

Simulation Flow

A Toy Example

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P(HCC) Equation

Each patient i 's risk of developing HCC can be measured by the following equation:

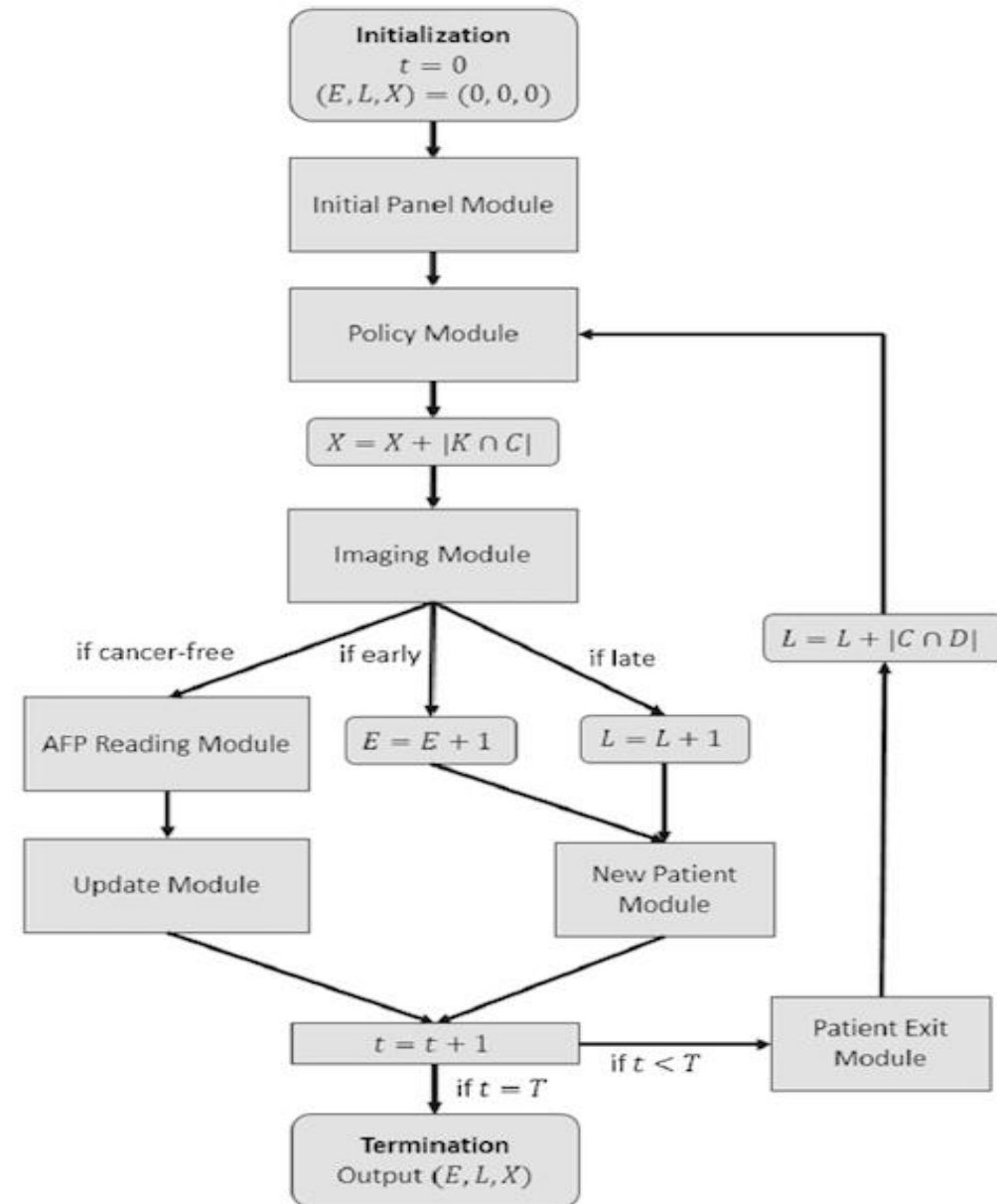
$$P(\text{HCC})_i = [1 + \exp(-c_1 B_i - c_2 SD_i - c_3 RR_i)]^{-1} \quad (1)$$

- $P(\text{HCC})_i$ is the patient's lifetime cumulative probability of developing HCC,
- B_i is a vector of all static risk cofactors measured upon enrollment into surveillance (age, ethnicity, smoker, alkaline phosphatase, blood platelets, and esophageal varices),
- SD_i is the standard deviation amongst a patient's recorded AFP readings,
- RR_i is the least squares estimate for the rate of AFP rise over time amongst a patient's recorded AFP readings,
- c_1 is a vector of the corresponding regression coefficients for all static risk factors, and
- c_2 and c_3 are regression coefficients for the AFP standard deviation and the rate of AFP rise over time.

Initial Panel Module

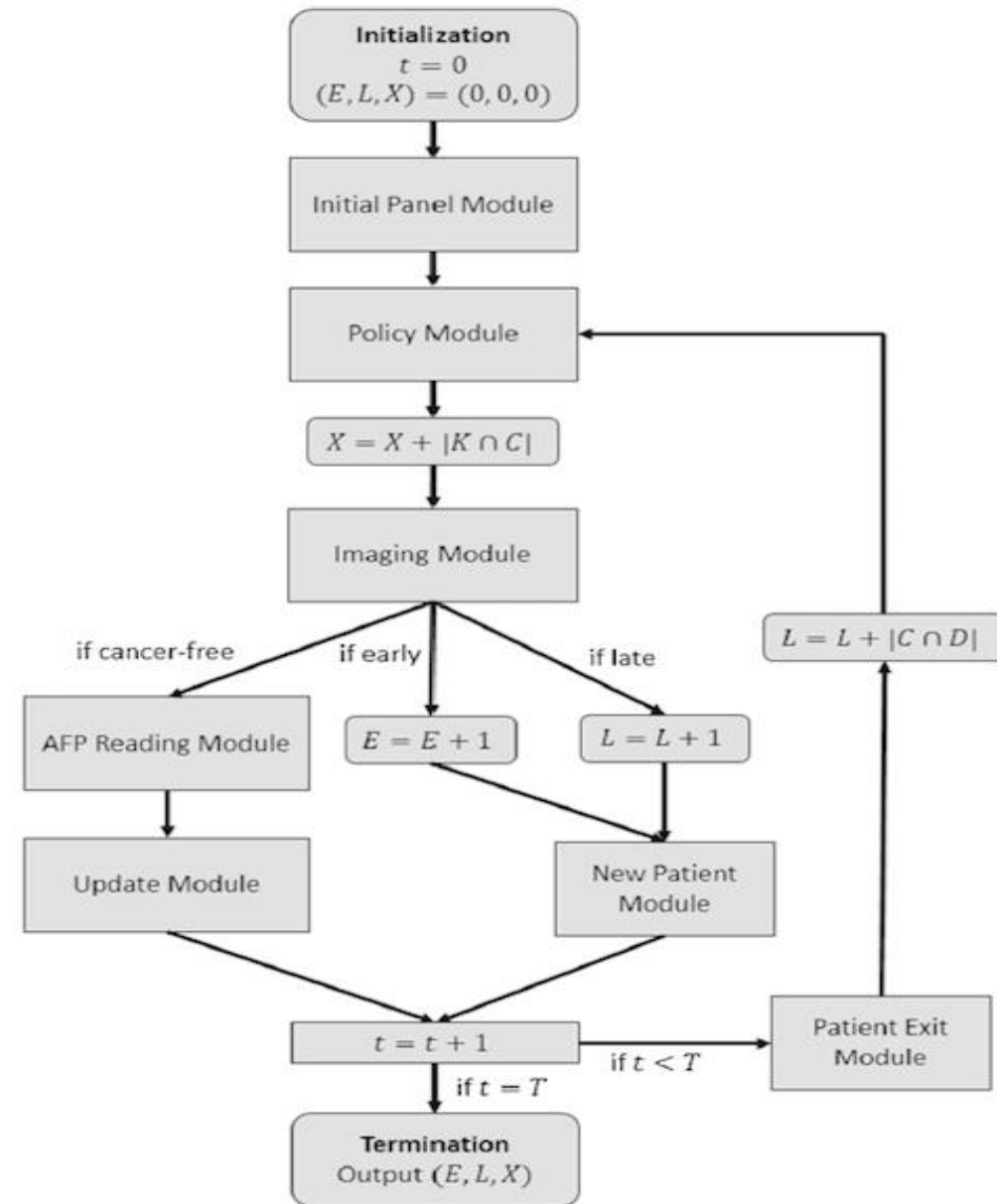
Simulation randomly draws, with replacement, a patients' history from the dataset.

The result will be the creation of C , the set of patients who will develop cancer, and N , the set of patients who will not develop cancer in their lifetime.



Policy Module

1. Receives knowledge of N patients as input
2. Chooses subset K based on Policy Module
3. X increments by number of screenings which were spent on $|K \wedge N|$



