Further Anonymizing The Profiles of Patients Presenting to the Emergency Room Using "De-Identified" Data

Members

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<u>Goal:</u> To identify different clinical profiles ("Phenotypes") of patients who presented to the Emergency room of Harvard Teaching Hospitals, and use k-anonymity, L-diversity and t-closeness to show that structured various generalization schemes can effectively "hide" these profiles and reduce attribute or membership disclosure. For this, we will use real-world medical data, in the form of MIMIC-IV released through MIT and Beth Israel Hospital and covering admissions to their intensive care unit from 2008 to 2019.

Data MIMIC-IV is a publicly available database sourced from the electronic health record of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Information available includes patient measurements, orders, diagnoses, procedures, treatments, and deidentified free-text clinical notes.¹ This is an extensive data repository as summarized in table 1 below.¹ For this proof of concept study, we used a subset represented in this dataset. https://physionet.org/content/mimic-iv-ecg-ext-icd-labels/1.0.1/²

	Hospital admissions	ICU admissions
Number of stays	431,231	73,181
Unique patients	180,733	50,920
Age, mean (SD)	58.8 (19.2)	64.7 (16.9)
Female Administrative Gender, n (%)	224,990 (52.2)	32,363 (44.2)
Insurance, n (%)		
Medicaid	41,330 (9.6)	5,528 (7.6)
Medicare	160,560 (37.2)	33,091 (45.2)
Other	229,341 (53.2)	34,562 (47.2)
Hospital length of stay, mean (SD)	4.5 (6.6)	11.0 (13.3)
In-hospital mortality, n (%)	8,974 (2.1)	8,519 (11.6)
One year mortality, n (%)	106,218 (24.6)	28,274 (38.6)

Table 1. Demographics for patients admitted to an intensive care unit (ICU) in MIMIC-IV v2.2.

All data are deidentified in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Safe Harbor provision. Look-up tables were used to randomly assign patients with a unique identifier (subject_id) and hospitalizations with a unique identifier (hadm_id). Dates were perturbed by shifting them using a patient-level offset. The shift ensures that the interval between two time points for a patient is preserved. The authors combined 2 published algorithms to remove PHI from the database and replace it with 3 consecutive underscores ("").

MIMIC-IV table	Description of change			
emar, emar_detail, ingredientevents, omr, poe, poe_detail, pharmacy	New tables only present in MIMIC-IV.			
labevents	Added the following columns: storetime, specimen_id, ref_range_lower, ref_range_upper, priority, and comments.			
microbiologyevents	Added the following columns: micro_specimen_id, test_seq, storedate, storetime, test_name, test_name, quantity, comments.			
labevents	Added the following columns: storetime, specimen_id, ref_range_lower, ref_range_upper, priority, and comments.			
hcpcsevents, d_hcpcs	Replaced the <i>cptevents</i> and d _ <i>cpt</i> tables.			
	Columns starttime and endtime replaced startdate and enddate as the associated time is now available.			
prescriptions	Columns drug_name_generic and drug_name_poe were removed.			
	Columns pharmacy_id, form_rx, and pharmacy_id were added.			
inputevents	Renamed; equivalent to inputevents_mv in MIMIC-III. inputevents_cv has been removed.			
procedureevents	Renamed; equivalent to procedureevents_mv in MIMIC-III.			
icustays	The unit-level identifier <code>icustay_id</code> has been replaced with the general location-based identifier <code>stay_id</code> is used to identify a period of stay within a single location.			

Table 2. Major changes between MIMIC-III v1.4 and MIMIC-IV v2.2.

Proposed Work

In a world where data is the new currency, protecting sensitive medical information has never been more critical. The sheer volume of healthcare data being generated holds incredible potential for breakthroughs in treatment, research, and Al-driven innovation.

