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1. Abstract

The healthcare industry generates massive amounts of data daily—from patient admissions and treatment records to billing and discharge details. However, this data often resides in multiple systems, making comprehensive analysis difficult.

This project aims to design and implement a **Healthcare Data Warehouse and Analytics System** that integrates scattered data sources into a centralized warehouse, enabling efficient data analysis and visualization through **Business Intelligence (BI)** tools and **Machine Learning (ML)/Deep Learning (DL)** models.

The system consolidates hospital, patient, treatment, insurance, WHO, and billing information using a **Star Schema** design. It employs **ETL (Extract–Transform–Load)** processes for data integration and cleansing, and uses **Power BI dashboards** for visual insights.

On top of this, **K-Means Clustering, Linear Regression, Isolation Forest, and a Deep Learning (ANN)** model were applied to discover patterns, predict high billing cases, and detect anomalies in hospital performance.

This integration of data warehousing, analytics, and AI provides healthcare institutions with a foundation for data-driven decision-making, improved efficiency, and better financial and operational transparency.

2. Introduction

Healthcare organizations must make timely and informed decisions based on accurate data. However, their data is often scattered across multiple operational systems, limiting accessibility and analytical potential. The Healthcare Data Warehouse and Analytics System was developed to consolidate healthcare data from various sources into a unified storage structure. Healthcare organizations often struggle with fragmented data spread across multiple OLTP systems, APIs, and files. This project aims to resolve these challenges by implementing a Star Schema-based warehouse in PostgreSQL, enabling efficient data storage, analysis, and visualization.

3. Problem Statement

Hospitals face challenges in managing and analyzing large volumes of operational and financial data:

- Data scattered across multiple systems with no centralized access.
- Difficulty in identifying trends in patient treatment costs and billing patterns.
- No predictive system to forecast high billing or detect anomalies.
- Lack of data-driven decision-making in hospital performance evaluation.

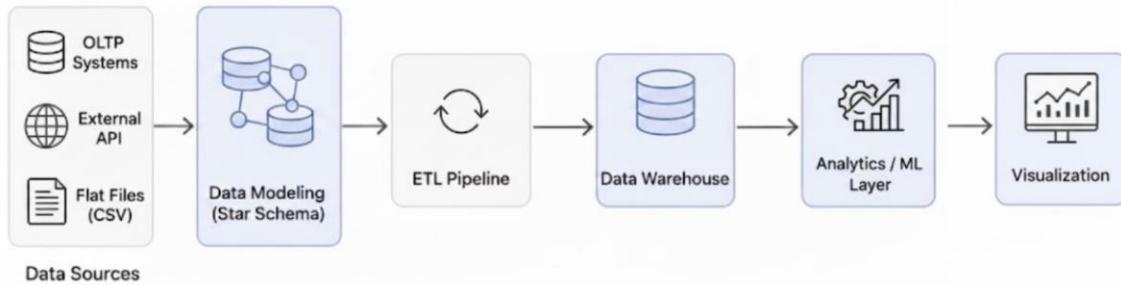
This project addresses these issues by developing a **centralized, analytical, and predictive system** for healthcare data.

4. Objectives

1. To design and implement a **data warehouse** integrating healthcare data from multiple sources.
2. To design a **Star Schema** supporting efficient analytical queries.
3. To develop an **ETL pipeline** for data extraction, transformation, and loading.
4. To apply **Machine Learning and Data Mining** for predictive and diagnostic analytics.
5. To visualize data using **Power BI dashboards** for hospital performance monitoring.
6. To generate insights that enhance operational efficiency and financial accuracy.

5. System Architecture Overview

The architecture consists of six main components: data sources, data modeling, ETL pipeline, data warehouse, analytics/ML layer, and visualization dashboards. Data is extracted from multiple OLTP systems, an external WHO API, and a flat file (CSV). It is then cleaned, validated, and loaded into the warehouse.



6. Methodology

6.1. Data Sources and Integration

The system integrates data from the following five sources:

1. OLTP System 1 – Patient Database
2. OLTP System 2 – Treatment Database
3. OLTP System 3 – Billing Database

4. WHO API – Health indicators and global healthcare statistics
5. CSV Flat File – Insurance Data

6.2. Data Modeling (Star Schema Design)

The warehouse follows a Star Schema design, which includes one Fact Table and six Dimension Tables.

- **FactPatientTreatment**
- **DimHospital**
- **DimTreatment**
- **DimDate**
- **DimHealthIndicator**
- **DimPatient**
- **DimDoctor**

This structure ensures fast querying and simplified relationships between facts and dimensions.

