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1. Introduction

Oncology treatment planning is crucial for modern cancer care, yet traditional Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) often fall short due to their rigid, rule-based nature. DoctorPath AI addresses these limitations by combining structured and unstructured data from MIMIC-III V1.4 records with the reasoning power of large language models (LLMs) and graph-enhanced retrieval mechanisms. This system generates personalized, guideline-aligned treatment recommendations, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of oncology decision support.

2. Vision Document

This section outlines the problem statement, business opportunities, research problem, objectives, and scope of the DoctorPath AI project, providing a high-level overview of its goals and impact.

2.1. Problem Statement:

Table 1 Problem Statement for DoctorPath AI

| Category | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| Problem | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing clinical decision support tools for oncology are rigid and fail to integrate multimodal data such as EHRs, imaging, and pathology reports. General-purpose LLMs lack domain-specific biomedical training, limiting their usefulness in oncology. Manual data integration is slow, error-prone, and unscalable. Absence of patient-specific modeling reduces personalization in treatment planning. Lack of dynamic updates to reflect latest clinical guidelines. |
| Affects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncologists experience cognitive overload due to fragmented information and manual synthesis of data. Treatment delays occur due to inefficient workflows. Variability in clinical decision-making leads to inconsistent care quality. Healthcare institutions struggle to maintain standardized oncology protocols. |
| Impact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher rates of misdiagnosis and treatment delays reduce survival outcomes. Increased operational costs due to inefficiency and specialist dependency. Reduced trust in clinical decision-making systems. Missed opportunities for research-driven, data-backed treatment improvements. |
| Solution | <p>DoctorPath AI offers an advanced clinical decision support platform that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingests and processes both structured and unstructured oncology data using automated pipelines. Builds dynamic, patient-specific knowledge graphs linking disease, treatment, and biomarker relationships. Leverages biomedical LLMs fine-tuned for oncology, ensuring domain relevance. Uses Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) to align treatment recommendations with the latest guidelines. Provides interactive dashboards and downloadable treatment plans for clinicians. Collects expert feedback for continuous learning and model refinement. Improves treatment accuracy and enhances standardization in oncology care. |

2.2. Opportunities and Research Challenges

This section covers the business opportunities and research challenges of the DoctorPath AI project, emphasizing market value and technical hurdles.

2.2.1 Business Opportunities

DoctorPath AI addresses a critical global health challenge and presents substantial business opportunities across multiple healthcare sectors:

- **Hospital & Cancer Center Value:** Enhances treatment standardization, reduces diagnostic errors, and improves patient outcomes while lowering malpractice risks and increasing operational efficiency.
- **Academic & Research Use:** Supports clinical research, treatment outcome analysis, and integration into oncology training programs.
- **Global Reach:** Scalable design enables deployment in underserved regions through telemedicine and remote oncology support.
- **Cost & Workflow Efficiency:** Automates treatment planning to reduce oncologist workload, minimize unnecessary procedures, and cut healthcare costs.

2.2.2 Research Problem Statement

Traditional Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) are limited by rule-based reasoning and lack the capacity to generalize from real-world treatment histories. There is an unmet need for an AI-driven framework capable of integrating structured EHR data, imaging biomarkers, and unstructured clinical narratives to learn from prior patient outcomes and inform future treatment planning. DoctorPath AI addresses this by creating a continuously learning, interpretable CDSS trained on real-world oncology data to personalize and optimize treatment recommendations for lung and liver cancers.

Research Problem:

How can an AI-based CDSS leverage multimodal patient data including structured EHR (MIMIC-III V1.4), imaging (TCIA, LiTS), and text reports to generate personalized, explainable, and evidence-aligned treatment recommendations for lung and liver cancer patients?

2.3 Objectives

Following are the objectives of DoctorPath AI:

- Develop data ingestion pipelines to extract and normalize oncology data from MIMIC-III V1.4 datasets (structured EHRs and unstructured clinical narratives).
- Construct patient-specific knowledge graphs integrating patient attributes, disease characteristics, treatments, and NCCN/WHO/ESMO guidelines.
- Fine-tune biomedical LLMs on oncology guidelines, clinical trials, and medical literature for cancer-specific treatment recommendation generation.
- Implement RAG mechanisms to retrieve relevant clinical guidelines ensuring evidence-based, up-to-date recommendations.
- Generate personalized treatment recommendations considering cancer type, stage,

biomarkers, comorbidities, and treatment history.

- Establish feedback loops incorporating expert oncologist evaluations for continuous model refinement.
- Validate recommendations for clinical feasibility, contraindications, and real-world workflow integration.
- Evaluate system performance using automated metrics (BLEU, ROUGE, HealthBench) and structured expert assessments.
- Reduce oncologist workload by automating multimodal data synthesis and guideline integration.
- Minimize diagnostic errors and treatment delays through rapid, accurate recommendation generation.
- Standardize oncology treatment pathways while maintaining patient-specific personalization.