Medical data presents unique challenges for privacy engineering, with both unique risks to privacy but also critical utility. While data in many domains can be altered or even reset if needed, medical identifiers such as health status, biometrics and even genetic data cannot (Price and Cohen, Nat Comm 2019). Moreover, while techniques such as k-anonymity and differential privacy operate by generating statistical results from which an individual's attributes are difficult to ascertain, unique attributes are often required for medical therapy. Such challenges are even more acute given the convergence of data to which access is protected under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA; Mandl and Perakslis, NEJM 2022), and commercial technologies which are often not covered entities under such regulations.

Our goal is to anonymize publicly available medical data, focusing on identifying and protecting quasi-identifiers and attributes that are accessible online. Safeguarding patient privacy while maintaining the utility of healthcare data is critical in providing valuable medical insights without compromising patient identity. To achieve this, we will adhere to various medical regulations and guidelines, ensuring that the anonymization process is both rigorous and compliant.

For implementation, we aim to address the risk disclosure triad: attribute disclosure, identity disclosure, and membership disclosure. These are key concerns when making medical data publicly available and safe for use in predictive AI models.

Survey of Related Work

The anonymization of public medical data is a well-established practice, driven by the need to balance privacy with the data's inherent value for research and education. De-identifying healthcare data is essential for protecting patient privacy and complying with regulations such as HIPAA. Medical data comes in many forms—ranging from quantitative metrics to multimedia representations of medical conditions, diseases, and anatomical features. The diversity of data formats adds complexity to the anonymization process, requiring tailored approaches.

For instance, images may need to be blurred to obscure identifiable features, and voices distorted to mask individuals' identities. The challenge lies in anonymizing the data while preserving clinically relevant information, ensuring that the insights drawn remain valuable without compromising patient confidentiality.

Preliminary Results or Investigation

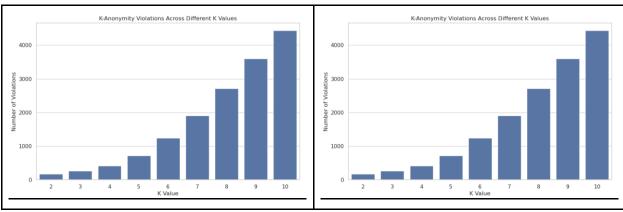
This synthetic healthcare dataset mimics real-world patient records, designed for data science and machine learning practice. Generated using Python's Faker library, it enables hands-on experience in healthcare analytics without actual patient privacy concerns. This fully synthetic dataset is a secure, privacy-compliant resource for healthcare data analysis, fostering innovation and learning in data science.

Here's a brief explanation of each column in the dataset -

- Name: This column represents the name of the patient associated with the healthcare record
- Age: The age of the patient at the time of admission, expressed in years.
- Gender: Indicates the gender of the patient, either "Male" or "Female."
- **Blood Type:** The patient's blood type, which can be one of the common blood types (e.g., "A+", "O-", etc.).
- **Medical Condition:** This column specifies the primary medical condition or diagnosis associated with the patient, such as "Diabetes," "Hypertension," "Asthma," and more.
- **Date of Admission:** The date on which the patient was admitted to the healthcare facility.
- **Doctor:** The name of the doctor responsible for the patient's care during their admission.
- Hospital: Identifies the healthcare facility or hospital where the patient was admitted.
- Insurance Provider: This column indicates the patient's insurance provider, which can be one of several options, including "Aetna," "Blue Cross," "Cigna," "UnitedHealthcare," and "Medicare."
- **Billing Amount:** The amount of money billed for the patient's healthcare services during their admission. This is expressed as a floating-point number.

- **Room Number:** The room number where the patient was accommodated during their admission.
- Admission Type: Specifies the type of admission, which can be "Emergency," "Elective," or "Urgent," reflecting the circumstances of the admission.
- **Discharge Date:** The date on which the patient was discharged from the healthcare facility, based on the admission date and a random number of days within a realistic range.
- Medication: Identifies a medication prescribed or administered to the patient during their admission. Examples include "Aspirin," "Ibuprofen," "Penicillin," "Paracetamol," and "Lipitor."
- **Test Results:** Describes the results of a medical test conducted during the patient's admission. Possible values include "Normal," "Abnormal," or "Inconclusive," indicating the outcome of the test.

