

BEYOND BRADEN: DATA-DRIVEN PREDICTION AND PREVENTION OF HAPIS

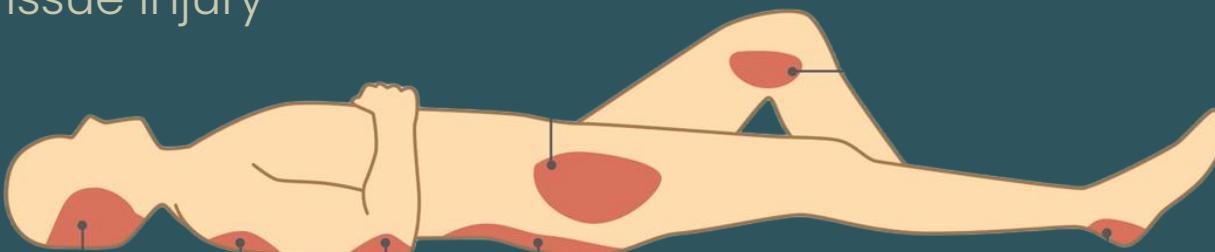
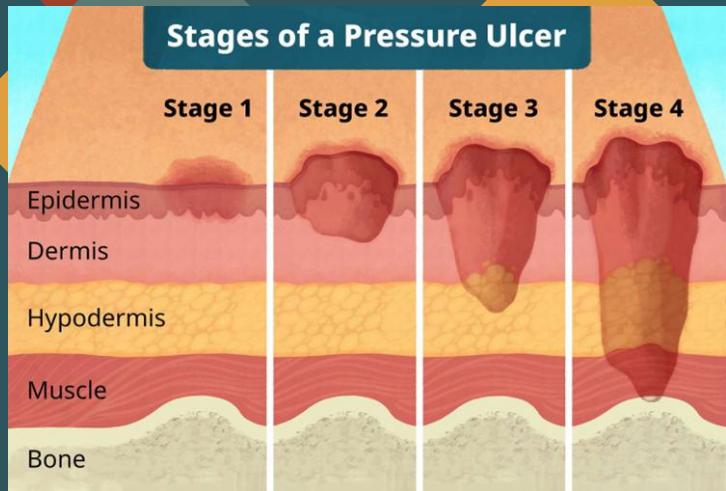
A Multimodal Clinical Decision Support System Using MIMIC-IV

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What is a HAPI?

- Hospital Acquired Pressure Injury
 - Any pressure injury that develops after hospital admission
- Pressure Injury/Ulcer
 - Stage 1-4
 - Unstageable
 - Deep Tissue Injury



Why HAPIs?



The Burden:

HAPIs affect ~2.5 million US patients annually, costing \$26 Billion/year.



The Trend:

While superficial injuries are declining, Severe Injuries (Stage 3, 4, DTI) remain stagnant.



The Gap:

Current prevention efforts are failing to catch the most dangerous cases in the ICU.

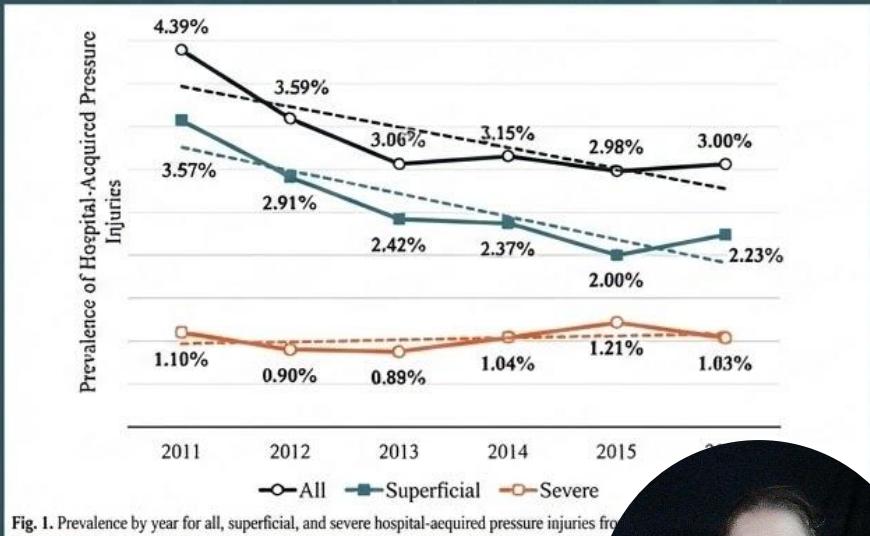


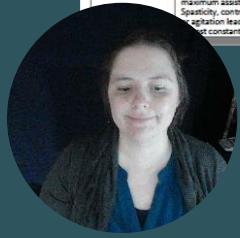
Fig. 1. Prevalence by year for all, superficial, and severe hospital-acquired pressure injuries from