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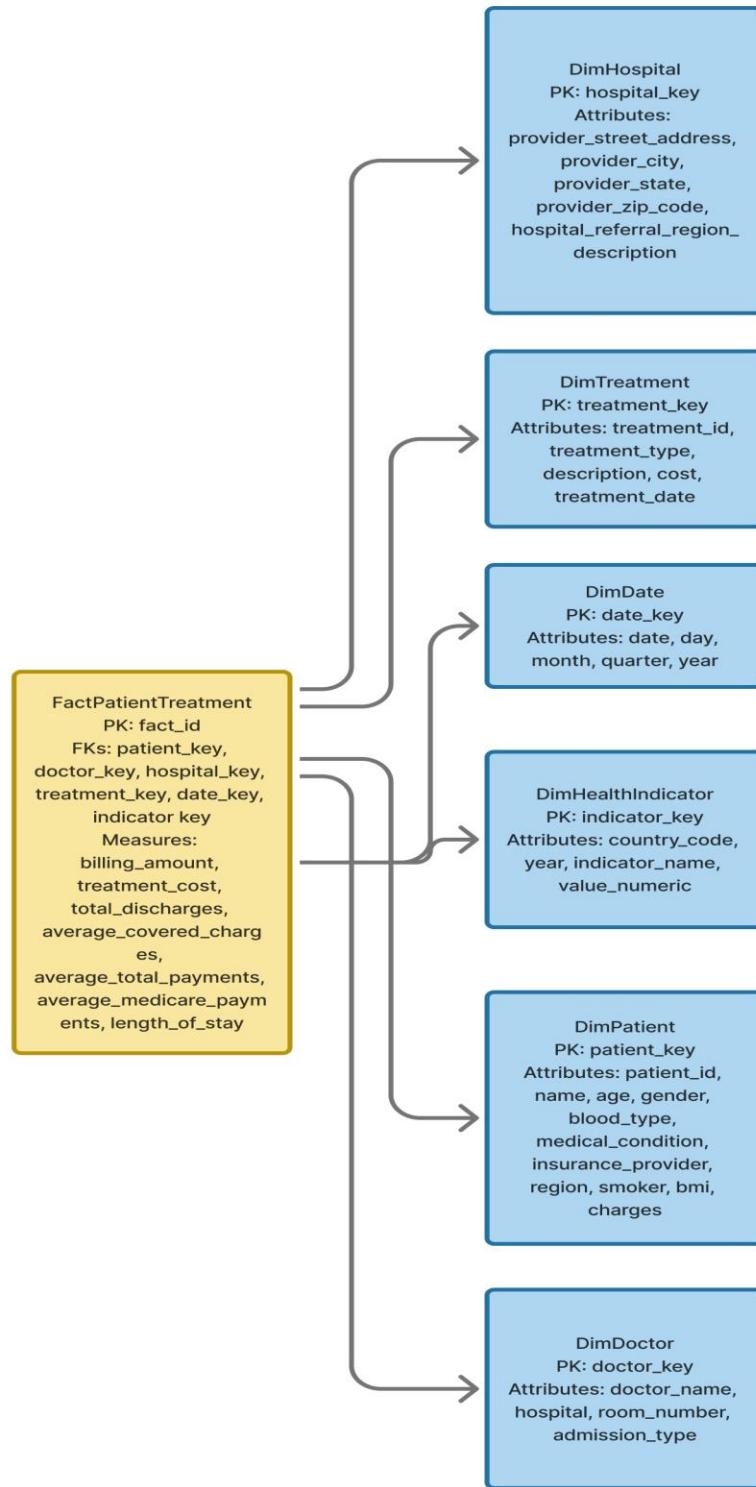


Figure 1: Healthcare Data Warehouse Star Schema

6.3. ETL Pipeline Implementation

The ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) process was implemented in Python. Data extraction was performed from OLTP databases, API, and CSV file. The transformation phase involved cleaning, handling missing values, removing duplicates, and mapping data into the warehouse schema. Finally, data was loaded into PostgreSQL.

1. Extract

- **Sources used (as in notebook):**
 - patients_data.csv (OLTP — Patient)
 - billing_data.csv (OLTP — Billing)
 - treatments_data.csv (OLTP — Treatments)
 - api_health_data_clean.csv (WHO API extracted to CSV)
 - insurance_clean.csv (Flat file)
- Extraction is performed with `pd.read_csv()` inside small modular functions (`extract_patient_data()`, `extract_billing_data()`, etc.).
- Each extraction step is wrapped in `try/except` to handle missing uploads or I/O errors gracefully (the notebook prints status messages if extraction fails).