Quasi-identifiers are attributes like **Age**, **Gender**, **Blood Type** and **Medical Condition** that, when combined, can reveal an individual's identity. Though not unique on their own, their combination increases the risk of re-identification.



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Contributions of Each Members

Member	Contributions
Edward Tatchim	Analyzing related datasets and designing a privacy engineering solution to address risk disclosure triad
Rohan Krishnamurthi	Content Composition & Solution Proposal
Sanjiv Narayan	Project Vision, Scoping and Purpose

Proposed Milestones

- 1. Analyzing related work
- 2. Identifying problem statement
- 3. Defining the importance of a privacy solution
- 4. Defining the scope of the project
 - a. What aspect of privacy engineering do we want to focus on?
- 5. Background and Context
 - a. Identifying and defining medical dataset of interest
 - b. Describing existing regulations protecting medical datasets (HIPAA, GDPR, etc)
 - c. Describing existing regulations around Al modeling
- 6. Deep dive into the challenges of ensuring confidentiality in medical data
 - a. Vulnerabilities
 - b. Threat models
 - c. Areas of misuse
- 7. Identifying privacy engineering techniques
 - a. Identifying techniques
 - b. Testing techniques
 - c. Implementing techniques
- 8. Identifying regulatory Compliance and Ethical Considerations
 - a. Defining regulatory frameworks to support proposed solution
 - b. Defining ethical implications of proposed solution
 - c. Establishing accountability and auditing systems for proposed solution

Sources

Relevant Work:

https://enlitic.com/blogs/deidentifying-and-anonymizing-healthcare-data/#:~:text=Anonymizing%20healthcare%20data%2C%20on%20the,with%20regulations%20such%20as%20HIPAA.

Dataset curation

Kaggle dataset:

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/prasad22/healthcare-dataset

Actual Electronic Medical Record Data

https://physionet.org/content/mimic-iv-ecg-ext-icd-labels/1.0.1/

MIMIC-IV abbreviated open source data ²

Original data from PhysioNet 3

<u>Abstract</u>

MIMIC-IV-ED is a publicly accessible database of over 400,000 emergency department (ED) admissions to the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center between 2011 and 2019. Access to MIMIC-IV-ED requires registration on PhysioNet, identity verification, completion of human participant training, and signing of a data use agreement. Here, we have provided an openly available demo of MIMIC-IV-ED containing a subset of 100 patients. Being a derivative dataset, the MIMIC-IV-ED demo is deidentified according to the same standard as MIMIC-IV-ED. The demo is intended to support workshops, educational material, exploration of MIMIC-IV-ED, and other aims enabled by an openly available dataset.

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Title: The ECG As a Personal Digital Fingerprint

Background: There is increasing concern on the ability to re-identify clinical notes from even de-identified data that meets HIPAA approaches. ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) is an important marker of cardiac health and well-being, but it is not always convenient to obtain serial echocardiograms in patients at risk. We developed a multi-layered deep neural network for the routine 12-lead ECG to predict temporal trajectories of LVEF over time.

Objective: To test the hypothesis that deep learning applied to a single-lead ECG, trained on hundreds of thousands of beats in 12-lead ECGs referenced to LVEF from the echocardiogram, can be used to estimate LVEF trends in a given patient over time.

Methods: We extracted *** echocardiogram reports from *** patients who visited the Stanford hospital between May 2014 and August 2018, matched to 12-lead ECG recordings within \pm 14 days. We first developed a DL based 12-lead ECG classifier to classify reduced echocardiographic LVEF. Using this DL-based ECG-LVEF classifier for pre-training, we developed a multi-layered deep convolutional U-Net to reconstruct the 12-lead ECG from a single V3 – V2 bipole. In a hold-out-test set (N=**), we applied the trained U-Net encoder + classifier to predict a) drop in LVEF, and b) absolute LVEF in serial measurements from the same patient.