2.4 Scope

The scope of DoctorPath AI includes developing an AI-powered clinical decision support system for oncology treatment planning. The system will extract and consolidate cancer patient data from MIMIC-III V1.4 datasets using ICD-9/ICD-10 codes, construct knowledge graphs modeling patient-disease-treatment relationships, fine-tune biomedical LLMs with RAG mechanisms for guideline-aligned recommendations, develop a web-based dashboard for patient profile review and AI recommendation generation, implement validation using automated metrics and expert feedback, enable treatment plan export in multiple formats, and provide real-time performance monitoring for system evaluation.

2.5 Constraints

The following constraints apply to DoctorPath AI:

- System requires institutional SSO authentication. Deployment limited to healthcare institutions with existing identity management infrastructure. Independent practices without SSO infrastructure are out of scope for initial release.
- The system provides clinical decision support recommendations only and cannot replace oncologist judgment or authorize treatments independently, requiring oncologists to review and validate all AI-generated recommendations before clinical implementation.

2.6 Stakeholder and User Description

This section provides an overview of the key stakeholders and users involved in the DoctorPath AI project, including their roles and responsibilities.

2.6.1 Market Demographics

DoctorPath AI target users are medical researchers, oncologists, statisticians, and academic organizations conducting clinical studies. The system is especially valuable for users dealing with MIMIC-III V1.4 or similar healthcare databases, which need disease-based extraction and analysis of data.

2.6.2 User Environment

DoctorPath AI operates in hospital oncology departments and cancer treatment centers where oncologists access the system through desktop or laptop computers connected to institutional networks. Users interact via modern web browsers during clinical workflows in outpatient clinics, tumor board meetings, or research offices. The system integrates with hospital infrastructure through SSO authentication and HL7 HTML interfaces for EHR connectivity. Users work with MIMIC-III V1.4 datasets requiring stable internet connectivity for guideline retrieval and LLM inference. The environment assumes basic familiarity with oncology terminology and web-based clinical tools, with minimal technical training required.

2.6.3 Stakeholder Profiles

This section outlines the roles, responsibilities, and contributions of key stakeholders in the DoctorPath AI project.

2.6.3.1 Supervisor Team

Table 2 Supervisor Team

| Attribute | Details |
|-------------------------|--|
| Representatives | Mr. Ali Raza (Supervisor) |
| Description | They have the task of managing the academic and technology development of the project. |
| Type | Technical sponsors with AI research and medical data processing expertise. |
| Responsibility | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give guidance to the development team 2. Complete the system within the specified time period 3. Ensure that system results satisfy study goals 4. Follow up and give feedback 5. Be able to conform with project documentation and ethical guidelines. |
| Success Criteria | The completion of core deliverables, including the cancer persona dataset and supporting documentation. |
| Involvement | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirement reviewer 2. Technical guidance 3. Academic supervision |
| Comments/Issues | None |

2.6.3.2 Research and Development Team

Table 3 Research and Development Team

| Attribute | Details |
|------------------------|--|
| Representatives | Muhammad Hamza, Muhammad Abdul Hanan, Imama Kainat |
| Description | They are involved in the research and development of the project. |
| Type | Technical stakeholders (developers, requirement engineers, data engineers) |
| Responsibility | 1. Fully engaged in research and development |

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| | 2. Specify technical requirements 3. Implement data pipelines and cancer persona extraction 4. Deliver all committed features on time. |
| Success Criteria | Successful integration of patient demographics, diagnoses, labs, prescriptions, and notes into a unified cancer dataset. |
| Involvement | Research, development, and documentation of the system. |
| Comments/Issues | None |

2.6.3.3 End Users

Table 4 End Users

| Attribute | Details |
|------------------------|---|
| Representatives | End Users (Oncologists, Patients Medical Researchers, Data Scientists) |
| Description | They are the project's end users who will use it for their specific purposes. |
| Type | External stakeholders |
| Responsibility | Utilize the cancer persona dataset for oncology research and predictive modeling. |
| Involvement | Minimal (primarily dataset usage, not development). |
| Comments/Issues | None |

2.6.3.4 Stakeholder Summary

Table 5 Stakeholder Summary

| Name | Description | Responsibility |
|------------------|---|---|
| Development Team | Students developing DoctorPath AI. | Build, test, and deliver the system. |
| Supervisor Team | Faculty advisors | Provide guidance, validate outcomes, ensure academic quality. |
| End User | They are the project's end users and will use it for their own reasons. | Use the application for making treatment plans. |

3. System Requirements Specification

This section defines the functional and non-functional requirements for the DoctorPath AI system, detailing its features, performance, security, and user interface specifications.

3.1 System Features

DoctorPath AI offers a range of critical features, including:

- **User Authentication & History:** Ensures secure login and maintains session history for doctors.
- **Doctor-AI Conversational Interface:** Allows doctors to interact with the chatbot, share patient information, and get AI responses.

