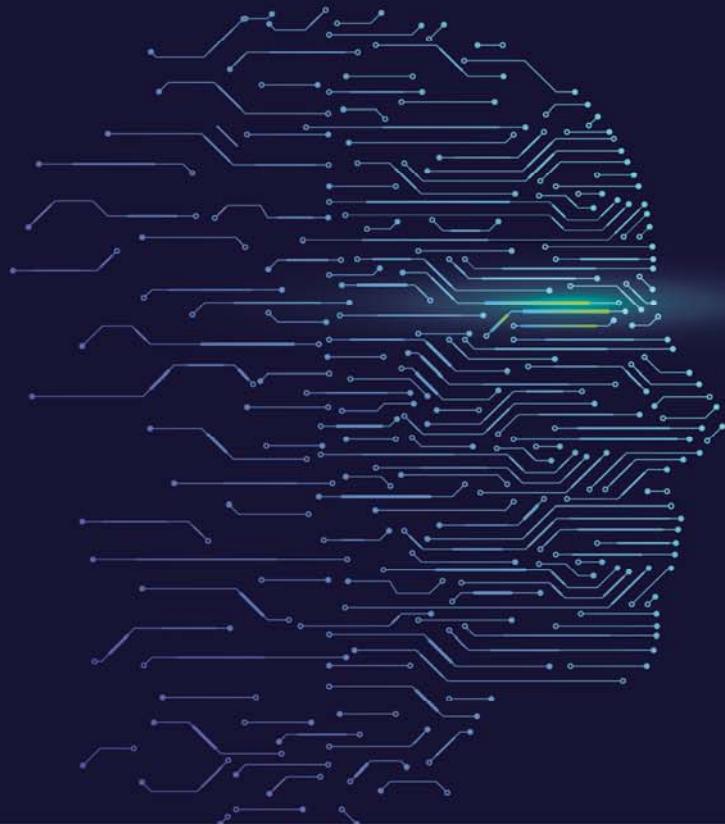


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Evaluating Artificial Intelligence Devices at the FDA and Related Collaborations and Initiatives

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- Dr. Gallas has no conflicts to report.

Attendees will ...

- Learn where to get information and help
- Understand that it may be less burdensome to start small and grow when it comes to submissions of algorithms to CDRH
- Be able to outline the core content of submissions of algorithms to CDRH
- Be able to distinguish a stand-alone study from a clinical study
- Be able to discuss FDA-led initiatives and other collaborations

Outline

- General Info for Submissions to CDRH: Imaging and AI
- Some History of DIDSR:
Division of Imaging, Diagnostics, and Software Reliability
 - Contributions to the field of radiology
 - Guidance and Consensus Building: Image Quality Evaluation
- Recent DIDSR research
- Forming a collaboration Alliance

This talk is based on FDA's
Current Thinking

Our current thinking changes
over time just like science!

Useful Advice: Start with a narrow IFU for CAD

- Tie IFU to one imaging system
- Expand indications over time
 - Other imaging systems & protocols
 - Algorithm updates/improvements
- Possibly less burdensome
 - FDA knows device and performance

Less burdensome methods

- Technical arguments
 - Phantoms, Simulation
- Reuse cases (rescan film, slides)
 - New reader study
- Studies with fewer cases or fewer readers
- Stand-alone performance only
- No statistical hypothesis test

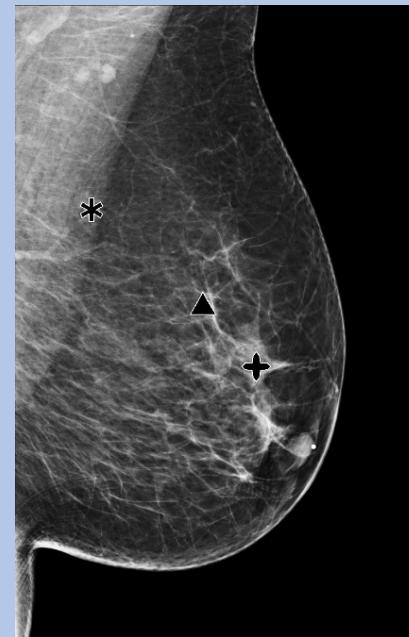
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Example CADe

- R2 ImageChecker (P970058)
 - The ImageChecker M1000 is a computer system intended to identify and mark regions of interest on routine screening mammograms to bring them to the attention of the radiologist after initial reading has been completed. Thus, the system assists the radiologist in minimizing observational oversights by identifying areas on the original mammogram that may warrant a second review.

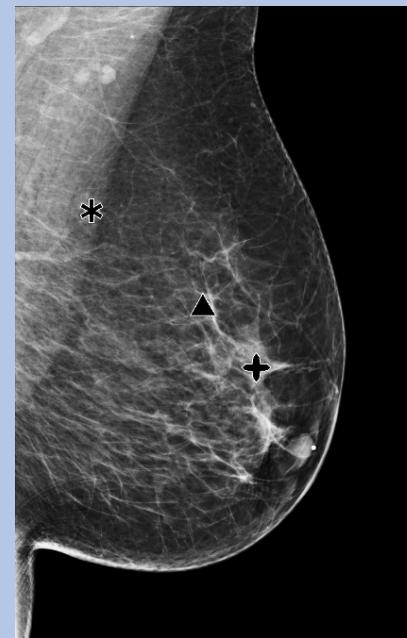
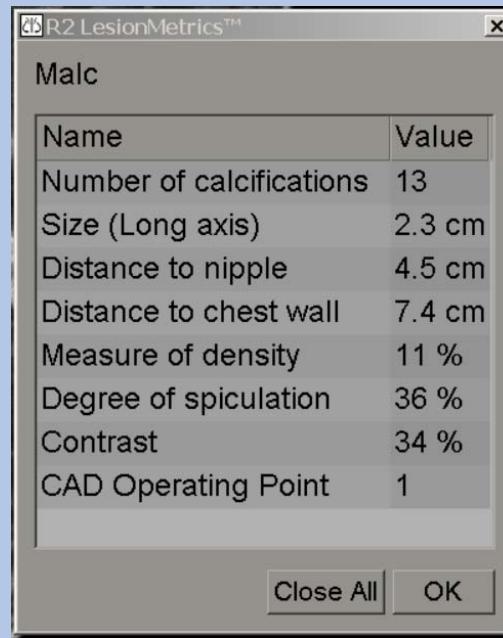
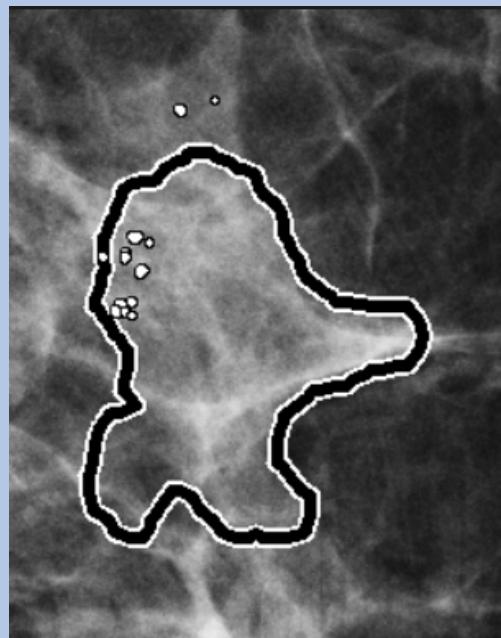
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- Original device included a film digitizer!
- “For each of the films, the video monitors display the corresponding low resolution images and markers...”



<http://www.hologic.ca/image-analytics#overlay-context=closeup-peerview-cad>

ImageChecker® Analytics



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ImageChecker Submission History

1998

Approval of Original submission

1. Hardware changes and minor bugs and enhancements

1999

2. Performance change

3. Post approval study protocol

4. New marker (correlated masses)

5. Alternative film digitizer

2000

6. Performance change

7. Label change with respect to efficacy

8. New marker (subtle vs. obvious masses)

2001

9. New marker (subtle vs. obvious calcifications)

10. Indications expanded from screening to diagnostics

11. Indications expanded to digital images (GE Senograph 2000)

2002

12. Label change with respect to efficacy

13. Transparent marker (see image under marker)

14. Label change

2 decades
27 updates

2003

15. New Manufacturing facility

16. Choice of new operating points (high and low sensitivity), operates on analog and GE FFDM images, operates on GE FFDM images "formatted for presentation", reduces false-negatives of oversized malignant calcification clusters