FIGURE **

Results: Fig *** indicates prediction of the DL Model for LVEF in (a) a *** year old man, (b) ** year old woman using the DL based 12-lead ECG and single V2-V3 ECG lead. overall, the 12-lead ECG provided an AUC for detecting drop in LVEF of 0.88. Using a single V2-V3 bipole to reconstruct the 12-lead ECG approached provided an AUC of 0.77 to detect a drop in LVEF, while the single-lead V2-V3 alone provided AUC=0.60 of **. There was no improvement when adding clinical or demographic features to the model.

Conclusion: We show that deep convolutional neural networks applied to a single precordial ECG lead, such as from routine ambulatory recorders, can detect longitudinal trends in echocardiographic left ventricular ejection fraction. This approach opens avenues to inexpensive, continuous monitoring of physiological parameters that could be of use in rural, remote and diverse patient populations.

See video on using MIMIC

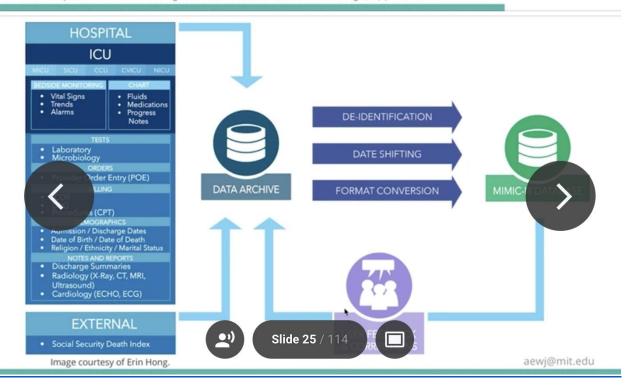
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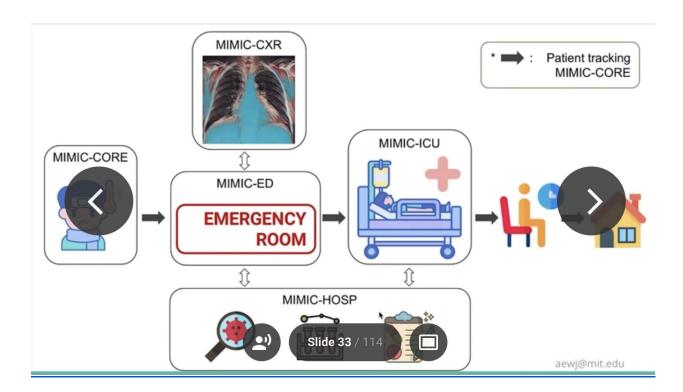
Knowledge gap

- 363 publications testing standard of care [1]
 - o 146 (40%) reversed that practice
 - o 138 (38%) reaffirmed it
- 77 R Ts in the ICU [2] 6 (76%) showed no effect 0 (14%) improved mortality 7 (10%) worsened mortality
- 15 treatments with significant effect in RCTs [3]
 - 7 decreased mortality
 - 8 increased mortality

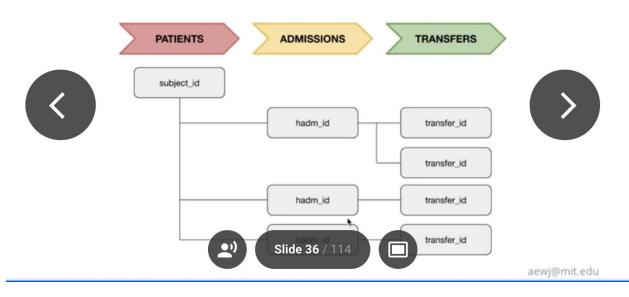


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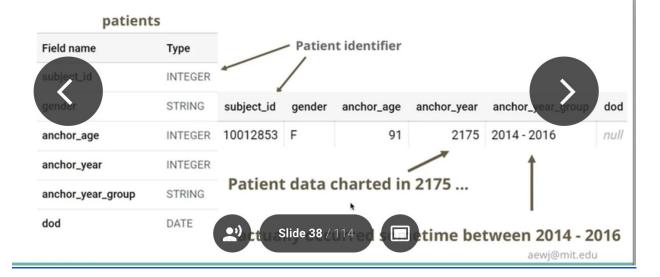