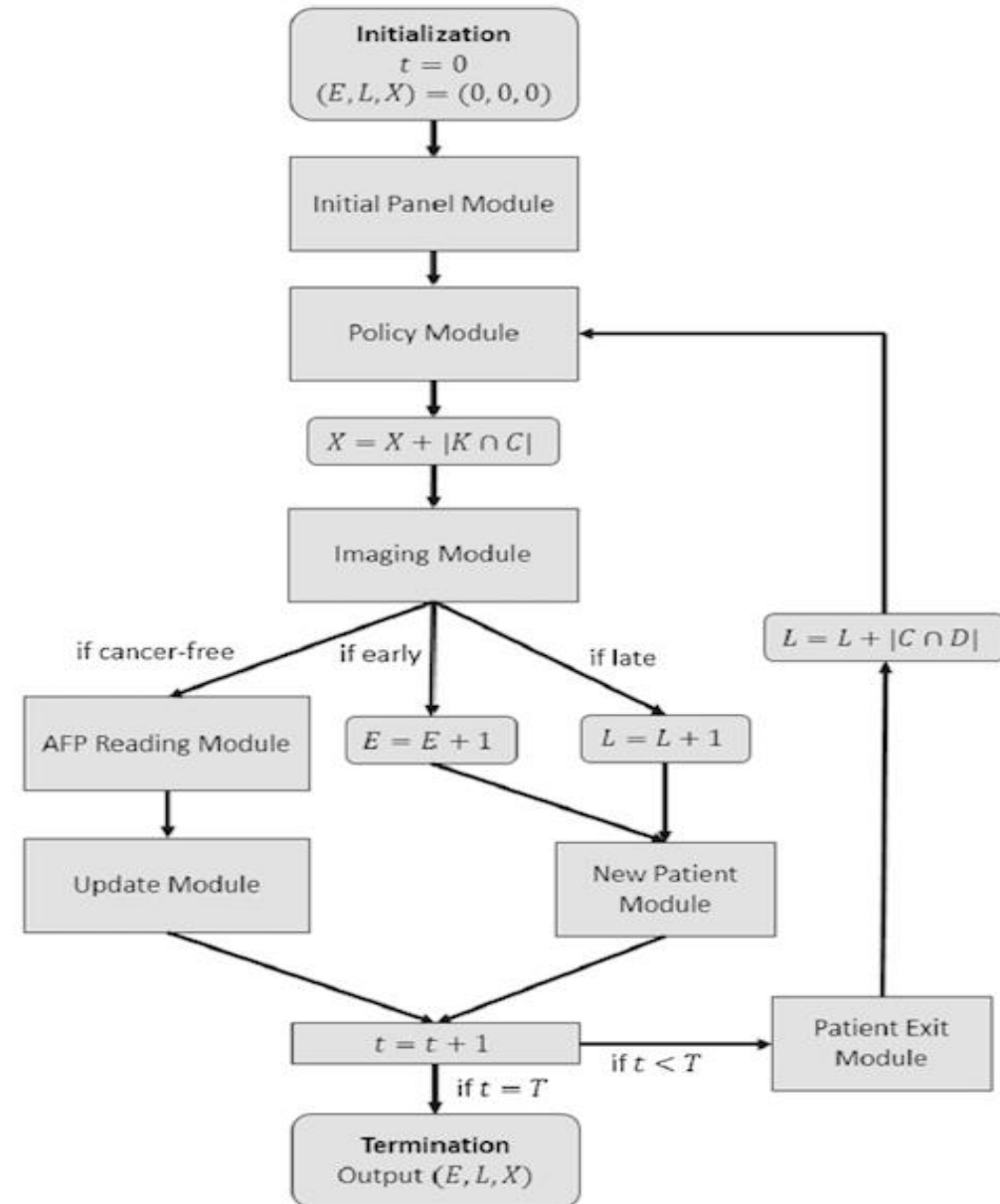
Imaging Module

- Query current cancer state:
 - If patient never developed cancer → automatically assign cancer-free
 - If patient has tumor of size $s - \bar{s}$ at time $t - \bar{t}$ → estimate tumor size s at time t

$$s = 2^{\frac{t - \bar{t}}{\delta}} \cdot \bar{s} \quad (4)$$

- Assign State as per:

$$\text{State} = \begin{cases} \text{Early} & \text{if } t \geq \bar{t} \text{ and } 1 \leq s \leq 5 \\ \text{Late} & \text{if } t \geq \bar{t} \text{ and } 5 < s \\ \text{Cancer-Free} & \text{if Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$



Imaging Module Output - If:

Cancer Free: AFP Module and Update Module

- Query new AFP readings
- Calculate RR and SS
- Update Variables (For each Cancer Free Patient)

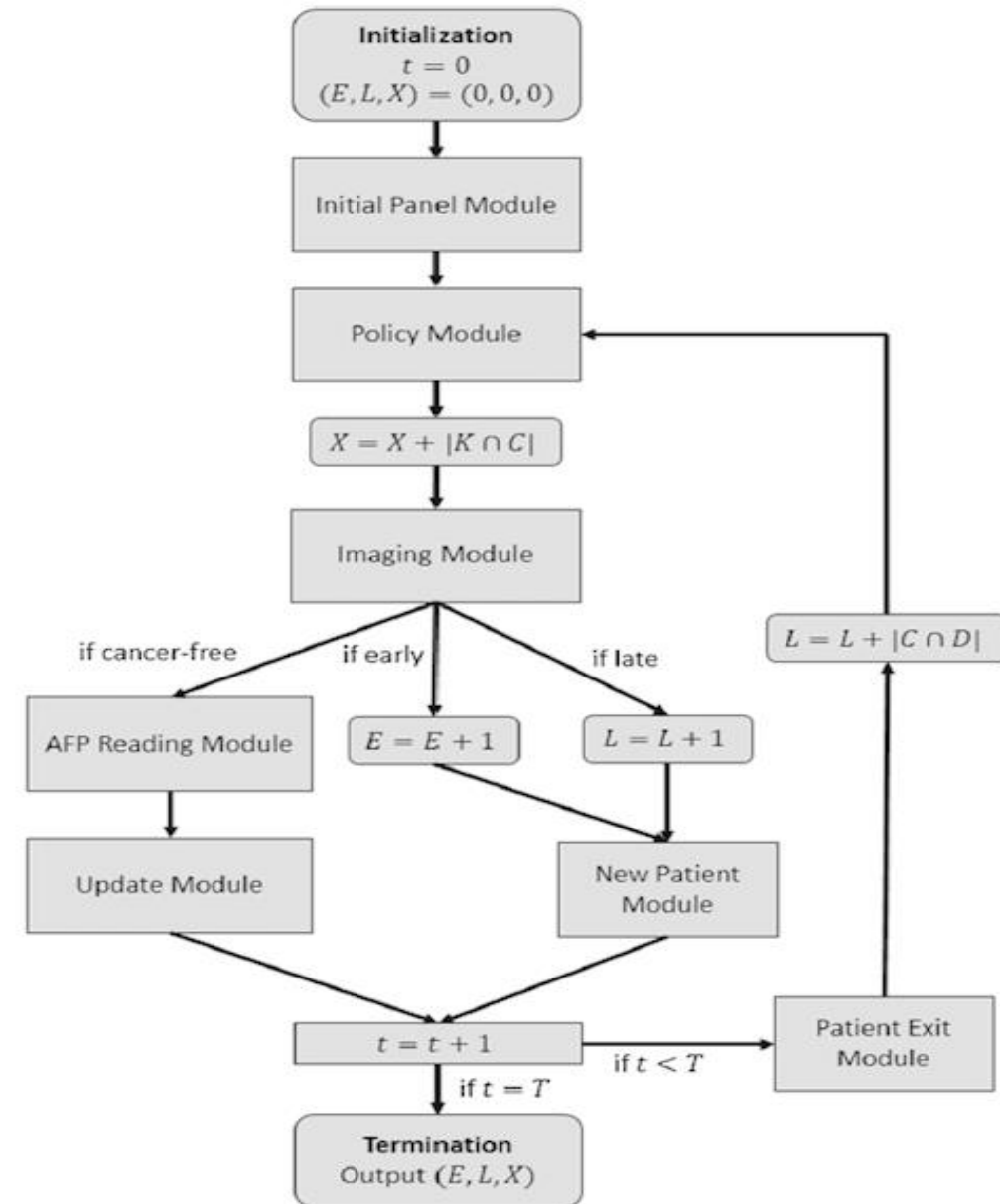
Early: E and New Patient Module

- $E = E + 1$
- Replace Patients belonging to E

Late: L and New Patient Module

- $L = L + 1$
- Replace Patients belonging to L

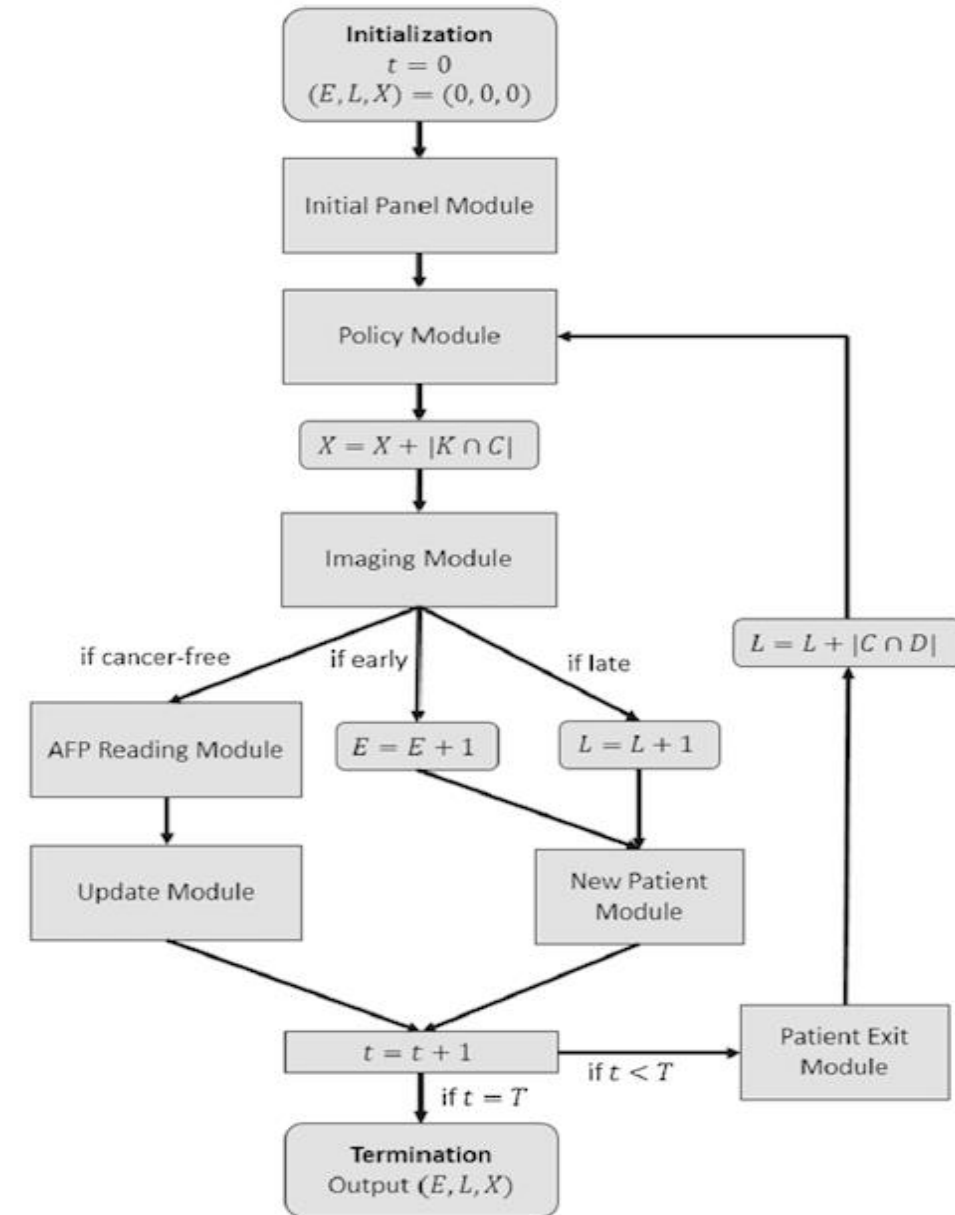
Advance to $t+1$



Patient Exit Module

If $t < T$:

- D = departing patients (subset of K)
 - Time $t \geq T$, or death, or voluntary withdrawal
 - Patients in D eliminated and replaced
- All patients D^C increment L by 1
 - $L = L + |C \cap D|$



Time $t = 0$

$T = 4$

List of N Patients (t=0)

HCC (3)

Pid	Age	Eth	Sm	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	S-	t
1	46	1	1	149	141	1	95	0	0	-1.1	S-	0

Pid	Age	Eth	S m	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	S-	t
2	59	2	0	121	99	0	88	0	0	-18	S-	0

Pid	Age	Eth	S m	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	S -	t
3	46	1	1	307	49	0	81	0	0	-2.7	S -	0

$$C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$$

$$D = \{P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}, P_{12}\}$$

Note: s is the the size of tumor at a certain time t.