2. Transform

All transformation steps are performed in-memory using pandas DataFrames. The notebook performs the following, in this order:

1. Standardization & Renaming

- All column names are normalized (lowercased, spaces replaced with underscores).
- Fields with multiple naming conventions (for example Pat_ID, patientid) are mapped to the canonical schema (e.g., patient_id).

2. Cleaning

- Duplicate rows are removed via `drop_duplicates()`.
- String fields are `str.strip()`-ed and lowercased where appropriate.
- Date columns are converted to datetime and normalized to YYYY-MM-DD.

3. Missing Value Handling

- Numerical columns use median imputation; categorical columns use mode where appropriate.
- Where the dataset lacks critical foreign keys, the notebook applies rule-based filling (or flags rows for later review).

4. Dimension Table Construction

The notebook builds the following dimension DataFrames explicitly:

- `dim_patient` — includes `patient_id`, `patient_key` and demographic attributes.

- dim_doctor — includes doctor_id, doctor_key, specialty, etc.
- dim_hospital — hospital identifiers, location attributes and hospital_key.
- dim_treatment — treatment identifiers, treatment codes, descriptions and treatment_key.
- dim_date — generated from date columns across datasets to support time analysis.
- dim_health_indicator — cleaned WHO API indicators with indicator_key, country_code, year, indicator_name, value_numeric.

Each dimension is created by selecting, deduplicating, and normalizing the relevant columns from the extracted DataFrames. The notebook ensures unique synthetic surrogate keys (e.g., patient_key, doctor_key) for each dimension.

5. Fact Table Construction

- The fact table fact_patient_treatment is built by **sampling** (the notebook uses `dim_* .sample(..., replace=True)` with a fixed random seed for reproducibility) and concatenating dimension keys to create realistic fact rows.
- The notebook generates fields such as:
 - fact_id (synthetic ID like F0001, F0002, ...)
 - billing_amount (derived as charges * 0.8)
 - length_of_stay (random integer range to simulate stays)
- The fact DataFrame is created with columns that reference the dimension surrogate keys (patient_key, doctor_key, hospital_key, treatment_key) to reflect the Star Schema relationships.

6. Validation & Logging

- After each transformation, the notebook prints shapes and sample rows to confirm transformations.
- Basic validation ensures referential integrity between generated fact rows and the dimension keys present.

3. Load

The **Load** phase focuses on moving the cleaned and transformed data into the data warehouse for storage and analysis. After preparing the fact and dimension tables, they are saved as final datasets (CSV files) that can later be imported into PostgreSQL. This ensures that the data is organized in the Star Schema structure and ready for use in analytics, reporting, and visualization tools.

6.4. Data Cleaning and Validation

This report presents a comprehensive **data cleaning and validation methodology** applied to the healthcare dataset used in the machine learning pipeline. Given the critical nature of healthcare data—where accuracy directly influences medical

decisions and patient outcomes—this methodology ensures the highest standards of data quality, integrity, and consistency.

The approach combines general data quality frameworks with **healthcare-specific validation rules**, providing a robust foundation for clinical analytics and predictive modeling.

1. Data Cleaning Process

The following systematic data cleaning steps were applied to ensure data readiness for analytical and clinical use.

1. Initial Data Assessment and Quality Audit

- **Comprehensive Data Loading:** Extracted and integrated data from a multi-sheet Excel workbook containing both fact tables (*FactPatientTreatment*) and dimension tables (*DimTreatment*, *DimPatient*, *DimHospital*, *DimHealthIndicator*, *DimDoctor*, *DimDate*).
- **Structural Verification:** Verified the dataset architecture, comprising 200 complete patient records with 14 critical clinical and financial attributes in the primary fact table.
- **Data Type Validation:** Ensured correct data types for numerical, categorical, and temporal variables to maintain analytical compatibility.

2. Missing Value Identification and Strategic Treatment

- **Systematic Null Detection:** Conducted automated scanning for missing values across all tables.
- **Evidence-Based Imputation Strategy:**
 - **Numerical (Clinical/Financial):** Mean or median imputation preserving variance.
 - **Categorical (Demographic):** Mode-based or medically appropriate value assignment.
 - **Patient Identifiers:** Enforced non-null values with manual review for missing identifiers.

3. Data Type Standardization and Format Harmonization

- **Numerical Data Integrity:** Converted financial fields (*billing_amount*, *treatment_cost*, *payment*) to float types.
- **Temporal Validation:** Standardized date fields into consistent datetime format.

- **Categorical Normalization:** Standardized categorical variables (*gender*, *blood_type*, *medical_specialty*) using medical terminology conventions.