- **AI Processing & RAG Engine:** Med-Gamma fine-tuned model + MIMIC-III V1.4 data to extract insights, generate notes, and recommend treatment paths.
- **Dynamic Graph Visualization:** Displays decision trees where each node represents a possible treatment or diagnosis.
- **Treatment Plan Recommender:** Shows full treatment plan upon clicking an "ideal" node.
- **Export & Download Module:** Enables downloading treatment plans as structured PDFs.
- **Knowledge Base Integration:** Connects to medical datasets (MIMIC-III V1.4 , X-rays, PubMed) for RAG-based reasoning.

3.2 Functional Requirements

The system must fulfill specific functional requirements, including:

Table 6 Functional Requirements for DoctorPath AI

| Req. ID | Requirement Name | Description |
|---------|---|--|
| FR-1 | User Authentication & Session Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system shall allow doctors to register, log in, and log out securely. • The system shall support password recovery and two-factor authentication (optional). • Each user shall have an isolated workspace where all patient cases are private. |
| FR-2 | Patient Case Creation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The system shall allow the doctor to create a new patient case and enter details. • Upon submission, the system shall extract key information (diagnosis, test results, history). |
| FR-3 | AI-Powered Information Extraction | <p>The system shall automatically extract relevant medical entities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient demographics • Diagnosis and stage • Comorbidities and medical history • Lab results and biomarkers • Imaging or pathology findings (if provided) <p>The system shall summarize these findings for doctor verification before proceeding.</p> |

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| FR-4 | Evidence Retrieval (RAG Engine) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once a patient case is accessible to the doctor, upon the doctor's command, the system shall retrieve relevant evidence from medical databases. • Retrieved evidence shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Guidelines (NCCN, ESMO, WHO) ◦ Research studies or clinical trials ◦ MIMIC-III V1.4 -derived treatment patterns (de-identified data) • The system shall prioritize evidence-based recommendations. |
| FR-5 | Treatment Recommendation Generation | <p>Based on the patient profile and retrieved evidence, the AI shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate multiple candidate treatment options (2-6 recommended paths). • Provide for each: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Treatment name ◦ Type (Chemotherapy, Immunotherapy, Surgery, etc.) ◦ Rationale ◦ Contraindications ◦ Required tests before initiation ◦ Expected outcomes ◦ Confidence score <p>The system shall clearly mark one path as "Ideal/Recommended" based on evidence strength and patient suitability.</p> |
| FR-6 | Decision Graph Visualization | <p>The system shall display a dynamic, interactive decision graph with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nodes representing treatments, diagnoses, biomarkers, and evidence links. • Edges showing relationships (e.g., "Applicable for", "Requires biomarker X", "Contraindicated with"). • The ideal node shall be visually distinguished (e.g., highlighted in green or gold). • The graph shall support clicking a node to view the complete treatment plan. |
| FR-7 | Detailed Treatment Plan View | <p>When a doctor clicks on a treatment node, the system shall open a detailed plan view, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medication names, dosages (if available) • Administration schedule • Pre-treatment requirements • Monitoring steps and possible side effects • References to supporting studies or guidelines. |

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| FR-8 | Treatment Plan Download | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The doctor shall be able to download any treatment plan (AI or edited) in PDF format. The downloaded file shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient summary Chosen treatment path Supporting rationale and evidence Date/time and doctor name Disclaimer that it is an AI-assisted recommendation. |
| FR-9 | History & Case Management | <p>The system shall maintain a case history dashboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showing all cases created by the user Search and filter options (by diagnosis, date, or stage) <p>The doctor can reopen past cases and view the previous graph and plans.</p> |

3.3 Non-Functional Requirements

Table 7 Non-Functional Requirements for DoctorPath AI

| Req. ID | Requirement Name | Description |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|
| NFR-1 | User-Friendly Interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system shall comply with WCAG 2.1 Level AA accessibility standards and achieve a task completion rate of $\geq 85\%$ in usability testing ($n \geq 15$ oncologists). The web interface shall follow a clean, minimal design (dashboard-style) with clear medical terminology and meaningful labels for buttons, icons, and forms. Accessibility standards (contrast, text size, colorblind-friendly palette) will be maintained for better readability in hospital environments. |
| NFR-2 | Data Security | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system shall implement encryption protocols (e.g., AES-256) for all sensitive data both at rest and in transit. Role-based access control (RBAC) shall restrict access to patient data, ensuring only authorized doctors can access patient cases. The system shall adhere to HIPAA regulations, implementing auditing to track and ensure compliance with privacy standards. |