Non HCC (9)

Pid	Age	Eth	Sm	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
4	46	1	1	116	54	1	94	0	0	-0.47	0

Pid	Age	Eth	Sm	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
5	53	1	1	84	82	0	82	0	0	ciBi	0

Pid	Age	Eth	Sm	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
6	53	1	1	127	84	0	83	0	0	ciBi	0

Pid	Age	Eth	Sm	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
7	57	2	0	53	130	0	89	0	0	ciBi	0

Pid	Age	Eth	Sm	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
8	53	1	1	108	90	1	89	0	0	ciBi	0

Pid	Age	Eth	Sm	Alk	Bld	Eso	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
9	55	1	1	56	89	1	89	0	0	ciBi	0

List of N Patients (t=0)

HCC (3)

Pid	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	s-	t
1	95	0	0	-1.13	s-	0

Pid	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	s-	t
2	88	0	0	-18.6	s-	0

Pid	AFP	SS	R R	ciBi	s-	t
3	81	0	0	-2.74	s-	0

$$C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$$

$$D = \{P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}, P_{12}\}$$

Note: s is the the size of tumor at a certain time t.

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Pid	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
5	82	0	0		0

Pid	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
6	83	0	0		0

Pid	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
7	89	0	0		0

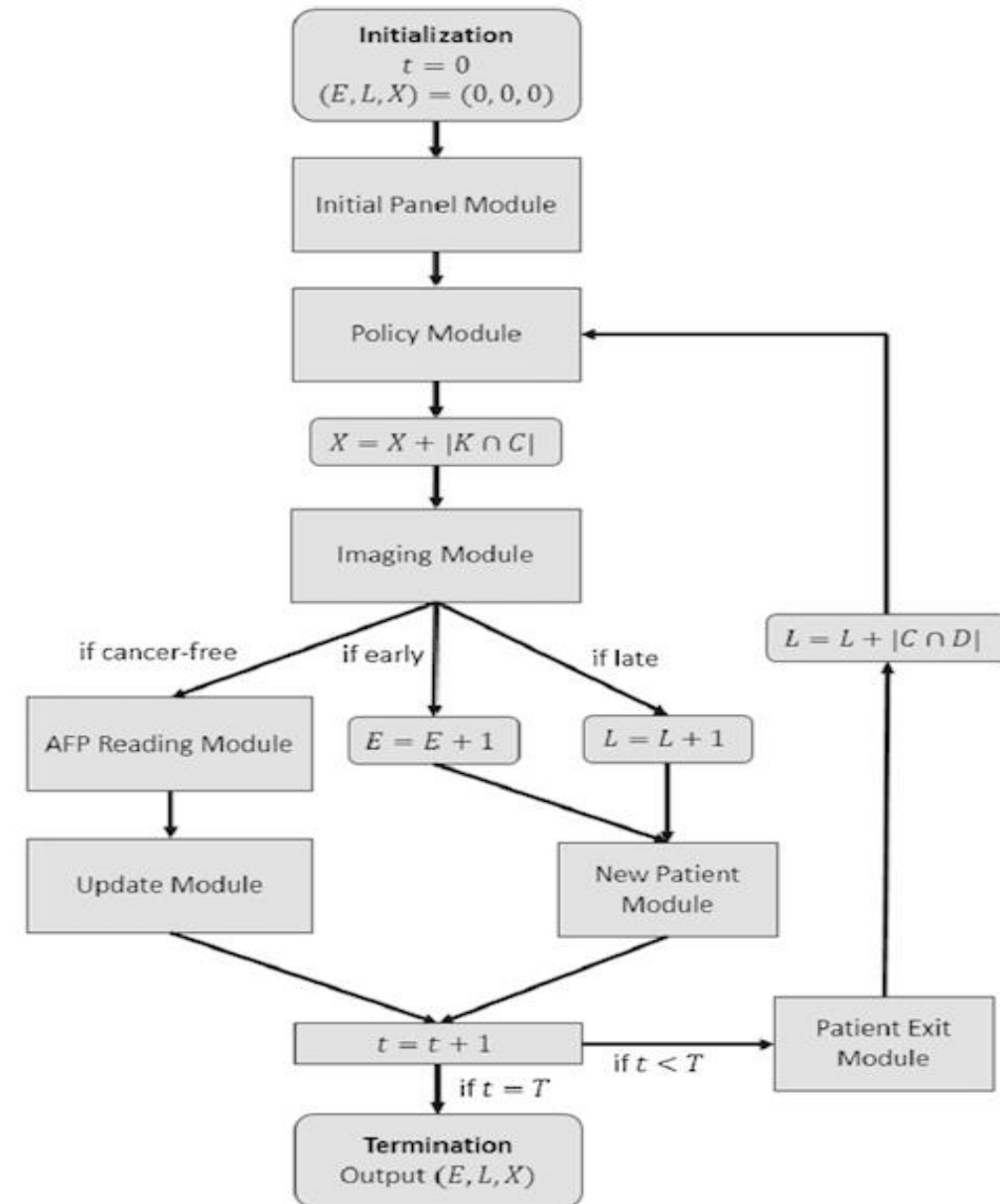
Pid	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
8	89	0	0		0

Pid	AFP	SS	RR	ciBi	t
9	89	0	0		0

CiBi is a constant for each patient. So I calculate it at the beginning of the simulation.

Policy Module (t=0)

- Calculate $P(\text{HCC})$ & Rank. Then choose $k=3$ out of $N=12$
- $P_1=0.6 > P_4 = 0.55 > P_3=0.50 > P_1 = 0.3 > P_{10} = 0.3 > \dots$
- $X = X + |K \cap C|$
 - $X = 0$
 - $K = \{P_1, P_4, P_3\}$
 - $C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$
 - $|K \cap C| = 2$
- $X = 0 + 2 = 2$
- X is the number of screening spent on patients who would eventually develop cancer



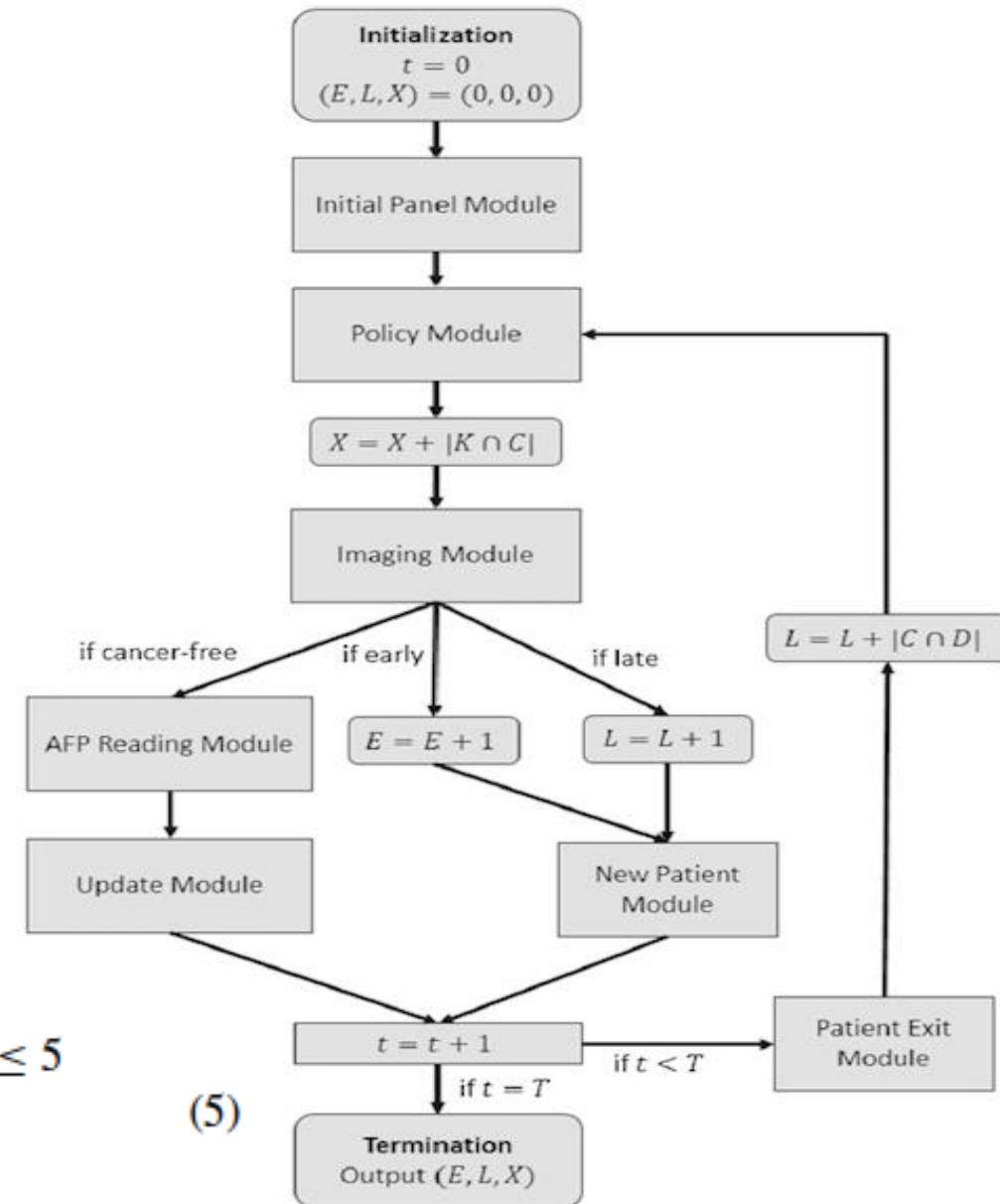
Imaging Module (t=0)

• K chosen are: P_1, P_4, P_3

- $P_1 \rightarrow$ belongs to C (tumor sbar at tbar=1)
 - Estimated tumor $s = 2^{(0-tbar)} \cdot sbar = 0.25$
 - Cancer Free
- $P_4 \rightarrow$ belongs to C
 - Estimate tumor $s = 0.125$
 - Cancer Free
- $P_3 \rightarrow$ belongs to N
 - Cancer Free

Note: $s = 2^{\frac{t-\bar{t}}{\delta}} \cdot \bar{s}$

State = $\begin{cases} \text{Early} & \text{if } t \geq \bar{t} \text{ and } 1 \leq s \leq 5 \\ \text{Late} & \text{if } t \geq \bar{t} \text{ and } 5 < s \\ \text{Cancer-Free} & \text{if Otherwise} \end{cases}$ (5)



Imaging Module Output (t=0)