4. Advanced Outlier Detection and Clinical Validation

- **Outlier Detection Methods:** Applied *z-score* (>3), *IQR*, and domain-based detection techniques.
- **Clinical Review Integration:** Validated outliers with domain knowledge to distinguish between true medical anomalies and data errors.
- **Treatment Protocols:**
 - **Valid Extremes:** Retained with appropriate documentation.
 - **Erroneous Entries:** Corrected or removed per data governance protocols.

5. Systematic Data Transformation and Feature Engineering

- **Algorithm-Specific Preparation:** StandardScaler normalization for clustering algorithms.
- **Categorical Encoding:** One-hot and label encoding applied based on model requirements.
- **Feature Engineering:** Created clinically meaningful derived variables to enhance model interpretability and performance.

6. Holistic Data Integration and Relationship Management

- **Referential Integrity:** Enforced primary–foreign key consistency between fact and dimension tables.
- **Cross-Table Consistency:** Automated checks for logical consistency across patient demographics and treatment data.
- **Duplicate Management:** Applied intelligent duplicate detection and resolution while preserving data lineage.

7. Duplicate Value Detection and Resolution

Duplicate records were identified and removed to ensure data accuracy and consistency. Exact duplicate rows were deleted, while partial duplicates were reviewed and merged carefully to preserve complete information. Primary key checks were applied to prevent the reoccurrence of duplicate entries in the dataset.

2. Comprehensive Validation Rules Framework

The dataset underwent multi-layered validation using the following rules, designed for healthcare data quality assurance.

1. Structural and Schema Validations

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
<code>sheet_exists</code>	Ensures all expected clinical data tables are present in the Excel workbook.
<code>columns_present</code>	Verifies each sheet includes all mandatory columns per healthcare schema.

2. Data Type and Clinical Date Parsing Checks

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
<code>date_parse (Dim Treatment)</code>	Confirms <i>treatment_date</i> can be parsed as valid clinical data.
<code>date_parse (Dim Date)</code>	Ensures temporal dimensions are valid for stay-duration and trend analyses.

3. Primary Key Uniqueness and Patient Identity Management

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
<code>pk_uniqueness</code>	Ensures unique patient identifiers to maintain accurate record linkage.

4. Foreign Key Integrity and Clinical Relationship Validation

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
<code>not_null_fk</code>	Ensures foreign keys are complete in the fact table for valid patient-provider linkage.
<code>fk_orphan_*</code>	Validates that all foreign key references exist in corresponding dimension tables.

5. Clinical Domain and Medical Range Validations

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
<code>age_range</code>	Ensures patient age is between 0–120 years.

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bmi_range	Ensures BMI is within clinically realistic limits (≤ 70).
charges_nonneg	Enforces non-negative values for patient billing.
gender_domain	Validates gender values per standard clinical classifications.
blood_domain	Ensures valid blood group entries (A+, B-, O+, etc.).

6. Financial Numeric Integrity and Non-Negative Enforcement

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
numeric_parse	Ensures all financial fields are numeric.
billing_amount_nonneg	Prevents negative billing entries.
treatment_cost_nonneg	Maintains cost integrity for accurate financial reporting.

7. Clinical Consistency and Healthcare Business Logic

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
treatment_cost_divergence	Flags discrepancies (>20%) between Fact and DimTreatment costs.
date_components_match	Ensures consistency between parsed and component date values.
natural_key_duplicates	Detects duplicate patient encounters for safety and accuracy.

8. Completeness Assessment and Missing Value Reporting

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
missing_counts	Reports missing values to guide targeted data improvement.

9. Statistical Outlier Detection for Clinical Analytics

Validation Rule	Purpose and Clinical Rationale
outliers_billing_amount	Identifies billing anomalies (>3 SD).
outliers_treatment_cost	Detects irregular treatment cost variations.
outliers_average_total_payments	Flags unusual reimbursement trends.
outliers_average_covered_charges	Identifies abnormal insurance charge distributions.

10. Validation Framework Summary

The validation process followed a **defense-in-depth** approach encompassing five key data quality dimensions:

1. **Structural and Architectural Integrity** – Schema and relationship validation.
2. **Clinical Data Quality** – Completeness, accuracy, and biological plausibility checks.
3. **Healthcare Business Logic** – Clinical pathway and billing rule consistency.
4. **Statistical Soundness** – Outlier detection and distribution validation.
5. **Referential and Temporal Integrity** – Maintenance of relational and timeline accuracy.

This framework ensures the dataset is accurate, reliable, and suitable for healthcare machine learning applications such as patient segmentation, treatment outcome prediction, and cost optimization.