Limitations of Current Tools: The Braden Scale

BRADEN SCALE – For Predicting Pressure Sore Risk			
SEVERE RISK: Total score ≤ 9		HIGH RISK: Total score 10-12	
MODERATE RISK: Total score 13-14		MILD RISK: Total score 15-18	
RISK FACTOR		SCORE/DESCRIPTION	
SENSORY PERCEPTION	Ability to respond meaningfully to pressure-related discomfort	DATE OF ASSESSMENT	
1. COMPLETELY LIMITED – Unresponsive (does not feel, flinch, or grimace) to painful stimuli due to diminished level of consciousness or sedation.		2. VERY LIMITED – Responds only to painful stimuli. Cannot communicate discomfort except by dimming, moaning or restlessness.	3. SLIGHTLY LIMITED – Responds to verbal commands, can always communicate discomfort or need to be turned.
OR limited ability to feel pain over most of body.		OR has a sensory impairment which limits the ability to feel pain or discomfort over 1/2 of body.	4. NO IMPAIRMENT – Responds to verbal commands. Has no sensory deficit which would limit ability to feel or voice pain or discomfort.
2. CONSTANTLY MOIST – Skin is kept moist almost constantly by perspiration, urine, etc. Dampness is corrected every time patient is moved or turned.		3. OFTEN MOIST – Skin is moist but not always moist. Linen must be changed at least once a shift.	4. OCCASIONALLY MOIST – Skin is occasionally moist, requiring an extra linen change approximately once a shift.
3. BEDFAST – Confined to bed.		5. WALKS OCCASIONALLY – Walks occasionally during day, but for very short distances without assistance. Spends majority of each shift in bed or chair.	6. WALKS FREQUENTLY – Walks outside the room at least twice a day and inside at least once every 2 hours during walking.
4. EXTREMELY IMMOBILE – Does not make even slight changes in body or extremity position without assistance.		7. SLIGHTLY LIMITED – Makes frequent though slight changes in body or extremity position independently.	8. NO LIMITATIONS – Makes major and frequent changes in position without assistance.
5. NUTRITION Usual food intake pattern *NPO: Nothing by mouth. TPN: Total parenteral nutrition. TEN: Total enteral nutrition.		9. PROBABLY INADEQUATE – Rarely eats a complete meal. Rarely eats more than 1/3 of any meal. Eats 2 servings or less of protein (meat or dairy products) daily. Takes fluids sparingly. Does not take a liquid dietary supplement.	10. ADEQUATE – Eats over half of most meals. Rarely eats a meal. Eats a total of 4 servings of protein (meat or dairy products) each day. Occasionally will take a dietary supplement.
OR is NPO and/or maintained on clear liquids for more than 3 days.		OR receives less than optimum amount of liquid diet or tube feeding.	11. EXCELLENT – Eats most of every meal. Never refuses a meal. Generally eats 4 or more servings of meat and dairy products. Occasional meal skipping or TPN regimen which probably meets most of nutritional needs.
6. FRICTION AND SHEAR 1. PROBLEM – Requires moderate to maximum assistance to move. Complete lifting without sliding against sheets is impossible. Frequently slides down in bed or chair, requiring frequent repositioning with maximum assistance. Spasticity, contractures, or agitation leads to non-constant friction.		12. POTENTIAL PROBLEM – Moves freely in bed or chair independently and has sufficient muscle strength to sit up completely during eating. Maintains good position in bed or chair at all times.	13. NO APPARENT PROBLEM – Moves in bed or chair independently and has sufficient muscle strength to sit up completely during eating. Maintains good position in bed or chair at all times.