17. Alternative film digitizer

18. Indications expanded to Fischer Senoscan FFDM

2003

19. Indications expanded to Hologic Selenia FFDM

2005

20. Indications expanded to include Siemens Novation FFDM

21. More operating points

2006

22. Change label to include specificity (previously it was sensitivity and false marks per image)

2007

24. New manufacturing facility

20012

25. Algorithm updates and indications expanded to GE Senograph Essential

2014

26. Indications expanded to C-view images Hologic Selenia Dimensions (Tomosynthesis) system

2016

27. New manufacturing facility

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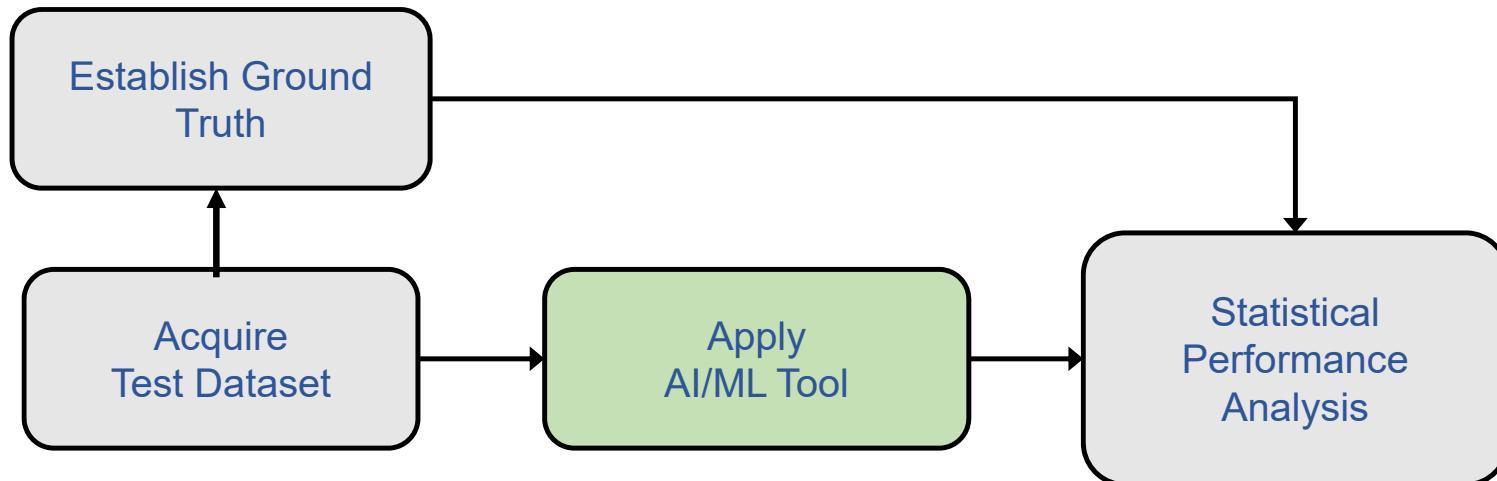
- Performance changes
- Screening to diagnostics
- Expand hardware
 - Alternative film digitizer **x2**
 - Digital imagers **x4**
- New marker
 - Correlated masses
 - subtle vs. obvious masses
- New operating points
 - Add higher and lower sensitivity
 - More operating points
- Indications expanded to C-view images Hologic Selenia Dimensions (Tomosynthesis) system

Core Content of Submissions for computer aids in Radiology

- Find a predicate
- Description
 - Indications for use
 - Clinical context, clinical workflow
 - Patient and clinician population
 - Imaging system and protocols
- Technological Characteristics
 - Algorithm design and function
 - Processing steps
 - Features
 - Models and classifiers
 - Training paradigm
- Imaging modality
 - Manufacturer and Model
 - Imaging parameters and techniques
- Databases: Training and Testing
 - Document data use
 - Sites, dates, collection protocols, patient characteristics
 - Training and testing sets must be Independent
- Reference standard
- Assessment
 - Depends on algorithm type: Aid vs. Automatic
 - Stand-alone performance study: No human in the loop
 - Clinical Performance: human in-the-loop

Stand-alone performance study: No human in the loop

- Performance of algorithm by itself, independent of any interaction with user
 - Intrinsic functionality of device

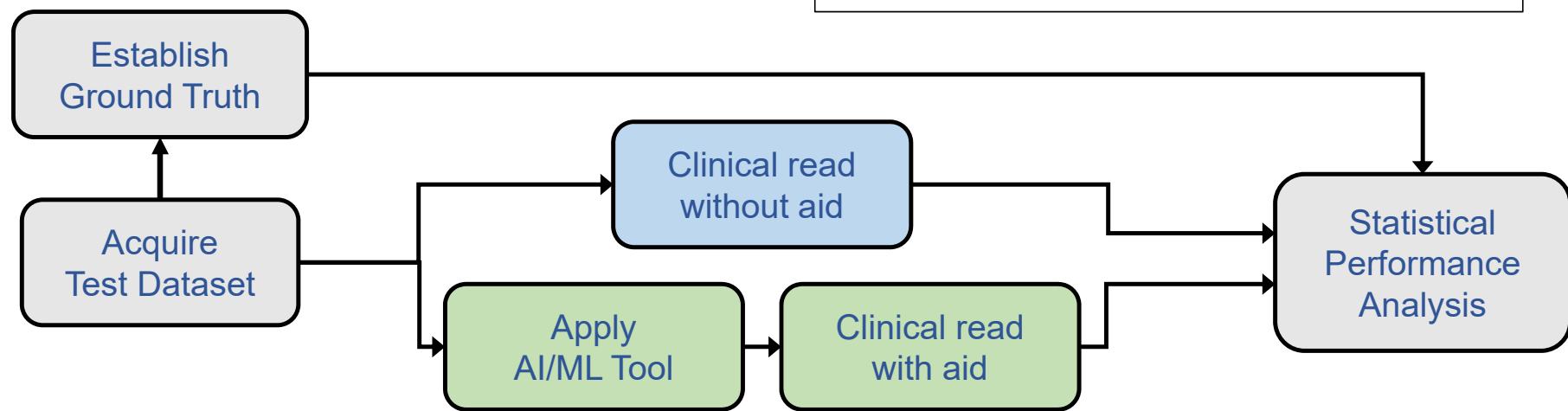


Clinical Performance: human in-the-loop

- Assessment of clinicians' performance utilizing the device

- Many possible study designs
 - Prospective/retrospective
 - Multi-reader multi-case designs

Independent crossover design
Need to balance reading order
Need washout

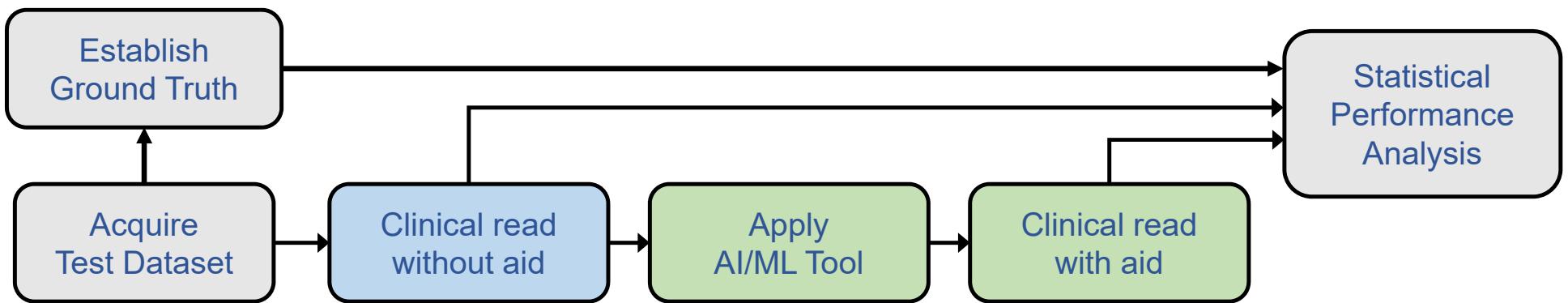


Clinical Performance: human in-the-loop

- Assessment of clinicians' performance utilizing the device

- Many possible study designs
 - Prospective/retrospective
 - Multi-reader multi-case designs

Sequential design
Build in useful correlation
No washout needed



Actual submission feedback

- A device review is not unlike a manuscript or grant review
 - Clarity, Conciseness
 - Good science
 - Reproducible research
- **STARD 2015:** List of Essential Items for Reporting Diagnostic Accuracy Studies
 - Required by *Radiology*, the journal.
 - Not required by FDA.

Actual submission feedback: Study Analysis Plans

- Please provide a primary endpoint with clinical meaning as well as justification for expected performance in terms of a hypothesis test.
- Please provide a sample size calculation for both readers and images included in the study based on the proposed endpoint and hypothesis test.
- Analyses should account for the uncertainty from multiple readers and multiple cases and the correlations that arise from the study design (multiple readers reading the same cases).
- Please use statistical and mathematical equations and descriptions in addition to words.
- We welcome a simulation study to describe how you plan to do the analyses.

Actual submission feedback: Hardware

- Please provide details of how the imaging data were/are to be collected (e.g., make and model of the imaging device and imaging protocol).
- In your premarket submission, you should demonstrate that your algorithm is robust to variability across device manufacturers.

Actual submission feedback: Hardware Modeling

- It may be acceptable to supplement analyses of clinical study data by incorporating models of the performance characteristics of the range of devices or by other arguments with appropriate justification.
- If you plan to conduct such modeling, we recommend discussing the specifics with us prior to conducting this type of analyses.
- Need to see the protocol to provide guidance; however, the FDA is open to phantom based validation if the protocol is appropriate.

Actual submission feedback: Generalizability

- Please evaluate the clinical accuracy of your device across the range of intended imaging devices, multiple operators, and **multiple sites**.
- In a **random splitting**, the test set is expected to have the same characteristics as the training set. Thus, your proposed study design may lead to overestimation of the performance of your algorithm in the test set and **may not be generalizable**
- We recommend that you conduct your external clinical validation study using **a unique data set, separated by time and site** from your training data set to avoid biasing your study results.

Actual submission feedback: Locking the algorithm

- Your device's algorithm, including any clinical cutoff(s), should be locked down before the start of the analytical and clinical studies to validate (i.e., test) the performance.
- To mitigate the bias discussed, it is important to pre-specify and finalize the cutoff and all other aspects pertaining to model selection and development of the software before examining any of the data that will be used for validating the software.

We are open to working with a sponsor toward clearance of an adaptive algorithm.

We have yet to clear/approve an adaptive algorithm
... in Radiology ... that we know of.