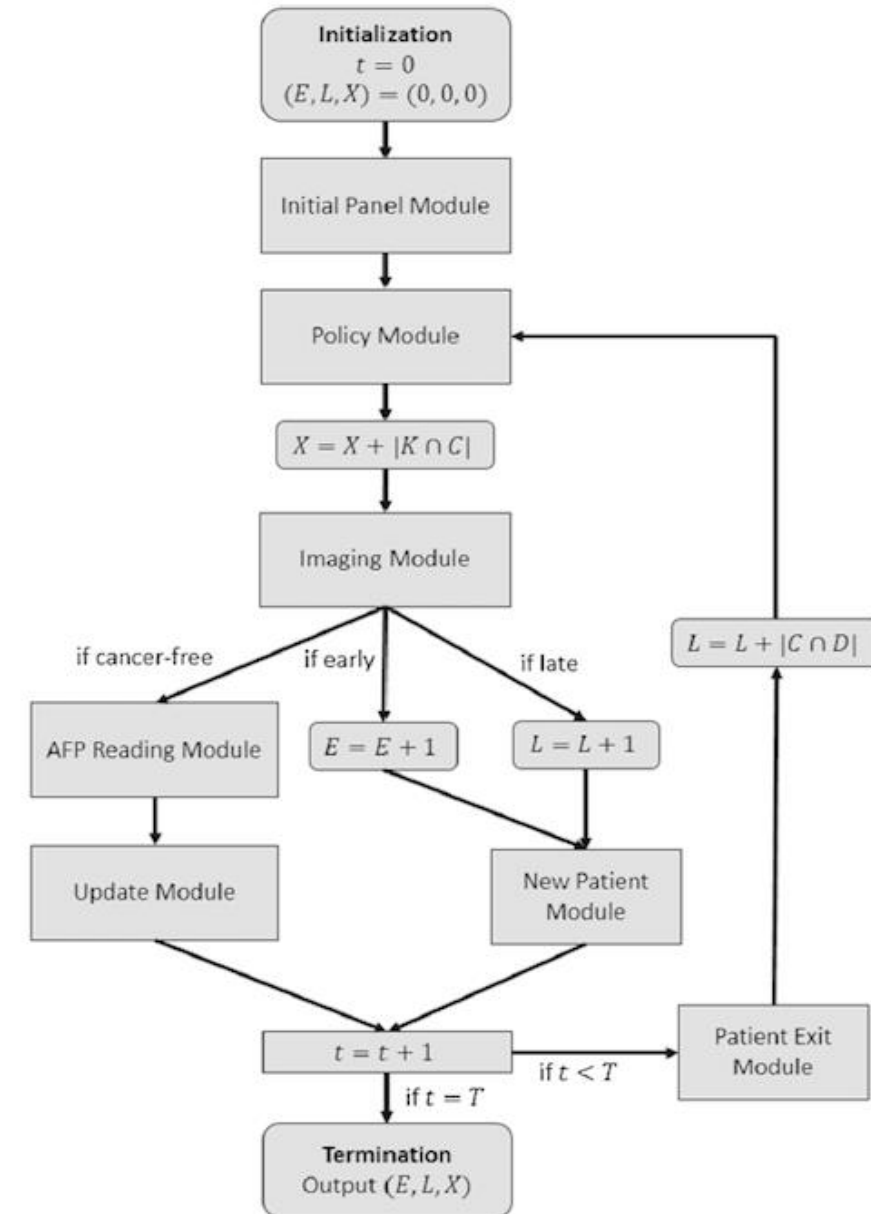
$P_1, P_4, P_3 \rightarrow$ Cancer Free

Cancer Free: AFP Module and Update Module

- Query new AFP readings
- Calculate RR and SS
- Update Variables (For each Cancer Free Patient)

Pid	ciBi	AFP	SS	RR	sbar at tbar	t
1	-1.13	95	0	0	sbar	0
1	-1.13	200	74	105	sbar	1

- Advance to **t+1**

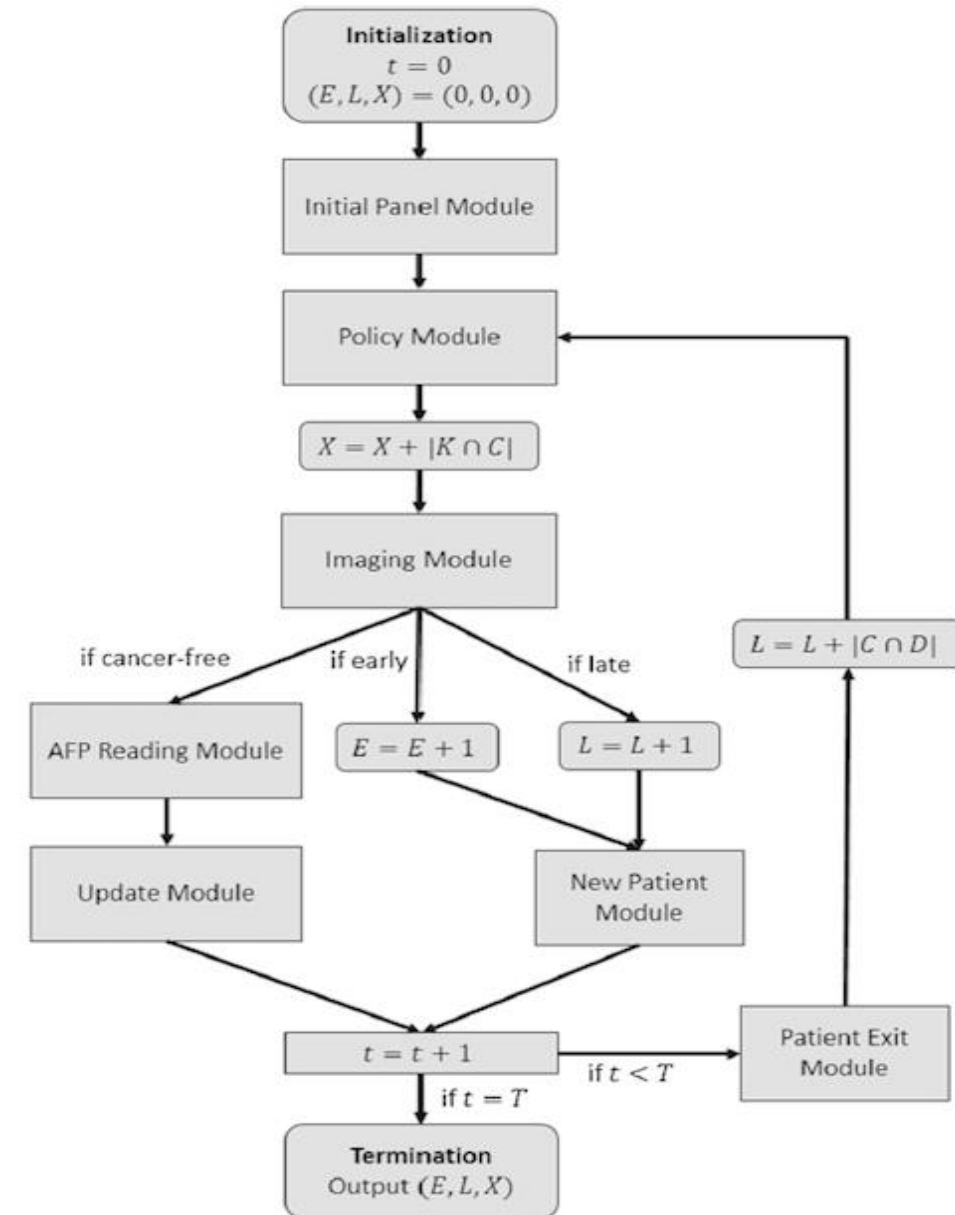


Time $t = 1$

$T = 4$

Patient Exit Module (t=1)

- D = departing patients (subset of K)
 - Time $t \geq T$, or death, or voluntary withdrawal
 - Patients in D eliminated and replaced
- All patients D^C increment L by 1
 - $D = 0$
 - $D^C = 0$
 - $L = L + |C^D|$



List of N Patients (t=1)

HCC (3)

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
1	-1.13	95	0	0	s	0
1	-1.13	200	74	105	s	1

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
2	-18.6	88	0	0	s	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
3	-2.7	81	0	0	s	0
3	-2.7	200	84	119	s	1

$$C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$$

$$D = \{P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}, P_{12}\}$$

Note: P1, P3 and P4 are now updated.

Non HCC (9)

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	t
4	-0.47	94	0	0	0
4	-0.47	96	1.4	2	1

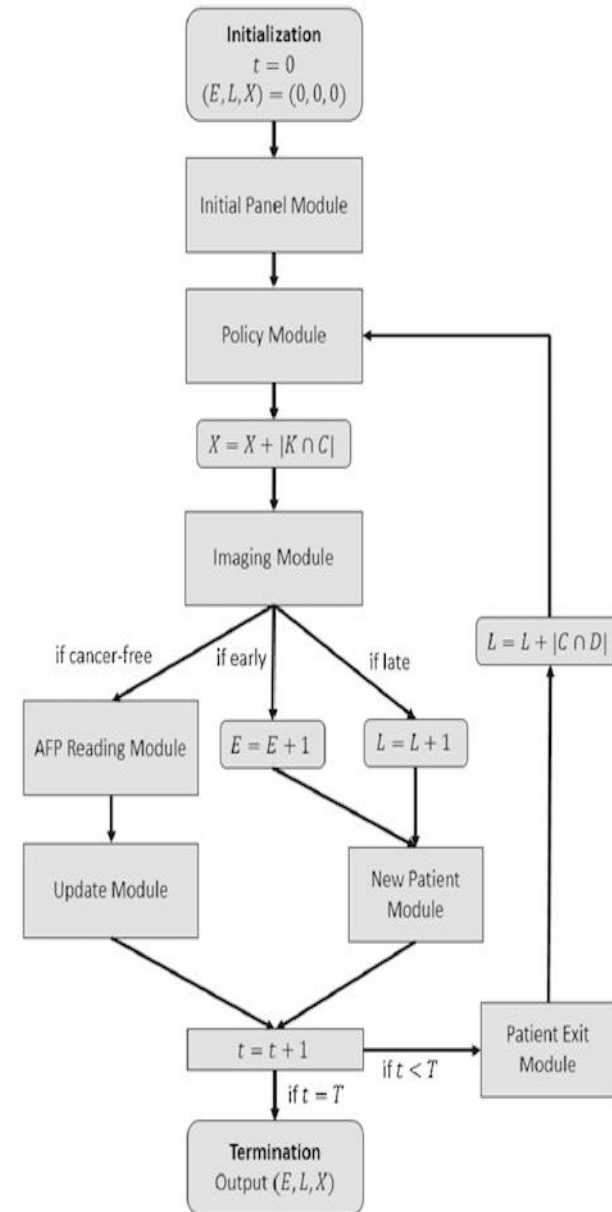
Pid	ciBi	AFP	SS	RR	t
5	c1B5	82	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	t
6	c1B6	82	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	t
7	c1B7	89	0	0	0