- Moderate predictive validity:
 - false sense of low risk
- Minimal value from certain subscores
- Subjective & inconsistently used by nurses
- HAPI prevalence still high nationally
- Misses physiologic & EHR trends



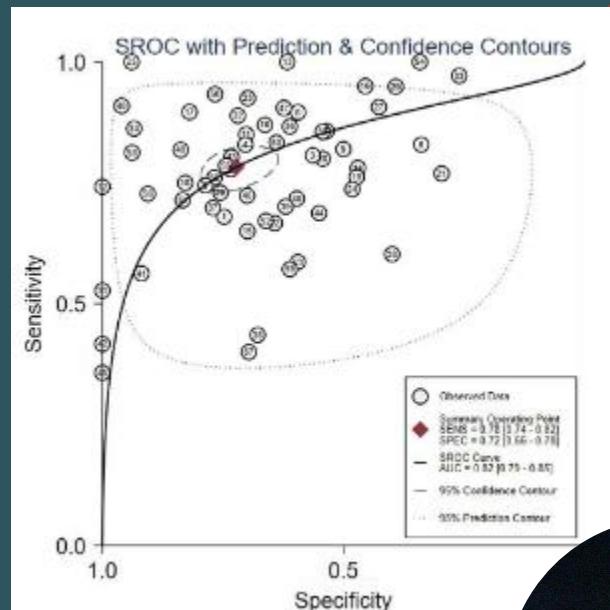
Need for Machine Learning

Why Modern ML Is the Next Step

- Real-time risk
- Uses full EHR (notes + vitals + labs)
- More objective
- Earlier detection
- Personalized care plans

Why Now?

- EHR maturity
- Better clinical documentation
- NLP/ML available
- Prevention is a priority



Implementation



Methodology: Dataset

Dataset Source:

- MIMIC-IV v3.1
- Unit of analysis: Hospital admission (HADM_ID)
- Adult inpatients with available EHR data
- Combined structured + unstructured elements

Data Sources Included:

- Demographics, admissions, length of stay
- Labs, vitals, I/O, procedures
- Medications: EMAR + Prescriptions + POE
- Diagnoses (ICD-9/10), transfers, ICU events
- Clinical notes (NLP extraction of wound-related language)

Outcome Label

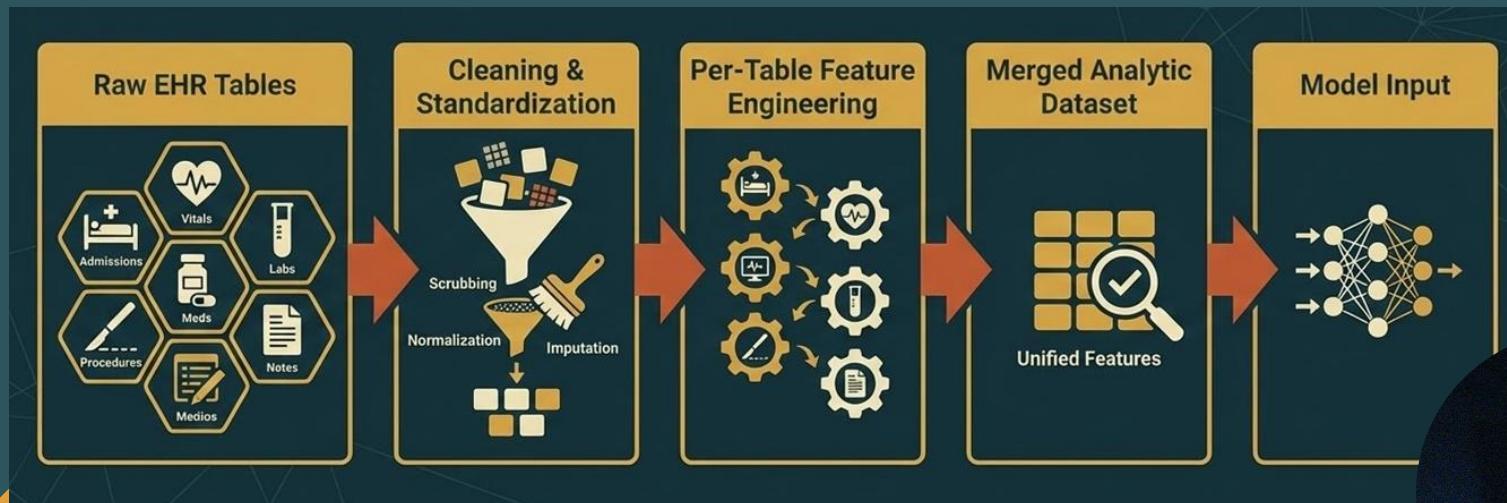
- HAPI_FINAL = ICD pressure injury codes + NLP-detected wound documentation
- Captures pressure injuries developing after admission