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| NFR-3 | Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system will be optimized to ensure fast model inference and efficient data processing. Resource utilization (CPU, GPU, and memory) will be monitored to maintain smooth execution. The model's accuracy and response time will be evaluated to achieve high overall system performance. |
| NFR-4 | Privacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system shall support role-based access control (RBAC) to restrict access to patient data based on user roles. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) shall be implemented for all user logins to ensure secure access. User privacy shall be protected by restricting data visibility and maintaining secure access controls. |
| NFR-5 | Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system shall be compatible with Windows 10/11, macOS, and Android operating systems. The system shall support major web browsers, including Chrome, Firefox, and Safari, ensuring consistent performance across these platforms. The application shall perform smoothly on different operating systems and hardware configurations. |
| NFR-6 | Reliability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system shall handle missing, inconsistent, or corrupt data with fallback mechanisms for recovery, ensuring continuous operation without crashes. Error logging and monitoring mechanisms shall be implemented to ensure stable performance under various load conditions. |
| NFR-7 | Maintainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system shall follow coding standards as per PEP8 for Python]. The system shall have 90% unit test coverage for all modular components, ensuring quick debugging and enhancement. System documentation shall be updated with each release to ensure easy updates and maintenance. |

4: Literature Review

This section reviews recent research on AI-driven clinical decision-making in oncology, highlighting key advancements and their relevance to the DoctorPath AI system.

4.1 Research Item #1 – Development and Validation of an Autonomous AI Agent for Clinical Decision-Making in Oncology

Source: Ferber et al. (2025), *Nature Cancer*

4.1.1 Summary

Ferber et al. developed an autonomous AI agent that combines GPT-4 with medical-specific tools (ViT, MedSAM, OncoKB, PubMed) to interpret multimodal oncology cases including CT/MRI images, histopathology, genomics, and clinical narratives. Validated on gastrointestinal cancers, the system achieved high accuracy in diagnostic reasoning and guideline citation, proving that LLMs enhanced by domain tools outperform generic language models.

4.1.2 Critical Analysis

Strengths

- Demonstrates tool-augmented LLM reasoning with >85 % diagnostic accuracy.
- Integrates imaging, genomic, and textual data MIMIC-III V1.4 for real clinical reasoning.
- Validated by oncologists, providing practical credibility.

Weaknesses

- Only 20 validation cases limit statistical generality.
- High computational cost.
- Focused on gastrointestinal oncology, not lung or liver.

4.1.3 Relation to DoctorPath AI

Ferber's framework forms DoctorPath AI's **architectural base**. DoctorPath extends it from diagnosis to treatment planning by:

- Integrating MIMIC-III V1.4 -IV EHR data for temporal reasoning.
- Adding lung and liver cancer-specific modules.
- Employing knowledge graphs and RAG mechanisms for dynamic evidence retrieval. This alignment provides a validated blueprint for DoctorPath's multimodal decision engine.

4.2 Research Item #2 – Leveraging Medical Knowledge Graphs into Large Language Models (DR.KNOWS)

Source: Gao et al. (2025), *JMIR AI*

4.2.1 Summary

DR.KNOWS integrates the UMLS ontology into LLMs through Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG). It extracts medical entities from EHR text, retrieves relevant UMLS subgraphs, and augments LLM prompts for semantically grounded predictions. Validation on MIMIC-III V1.4 -III shows marked accuracy gains and reduced hallucinations.

4.2.2 Critical Analysis

Strengths: ontology-grounded reasoning, transparency, and MIMIC-III V1.4 validation.

Weaknesses: diagnosis-centric, static graph structure, and no multimodal inputs.

4.2.3 Relation to DoctorPath AI

DoctorPath AI adopts DR.KNOWS's graph-augmented architecture as its **semantic reasoning core**, linking patient entities to guideline evidence. DoctorPath adds dynamic updates (from NCCN and PubMed), treatment-specific relationships, and multimodal nodes (genes, imaging, labs). This ensures evidence-based, explainable treatment recommendations.

4.3 Research Item #3 – Multimodal Deep Learning Approaches for Precision Oncology

Source: Yang et al. (2025), *Briefings in Bioinformatics*

4.3.1 Summary

A survey of 651 studies on multimodal deep learning (MDL) in oncology classified fusion strategies into early, intermediate, and late fusion. Results show consistent performance gains when combining EHR, genomic, and imaging data. Vision Transformers and Graph Neural Networks emerged as dominant architectures.

4.3.2 Critical Analysis

Strengths: Comprehensive taxonomy; proves multimodal fusion superiority; applicable to lung and liver cancers.

Weaknesses: Review paper (no new methods) and limited focus on treatment generation.

4.3.3 Relation to DoctorPath AI

DoctorPath implements **late fusion** for robustness and **attention mechanisms** for dynamic modality weighting. This architecture supports the integration of clinical notes, EHR, and imaging data into DoctorPath's treatment scoring and recommendation modules.

4.4 Research Item #4 – AI-Based Biomarkers for Treatment Decisions

Source: Ligero et al. (2025), *Trends in Cancer*

4.4.1 Summary

Ligero et al. argue that AI-derived biomarkers from routine data (imaging, EHR, pathology) can replace costly molecular tests in predicting therapy response. They showcase applications in lung and liver cancer for immunotherapy and systemic therapy selection.

