



# Data Hackathon 101

**Session 2 - 9th of November**  
**King's College London Health Science DTC**



# Schedule

17:00 - Doors open

17:15 - Intro to today's session and Kahoot

17:45 - Machine Learning Models using *scikit-learn*

18:15 - Notebook group work

18:45 - Explaining notebook exercises

19:15 - Introduction to a data challenge and group work



# National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

## Data:

- NHANES 1999-2000 / 2001-2002
- linked to NDI mortality data

## Manual selection:

- only diabetic patients (based on Haemoglobin A1c levels >6.5%)
- potentially relevant variables selected by a clinician (originally intended for survival analysis)

## Data source:

<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/ContinuousNhanes/Default.aspx?BeginYear=1999>

<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/ContinuousNhanes/Default.aspx?BeginYear=2001>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-linkage/mortality.htm>

## Search variables:

<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/search/default.aspx>

a few variables have been created from raw data, please refer to the lookup file

# Problem: Predicting diabetic patient mortality status after 15 years.

## Files:

- Main data (missing data imputed):

- train\_data\_imputed.csv
- unseen\_data\_imputed.csv

- Advanced challenge (optional):

- train\_data\_raw.csv
- unseen\_data\_raw.csv

- Variable lookup:

- NHANES\_variables\_lookup.xlsx

	BMXWT	BMXBMI	BMXWAIST	ALQ120Q
10004	88.6	29.64	100.9	2
10101	83.3	26.44	105	5.40E-79
10104	90.2	33.29	109.3	2.464
10131	73.1	27.72	104.6	5.40E-79
10249	106.44032	38.03476	122.8848	5.40E-79

## Variables: 109 variables + mortality status

- demographics
- medical record
- questions about health and habits

variable_name	SAS_label	variable_description
DRXTCHOL	Cholesterol (mg)	Cholesterol (mg) from Dietary Interview - Total Nutrient Intakes (DRXTOT)
DRXTFIBE	Dietary fiber (gm)	Dietary fiber (gm) from Dietary Interview - Total Nutrient Intakes (DRXTOT)
DRXTVB1	Thiamin (Vitamin B1) (mg)	Thiamin (Vitamin B1) (mg) from Dietary Interview - Total Nutrient Intakes (DRXTOT)
DRXTVB2	Riboflavin (Vitamin B2) (mg)	Riboflavin (Vitamin B2) (mg) from Dietary Interview - Total Nutrient Intakes (DRXTOT)

791 observations for training

88 observations for testing

## Tasks:

- explain the data to lay audience
- build one or more classifier models to predict mortality status in 2015 (“mortstat”)
- compare and visualise results

## Rules:

- use “train\_data” only when building model
- “unseen\_data” mimics real world scenario when you predict using unseen observations. This is for comparison of multiple models
- If you expose “unseen\_data” when training a classifier, this results in “test data leaking” and you’ll get a falsely high performance
- you have complete freedom on feature selection/engineering

# Challenge tasks

## Challenge:

- Predicting diabetic patient mortality status after 15 years.

## Presentation format:

- Powerpoint
- Jupyter Notebook
- No more than 10 min.

## Data visualisation:

- How can you visualise data patterns and correlations between variables?

## Data Manipulation:

- What exploratory data analysis approaches are used to understand what the data is all about?
- Compare different data manipulation techniques (scaling, normalisation, categorisation). Why would you use any of these?
- What can you do about missing data?

## Machine learning:

- Explain the reasoning behind selecting a machine learning model.
- Implement up to three different models (same type, but by varying hyperparameters, or different types). Why certain approaches work better?
- It is possible to combine several models to perform predictions using “ensemble methods”?



# ..but the most important thing!

There is no need to complete everything!

But show us your thought process of solving a challenge and exemplify the hacking mindset:

- What were the difficulties? How did you solve the particular challenge? What would you have changed or improved?
- What tools have you used? Coding trick? A visualisation or modelling library?