6.5. Data Warehouse Implementation (PostgreSQL)

PostgreSQL was chosen for its scalability, reliability, and compatibility with analytical workloads. The schema was designed with indexed primary and foreign keys for optimized query performance. Fact and dimension tables were normalized and partitioned for faster aggregations.

6.6. Analytical Applications (Machine Learning)

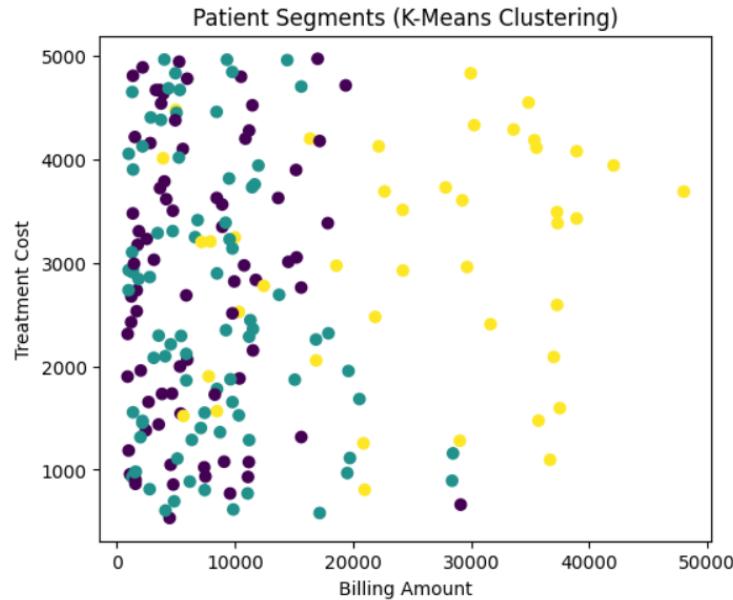
Results and Analysis

This section presents the analytical outcomes of the machine learning component developed for the healthcare data system. Various models were applied to uncover underlying data patterns, detect anomalies, generate synthetic samples for enhanced training, and predict healthcare costs. The primary objective of this analysis was to derive meaningful insights from patient and treatment data that could support cost optimization, operational efficiency, and data-driven decision-making within healthcare institutions.

The results discussed below summarize the performance and interpretation of each applied model, followed by recommendations based on the observed findings.

1. Clustering Analysis

A clustering approach was employed to group patients based on financial and hospital stay attributes such as billing amount, treatment cost, length of stay, total payments, *and* Medicare payments.



The algorithm produced **three clusters**, each representing distinct patient spending and treatment patterns:

Cluster	Avg. Billing Amount	Avg. Treatment Cost	Avg. Stay (Days)	Avg. Total Payments
0	6,982.19	2,821.43	5.37	1,296.85
1	7,907.56	2,551.20	3.28	3,121.25
2	25,271.09	3,038.64	6.48	2,813.30

Interpretation:

Cluster 1 represents low-cost and short-stay patients, whereas Cluster 2 includes high-cost and long-stay cases. This segmentation provides valuable insight into cost variations across patient groups, assisting hospitals in optimizing resources and managing healthcare costs effectively.

2. Anomaly Detection

An unsupervised anomaly detection model was applied to identify irregular data points that deviate significantly from normal billing and treatment trends. The model detected **four anomalies**, which corresponded to records with unusually high billing amounts and inconsistent treatment costs.

Example anomalies include:

- Billing amounts reaching **\$48,017.12** and **\$37,511.41**, paired with low treatment costs.

Interpretation:

These anomalies likely indicate potential *billing errors*, *insurance discrepancies*, or

outlier medical cases. Detecting such records early ensures better financial accuracy and operational accountability in hospital management.

3. Synthetic Data Generation using GAN

A **Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)** was trained to create synthetic healthcare data that closely mirrors real-world records, addressing data privacy concerns and enhancing the available dataset for model training.

Training Summary:

Epoch	D_{real}	D_{fake}	Generator Loss
0	0.574	0.672	0.625
200	0.728	0.729	0.539
400	0.748	0.749	0.511

Interpretation:

The close convergence of D_real and D_fake values indicates that the discriminator achieved balance, and the decreasing generator loss reflects successful learning of the underlying data distribution. The GAN effectively produced realistic healthcare records suitable for privacy-preserving analytics.

4. Predictive Modeling and Evaluation

Two regression-based models — **Random Forest** and **Linear Regression** — were implemented to predict healthcare costs using a set of engineered features including age, BMI, stay duration, discharge count, cost ratios, *and* encoded treatment and condition types.