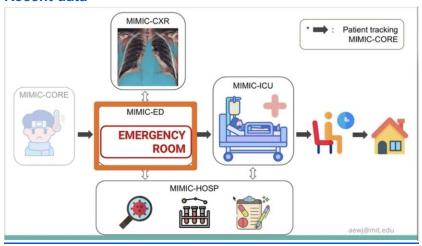
MIMIC-Core: Patients, transfers, admissions



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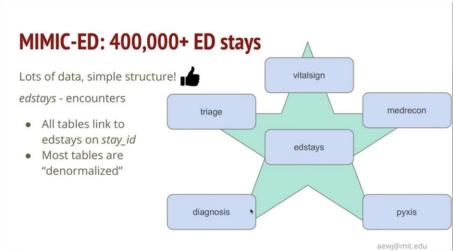
Recent data



"Events" tables

- All of the events are Entity-Attribute-Value (EAV) tables
- The patient stay_id is the entity
- The itemid is the attribute
- The **value** column is the value





MIMIC-ED: triage

Assessment when the patient arrives to the ED ("triage")

stay_id	temperature	heartrate	resprate	o2sat	sbp	dbp	pain	acuity	chiefcomplaint
30056787	97.6	72	16	97	173	60	0	2	DVT, Transfer

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MIMIC-ED: vitalsign

Periodic vital signs recorded while the patient is in the ED

subject_id	stay_id	charttime	temperature	heartrate	resprate	o2sat	sbp	dbp	rhythm	pain
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 18:37:00	97.6	72	16	97	173.0	60.0	None	0
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 21:00:00	None	65	21	96	NaN	NaN	None	None
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 21:34:00	None	69	21	96	164.0	51.0	None	0
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 21:59:00	98	63	24	94	155.0	50.0	None	0
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 22:46:00	None	71	15	93	163.0	59.0	None	0
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 23:24:00	98.4	77	25	97	164.0	48.0	None	0
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 23:24:00	98.4	77	25	97	164.0	48.0	None	0

MIMIC-ED: medrecon

Medicine reconciliation, i.e. what were you taking at home?

subject_id	stay_id	charttime	name	gsn	ndc	etc_rn	etccode	etcdescription
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 19:42:00	amiodarone	017241	16714084301	1	00002734	Antiarrhythmic - Class III
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 19:47:00	methimazole	006675	11528030001	1	00006080	Antithyroid Agents, Thionamides - Imidazole De
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 19:48:00	calcium carbonate-vit D3- min	062773	11822489880	1	00000734	Minerals and Electrolytes - Calcium Replacemen
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 19:45:00	lisinopril	041567	16729019801	1	00000224	ACE Inhibitors
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 19:47:00	ferrous sulfate	062753	54868632400	1	00000785	Minerals and Electrolytes - Iron
10012853	30056787	2180-07-24 19:46:00	Coumadin	018080	15330026601	1	00000806	Anticoagulants - Coumarin
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MIMIC-ED: diagnosis

Diagnosis billed on discharge from the ED

subject_id stay_id seq_num icd_code

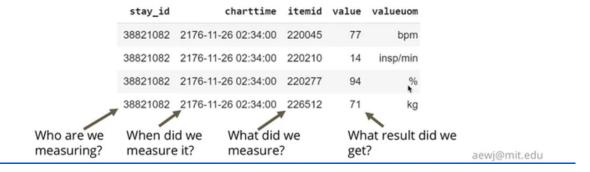
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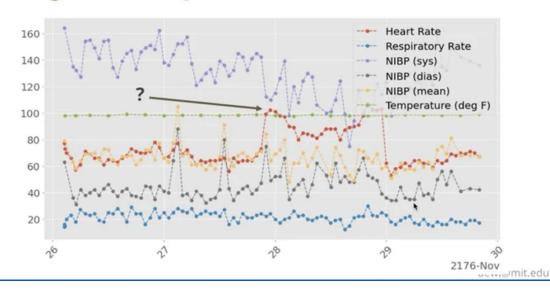
182.622 Acute embolism and thrombosis of deep veins of...