4.4.2 Critical Analysis

Strengths: Direct treatment-decision focus; cost-effective approach; validates LLMs for EHR mining.

Weaknesses: Perspective paper with limited quantitative validation and bias mitigation discussion.

4.4.3 Relation to DoctorPath AI

DoctorPath uses these findings to derive AI biomarkers from MIMIC-III V1.4 data predicting therapy eligibility and tolerance. The system computes dynamic biomarkers and shows their impact via explainable visualizations within its decision graph.

4.5 Research Item #5 – Reasoning-Enhanced Healthcare Predictions with Knowledge Graph Community Retrieval (KARE)

Source: KARE Research Team (2024), *ICLR 2025*

4.5.1 Summary

KARE improves RAG by retrieving entire knowledge graph communities rather than single entities. Tested on MIMIC-III V1.4 -III/IV, it yielded 10–15 % accuracy gains for prediction tasks through context-rich retrieval of medical concept clusters.

4.5.2 Critical Analysis

Strengths: MIMIC-III V1.4 -validated; significant performance improvement; interpretability via community visualization.

Weaknesses: Focused on prediction (not prescription) and requires domain adaptation for oncology.

4.5.3 Relation to DoctorPath AI

DoctorPath adopts KARE's **community-level retrieval** to fetch treatment pathway clusters (e.g., chemotherapy or targeted-therapy communities). The approach enhances DoctorPath's RAG engine, boosting contextual accuracy and guideline alignment for treatment generation.

Table 8 Comparative Summary of Key Research

| Paper | Year | Venue | Core Focus | Key Techniques | Dataset | Main Contribution | Link to DoctorPath AI |
|------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Ferber et al. | 2025 | <i>Nature Cancer</i> | Autonomous AI agent for oncology decision-making | GPT-4 + ViT + MedSAM | 20 GI cancer cases | Demonstrated tool-augmented multimodal reasoning and high diagnostic accuracy | Foundation for DoctorPath's autonomous reasoning engine |
| Gao et al. (DR.KNOWS) | 2025 | <i>JMIR AI</i> | Knowledge graph + LLM integration | RAG with UMLS ontology | MIMIC-III V1.4 - III | Reduced hallucinations through ontology-grounded reasoning | Semantic reasoning core for DoctorPath's knowledge graph module |
| Yang et al. | 2025 | <i>Briefings in Bioinformatics</i> | Multimodal fusion in precision oncology | Late fusion + ViT + GNN | 651 studies (review) | Showed multimodal fusion consistently outperforms unimodal models | Fusion architecture blueprint for DoctorPath's data integration |
| Ligero et al. | 2025 | <i>Trends in Cancer (Cell Press)</i> | AI biomarkers for therapy and treatment decisions | LLM + radiomics + EHR analysis | Clinical databases | Introduced cost-effective AI biomarkers for therapy stratification | Supports DoctorPath's biomarker and treatment scoring modules |

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| Jiang et al. (KARE Team) | 202 4 | <i>ICLR 2025 / arXiv Preprint 2410.0458 5</i> | Community-based RAG retrieval for healthcare | Hierarchical graph communities + multi-source KG | MIMI C-III V1.4 - III / MIMI C-III V1.4 - IV | Achieved ≈ 12 % accuracy gain via context- rich retrieval | Enhances DoctorPa th's RAG engine and evidence retrieval pipeline |

4.6 Comparative Insights

Collectively, these studies validate DoctorPath AI’s hybrid architecture. Ferber and Yang prove multimodal fusion efficacy; Gao and KARE provide knowledge graph reasoning methods; Ligero bridges AI outputs with clinical utility. DoctorPath unites all five threads into a single oncology platform for personalized treatment recommendation.

4.7 Research Gap Analysis

Table 9 Research Gap Analysis: Existing Work vs. DoctorPath AI

| Gap Category | Limitation in Existing Work | DoctorPath AI Advancement |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Treatment Planning Depth | Most systems stop at diagnosis or prognosis. | End-to-end therapy selection and contraindication checking. |
| Oncology Specialization | Generic AI frameworks. | Dedicated lung and liver cancer pipelines. |
| Dynamic Knowledge Updates | Static graphs and tools. | Automated guideline and literature refresh. |
| Fusion + Graph Integration | Addressed separately in literature. | Unified fusion + KG architecture. |
| MIMIC-III V1.4 Oncology Focus | General ICU patients only. | Oncology-specific MIMIC-III V1.4 -IV cohort. |

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| Explainability | Limited interpretability in deep fusion. | Interactive decision graph visualization. |
| Validation Scale | Small sample or retrospective. | Multi-phase expert evaluation and temporal splits. |

4.8 Conclusion

The review demonstrates that recent AI advances collectively support DoctorPath AI's design philosophy. Ferber et al. proved autonomous multimodal agents; Gao and KARE introduced knowledge graph-based reasoning; Yang validated fusion architectures; and Ligero highlighted AI biomarkers for treatment decisions. DoctorPath AI synthesizes these concepts into a deployable oncology platform capable of learning from MIMIC-III V1.4 trajectories to recommend safe, personalized, and evidence-aligned therapies. Its multi-layer validation strategy, combining automated accuracy tests, guideline concordance, and expert review positions DoctorPath AI as a cutting-edge clinical decision support system for lung and liver cancer care.