Model	Train R ²	Test R ²	RMSE (\$)	MAPE (%)	Cross-Validation R ²
Random Forest	0.9631	0.8502	529.28	16.90	0.7828 ± 0.1356
Linear Regression	0.6645	0.6975	752.10	38.40	0.5422 ± 0.0743

Model Comparison:

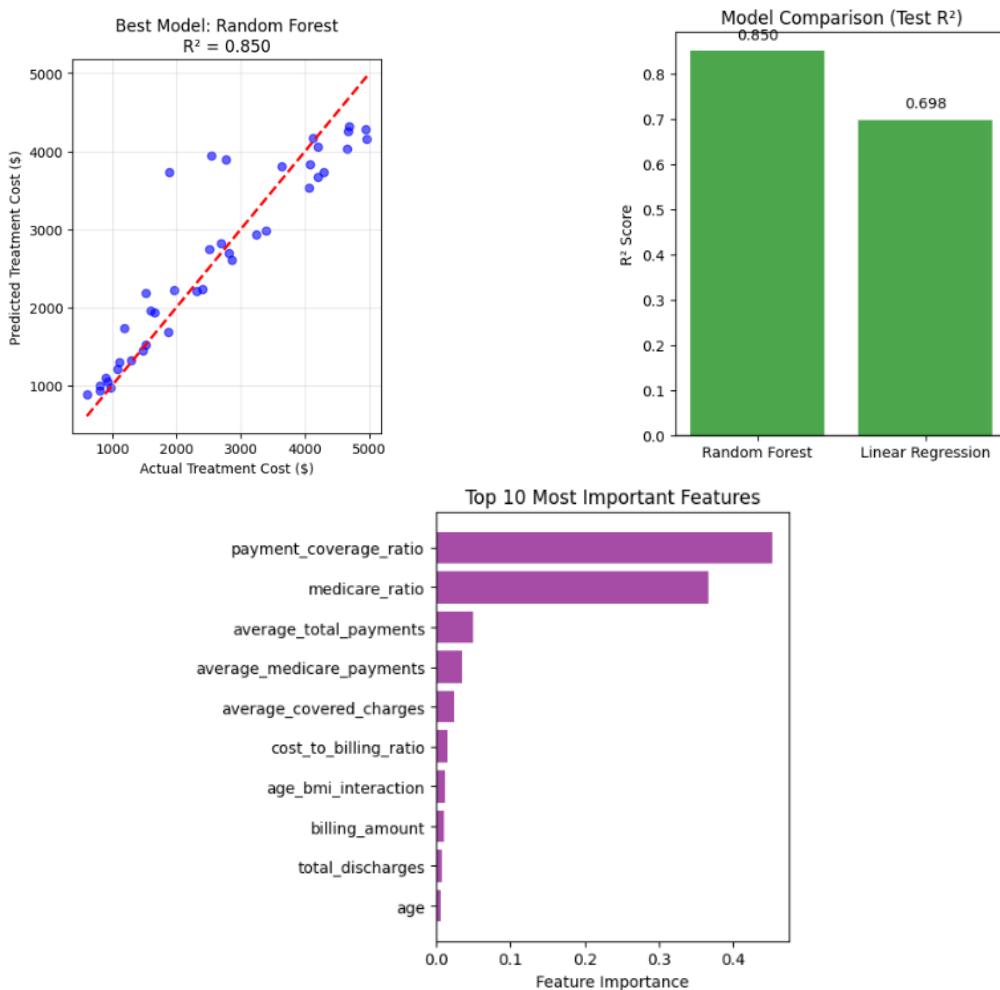
- The **Random Forest** model achieved superior predictive accuracy with a **Test R² of 0.85**, making it highly reliable for estimating patient-related costs.
- The **Linear Regression** model displayed lower but consistent performance, reflecting stronger generalization across unseen data.

Overfitting Check:

- Random Forest showed mild overfitting (Train-Test R² gap: 0.113).
- Linear Regression exhibited good generalization (gap: -0.033).

