analytical methods with the ability to learn nonlinear patterns and apply multi-dimensional healthcare data to chronic risk prediction [1], [2].

With the advent of machine learning, predictive healthcare analytics is able to make more accurate and flexible models of chronic disease detection. Decision trees, random forests, support machine, Naïve Bayes classifiers and gradient boosting, were able to start outperforming the classical statistical models because they were able to capture nonlinear relationships and deal with high-dimensional data. The models have proved to be effective in general in predicting onset of diabetes, readmissions caused by heart failure, and progression of chronic kidney disease through the incorporation of many features using EHRs, lifestyle, and laboratory tests. The ensemble techniques (random forests and gradient boosting) also enhanced predictive capabilities further by improving generalization and minimizing overfitting between populations by collocating many weak learners. Research papers in this area also highlighted the significance of preprocessing methods like feature selection, normalization and data balancing to minimize model bias and enhance robustness. The importance of dimensionality reduction approaches to extract clinically significant features and engineered features assisted in enhancing the interpretability of predictive systems. In spite of these improvements, issues about quality of data, transparency of models, and fairness remained, and there was a need to standardize machine learning approaches applicable in real clinical settings [3], [4], [5], [6].

Over the past few years, predictive healthcare analytics have undergone revolutionary changes with deep learning and artificial intelligence to allow more advanced early risk detection systems to manage chronic diseases. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and long short-term memory (LSTM) are types of deep learning architecture that have successfully been applied to medical imaging, EHR time-series records, physiological sensor data, and genomic data. Radiological and fundus images have demonstrated remarkable success in the detection of the early signs of chronic diseases like cancer and diabetic retinopathy by CNNs. Both the RNNs and LSTMs have demonstrated superiority in learning the temporal trends in long-term patient data, allowing the accurate prediction of disease diagnosis, hospitalization, and clinical deterioration. Hybrid CNNLSTM neural networks have improved the world further as they combine spatial and temporal health data with each other in cohesive systems. More recently, models were developed based on the transformers or multimodal learning systems and aimed to unite clinical notes, laboratory outcomes, imaging data, and genomic markers, creating complete risk assessment and assist in planning individual treatment. Parallel explainable AI (XAI) studies have risen to consider the interpretability issue with explainable predictions by transparent logic, which is necessary to make a prediction and trust it as well as comply with regulations. Integration of wearable device data and continuous monitoring systems, such that the real-time risk can be detected and prevented, has also been examined by researchers. Regardless of these developments, issues like data privacy, ethical issues, computational cost, and the inability to generalize across a wide range of patients are the most significant obstacles to universal clinical implementation of AI-driven predictive healthcare solutions. However, the literature shows an obvious tendency towards more sophisticated machine learning and deep learning algorithms, indicating their high potential in assisting in the management of chronic diseases proactively and tailored to each individual [7] -[15].

III. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

The current investigation considers a well-designed quantitative research design that combines machine learning algorithms with multiplex healthcare data to allow the early risk identification of chronic illnesses. The plausible combination of physiological, behavioral, genetic, and environmental variables in chronic diseases is complicated in nature hence the common failure of the traditional linear methods of modeling to reflect the multidimensional impact of disease development. This study thus uses a hybrid machine learning-based analysis framework with the ability to support large, heterogeneous data set processing and nonlinear interaction between variables and temporal health changes. The study plan is a series of steps, including the stage of data collection, pre-processing, feature engineering, model building, testing, and inference. The main focus is on deriving predictive phenotypes out of electronic health records, longitudinal clinical histories, laboratory profiles and wearable sensor data, thus facilitating creation of robust predictive models in early risk stratification. The research design adheres to standard rules of conducting a clinical predictive modeling, thus the study is reproducible, statistically rigorous, and transparent in the course of the modeling [16].

3.2 Data Sources and Healthcare Context

In this study, secondary datasets like clinical repositories, open-source health data repositories, and wearable devices monitoring platforms are used. Electronic health records are the primary source of information on the data, containing demographic, diagnosis and laboratory results, territories of medication and structured clinical observations. More data sets, such as ECG signals, glucose monitoring records, radiological metadata, and lifestyle indicators, are included to enhance the level of predictiveness. This diversity of data sources is due to the complexity of the chronic disease, which tends to compose biochemical, behavioral and physiological indicators across time scales. All data sets are subjected to standardization processes, including missing value fill-in, outlier detection, normalization, time alignment and data harmonization to provide compatibility between heterogeneous formats in advance of analytical processing. These measures will help to reduce bias, minimise noise, and make predictive modeling to be more predictable. The healthcare scenario underlines chronic illnesses like diabetes, cardiovascular and chronic kidney disease, early detection of which leads to a substantial increase in the outcomes of healthcare services and a decrease in long-term healthcare expenses [17], [18].