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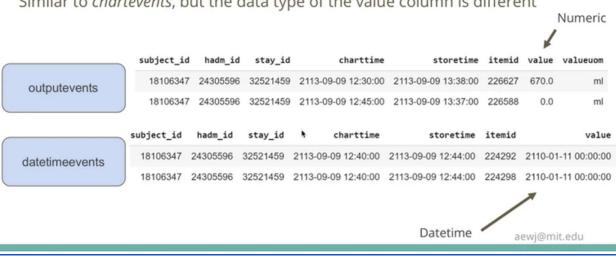


Vital signs for this patient



datetimeevents, outputevents

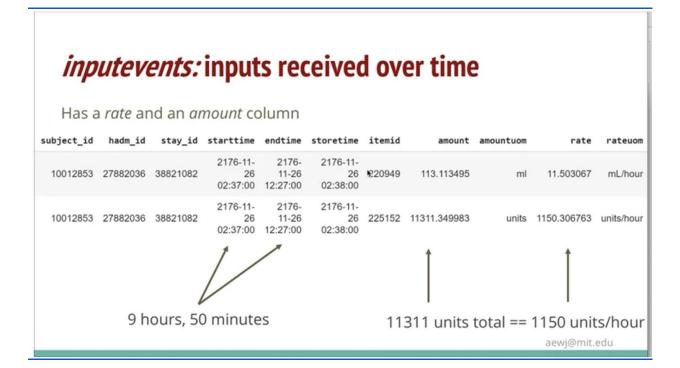
Similar to chartevents, but the data type of the value column is different



procedureevents: events over time

charttime is replaced with starttime and endtime

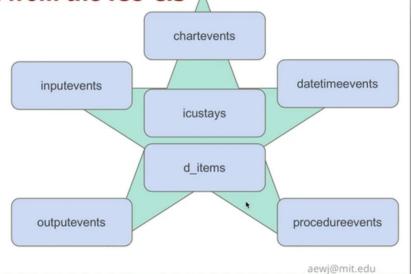
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13859862	25015072	35387083	2155-12- 05 01:50:00	2155- 12-08 18:57:00	2155-12-08 19:07:00.000	225792	89.116667	h h	our
18917458	28038802	31785923	2189-08- 13 21:11:00	2189- 08-18 09:59:00	2189-08-19 08:31:00.000	225792	108.800000	h	our



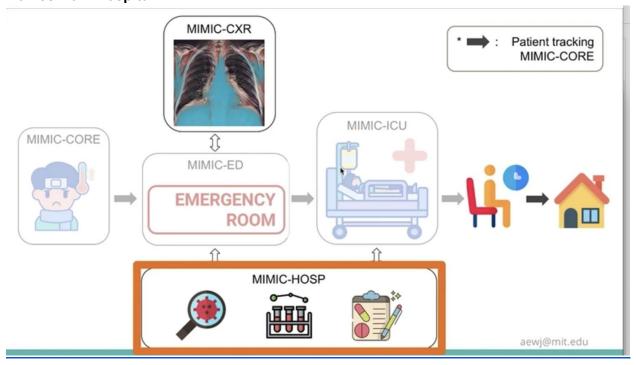
MIMIC-ICU: Data from the ICU CIS A

Data is sourced from MetaVision, the clinical information system (CIS)

- icustays
- d_items
- And the data tables:
 - chartevents
 - datetimeevents
 - inputevents
 - outputevents
 - procedureevents