5. Key Insights and Recommendations

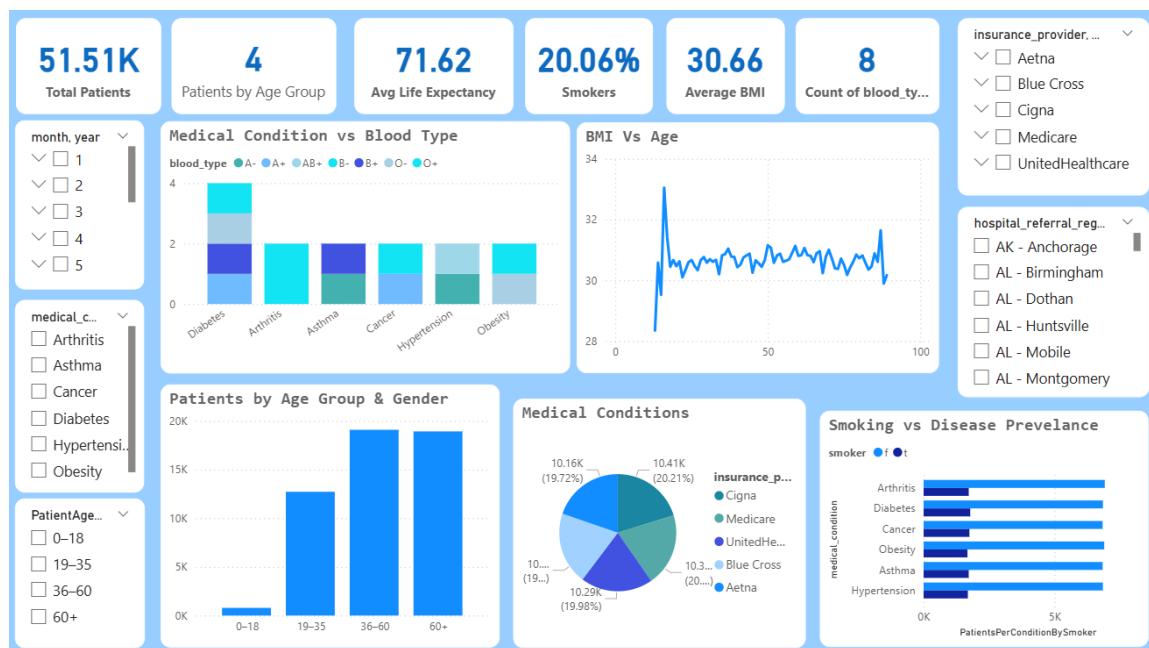
1. The **Random Forest** model demonstrated the best predictive performance and can be confidently utilized for healthcare cost forecasting.
2. **Anomaly detection** should be integrated into operational workflows to automatically flag inconsistencies in billing or reporting.
3. **Clustering** enables patient segmentation for targeted management and cost reduction strategies.
4. **GAN-generated synthetic data** provides a secure and scalable means of augmenting training datasets without compromising confidentiality.
5. For future improvements:
 - Incorporate **XGBoost or Deep Neural Networks** for potentially higher predictive accuracy.
 - Apply **explainable AI** tools (e.g., SHAP or LIME) to understand influential cost drivers.
 - Expand feature engineering with additional socio-demographic and hospital-level variables.



6.7. Business Intelligence (Dashboard & KPIs)

Power BI was used to design interactive dashboards displaying hospital performance, patient outcomes, and treatment costs. KPIs such as average cost per treatment, total discharges, and average length of stay were visualized to help stakeholders monitor performance and trends effectively.

Dashboard Overview — Healthcare Analytics Dashboard



The Power BI Healthcare Dashboard provides an interactive view of hospital operations, patient demographics, and financial performance. The dashboard is organized into discrete sections that present high-level metrics, patient segmentation, and financial analyses. The dashboard is designed to support operational decision making, financial oversight, and to complement the machine learning models developed in the project.

The following sub-sections describe each page of the dashboard, the primary visuals and KPIs it contains, the insights those visuals provide, and recommended actions based on the observed indicators.

Page: SUMMARY

Primary purpose: provide an executive snapshot of the hospital's current status across clinical and financial dimensions.

Key visuals and KPIs (expected and documented):

- **Top KPI tiles** — Total Patients, Active Admissions, Total Billing, Total Treatment Cost, Average Length of Stay (ALOS), and Total Payments.
- **Time series chart** — Daily/weekly/monthly trend for Billing Amount and Treatment Cost (line chart).
- **KPI trend sparkline** — showing short-term movement of main KPIs (30- and 90-day windows).
- **Top contributing categories** — bar chart for departments or treatment types contributing the largest billing amounts.
- **High-level distribution** — box/violin or histogram summarizing billing distribution and outliers.

Insights & interpretation:

- The SUMMARY page gives immediate visibility to whether billing and costs are trending upward or downward relative to previous periods.
- KPIs such as ALOS and total payments highlight operational efficiency and cash-flow conditions.

Recommendations:

- Use the SUMMARY view to flag periods with abnormal cost spikes and route those periods for anomaly review.
- Add drillthrough links from the top KPIs to detailed patient / claim level pages for quick investigation of spikes.