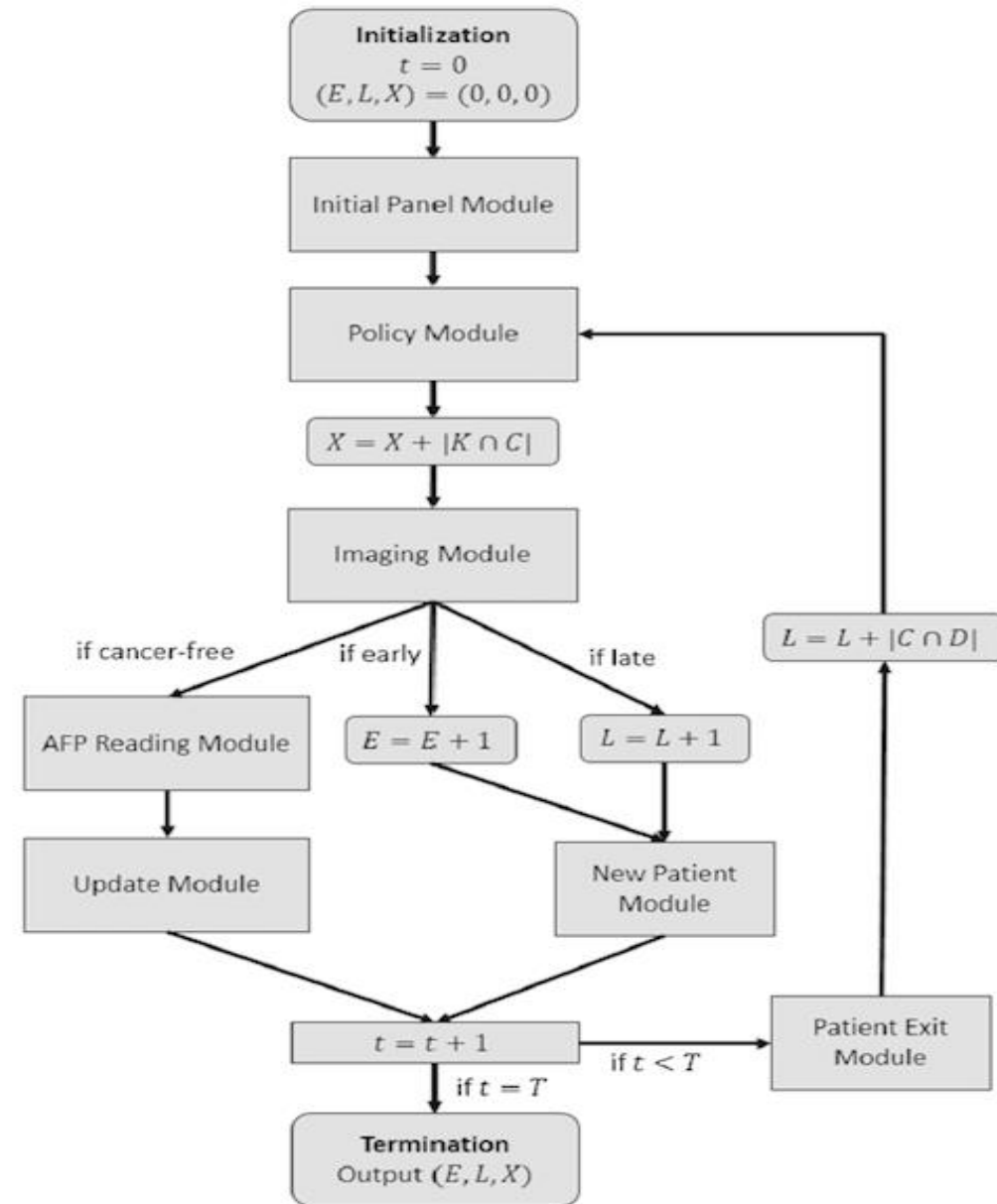
Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	t
8	c1B8	89	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	t
9	c1B9	89	0	0	0



Policy Module (t=1)

- Calculate $P(\text{HCC})$ & Rank. Then choose $k=3$ out of $N=12$
- $P_1=0.67 > P_4=0.55 > P_3=0.50 > P_1=0.3 > P_{10}=0.3 > \dots$
- $X = X + |K \cap C|$
 - $X = 2$
 - $K = \{P_1, P_4, P_3\}$
 - $C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$
 - $|K \cap C| = 2$
- $X = 2 + 2 = 4$
- X is the number of screening spent on patients who would eventually develop cancer



Imaging Module (t=1)

• P_1, P_3, P_4

• $P_1 \rightarrow$ belongs to C (tumor sbar at tbar=1)

- Estimated tumor $s = 2^{(1-tbar)} \cdot sbar = 1$
- $(1 \leq s \leq 5 \ \& \ t \geq tbar) == \text{TRUE}$
- Early

• $P_3 \rightarrow$ belongs to C

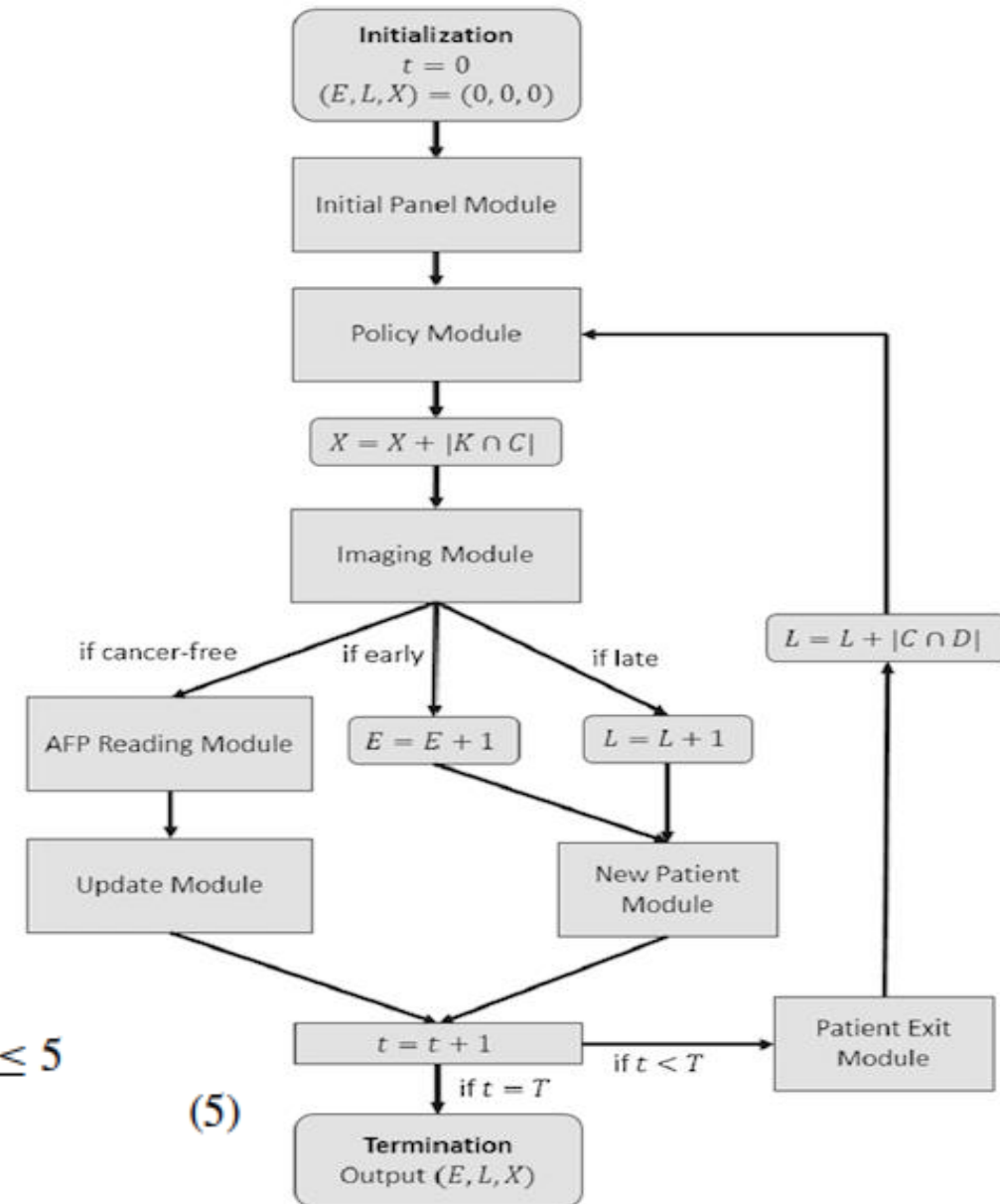
- Estimate tumor $s = 0.125$
- Cancer Free

• $P_4 \rightarrow$ belongs to N

- Cancer Free

Note: $s = 2^{\frac{t-\bar{t}}{\delta}} \cdot \bar{s}$

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Imaging Module Output (t=1)

$P_3, P_4 \rightarrow$ Cancer Free; $P_1 \rightarrow$ Early

Cancer Free: AFP Module and Update Module (P_3, P_4)

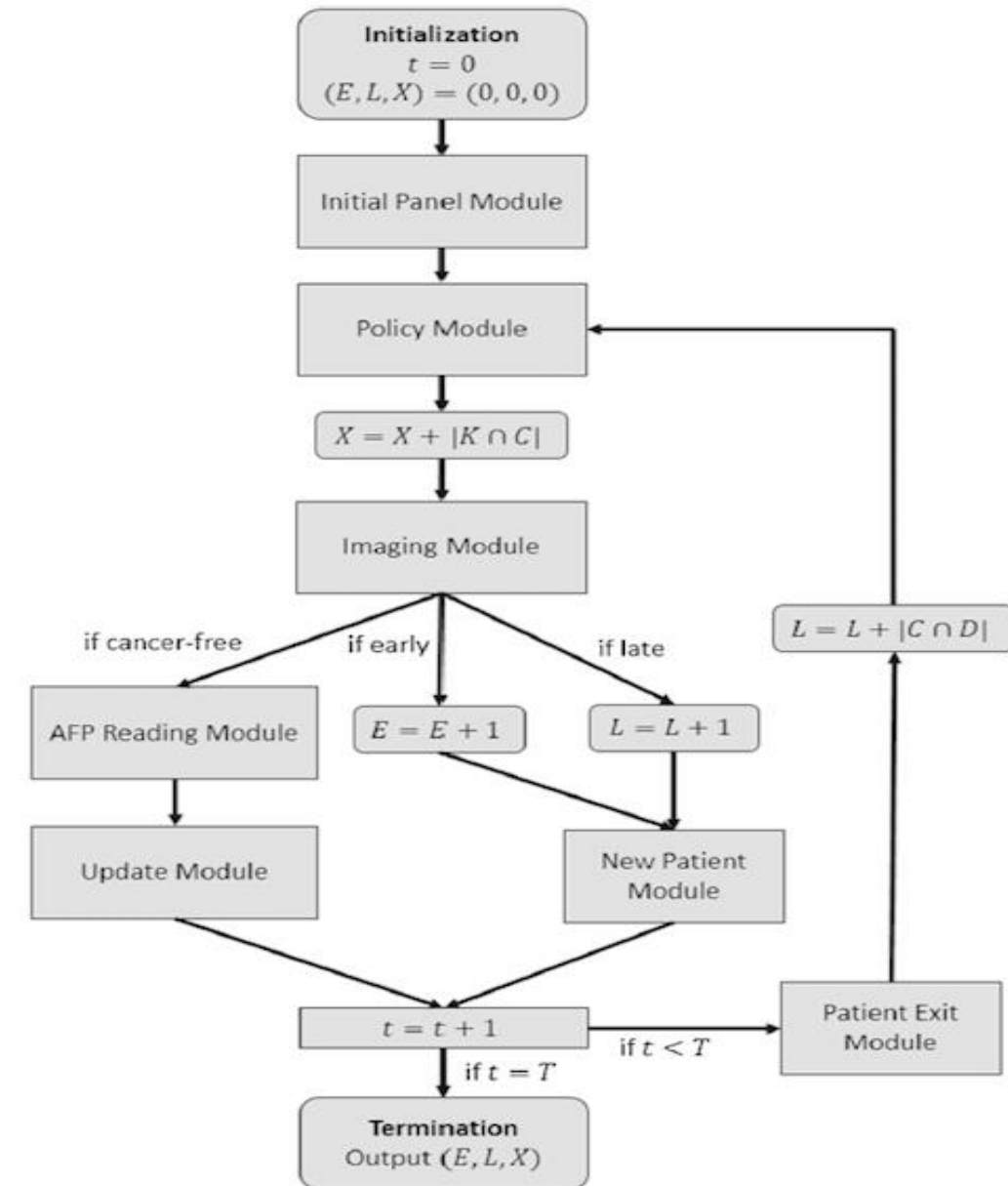
Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	Sbar at tbar	t
3	-2.7	81	0	0	sbar	0
3	-2.7	200	84	119	sbar	1
3	-2.7	100	64	-100	sbar	2