Feature Engineering & Data Processing Pipeline

Extracted raw EHR tables → cleaned → engineered features

Combined vitals, labs, meds, notes, and procedures into one unified dataset



Pipeline Architecture

- Modular domain-specific notebooks
- Clean intermediate feature files
 - *_feat.csv
- Final analytic merge
 - FINAL_HAPI_ANALYTIC.csv
- ML model pipeline
 - RF + XGBoost + SHAP
- Fully reproducible end-to-end workflow
- Each domain debuggable independently



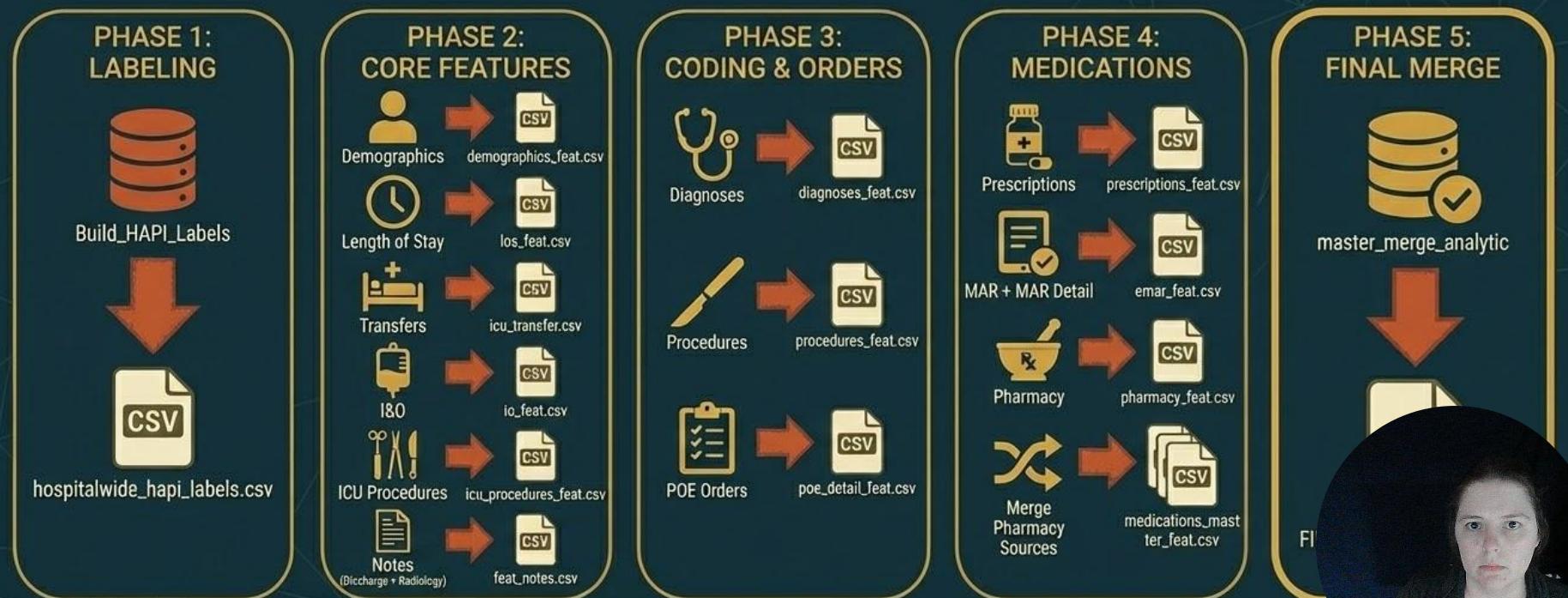
Data Flow Overview

End-to-end workflow from raw EHR inputs to a modeling-ready dataset.