MIMIC - HOSPITAL Comes from Hospital EHR



MIMIC-Hosp: Billing data

- diagnoses_icd, d_icd_diagnoses
 - o The diagnoses billed for in association with the patient's hospital visit
- drgcodes
 - Classifies the hospital into a diagnosis related group
- procedures_icd, d_icd_procedures
 - o Billed procedures occurring during the patient's hospitalization
- hcpcsevents, d hcpcs
 - Contains CPT codes and other billed healthcare events

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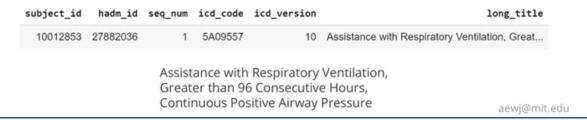
MIMIC-Hosp: Billing data

Procedures billed by the hospital

procedures icd

Only one procedure for this patient

... though probably more than one thing happened during their hospital stay.



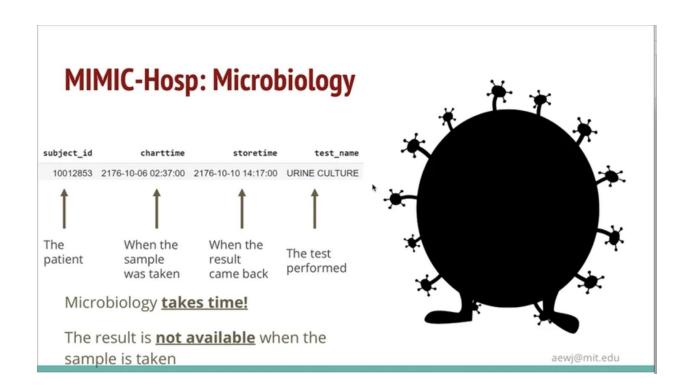
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MIMIC-Hosp: Billing data

hcpcsevents

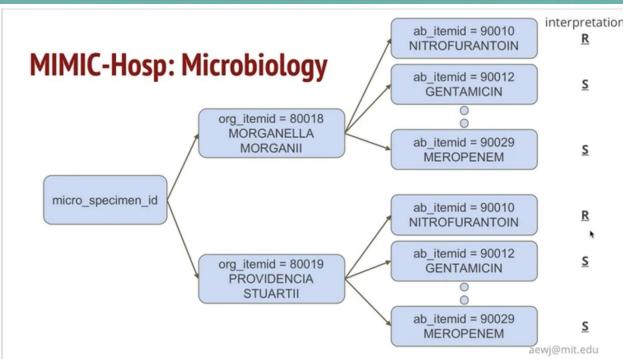
subject_id hadm_id hcpcs_cd seq_num short_description

- No data for this patient
 - o Not all tables will have data for all patients!
- All rows have an hcpcs_cd
- ... but the meaning of the code costs \$\$\$
 - o Not a very useful table anyway!



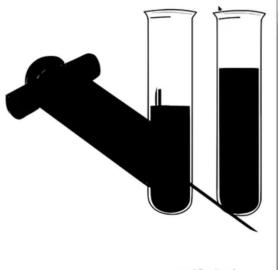
MIMIC-Hosp: Microbiology

subject_id	charttime	storetime	test_name	org_label	ab_label	dilution_text	interpretation
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10012853	2176-10-06 02:37:00	2176-10-10 14:17:00	URINE CULTURE	MORGANELLA MORGANII	TOBRAMYCIN	<=1	S
10012853	2176-10-06 02:37:00	2176-10-10 14:17:00	URINE CULTURE	MORGANELLA MORGANII	CEFTAZIDIME	None	S
10012853	2176-10-06 02:37:00	2176-10-10 14:17:00	URINE CULTURE	MORGANELLA MORGANII	CEFTRIAXONE	<=1	S
10012853	2176-10-06 02:37:00	2176-10-10 14:17:00	URINE CULTURE	MORGANELLA MORGANII	CIPROFLOXACIN	<=0.25	S
10012853	2176-10-06 02:37:00	2176-10-10 14:17:00	URINE CULTURE	MORGANELLA MORGANII	PIPERACILLIN/TAZO	<=4	S
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MIMIC-Hosp: Labs