Early: E and New Patient Module (P_1)

- $P_1 \rightarrow$ Early $\rightarrow E = 0 + 1 = 1$
- Replace P_1

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	Sbar at tbar	t
new	-2	99	0	0	sbar	0

- Advance to **t+1**

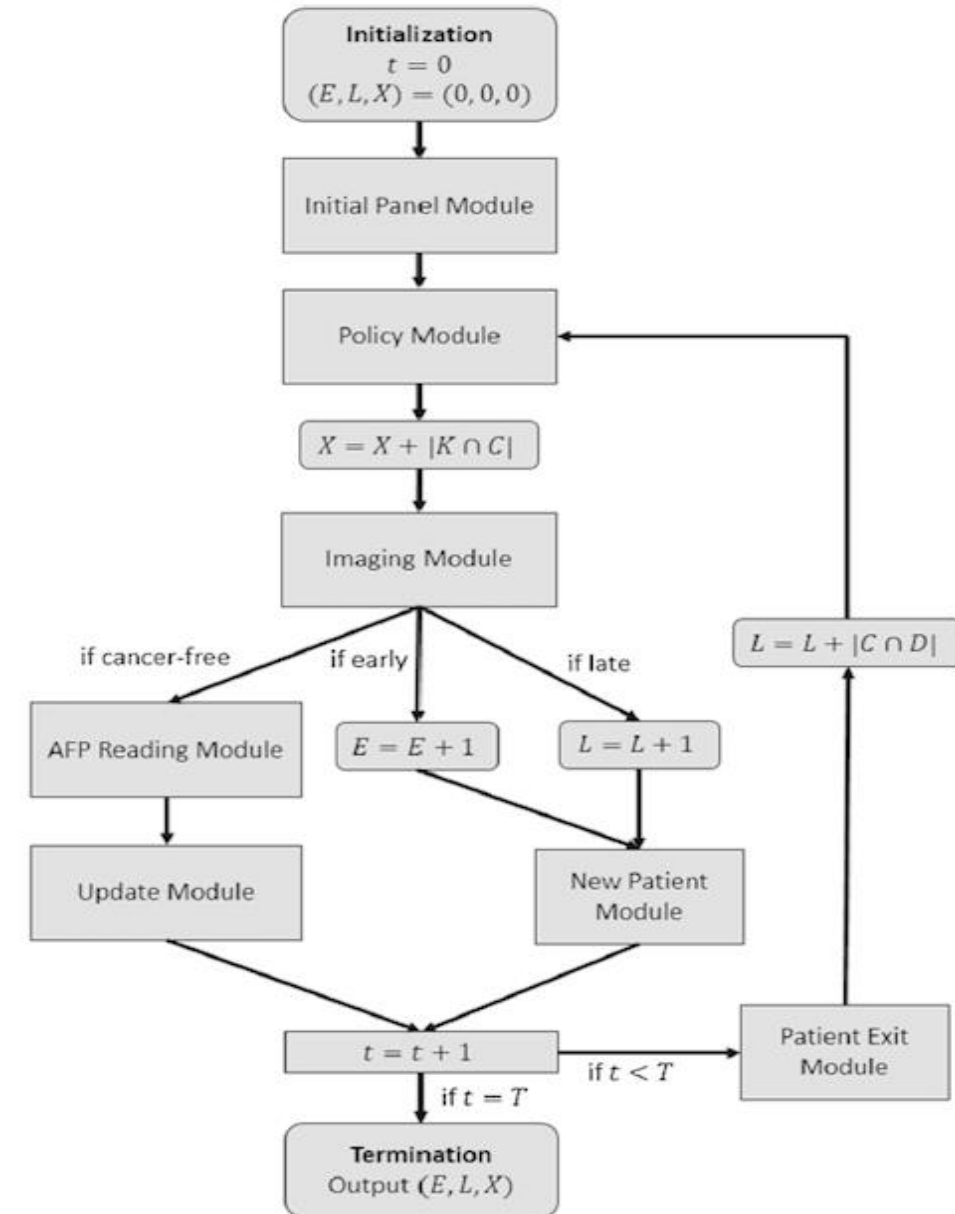


Time $t = 2$

$T = 4$

Patient Exit Module (t=2)

- D = departing patients (subset of K)
 - Time $t \geq T$, or death, or voluntary withdrawal
 - Patients in D eliminated and replaced
- All patients D^C increment L by 1
 - $D = 0$
 - $D^C = 0$
 - $L = L + |C^D|$



List of N Patients (t=2)

HCC (3)

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
1	-1.13	95	0	0	8	0
1	-1.13	200	74	105	8	1

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
2	-18.6	88	0	0	8	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
3	-2.7	81	0	0	8	0
3	-2.7	200	84	119	8	1

$C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_{\text{new}}\}$
 $D = \{P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}, P_{12}\}$

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
new	-2	99	0	0	3	0

Non HCC (9)

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
4	-0.47	94	0	0	0	0
4	-0.47	96	1.4	2	0	1

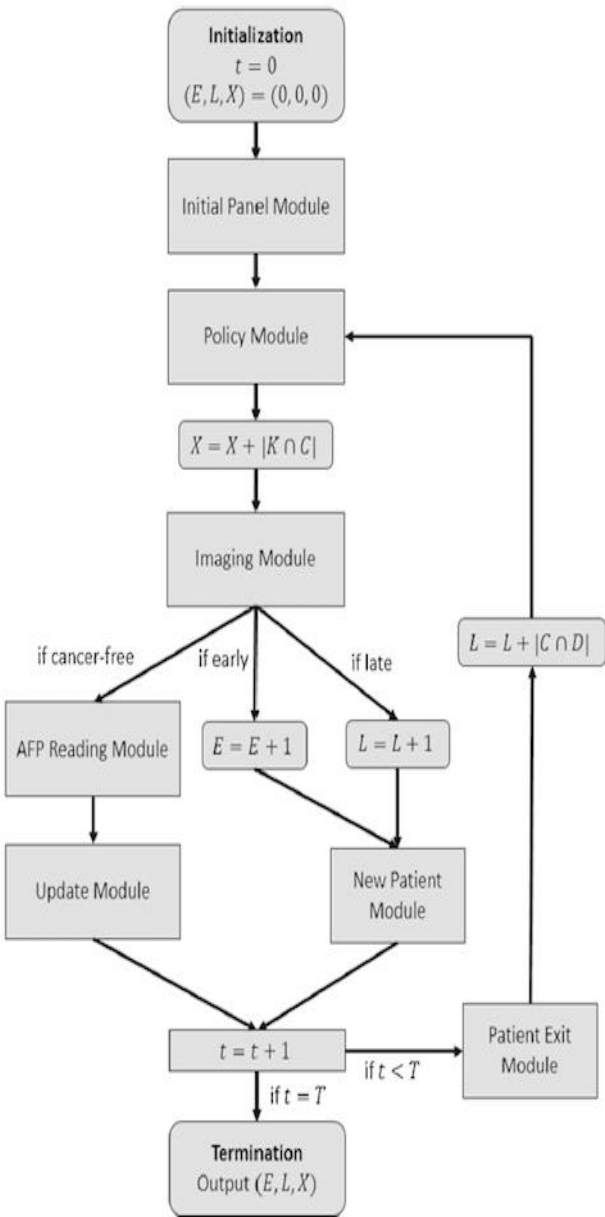
Pid	ciBi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
5	c1B5	82	0	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
6	c1B6	82	0	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
7	c1B7	89	0	0	0	0

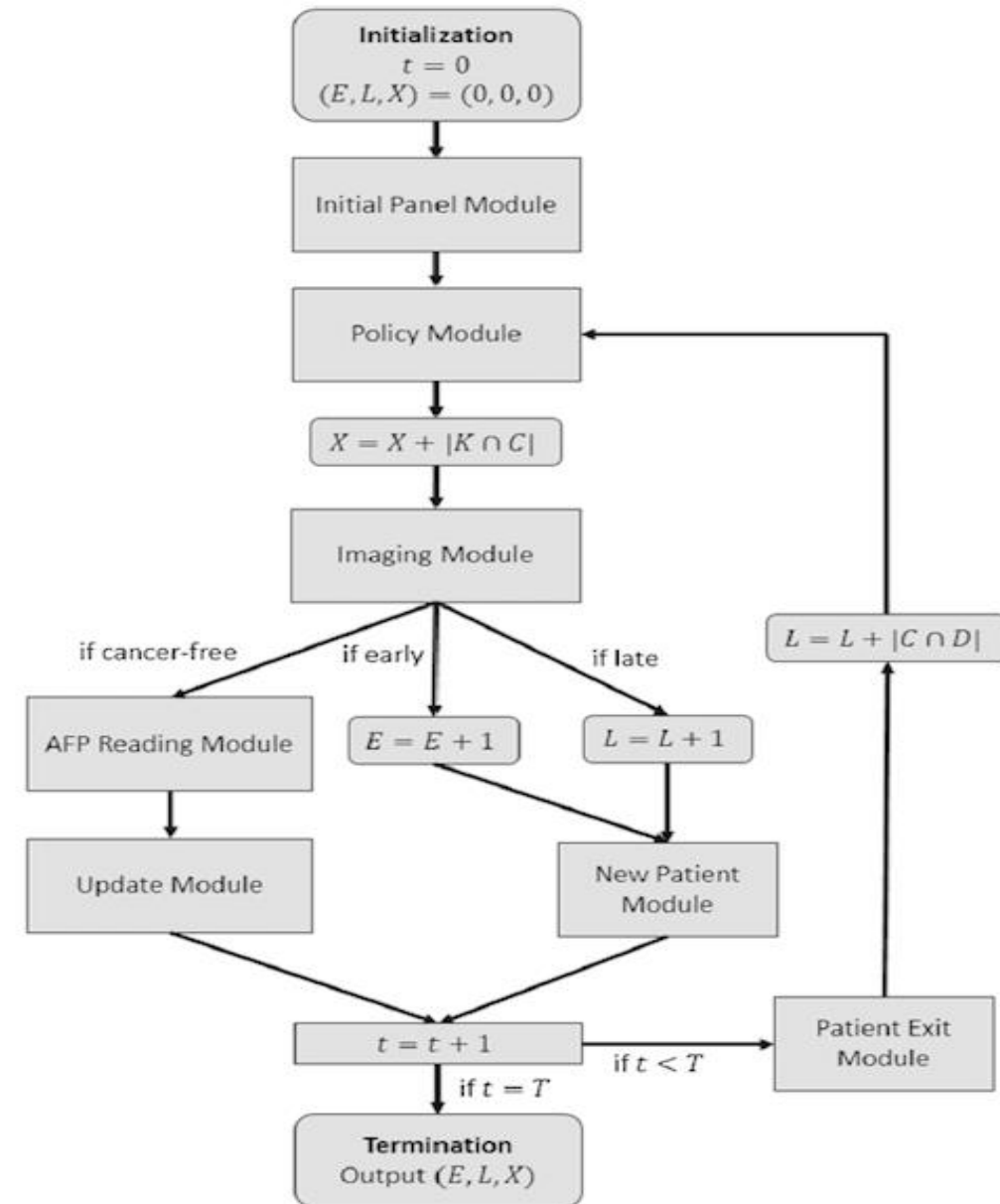
Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
8	c1B8	89	0	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
9	c1B9	89	0	0	0	0