Data Processing Pipeline & Feature Engineering Phases

HAPI Prediction Model Development



Modeling & Evaluation Pipeline

- Input: FINAL_HAPI_ANALYTIC.csv
- Train/Test Split: 80/20 (stratified by HAPI_FINAL)
- Models Evaluated:
 - Random Forest → baseline
 - XGBoost → advanced model
- Evaluation Metrics:
 - Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1
 - ROC-AUC
 - Confusion matrices
- Explainability:
 - SHAP summary plots
 - Top predictive features
- Clinical Output:
 - Risk buckets: HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW
 - High-risk patient list for early prevention



Model Selection

Random Forest (Baseline):

- Handles nonlinear interactions, works well with many mixed clinical features, resistant to noise.

XGBoost:

- Gradient-boosted trees with strong performance on structured EHR data; good at capturing complex interactions.

Why These Models?

- Work well with tabular EHR data
- Handle missingness, nonlinearity, and feature interactions
- Fast to train and tune
- Widely used in clinical prediction research



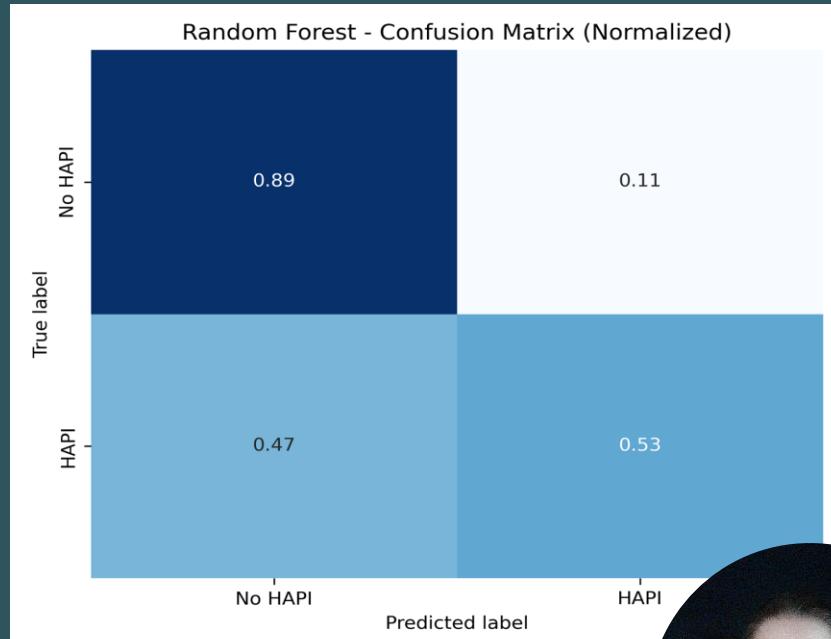
Model Results: Random Forest

Performance

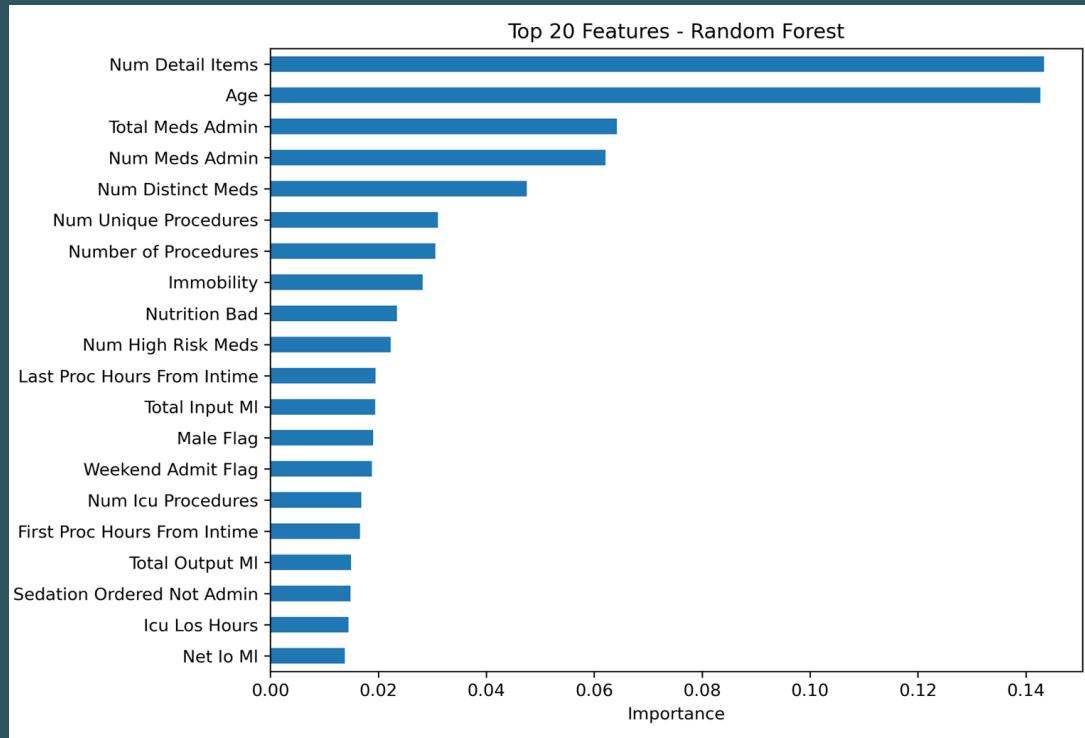
- No-HAPI correctly identified: 89%
- HAPI correctly identified (Recall): 53%
- More sensitive to true HAPI events