Use Case Diagram

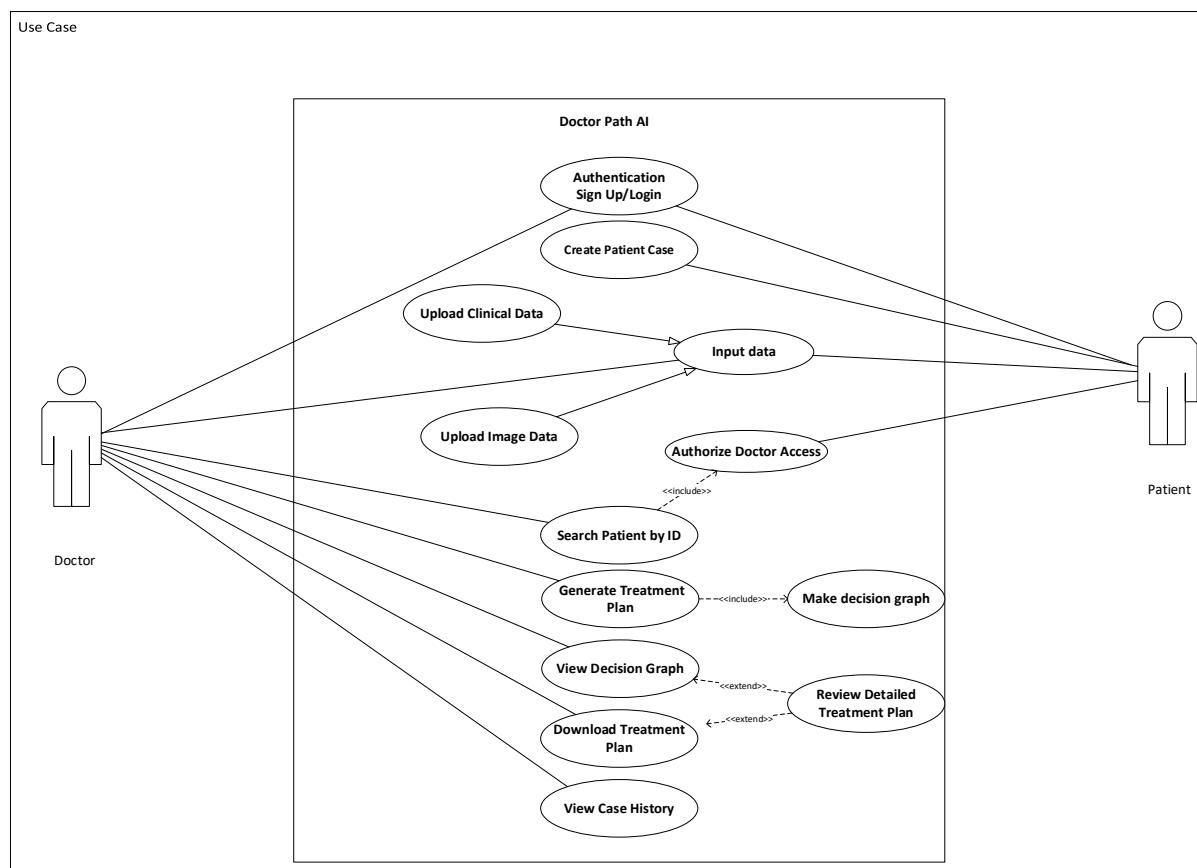


Figure 1 Use Case Diagram of DoctorPath AI

Expanded Use Cases for DoctorPath AI

Here are the detailed expanded use cases for the most critical functionalities:

UC-001: Authentication (Sign Up / Login)

Table 10 Authentication (Sign Up / Login)

| Attribute | Details |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Use Case ID | UC-001 |
| Use Case Name | Authentication (Sign Up / Login) |
| Actors | Doctor, Patient |
| Description | Allows users to create accounts and authenticate securely with role-based access. |
| Preconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User has internet access • System operational • Valid email/phone available |
| Postconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User logged into respective portal • Session token generated • Redirected to respective (Doctor,Patient)dashboard |
| Normal Flow (Highlights) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. User selects Sign Up or Login 2. System validates input 3. System creates or verifies account 4. User is redirected to Doctor/Patient dashboard |
| Alternative Flows | A1: Invalid credentials A2: Email already exists A3: Weak password |
| Exceptions | E1: Account locked after 5 failed attempts E2: Email verification timeout |
| Assumptions | Users have valid email and understand Doctor/Patient roles |