Policy Module (t=2)

- Calculate $P(\text{HCC})$ & Rank. Then choose $k=3$ out of $N=12$
- $P_3=0.67 > P_4=0.55 > P_{\text{new}}=0.50 > P_1=0.3 > P_8=0.3 > \dots$
- $X = X + |K \cap C|$
 - $X = 2$
 - $K = \{P_1, P_4, P_3\}$
 - $C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$
 - $|K \cap C| = 4$
- $X = 2 + 4 = 6$
- X is the number of screening spent on patients who would eventually develop cancer



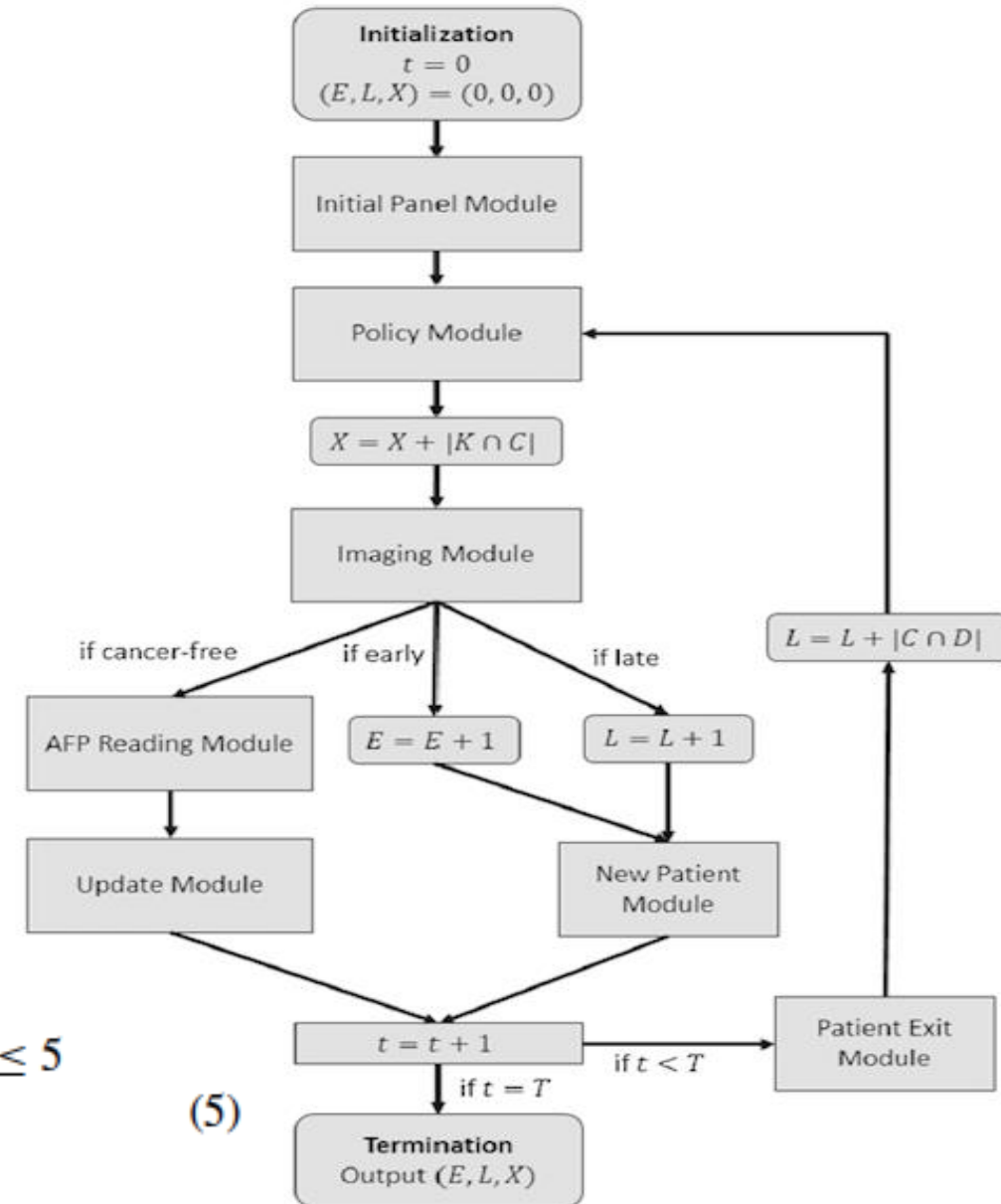
Imaging Module (t=2)

• P_3, P_{new}, P_4

- $P_3 \rightarrow$ belongs to C
 - Estimated tumor $s = 0.4$
 - **Cancer Free**
- $P_{\text{new}} \rightarrow$ belongs to C
 - Estimate tumor $s = 2$
 - **Early**
- $P_4 \rightarrow$ belongs to N
 - **Cancer Free**

Note: $s = 2^{\frac{t-\bar{t}}{\delta}} \cdot \bar{s}$

State = $\begin{cases} \text{Early} & \text{if } t \geq \bar{t} \text{ and } 1 \leq s \leq 5 \\ \text{Late} & \text{if } t \geq \bar{t} \text{ and } 5 < s \\ \text{Cancer-Free} & \text{if Otherwise} \end{cases}$ (5)



Imaging Module Output (t=2)

$P_3, P_4 \rightarrow$ Cancer Free; $P_{\text{new}} \rightarrow$ Early

Cancer Free: AFP Module and Update Module (P_3, P_4)

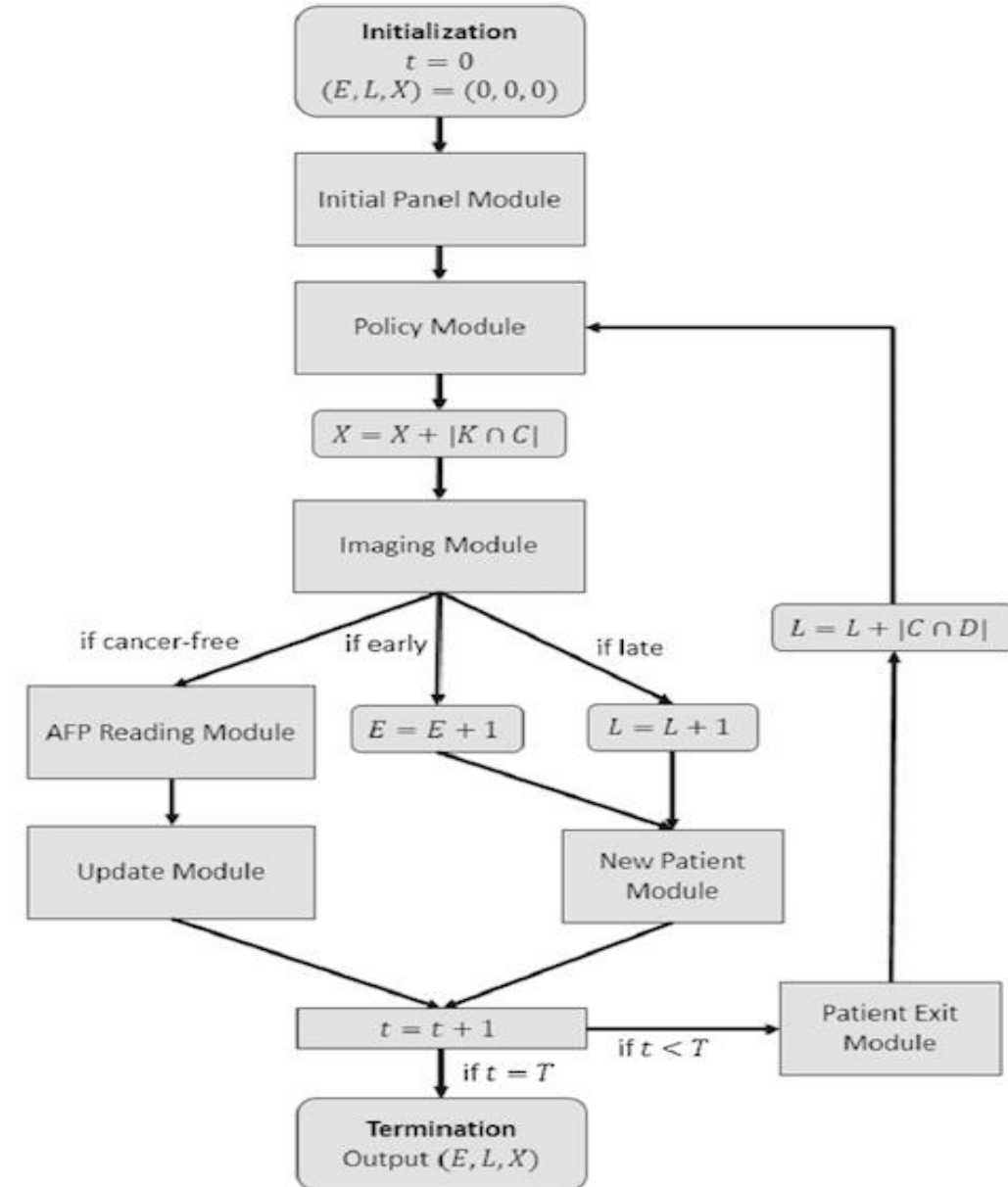
Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	Sbar at tbar = y	t
3	-2.7	81	0	0	x	0
3	-2.7	200	84	119	x	1
3	-2.7	100	64	-100	x	2
3	-2.7	120	52	20	x	3

Early: E and New Patient Module (P_1)

- $P_1 \rightarrow$ Early $\rightarrow E = 0 + 1 = 1$
- Replace P_1

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	Sbar at tbar = 1	t
New_2	-2	99	0	0	3	0