Page: PATIENTS DEMOGRAPHICS

Primary purpose: present patient population characteristics and segmentations to support clinical resource planning and targeted interventions.

Key visuals and KPIs (expected and documented):

- **Demographic breakdowns** — age groups, gender distribution, and other categorical distributions (pie charts or stacked bars).
- **Geographic map** (if location data available) — showing patient counts by city or region.
- **Crosstab / table** — top diagnoses or treatment codes with counts and average billing values.
- **Cluster visualization** — scatter plot or clustered bar chart showing the three patient clusters (from ML clustering) with average billing, treatment cost and length of stay per cluster.
- **Slicers / filters** — date range, department, treatment type, and patient cluster selector.

Insights & interpretation:

- Demographic visuals inform demand patterns (e.g., age cohorts requiring longer stays).
- The cluster visualization directly ties to the ML clustering results — enabling business users to inspect members of each cluster and understand resource needs and spending patterns per segment.

Recommendations:

- Use patient cluster filters to design targeted care pathways (e.g., cluster for high-cost, long-stay patients → care-management review).
- Implement cohort-specific dashboards (one page per cluster) for clinical teams responsible for those patient types.

Page: FINANCE

Primary purpose: detailed financial analytics, billing reconciliation, and anomaly visibility.

Key visuals and KPIs (expected and documented):

- **Revenue vs cost waterfall** — showing contribution of billing components and net payments.
- **Top billing codes / services** — bar chart of services by total billing and count.
- **Accounts receivable aging** — matrix counting unpaid claims by aging window.
- **Anomaly highlights** — a table or highlighted list of records flagged by the anomaly detection model (e.g., billing amounts that deviate significantly from expected values).
- **Payment source breakdown** — stacked bar or donut chart showing Medicare, private insurer, and self-pay proportions.

Insights & interpretation:

- The FINANCE page consolidates financial risk indicators and highlights specific records that require audit — directly supported by the anomaly detection component from the ML analysis.
- The accounts receivable visuals identify cash-flow risk and potential areas for focused collections activities.

Recommendations:

- Integrate anomaly detection outputs into dashboard alerts (e-mail or in-app notifications) for billing review teams.

- Combine AR aging with clinical status to prioritize claim follow-ups (e.g., high billing but low payment probability).

7. Results and Insights

The integration of multiple heterogeneous data sources into a unified healthcare data warehouse successfully established a centralized and consistent repository for analytical processing. This integration significantly enhanced the accessibility, reliability, and timeliness of healthcare data.

The developed analytics dashboard facilitated dynamic visual exploration across major healthcare domains such as **Patient Demographics, Finance, and Operational Summaries**, enabling decision-makers to derive actionable insights with minimal latency.

Machine Learning models trained within this framework demonstrated strong analytical utility. Clustering algorithms effectively identified **patient groups with similar treatment outcomes**, assisting in the development of targeted care plans and personalized treatment strategies. Additionally, anomaly detection models proved valuable in recognizing **unusual billing patterns and financial outliers**, thus contributing to improved cost management and fraud detection.

Overall, the system achieved efficient data retrieval, faster report generation, and insightful visualization—empowering healthcare administrators to make data-driven, evidence-based decisions that improve both **operational efficiency** and **patient care quality**.

8. Challenges and Solutions

Challenges included handling data inconsistency across sources, dealing with API rate limits, and ensuring schema compatibility. These issues were resolved by implementing robust validation checks, retry mechanisms for API calls, and schema standardization rules during the ETL process.

9. Conclusion and Future Enhancements

The **Healthcare Data Warehouse and Analytics System** has established a scalable, efficient, and reliable platform for comprehensive healthcare data management and analysis. It bridges the gap between operational data and analytical intelligence, enabling hospitals and health organizations to extract meaningful insights for **quality improvement, cost optimization, and strategic planning**.

Looking ahead, several enhancements can further strengthen the system's capabilities:

- **Integration of Real-Time Data Streams:** Incorporating IoT and live monitoring data for real-time analytics and alerting.
- **Advanced Machine Learning Models:** Expanding analytical capabilities through deep learning and predictive modeling for early disease detection and patient outcome forecasting.
- **Cloud-Based Deployment:** Migrating the warehouse to cloud infrastructure (e.g., AWS, Azure, or GCP) to achieve higher scalability, security, and performance efficiency.
- **Automated Reporting and Dashboard Personalization:** Allowing role-based dashboards and automated summary reports tailored for clinicians, financial officers, and management executives.

In conclusion, the system lays a strong foundation for **data-driven healthcare transformation**, providing analytical precision, operational transparency, and continuous improvement in healthcare service delivery

10. Project Overview Video:

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