Table 1. Healthcare Variables and Data Indicators

Analytical Variable	Description	Data Source	Analytical Purpose
Clinical Biomarkers	Laboratory values (glucose, cholesterol,	EHR laboratory reports	Detect physiological abnormalities

	creatinine, HbA1c)		
Vital Signs	Heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate	Hospital monitoring systems	Track disease progression
Medication History	Prescriptions, dosage patterns	Pharmacy/ EHR	Evaluate treatment response
Lifestyle Indicators	Diet, activity level, smoking, alcohol	Patient surveys, wearables	Assess behavioral risk factors
Physiological Signals	ECG, PPG, SpO_2 time-series	Wearable devices	Time-series modeling & anomaly detection

3.3 Analytical Framework

The analytical framework incorporates machine learning pipelines that involve presentation of data, feature engineering, modeling and assessment. Structured and unstructured variables are converted into machine-readable formats in the data representation stage, which can include numerical, time-series, or encodings of categorical features. The process of predictive modeling is based on feature engineering, which implies identifying clinically relevant variables like risk scores, trend predictors, derived lab ratios, measures of variability, and temporal health trends. The models of machine learning such as logistic regression, random forests, gradient boosting, and support vector machines will be deployed to train on classification boundaries of disease risks categories. In the case of temporal data, like glucose monitoring records or electrocardiogram sequences, deep learning sequences like LSTM networks are considered because they are capable of capturing long-range temporal relationships. Hybrid architectures architecture is used to encode both spatial patterns (e.g. signals, waveforms) and temporal sequences in the same architecture in order to be interpreted in a unified way by convolutional layers plus recurring units. The methodology is in line with the best practices in present healthcare modeling that focuses on the accuracy of prediction, the generalizability of prediction, and the clinical interpretability [19], [20].

3.4 Machine Learning Modeling Pipeline

The machine learning pipeline includes a dataset partitioning, model training, hyperparameter tuning and iterative optimization. To avoid overfitting and provide an unbiased measure of performance there are training, validation and testing sets. The hyperparameters that are optimized with grid search and Bayesian optimization are learning rate, regularization strength, number of trees, network depth, and dropout rate among others. Ensemble learning is also used to enhance the robustness of the models whereas cross validation is used to maintain stability in different patient subsets. The deep learning models are trained through repeated cycles, until convergence, followed by evaluation of the models in terms of loss curves and validation performance. In addition, the use of explainable model methods like SHAP values and feature importance ranking is added to make the predictions interpretable by the clinicians so that one can be confident that the predictions made by the model cannot be misinterpreted by medical knowledge. Bias-correction models deal with skewed datasets, where the represented datasets are particularly skewed, as in chronic disease prediction, using oversampling, SMOTE, and class-weighted training techniques [21], [22].

Table 2. Machine Learning Components and Methodological Structure

Modeling Component	Description	ML Technique	Objective
Risk Classification	Predicting early disease risk	Logistic Regression, SVM	Identify high-risk patients
Temporal Sequence Learning	Modeling time-dependent health patterns	LSTM/GRU	Capture long-term trends
Hybrid Spatial-Temporal Learning	Integrating signals and temporal data	CNN–LSTM	Improve predictive accuracy
Bias Correction	Balancing imbalanced datasets	SMOTE, Class Weights	Reduce prediction bias

Model Validation	Evaluating performance	AUC, F1-Score, RMSE	Ensure clinical reliability

3.5 Evaluation Metrics and Model Validation

The study uses a multi-metric evaluation approach (measured by accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, sensitivity, specificity, ROC-AUC, mean absolute error and calibration curves) to test reliability and clinical usefulness. These measures allow a thorough evaluation of model behavior, their discrimination, calibration and tolerance to errors. Further analysis will be done using K-fold cross-validation, external validation using independent datasets, and analysis of error heat-maps of overall generalization to demographic groups and disease types. Models that operate on longitudinal patient data are temporally evaluated, and they analyse how well these models predict disease trajectories, compared to their correspondence to actual clinical effects. Sensitivity tests are conducted to test the stability of the model when there is missing data, uses noisy inputs and has varying sampling times. These validation practices follow best practices of clinical predictive modeling and make sure that suggested machine learning frameworks comply with standards of robustness, transparency, and reproducibility [23].