- Advance to **t+1**



Time $t = 3$

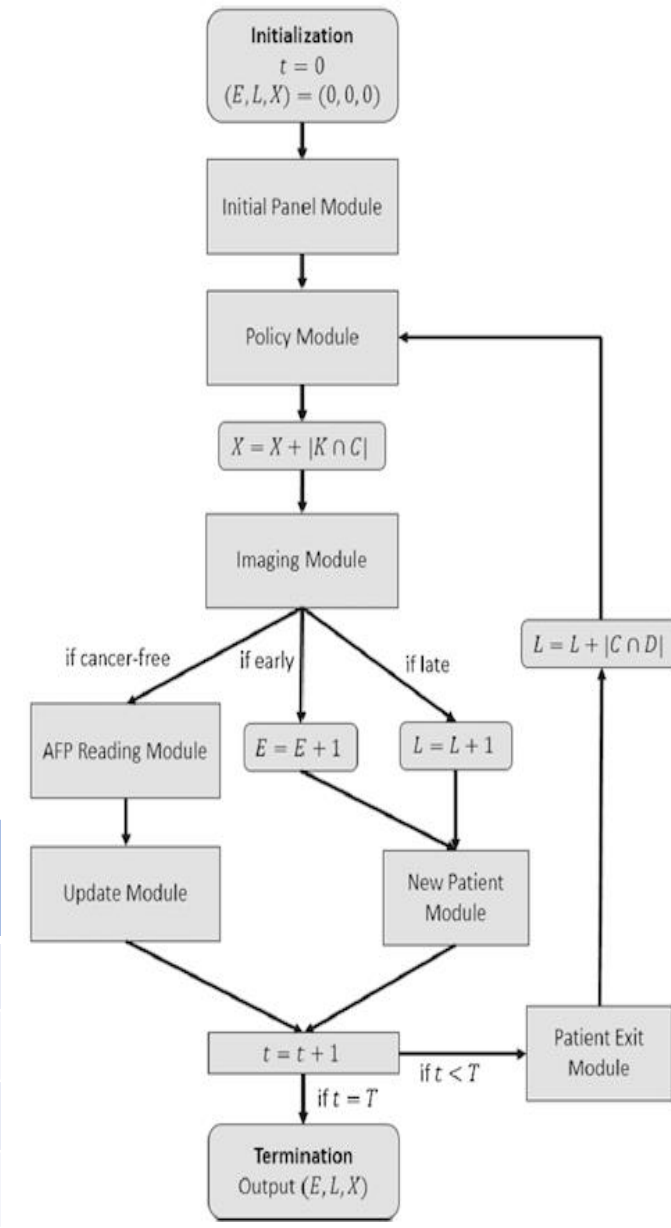
$T = 4$

Patient Exit Module (t=3)

If $t < T$ ($2 < 3$):

- D = departing patients (subset of K)
 - Time $t \geq T$, or death, or voluntary withdrawal
 - Patients in D eliminated and replaced
- P_3 : ($t = 3$) = ($T=3$)
 - Patient $P_3 \rightarrow$ eliminated and replaced
- All patients D^C increment L by 1
 - $D = \{P_3\}$
 - $C = \{P_1, P_3, P_{\text{new}}\}$
 - $D^C = 1$
 - $L = L + |C^D|$
 - **$L = 0+1 = 1$**

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	Sbar at tbar =y	t
3	-2.7	81	0	0	sbar	0
3	-2.7	200	84	119	sbar	1
3	-2.7	100	64	-100	sbar	2
3	-2.7	120	52	20	sbar	3



List of N Patients (t=3)

HCC (3)

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
new	-2	99	0	0	3	0

REPLACE

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
2	-18.6	88	0	0	8	0

REPLACE

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
3	-2.7	81	0	0	8	0
3	-2.7	200	84	119	8	1

$C = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_{\text{new}_2}\}$
 $D = \{P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}, P_{12}\}$

Non HCC (9)

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
4	-0.47	94	0	0	0	0
4	-0.47	96	1.4	2	0	1

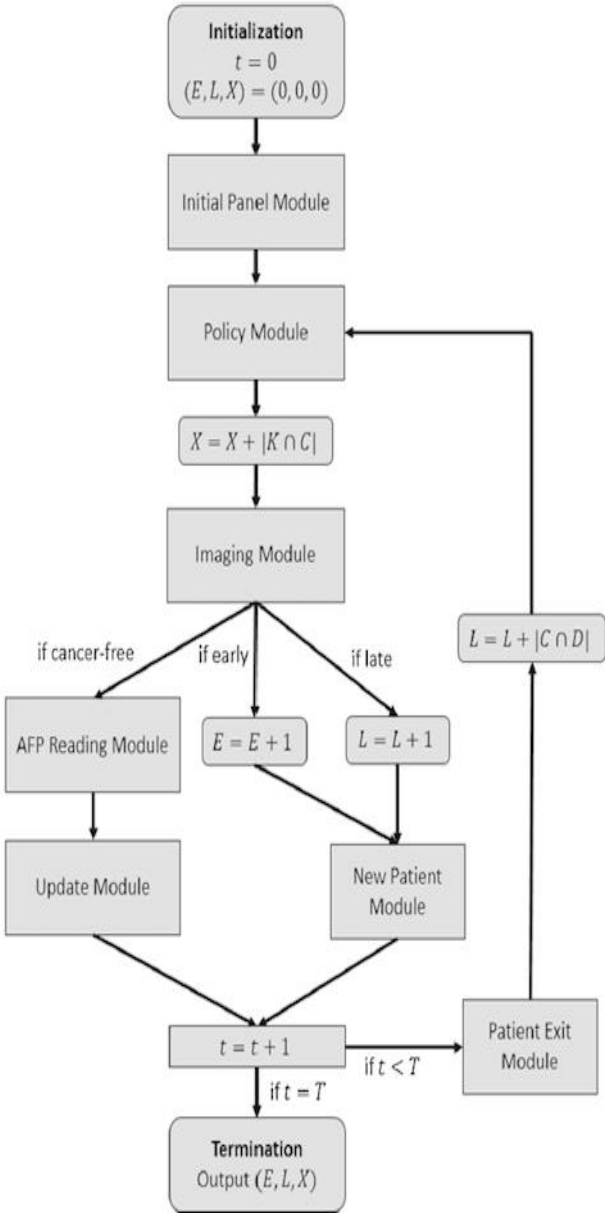
Pid	ciBi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
5	c1B5	82	0	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
6	c1B6	82	0	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
7	c1B7	89	0	0	0	0

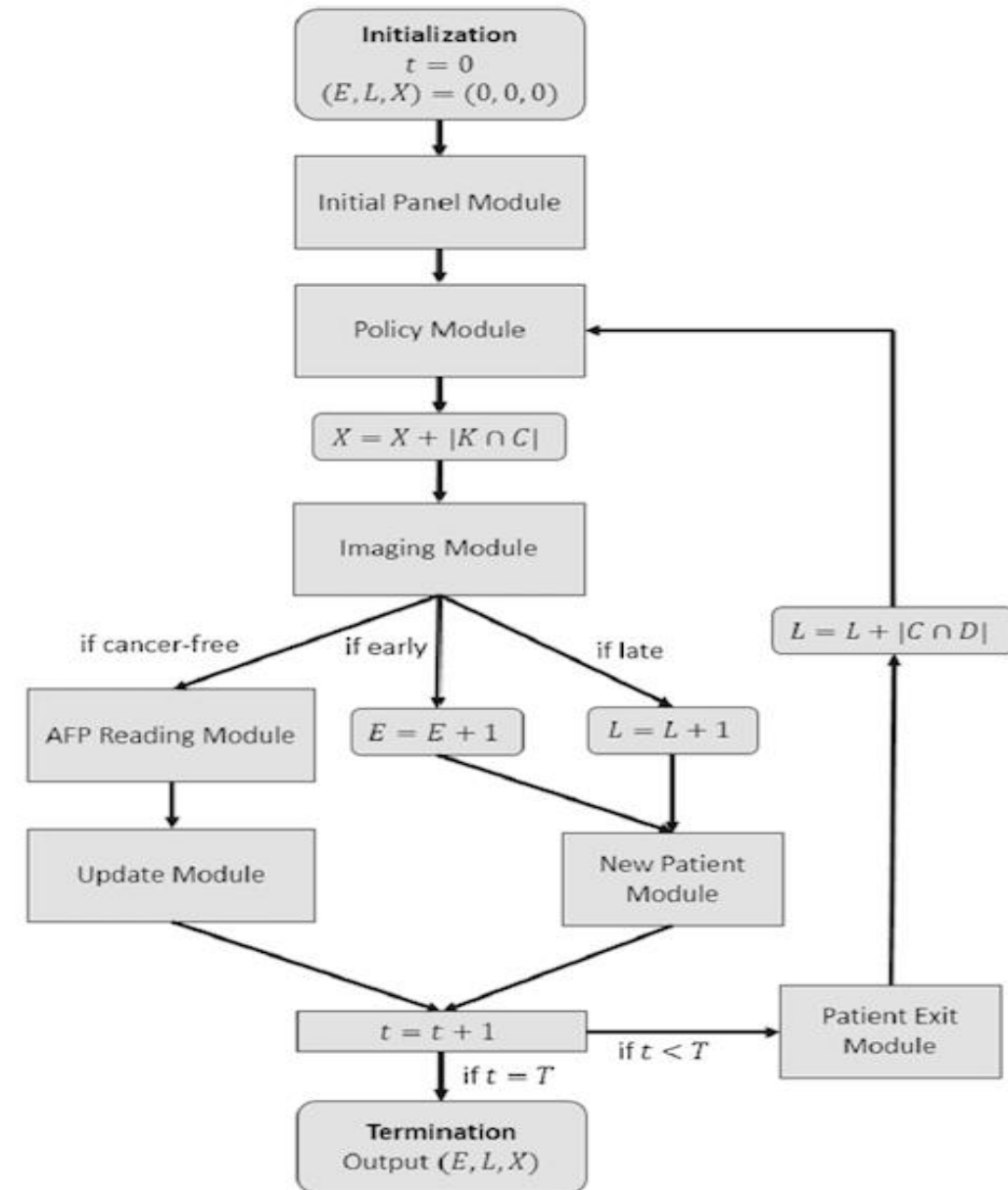
Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
8	c1B8	89	0	0	0	0

Pid	c1Bi	AFP	SS	RR	s	t
9	c1B9	89	0	0	0	0



Run $t=3$

- Say we run Policy Module again, all of the selected are cancer-free
 - X will not change: $X = 6$
- We run the Imaging Module
 - They go to cancer-free subset, AFP and Update Module are run.
 - E will not change: $E = 1$
 - L will not change: $L = 1$
- Then we arrive at $t = t + 1 = 4$
- $(t=4) = (T=4) \rightarrow$ Termination



Time $t = 4$
 $(t=4) = (T=4)$

Termination

Termination

At Termination, we output:

- **E = 1**
- **X = 6**
- **L = 1**

Performance measures:

1. The proportion of cancers detected in early stage $\frac{E}{E+L}$
2. The proportion of resources spent on patients who eventually develop cancer $\frac{X}{K \times T}$

1. $1/(1+1) = 0.5$

2. $6/(3 \times 4) = 0.5$