UC-002: Create Patient Case

Table 11 Create Patient Case

| Attribute | Details |
|--------------------|---------|
| Use Case ID | UC-002 |

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Use Case Name | Create Patient Case |
| Actor | Patient |
| Description | Allows a patient to create a case by entering demographic, symptom, and health data. |
| Preconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient logged in • Authentication complete • Has medical information available |
| Postconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case created and saved • Unique Patient ID generated • Case status = Draft/Active |
| Normal Flow (Highlights) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patient fills form with personal and medical details 2. System validates input 3. System generates Patient ID 4. Case is saved |
| Alternative Flows | A1: Save as Draft A2: Missing mandatory fields |
| Exceptions | E1: Database error E2: Duplicate case detected |
| Assumptions | Patient understands terminology and has accurate info |

UC-003: Generate Treatment Recommendations

Table 12: Generate Treatment Recommendations

| Attribute | Details |
|-----------------------|--|
| Use Case ID | UC-003 |
| Use Case Name | Generate Treatment Recommendations |
| Actor | Doctor |
| Description | Doctor requests AI-generated oncology treatment recommendations using RAG + LLM + Knowledge Graph. |
| Preconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor logged in • Patient case authorized and complete • Guideline and graph data available |
| Postconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations generated and stored • Linked to patient case |

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision graph ready |
| Normal Flow (Highlights) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Doctor opens case2. Confirms generation3. System retrieves data and constructs graph4. AI engine outputs ranked recommendations |
| Alternative Flows | A1: Missing data A2: No guidelines found A3: Contraindications detected |
| Exceptions | E1: Processing timeout E2: Cancer-specific model failure E3: Graph DB error |
| Assumptions | Up-to-date guidelines, working AI services, valid patient data |

UC-004: View Decision Graph*Table 13 View Decision Graph*

| Attribute | Details |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Use Case ID | UC-004 |
| Use Case Name | View Decision Graph |
| Actor | Doctor |
| Description | Allows the doctor to view the AI-generated decision graph for the patient's treatment plan. |
| Preconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor logged in • Treatment plan generated • Case data complete |
| Postconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision graph displayed • Relevant treatment options and evidence shown |
| Normal Flow (Highlights) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doctor opens case 2. Doctor selects "View Decision Graph" 3. System displays the graph |
| Alternative Flows | A1: Decision graph is not available due to missing data |
| Exceptions | E1: System fails to retrieve graph E2: Graph rendering error |
| Assumptions | Doctor has validated AI output and stable internet connection |

UC-005: Search Patient by ID*Table 14 Search Patient by ID*

| Attribute | Details |
|---------------|---|
| Use Case ID | UC-005 |
| Use Case Name | Search Patient by ID |
| Actor | Doctor |
| Description | Enables a doctor to find and access a patient's case using a unique Patient ID. |
| Preconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor logged in • Patient shared valid ID |

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor authorized by patient |
| Postconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor gains case access • Access logged in audit trail |
| Normal Flow (Highlights) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doctor enters Patient ID 2. System validates and retrieves the case 3. Authorization is verified 4. Case is displayed |
| Alternative Flows | A1: Invalid ID format A2: ID not found A3: Advanced search used |
| Exceptions | E1: Access denied E2: Access revoked E3: Access expired |
| Assumptions | Patient shared correct ID and granted access |

UC-006: Authorize Doctor Access

Table 15 Authorize Doctor Access

| Attribute | Details |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Use Case ID | UC-006 |
| Use Case Name | Authorize Doctor Access |
| Actor | Patient |
| Description | Allows the patient to grant or revoke access to their medical data for the doctor. |
| Preconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient logged in • Patient case exists |
| Postconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor access granted or revoked • Access logged |
| Normal Flow (Highlights) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patient selects "Authorize Access" 2. System requests confirmation 3. Patient confirms or revokes access |
| Alternative Flows | A1: Patient chooses to revoke access A2: Patient declines to grant access |
| Exceptions | E1: Access denied due to incorrect credentials E2: Access revocation fails |
| Assumptions | Patient has stable internet connection and understands the implications of granting access |

UC-007: Download Treatment Plan

Table 16 Download Treatment Plan

| Attribute | Details |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Use Case ID | UC-007 |
| Use Case Name | Download Treatment Plan |
| Actor | Doctor |
| Description | Allows doctor to download AI-generated treatment plan (PDF, HTML, DOCX). |
| Preconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor logged in • Treatment plan generated • Case data complete |
| Postconditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan downloaded • Log created • Copy stored in patient record |
| Normal Flow (Highlights) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doctor selects plan 2. Chooses format 3. System generates file 4. Plan is downloaded |
| Alternative Flows | A1: HTML or DOCX format selected A2: Include decision graph |
| Exceptions | E1: PDF generation fails E2: File too large E3: Download interrupted |
| Assumptions | Doctor has validated AI output and stable internet connection |