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Discussion Paper and Request for Feedback

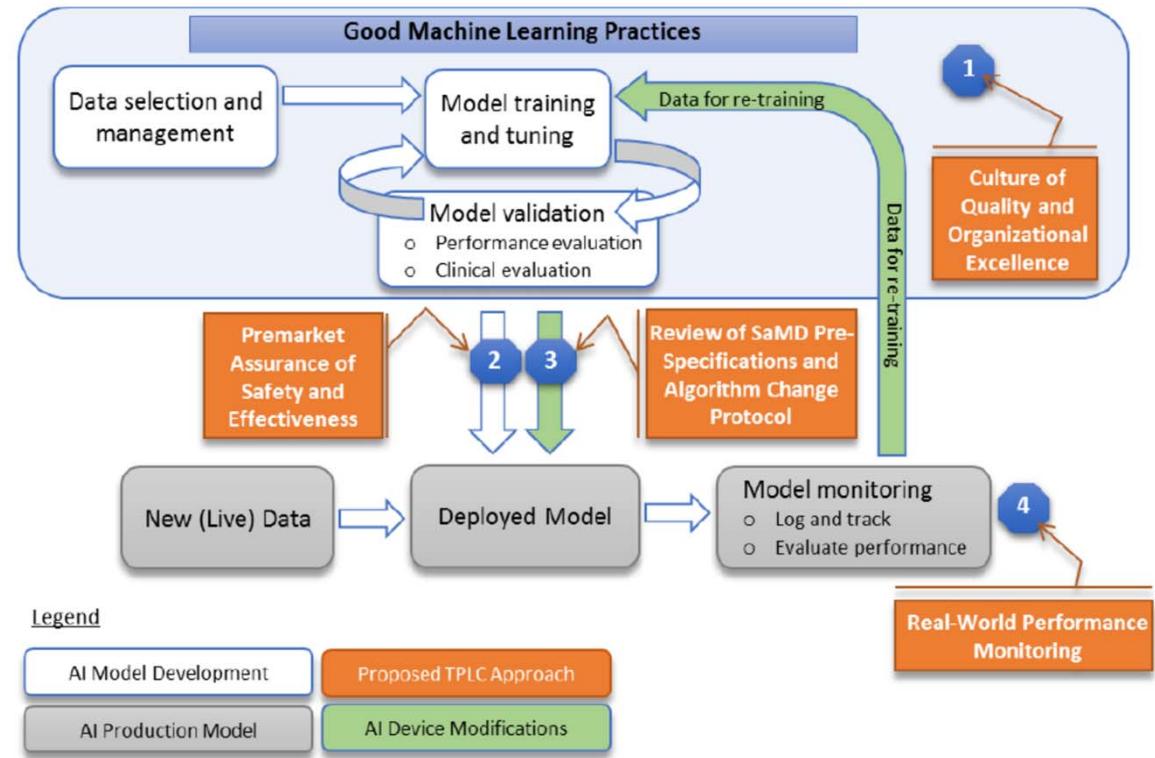


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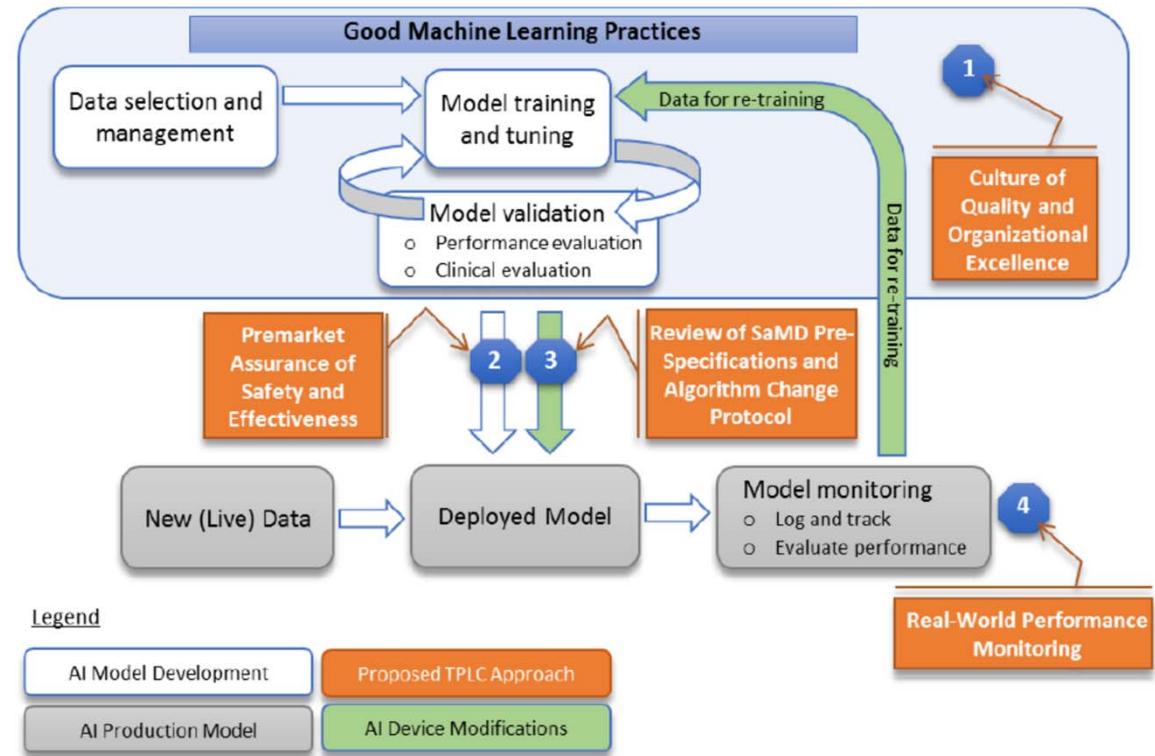


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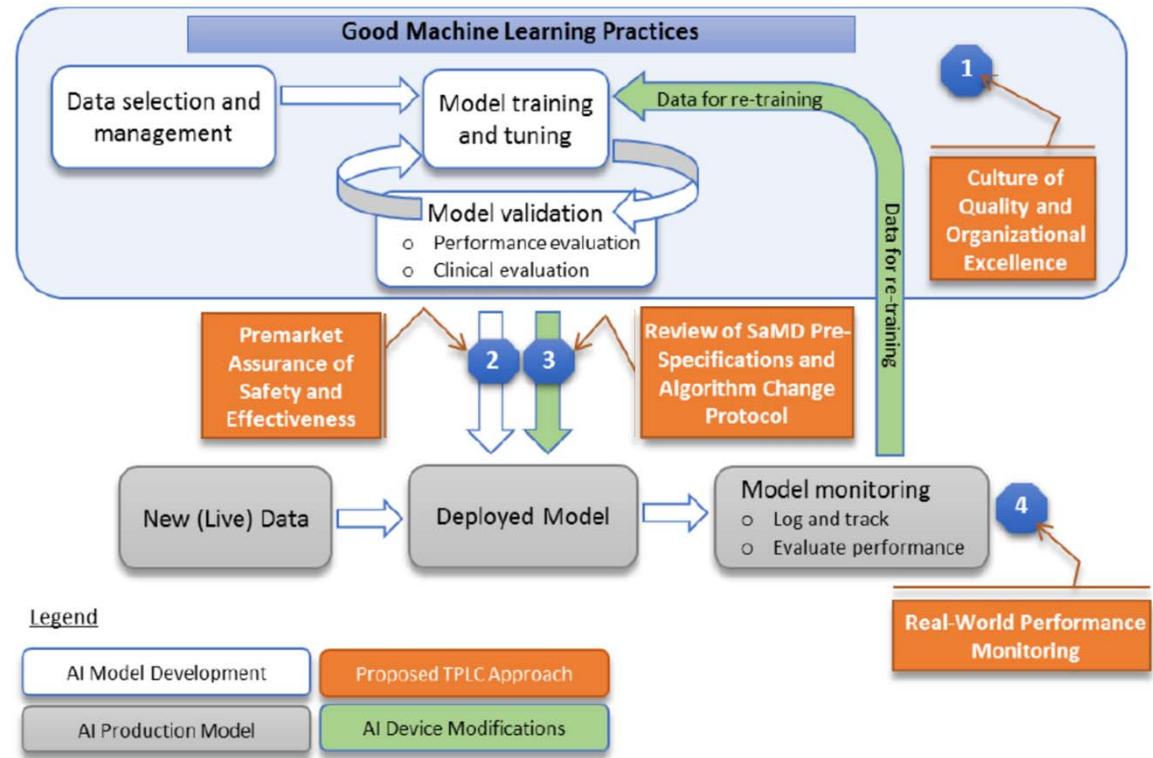


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|-------------------------------|--|
| Data Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For new training & test data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection protocols • Quality assurance • Reference standard determination ➤ Auditing and sequestration of training and test sets |
| Re-training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re-training objectives ➤ Changes related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ML methods, including architecture and parameters • Data pre-processing ➤ Criteria to initiate performance evaluation |
| Performance Evaluation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment metrics ➤ Statistical analysis plans ➤ Frequency and triggers for evaluation ➤ Performance targets ➤ Methods for testing with “clinicians in the loop” when necessary |
| Update Procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Software verification and validation ➤ When and how updates will be implemented ➤ Plans for global and local updates ➤ Communication and transparency to users |

Figure 4: Algorithm Change Protocol components

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- David Brown, Tom Fewell, Pam Clatterbuck, Roger Schneider, Mal Bruce, Mary Pastel, Ralph Shuping, Robert Jennings, Robert Wagner