IV. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

4.1 Overview of Predictive Healthcare Analytics Performance

A combination of multi-source healthcare data and machine learning methods shows that there is a significant difference in the early detection of chronic diseases with machine learning approaches as opposed to conventional clinical evaluation methods. Traditional diagnostic methods tend to be based on symptomatic examination and static clinical manifestations, which can slow down the diagnosis of the disease and restrict preventive actions. Conversely, the models adopted do longitudinal analysis of patient data and reveal subtle patterns and early warning features that cannot be easily observed on the patient during a regular clinical assessment. The findings show that machine learning models can be successfully used to sort patients into various risk groups and allow identifying those at the highest risk of getting a chronic condition in the initially stages. Such a proactive feature goes a long way toward improving clinical decision-making, enabling healthcare professionals to establish timely interventions and customized treatment plans. In addition, availability of various datasets, such as electronic health records, physiological data, and lifestyle data, only builds a more comprehensive view of patient health, thus enhancing predictive efficacy and trustworthiness in outputs in divergent populations.

4.2 Chronic Disease Risk Prediction and Classification Accuracy

The predictive model analysis indicates high classification abilities in identifying chronic diseases in the early stage like diabetes, cardiovascular, and chronic kidney diseases. Ensemble learning algorithm, especially random forests and gradient boosting algorithms, have very high results in detecting nonlinear relationships between clinical variables leading to an increase in classification accuracy. Deep learning models improve prediction further, both by revealing the existence of complex temporal dependencies in patient health data, and also in longitudinal data, like glucose monitoring and heart rate variability. Results indicate that multilateral models which combine various data streams perform better as compared to single model, suggesting the significance of multimodal data fusion in healthcare analytics. Also, the models have managed to determine the main risk factors leading to the development of the disease, such as increased glucose levels, abnormal blood pressure rates, and indicators of lifestyle. These results reveal the importance of machine learning in helping with early diagnosis and preventive healthcare plans and eventually of disease progression and healthcare requirements.

Table 3. Performance Comparison of Predictive Models in Chronic Disease Detection

Analytical Feature	Traditional Methods	Machine Learning Models	Observed Outcome
Disease Prediction Accuracy	Moderate	High	Improved early detection rates
Risk Stratification	Limited	Highly precise	Better patient categorization
Feature Interaction Handling	Linear	Nonlinear &	Enhanced pattern

		complex	recognition
Temporal Analysis	Weak	Strong (LSTM-based)	Improved longitudinal insights
Generalization Ability	Moderate	High with ensembles	Reliable across datasets

4.3 Temporal Health Pattern Analysis and Disease Progression

The time series analysis of patients data shows that chronic conditions have algorithmic progression patterns, which can be well represented in sequential learning models. RNNs and LSTM networks show a high potential when it comes to time-varying physiological and clinical variables. The findings reveal that in most cases, the early-stage abnormalities are such that the trend can be seen as slight deviations in levels, i.e. gradual rise of glucose levels, inappropriate heart rate patterns, or even changing blood pressure indicators. Such deviations are critical signs of early detection of diseases as they are analyzed over time. These patterns are effectively represented in the predictive models allowing the high-risk people to be identified at a stage when the intensive symptoms have not appeared. Furthermore, wearable devices information, when integrated, guarantees a higher level of granularity in terms of definition and study of the temporal analysis, enabling round-the-clock tracking of patient health and enabling risk prediction. This dynamic method greatly enhances the capability to monitor the development of the disease and promotes the individual way of healthcare interventions that depend on patient profiles.

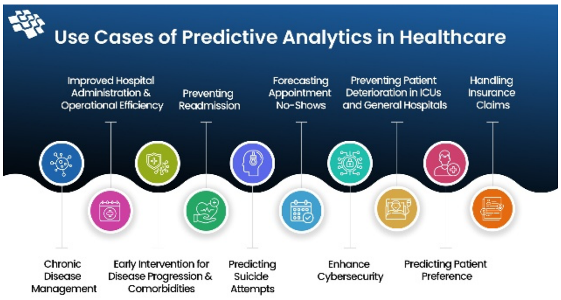

Figure 1: Predictive Analytics in Healthcare [24]

4.4 Structural Efficiency and Optimization of Predictive Models

The machine learning systems used in this paper exhibit remarkable enhancements in computational efficiency, scale, and flexibility as compared to the conventional healthcare analytics systems. Automated methods of feature extraction save human intervention, which guarantees the use of relevant health indicators to be regularly and impartially identified. Ensemble learning and hybrid designs increase model stability, enabling the use of a single model to operate on a variety of datasets and patient groups. Moreover, the models are scalable, which allows large-scale healthcare data to be efficiently processed without a significant reduction in performance. Different optimization strategies that are employed to achieve higher predictive accuracy and accelerate convergence include hyperparameter tuning and regularization. The findings also suggest that machine learning models can successfully reduce redundancy through concentration on clinically useful features, leading to better computational and interpretability efficiency. These architecture strengths make predictive analytics based on AI extremely adaptable to the real-world scenarios in healthcare as vast amount of data needs to be handled quickly and precisely.