Key Predictors

- Medication complexity
- Procedure counts
- Immobility
- Nutrition risk
- ICU timing features



Model Results: Random Forest



Random Forest:

- Accuracy: 0.80
- HAPI Recall (Sensitivity): 0.53
- Precision (HAPI): 0.62
- F1 (HAPI): 0.57



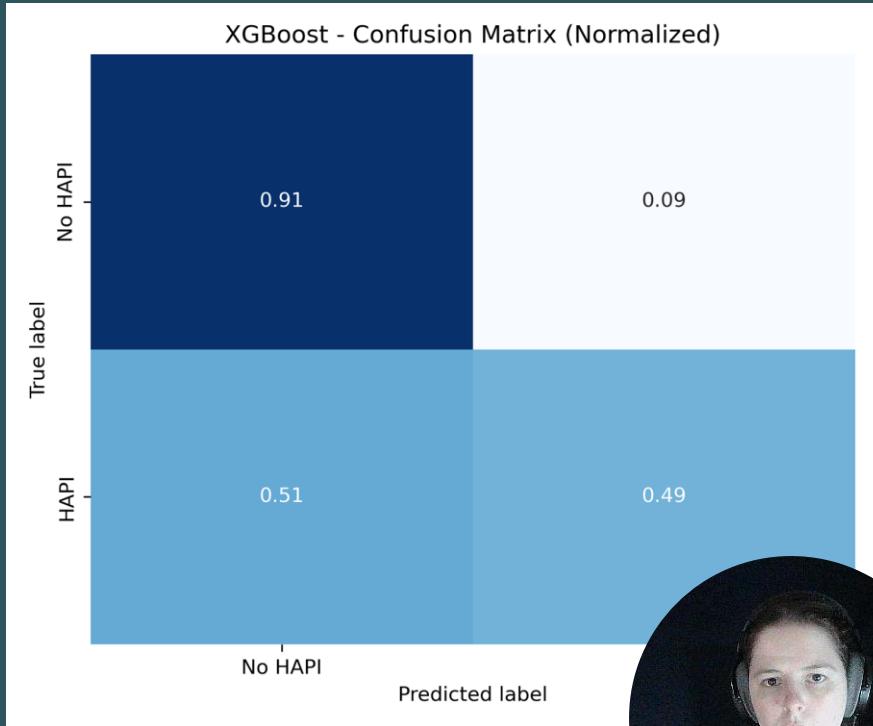
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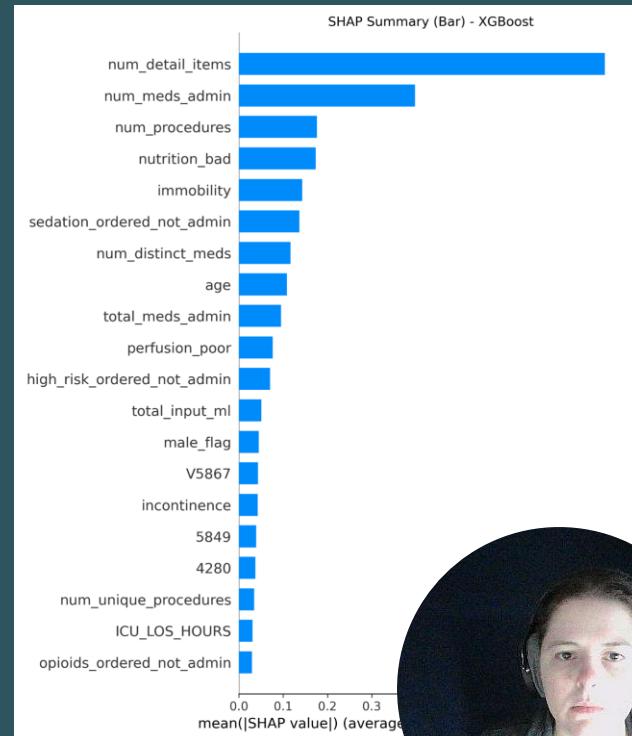
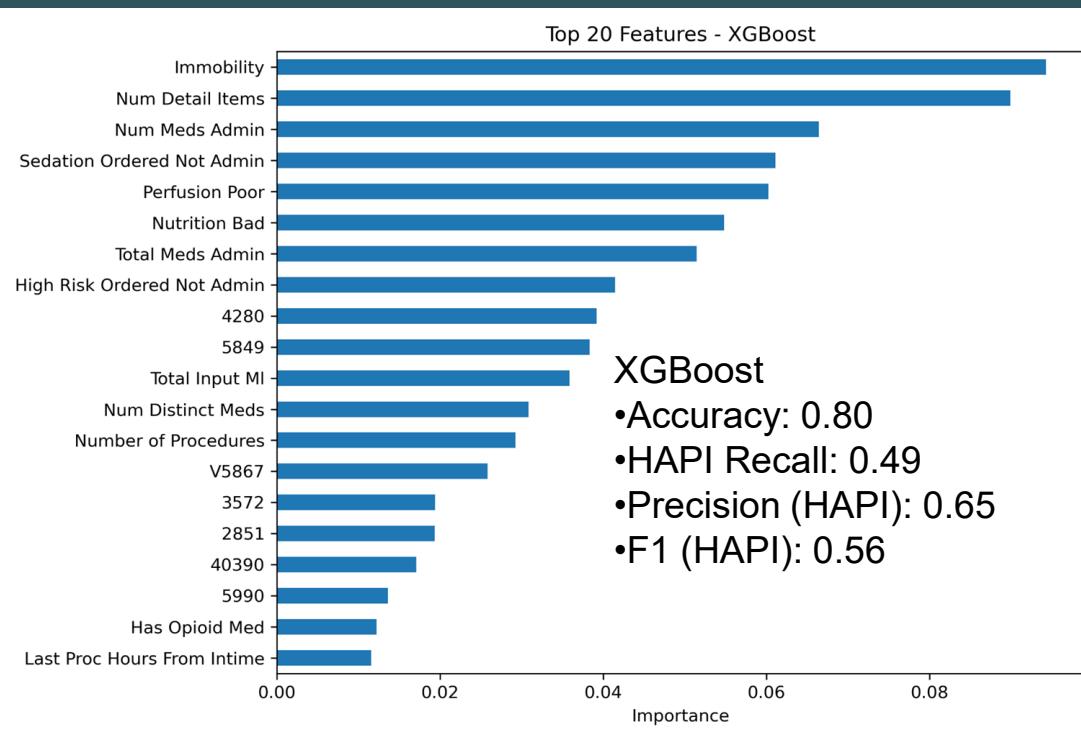
- No-HAPI correctly identified: 91%
- HAPI correctly identified (Recall): 49%
- More specific → fewer false positives
- Slightly more conservative than RF

Key Predictors

- Immobility
- Medication detail items
- Medication frequency
- Sedation ordered/not given
- Perfusion & nutrition status
- High-risk medications



Model Results: XGBoost



Conclusion

- Machine learning can enhance early identification of HAPI risk beyond traditional tools like the Braden Scale
- The models showed strong performance on No-HAPI cases and moderate sensitivity for true HAPI events
- Key predictors (immobility, nutrition, perfusion, medication complexity) match real clinical risk factors
- The pipeline is modular, reproducible, and scalable for future datasets
- Results support the potential for ML-driven decision support to guide earlier, personalized interventions



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