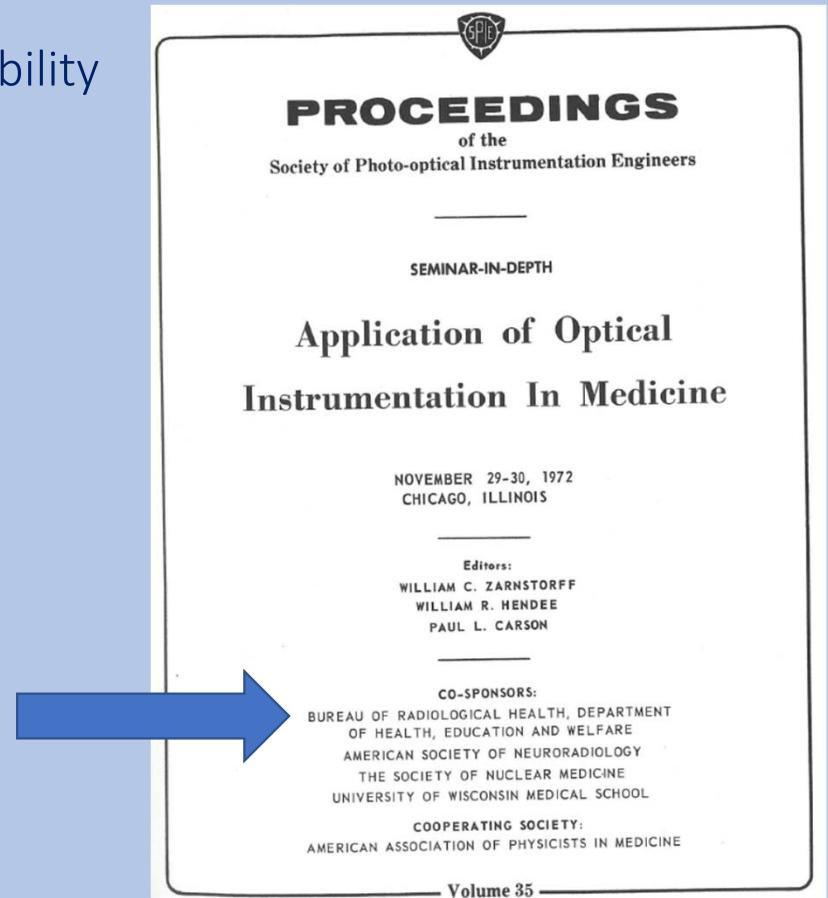
Picture circa 1974

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Work of one young DIDSР Founder, Bob Wagner

Image Quality Indices
MTF, NPS
ROC

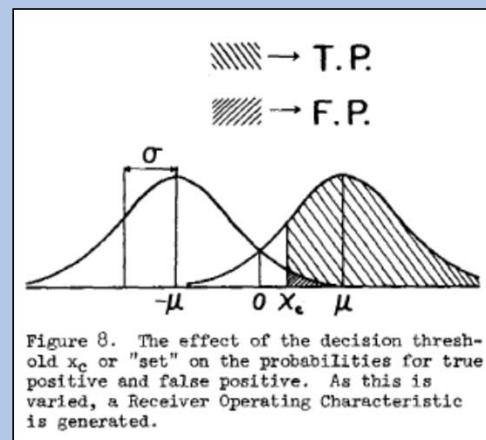


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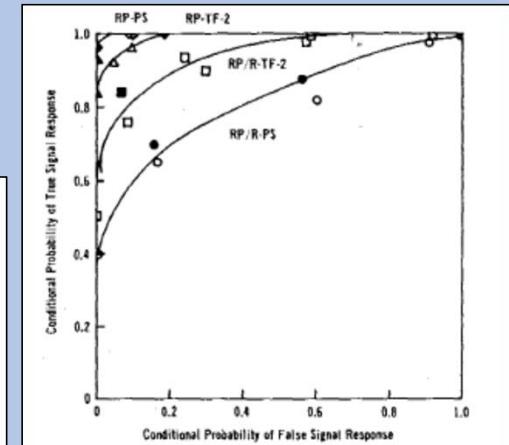


Figure 9. R.O.C. curves obtained by Goodenough for an observer detecting small low contrast object radiographed with various screen-film combinations. The variation of the threshold is achieved by a rating procedure described by Goodenough (Ref. 46; courtesy of David J. Goodenough).

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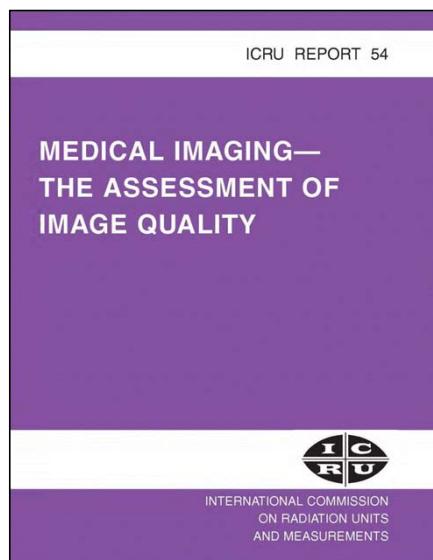
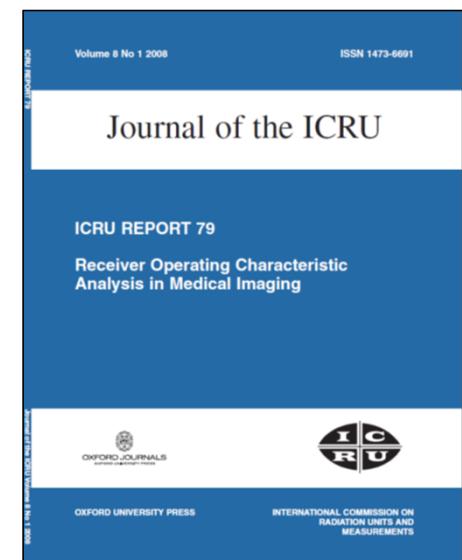
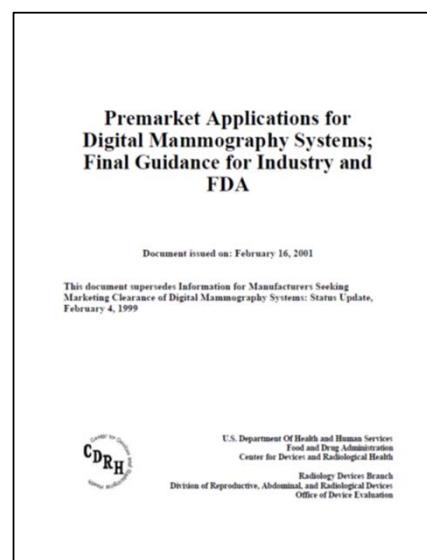


Image Quality Indices: MTF, NPS, DQE

**ROC studies and MRMC analysis
Enriched reader studies**

**Modeling ideal decision maker
Modeling human decision maker**



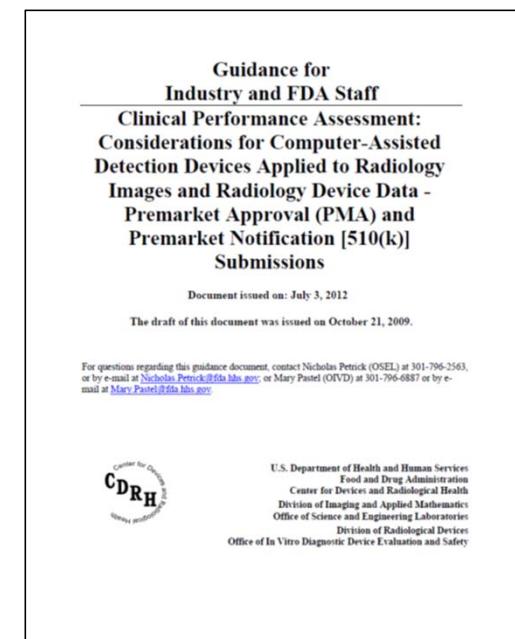
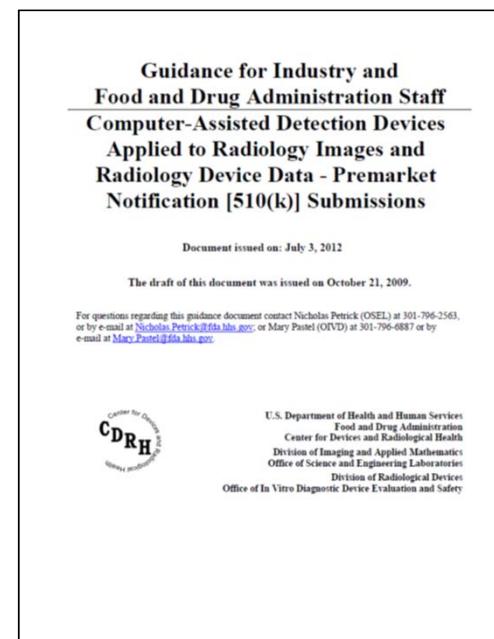
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**Non-clinical = Stand-alone
performance study
No human in the loop**

**Clinical = Reader Study
Human in the loop**



<https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/clinical-performance-assessment-considerations-computer-assisted-detection-devices-applied-radiology>
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- 2012: Whitepaper on reader studies
- 2013: Software for MRMC analysis of reader studies

The top screenshot displays a whitepaper titled "Special Review: Evaluating Imaging and Computer-aided Detection and Diagnosis Devices at the FDA". The paper is authored by Brandon D. Gallas, PhD, Heang-Ping Chan, PhD, Carl J. D'Orsi, MD, Lori E. Dodd, PhD, Maryellen L. Giger, PhD, David Gur, ScD, Elizabeth A. Krupinski, PhD, Charles E. Metz, PhD, Kyle J. Myers, PhD, Nancy A. Obuchowski, PhD, Berkman Sahiner, PhD, Alicia Y. Toledano, ScD, Margarita L. Zuley, MD. The abstract discusses the purpose of the workshop to gather information on the current state of the science and facilitate consensus development on statistical methods and study designs for the evaluation of imaging devices.

The bottom screenshot shows the iMRMC Version 4.0.2 software interface. The window title is "iMRMC Version 4.0.2". The main header says "Welcome to use iMRMC software" and "Please choose one kind of input file". The interface includes sections for "Statistical Analysis" (with fields for AUC, Large Sample Approx(Normal), T-test with df(BIG), Conf. Int., Reject Null?, Hills Approx, Show Variance Component) and "Study Design" (with fields for # of Split-Plot Groups, Paired Readers?, Significance level, Effect Size, #Reader, #Normal, #Diseased, Size a Trial, Explore Experiment Size). At the bottom are buttons for "Save Stat Analysis", "Save Size Analysis", and "Analyze All Modalities".

Recent DIDS Research:

“Impact of prevalence and case distribution in lab-based diagnostic imaging studies”

Full-field digital mammography vs. screen-film mammography

- 5 sub-studies
- 20 radiologists/study
- 60-175 cases per study
- 20,382 total observations

- Demonstrate:
 - Split-plot study design
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 - Prevalence effect on Sensitivity/Specificity
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Study design to
reduce regulatory
burden.
Examples to follow.
Tools to use.