- Specimens drawn from a patient
- Measurements made on the specimen
 - Blood sample -> electrolytes
 - o Urine sample -> pH
 - Cerebrospinal fluid -> white blood cell count



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MIMIC-Hosp: Data sourced from the hospital EHR

Billing

hcpcsevents d_hcpcs

diagnoses_icd d_icd_diagnoses

procedures_icd d_icd_procedures

drgcodes

Measurements

microbiologyevents

labevents d_labitems

Medications

prescriptions pharmacy

emar emar_detail

Admin

poe poe_detail

services

prescriptions, pharmacy, emar, emar_detail

- prescriptions
 - Medications ordered for a patient
- pharmacy
 - o Details about those medications from the pharmacy
- emar, emar_detail
 - o Electronic medicine administration record
 - Digitally captures all administrations of a compound

aewi@mit.edu Information from poe_detail MIMIC-Hosp: Administrative data subject_id poe_id ordertime field_value order_type order_subtype field name 10012853 10012853-203 2176-11-26 00:09:39 ADT orders Admit Admit category Place in observation 10012853 10012853-209 2176-11-26 01:32:13 ADT orders Admit Admit category Admit to inpatient 10012853 10012853-215 2176-11-26 01:32:13 Indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) - Foley General Care Tubes/Drains Tubes & Drains type 10012853 10012853-223 2176-11-26 01:45:45 General Care Code status Code status Resuscitate (Full code) 10012853 10012853-225 2176-11-26 03:09:58 ADT orders Transfer Transfer to MICU - Orange 10012853-225 2176-11-26 03:09:58 10012853 ADT orders Transfer Admit category Admit to inpatient 10012853-232 2176-11-26 03:09:58 Resuscitate (Full code) General Care Code status Code status 10012853 10012853-295 2176-11-27 12:39:20 IV therapy IV access request Indication Hydration 10012853-337 2176-11-29 21:55:48 10012853 ADT orders Transfer Admit category Admit to inpatient 10012853 10012853-359 2176-11-29 21:55:48 Code status Resuscitate (Full code) 10012853 10012853-365 2176-11-29 21:55:48 Indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) - Foley General Care Tubes/Drains Tubes & Drains type 10012853 10012853-377 2176-12-01 10:06:35 General Care Tubes/Drains Tubes & Drains type Indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) - Foley

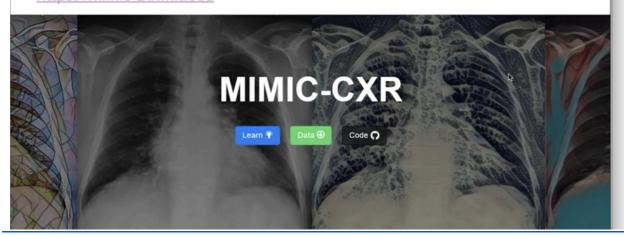
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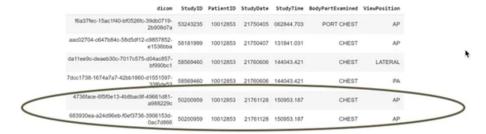
MIMIC-CXR: Chest x-rays for hospitalized patients

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MIMIC-CXR + MIMIC-IV

If we look in MIMIC-CXR for this patient, we turn up 6 x-rays! Two of these occur during the same hospitalization (the last two).



In fact, recall there was an order in *poe* for the x-ray:

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MIMIC-CXR + MIMIC-IV - The x-rays





Note the top right corner has been deidentified

IMPRESSION:

1. Moderate pulmonary congestion and mild interstitial edema is increased, moderate right pleural effusion is new, and moderate left basilar atelectasis is increased since ___, consistent with acute CHF exacerbation.

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The actual story (from the note!)