## Heart Disease Risk Assessment

Discover your risk of developing heart disease through our comprehensive data-driven analysis. This project aims to empower you to make informed decisions about your health and preventive measures.

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## **Project Overview**

#### Research Question:

Can machine learning models accurately predict the risk of heart disease based on key health indicators?

#### Objective:

To develop a machine learning model to predict the risk of heart disease and assist in early detection and prevention



#### Importance:

Heart disease is a leading cause of mortality worldwide, early detection and prevention are critical



### Data Collection

■ Description of the dataset:

Contains anonymized information on patient demographics, medical history, and health metrics including the health indicators of interest: Blood Pressure, Cholesterol Level, Body Mass Index (Calculated)

■ Data cleaning and preprocessing:

Ensuring no missing values, or outliers.

Calculating essential values based on given data
Encoding categorical variables for BMI, and BP

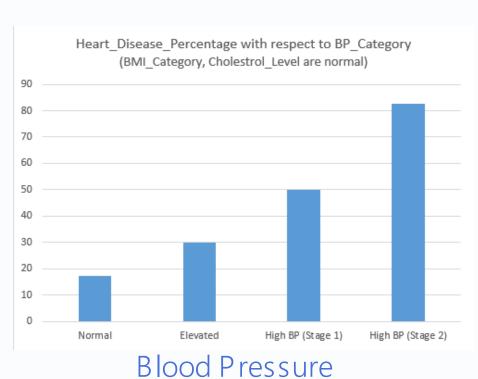
■ Source of the dataset:

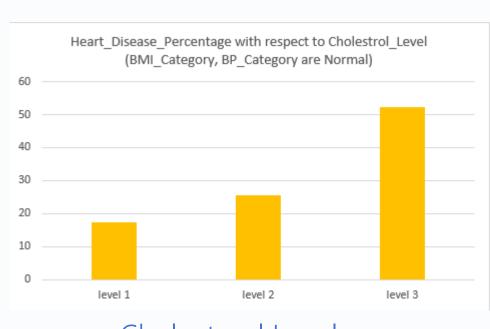
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## Data Analysis

Each factor was analyzed to check correlation with heart disease risk percentage while the other factors are normal.

The result showed a positive correlation between each factor and heart disease risk percentage.







Cholesterol Levels

Body Mass Index (BMI)

## Interesting Findings

- The highest risk percentage of developing heart disease was found unexpectedly in underweight individuals with high blood pressure (Stage 2) and cholesterol level 3 (90.9%).
- This risk was even higher than that in obese individuals with the same high blood pressure and cholesterol level (83.17%).

#### ! Amplified Risk for Underweight Individuals:

- Underweight individuals showed a higher-than-expected risk when accompanied by high blood pressure (Stage 1 or 2).
- A possible interpretation is that being underweight amplifies the impact of high blood pressure, leading to a higher risk of developing heart disease.

#### ■ Need for Further Investigation

needed to better understand the reasons behind the amplified impact of high blood pressure in underweight individuals.

## Decision Tree Model

#### Purpose

To predict the risk of heart disease based on health indicators (BMI, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol Level).

#### Training Process

Data Splitting: Dataset split into 80% training and 20% testing.

Feature Selection: Features: BMI, BP\_Category, Cholesterol\_Level

Target: Presence of heart disease (Cardio)

#### **Evaluation Metrics**

Accuracy: 0.73 Classification		recall	f1-score	support
0	0.71	0.77	0.74	10461
1	0.75	0.69	0.72	10539
accuracy			0.73	21000
macro avg	0.73	0.73	0.73	21000
weighted avg	0.73	0.73	0.73	21000
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## Lifestyle Modifications for Risk Reduction

1 Dietary Changes

Adopt a heart-healthy diet low in saturated and trans fats, with more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins to improve cholesterol and blood pressure levels.

3 Stress Management

Incorporate stress-reducing techniques like meditation, yoga, or deep breathing to lower blood pressure and reduce the strain on the heart.

2 Regular Exercise

Engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week to strengthen the cardiovascular system and manage weight.

# Conclusion and Next Steps

- Summary of key findings: Successful development of a decision tree model for heart disease risk prediction
- ☐ Importance of the project: Contribution to early detection and prevention of heart disease, potential to save lives
- Opportunities for improvement: Incorporating additional features, refining model hyper parameters, exploring ensemble methods
- Potential applications: Integration with healthcare systems for early risk assessment, personalized interventions
- Limitations and challenges: However further studies and data are needed to improve the overall result of the model