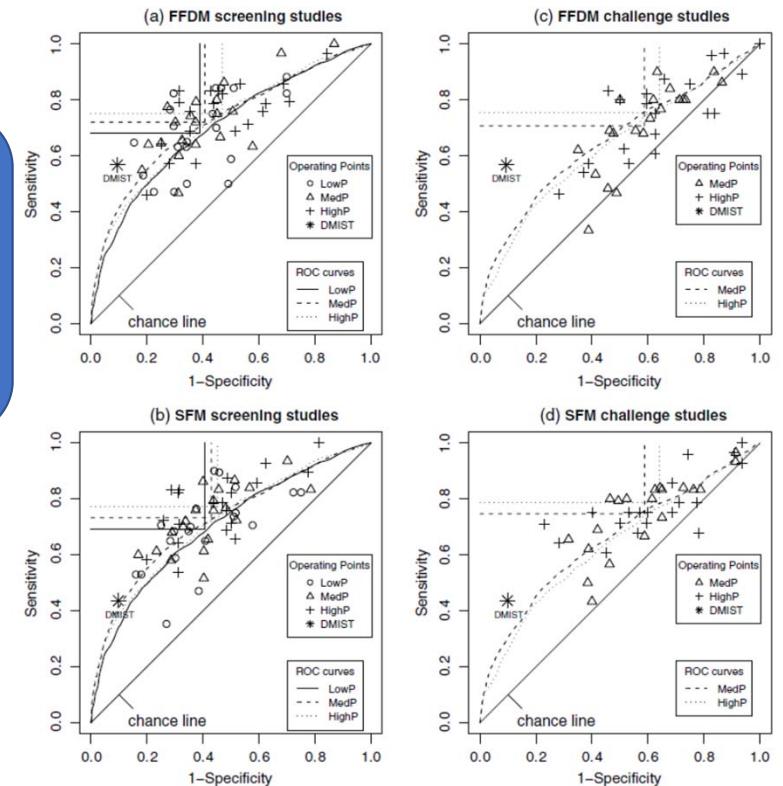
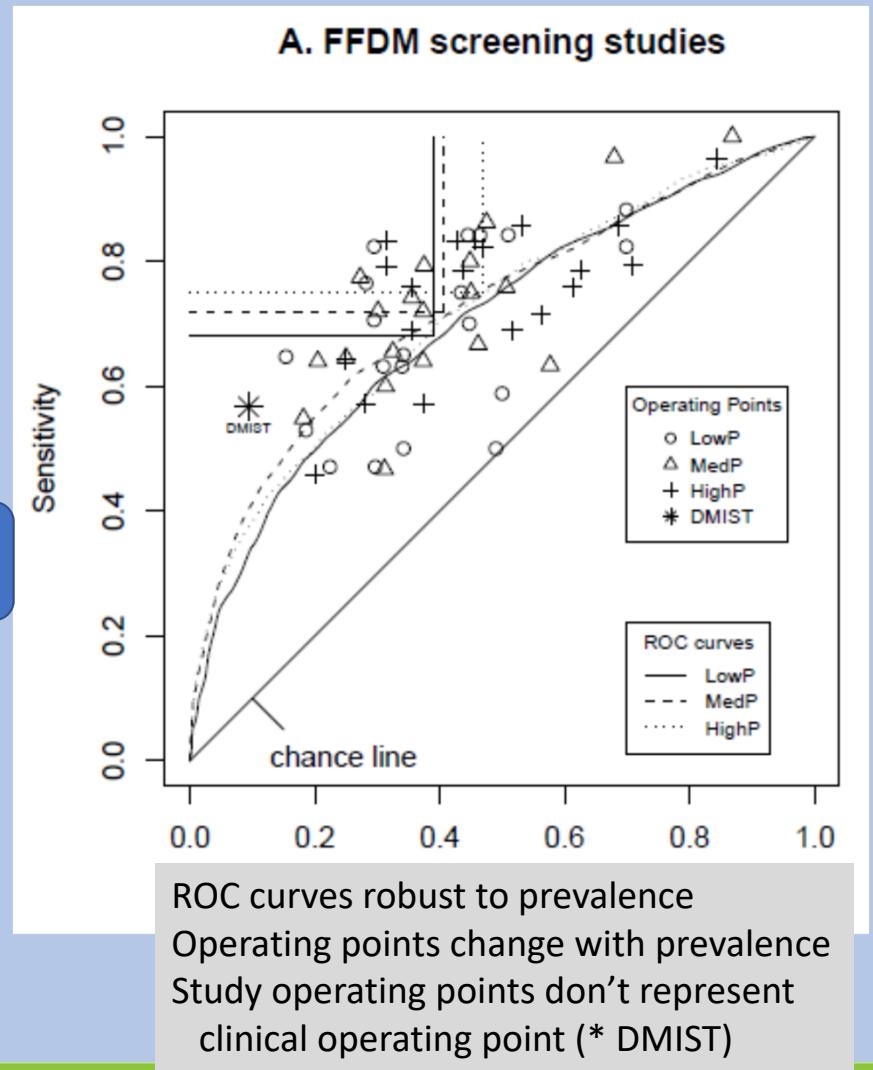


Fig. 3 Plots of reader-averaged ROC curves, reader-averaged (1-Spec., Sens.) operating points (the vertical and horizontal crossings), and reader-specific operating points (denoted by the symbols). Study populations are restricted to women with dense breasts (heterogeneously dense and extremely dense). Reader-averaged ROC curves of different prevalences are very close. Reader-averaged operating points move up and to the right as prevalence increases. (a) FFDM screening studies. (b) FFDM challenge studies. (c) SFM screening studies. (d) SFM challenge studies.

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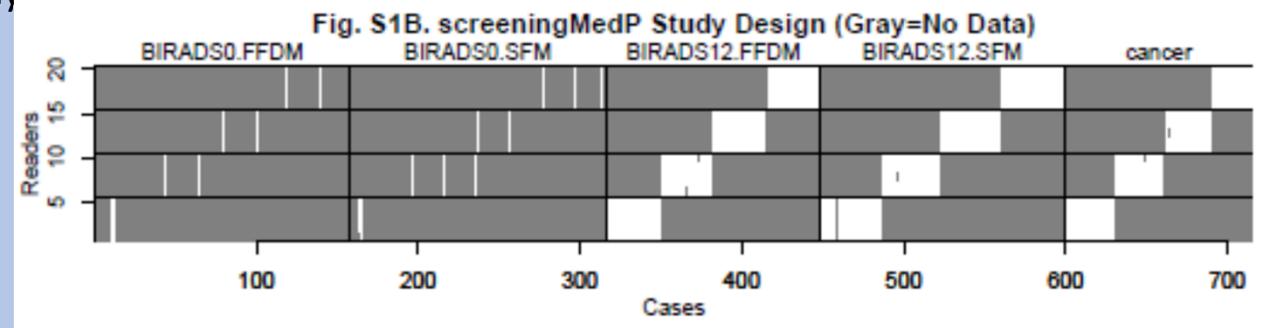
Reproducible science.



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Study design to reduce regulatory burden.



Split-plot design

Efficient use of cases, reader workload, and total observations.

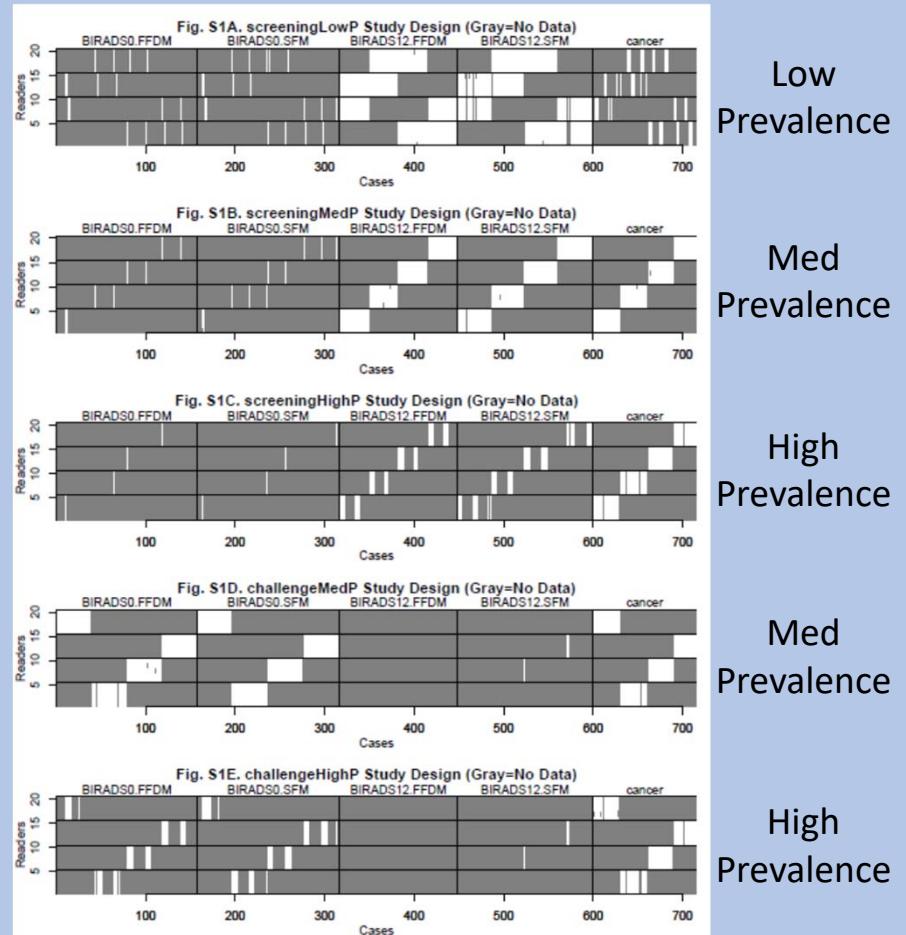
Each case is read by multiple readers, reducing the noise from one observation

Each case is not read by all readers, avoiding diminishing returns.