Table 4. Efficiency and Performance Outcomes of Predictive Healthcare Models

Performance Dimension	Traditional Systems	AI-Based Systems	Observed Outcome
Computational Efficiency	Moderate	High	Faster data processing
Data Utilization	Limited	Multi-source integration	Comprehensive analysis
Model Flexibility	Rigid	Adaptive	Handles complex health patterns
Scalability	Low	High	Suitable for large datasets
Prediction Reliability	Moderate	High	More accurate risk prediction

4.5 Challenges, Limitations, and Practical Implications

Although tremendous improvements have been recorded in predictive healthcare analytics, a number of problems persist when it comes to the practical utilization of machine learning models to manage chronic diseases. The diversity of healthcare data, such as differences in the quality of the data, missing values, and inconsistencies between various sources, is one of the main constraints. These problems may negatively impact the model performance, unless they are corrected using preprocessing and normalization strategies. Moreover, the interpretability of complex machine learning models, in particular, deep learning architecture, is a barrier to clinical adoption: medical practitioners need to have clear and understandable predictions to aid the decision-making process. Privacy and security of data is another crucial issue, particularly when sensitive information about patients is involved in huge amounts of data. Moreover, model generalization in various population groups and healthcare systems must be carefully validated to be reliable and just. In practice, the predictive analytics implementation in clinical workflows is associated with major advantages, such as a better early diagnosis, customized treatment strategies, and decreased healthcare expenses. By allowing machine learning models to assist in risk detection of patients and the possibility to track the progression of disease in real-time, it could become possible to transform healthcare into more of a proactive and preventive system and improve patient outcomes and healthcare efficiency in the end.

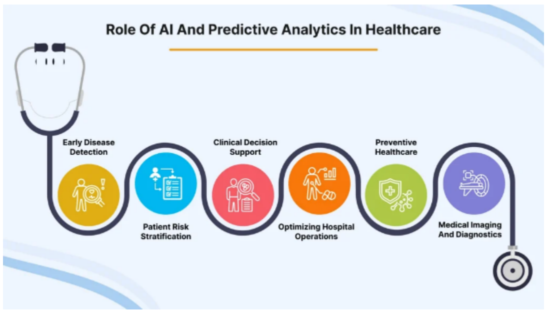

Figure 2: Role of AI and Predictive Analytics in Healthcare [25]

V. CONCLUSION

This work shows that predictive healthcare analytics based on machine learning can present a very successful framework of early risk identification and treatment of chronic conditions. The suggested approach will allow seeing the patient as a complex of multi-source healthcare data, such as electronic health records, physiological signals, laboratory reports, and lifestyle indicators, and identify risks of diseases in a timely manner. The results indicate that the machine learning models, especially the ensemble methods and deep learning architectures are much more successful to capture the intricate nonlinear relationships and time series characteristics connected to the development of chronic diseases than the conventional statistical models. These models improve the accuracy of prediction but also the stratification of risks so that healthcare providers are able to recognize high-risk individuals at a younger stage so that they can provide an effective intervention. The temporal learning methods like the use of LSTM networks also enhance the capability of tracking the disease progression since time to enable sustained and patient-centered healthcare provision. Although these benefits exist, other issues, including the heterogeneity of data, interpretability of the model, privacy concerns, and the necessity to integrate clinical components in a standardized way are important factors. Such limitations will be necessary to overcome large-scale implementation into real-world systems addressing the need to justify AI usage with explainable solutions, strengthen the validation systems, and ensure that data are handled in secure ways. Altogether, the shift in the paradigm of healthcare towards reactive and predictive care can decrease the burden of the disease, minimize the cost of healthcare, and enhance patient outcomes. The paper concludes that predictive analytics powered by machine learning is a radical instrument of the healthcare sector in the present century that has the potential to yield scalable, efficient and data driven remedies to proactive and prevention based chronic disease control and early intervention programs.

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