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Screening Studies



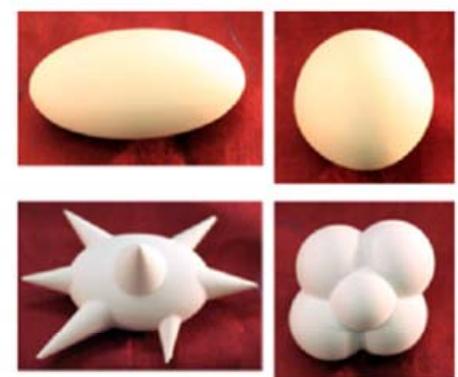
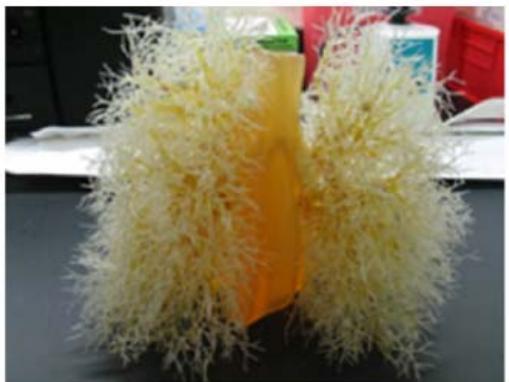
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Med Prevalence

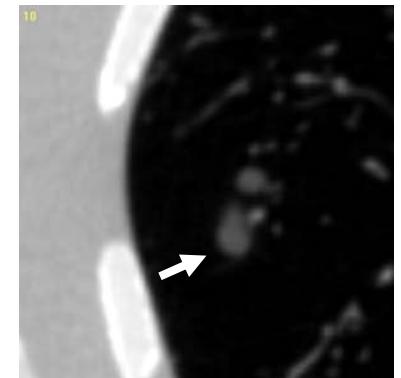
High Prevalence

Med Prevalence

High Prevalence



- Thorax “lung” phantom
- Embedded synthetic nodules
 - Variable shapes, sizes, densities
 - Used in pre-market submissions



Gavrielides et al., “A resource for the assessment of lung nodule size estimation methods: database of thoracic CT scans of an anthropomorphic phantom”, Optics Express, vol. 18, n.14, pp. 15244-15255, 2010.

4433 scans total. 738 series downloaded per week (avg.) ([LINK to Lung Phantom data at TCIA](#))

TCIA: The Cancer Imaging Archive

The VICTRE Project: The First All-In-Silico Imaging Clinical Trial

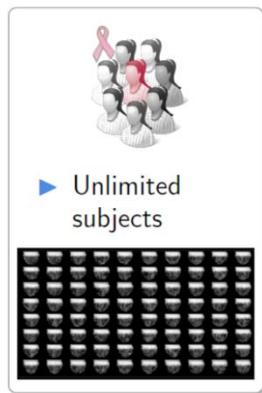
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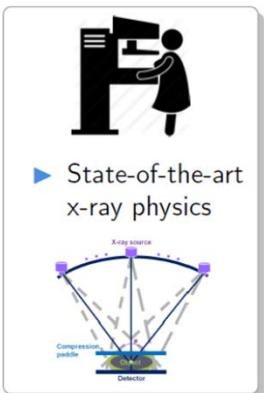


No humans were harmed in the design or production of this trial ...

In silico imaging trial



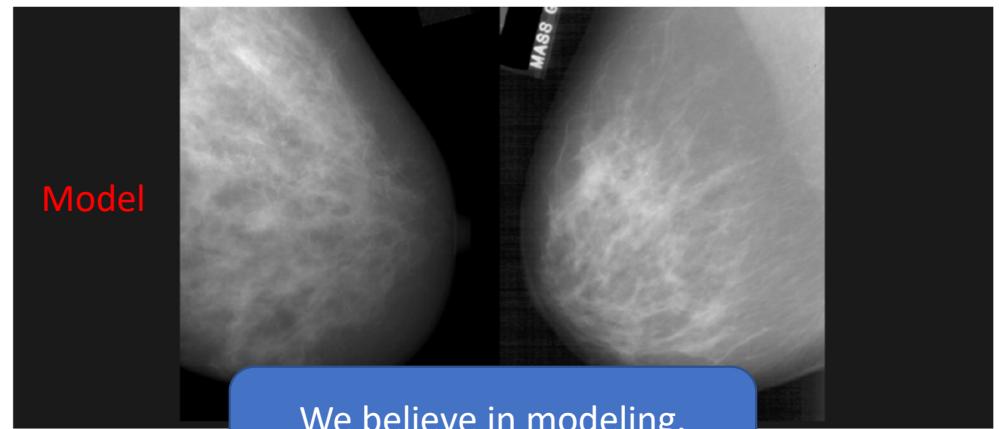
- Unlimited subjects



- State-of-the-art x-ray physics



- Computer image reading



Model

We believe in modeling.
Physics is evidence.

8749 scans total

7744 scans downloaded per week (avg.)
[\(LINK to VICTRE data on TCIA\)](#)

Badano, A.; Graff, C. G.; Badal, A. & et al (2018), 'Evaluation of digital breast tomosynthesis as replacement of full-field digital mammography using an in silico imaging trial', *JAMA Network Open* 1(7), e185474-.

Forming a Collaboration Alliance

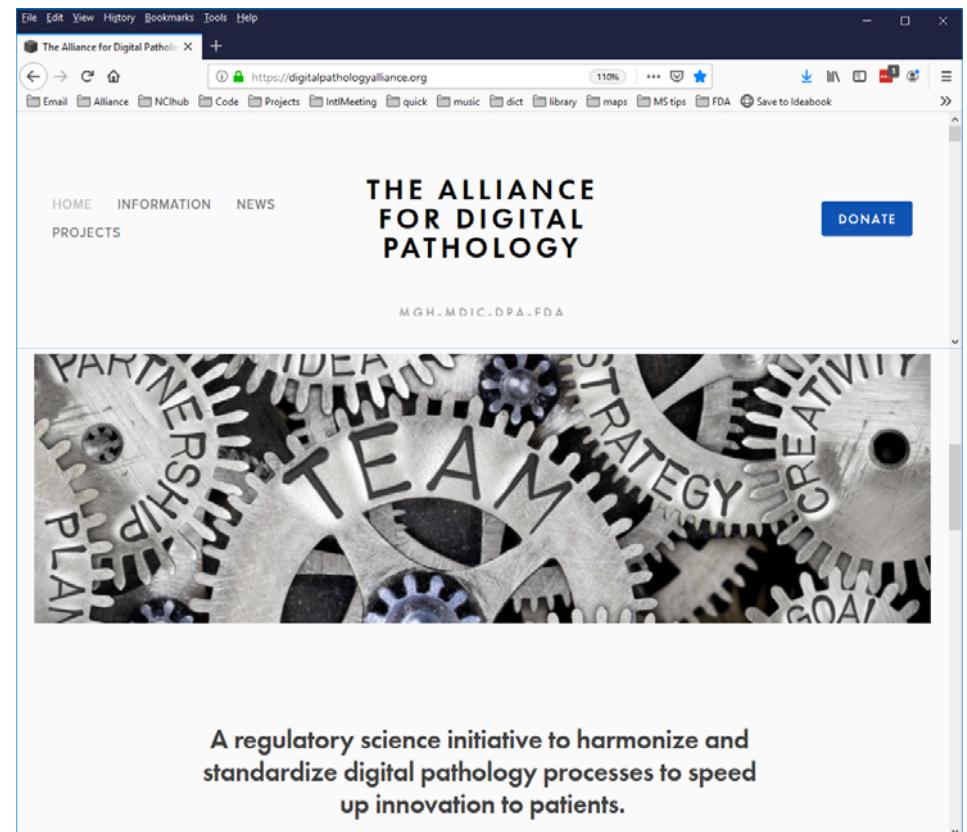
Collaboration Alliance

- Kick-off meeting July 18, 2019

- **Objectives:**

- Clarify and improve regulatory pathways
- Develop evaluation tools, methods, and standards
- Tackle large-scale projects in pre-competitive space

<https://digitalpathologyalliance.org/>



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 - FDA, NIH, MDIC

<https://mdic.org/mdic-seeks-participation-in-new-digital-pathology-collaborative-effort/>

The image shows the homepage of the MDIC (Medical Device Innovation Consortium) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for About, Membership, Initiatives, MDICx Series, News & Events, Resource Library, and Contact. Below the navigation is a yellow banner with the text "Register today for our Patient Engagement Forum on November 20 in Washington, DC!". The main content area features a large image of a stack of papers or documents. On the left side of this image, there is a blue box containing the text "Latest Headlines". Below the image, there is a news article with the title "MDIC seeks participation in new digital pathology and AI collaborative effort" and the date "August 21, 2019".

MDIC: Public-private partnership
with the sole objective of advancing
medical device regulatory science
for patient benefit.

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 - Clinical societies:
pathology (DPA, CAP)
and radiology (ACR)!
 - Academic and clinical
subject matter experts
 - Patient advocates

DPA: Digital
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Pathologists

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<https://digitalpathologyassociation.org/dpa-mdic-fda-alliance-meeting>

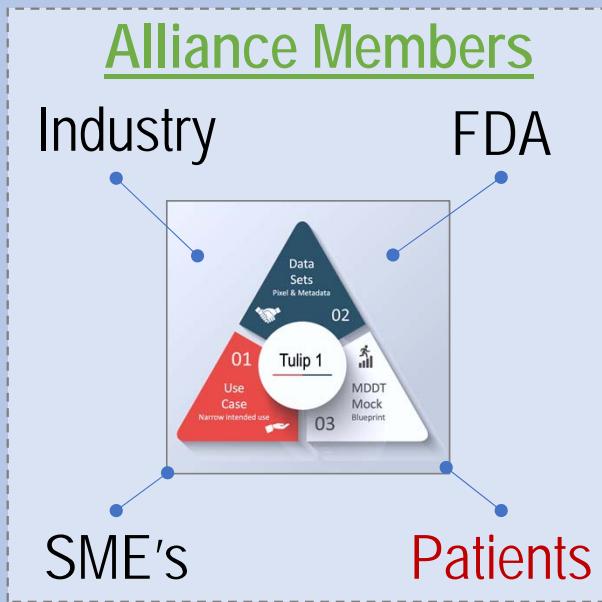


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Collaboration Alliance: Purpose/Role

Potential Project Homes



»»» **BIG IDEAS** »»»

Alliance Steering Committee



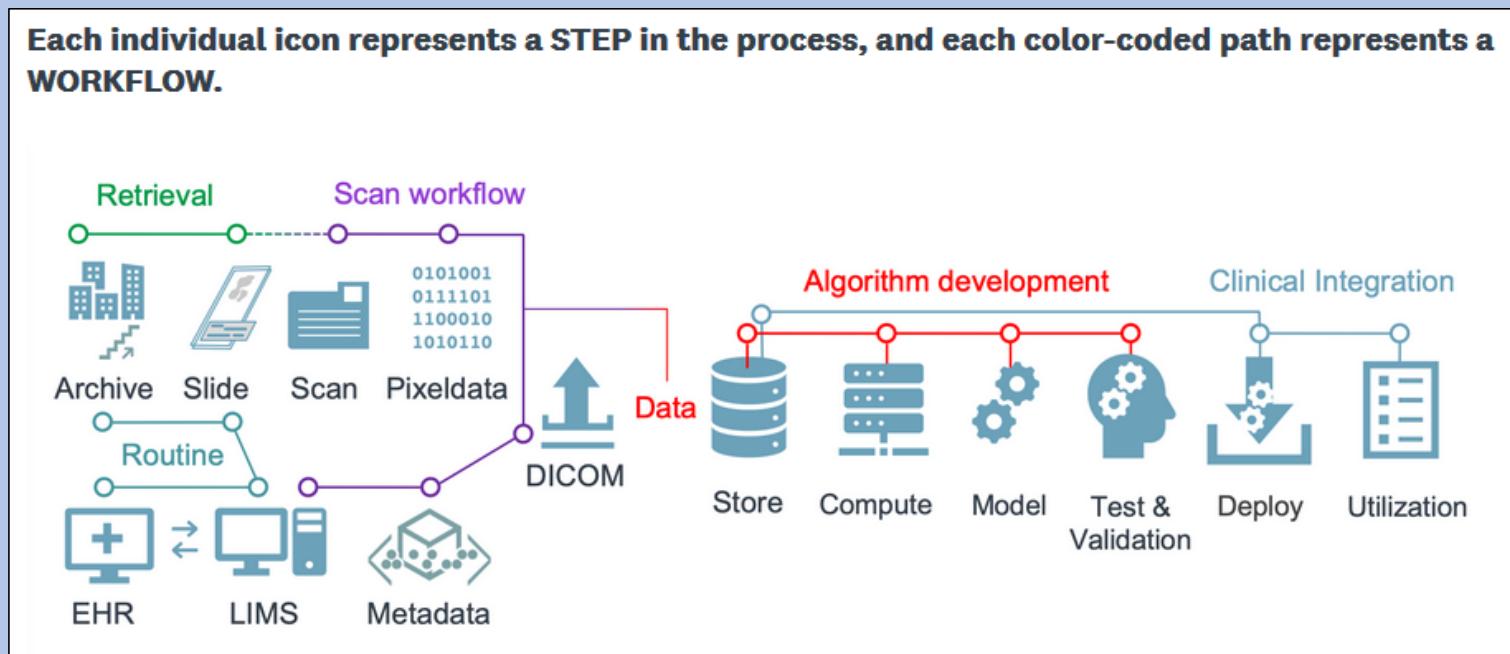
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»»» **ALLIANCE PROJECTS** »»»



Collaboration Alliance: Survey

- Express desire to participate
- Express areas of interest



Collaboration Alliance: Project Proposals

- “Who are you looking for in terms of collaborators, supporters, stakeholders?”
- “What is the current challenge? What is your problem statement?”
- What deliverable(s) will your project produce?
- “How will the proposed project be valuable to:”
 - Clinical implementation
 - Regulatory business
 - Research and Development

[https://digitalpathologyalliance.org/s/
Alliance-Project-Proposal-
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Collaboration Alliance

- Kick-off meeting July 18, 2019

Results: Commitments to future meetings

- Brainstorming, spread-the-word meeting
 - Hosted by DPA at their Pathology Visions meeting
 - **TODAY in Orlando, FL!**
- MDIC Executives and Fellows meeting
 - Engage industry
 - November 4, Arlington, VA.

<https://mdic.org/event/digital-pathology-ai-exe/> Meeting website

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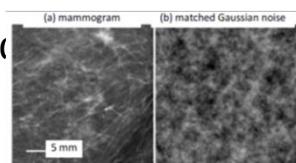
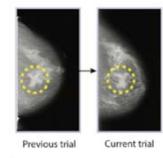
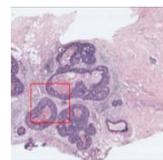
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Cognition and Medical Image Perception at NIH THINK TANK, September 12-13, 2019

Goal: Reduce diagnostic errors by understanding the role of *human cognitive and perceptual limitations* in medical image interpretation

Sample projects

- Reader Accuracy in Pathology Interpretation and Diagnosis: Perception and Cognition (RAPID-PC)
- Isolating and mitigating sequentially dependent perceptual errors in clinical visual search
- Perceptual and Adaptive Learning in Cancer Image Interpretation
- Perceptual sensitivity to anatomical background statistics in mammography



How to encourage collaboration?

- Pop-up labs at professional conferences
- Embedding psychologists in radiology & pathology departments
- Interested? Ideas? Contact Todd Horowitz todd.horowitz@nih.gov

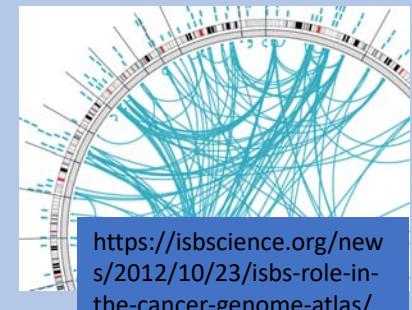
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<https://www.cancerimagingarchive.net/>

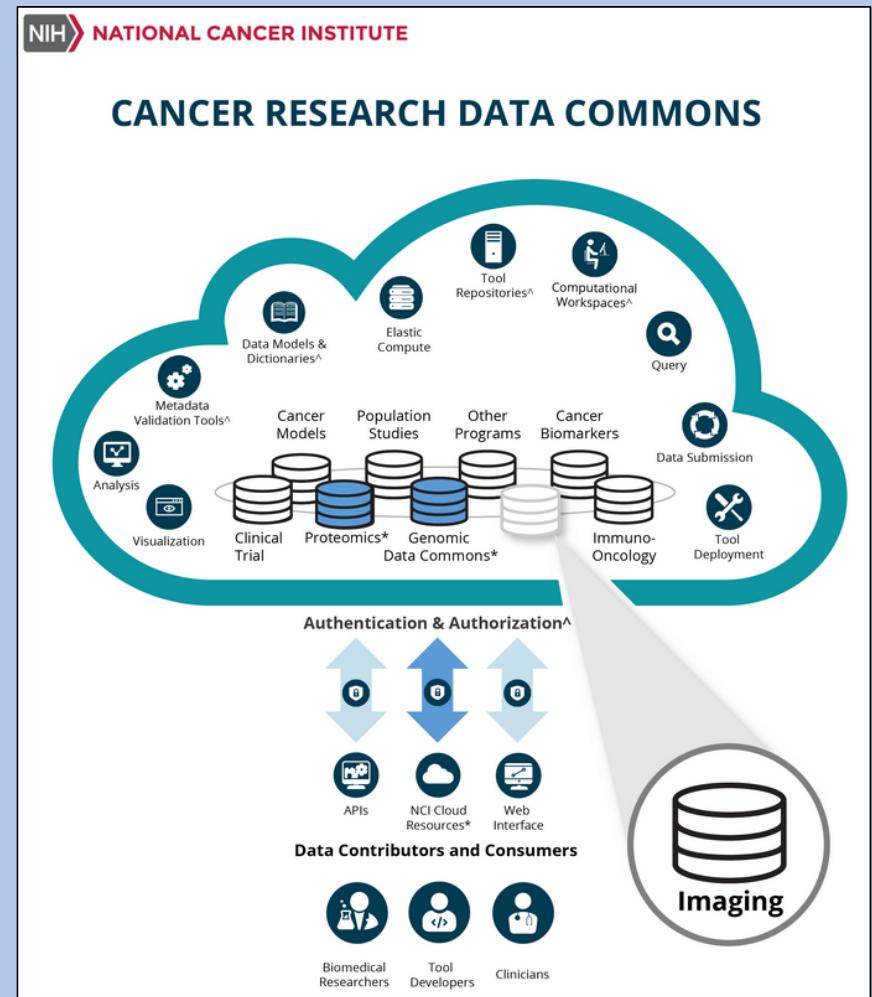


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The screenshot shows the Data Commons section of the NCI website at <https://datascience.cancer.gov/data-commons>. It features the NCI logo and navigation links for Data Sharing, Data Commons, Collaborations, Resources, News & Events, Funding, and About. A search bar and social media icons are also present. The main banner highlights the "NCI Cancer Research Data Commons".

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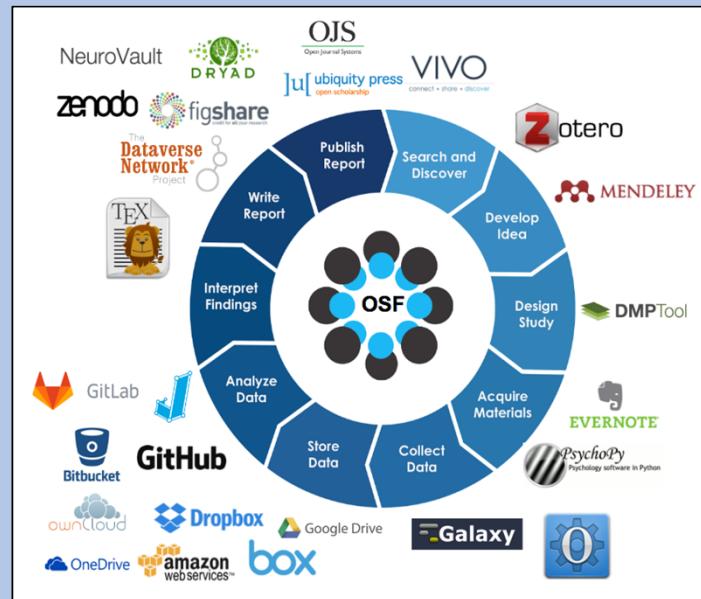


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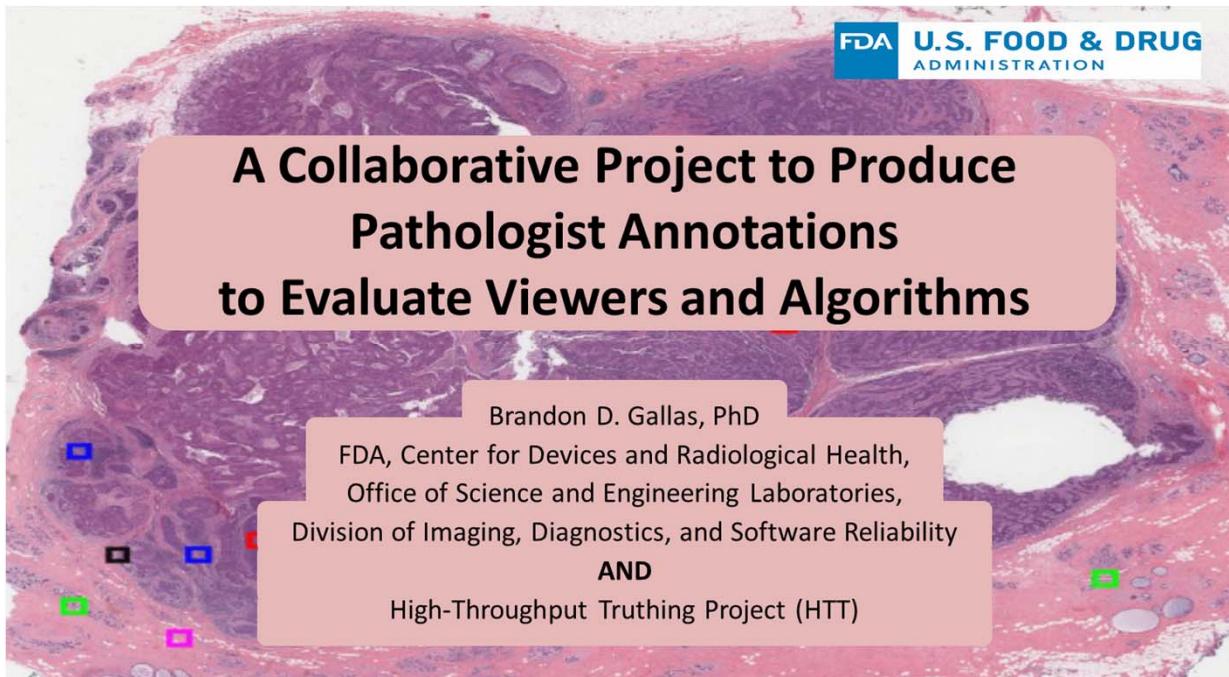
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 - Center for Open Science: Open Science Framework (OSF)
 - Project Data Sphere
 - NEST and more

https://guides.nyu.edu/data_management/osf



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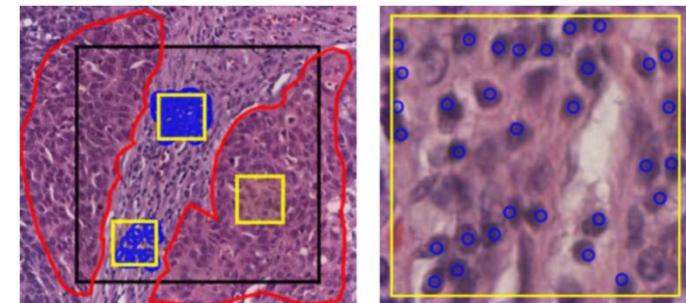
GOAL: Pursue an **MDDT** (*Medical Device Development Tool*) qualification for slides, images, and annotations



<https://ncihub.org/groups/eedapstudies/wiki/HightthroughputTruthingYear2>

Data as Tool:

To be available to any algorithm developer
to be used to validate their algorithm
in a submission to the FDA



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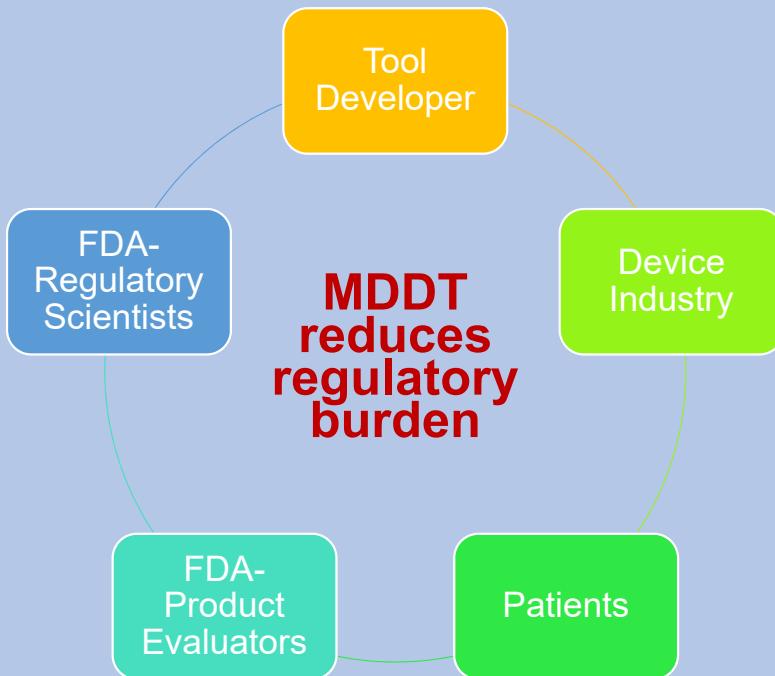
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Medical Device Development Tool Program

Research

Development

Promotes Efficient Medical Device Development



Benefit of Qualifying Tools

- Fosters innovation
- Encourages collaboration
- Reduces resource expenditure
- Qualified MDDT applied in multiple device submissions
- Promotes efficiency in CDRH regulatory review resources
- Minimizes uncertainty in regulatory review process

What Is A Qualified MDDT?

- **Medical Device Development Tool (MDDT)** is a method, material, or measurement used to assess effectiveness, safety, or performance of a medical device
 - MDDT Categories: Clinical Outcome Assessment (COA), Biomarker Test (BT), Nonclinical Assessment Model (NAM)
 - A MDDT is scientifically validated and qualified for a specific ***Context Of Use*** (COU) on the way the MDDT should be used
 - Qualification is a FDA conclusion that within the COU a MDDT has a specific interpretation and application in medical device development and regulatory review

Website:

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ScienceandResearch/MedicalDeviceDevelopmentToolsMDDT/default.htm>

Questions? email: MDDT@fda.hhs.gov

Mock Submissions:

Representation of a premarket application

- PMA, 510(k), or IDE
- Hypothetical device with hypothetical characteristics and companion information
- ***Reduce uncertainty for sponsors***
 - *Clarify pathway to market*
- ***FDA may join submission team (consultant) and creates regulatory review team***
 - *Firewall between two groups*

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Mock submission history



- **Protein-based multiplex assays**
 - 2008-2010
 - **IOTF MDx:** Interagency oncology task force, molecular diagnostics subcommittee
 - Origin: IOTF MDx workshop 2008
 - NCI was the sponsor/submitter
- **Virtual patient**
 - 2015-2017
 - **MDIC:** Medical Device Innovation Consortium
 - Origin: MDIC computational modeling and simulation group
 - MDIC was the sponsor/submitter
- Essential to have FDA review division on board
 - Sees value in devoting resources to mock review
- Essential to have many stakeholders involved
 - Extensive interactions
- Sections submitted:
 - Intended Use
 - Device description
 - Analytical studies
 - Clinical trial protocol
 - Statistical evaluation plans

Summary

- Regulatory science and decisions are built on
 - Sound arguments that demonstrate safety and effectiveness
 - Documentation
 - Generalizability
 - Reproducibility
- DIDSР has been in radiology's business for a long time
 - Work is relevant today
 - Consensus building
- Physics, modeling, and simulation are forms of evidence
 - Recent research emphasizes sharing data and digital tools ... reducing regulatory burden
- We survive on collaborations and look forward to big projects
- We want to inform the community

Thank You!

- Wiki page: links to guidance documents, special controls, and examples
 - <https://ncihub.org/groups/eedapstudies/wiki/DeviceAdvice>
 - Post our slides here ... at the bottom
- Collaboration Alliance “Executives and Fellows” meeting at MDIC
 - Nov. 4, Arlington, VA
 - Relevant and aligned with ACR/DSI
- FDA Public Workshop: Applications of AI-Assisted Radiology
 - Opportunity to work with stakeholders: e.g., industry, clinical practice, academia, government agencies, and patients

Search “NCIhub device advice”

This talk is based on FDA’s Current Thinking

Our current thinking changes over time just like science!