Summary Table: All Expanded Use Cases

Table 17 All Expanded Use Cases

| UC ID | Use Case Name | Primary Actor | Complexity | Priority |
|--------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
| UC-001 | Authentication (Sign Up/Login) | Doctor, Patient | Medium | High |
| UC-002 | Create Patient Case | Patient | Medium | High |
| UC-003 | Generate Treatment Recommendations | Doctor | High | Critical |
| UC-004 | View Decision Graph | Doctor | Medium | Medium |
| UC-005 | Search Patient by ID | Doctor | Low | High |
| UC-006 | Authorize Doctor Access | Patient | Low | High |
| UC-007 | Download Treatment Plan | Doctor | Medium | High |
| UC-008 | Review Detailed Treatment Plan | Doctor | Medium | Medium |
| UC-009 | Upload Clinical Data | Patient | Low | High |
| UC-010 | Upload Image Data | Patient | Low | Medium |
| UC-011 | View Case History | Doctor | Low | Medium |

Activity Diagram

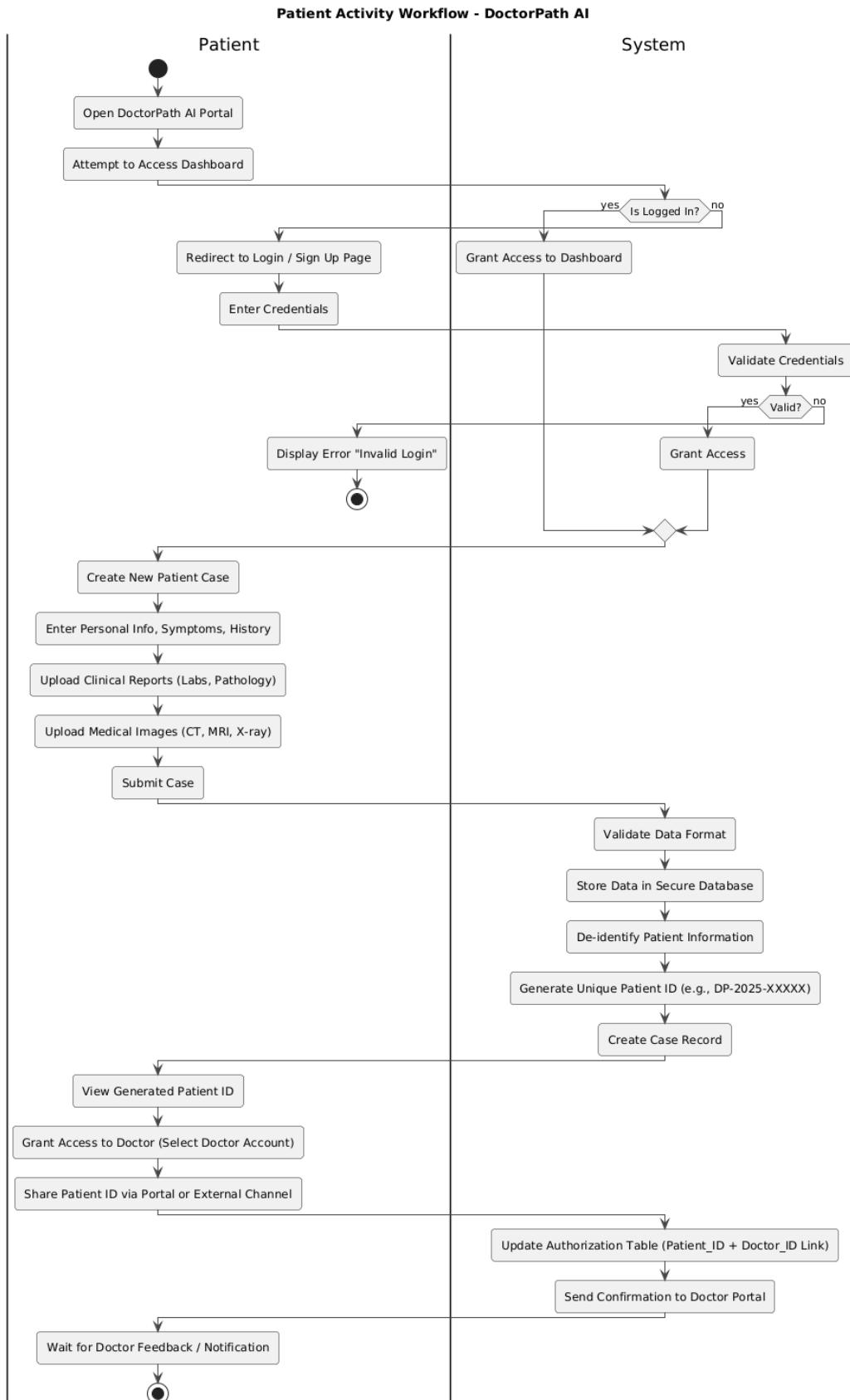


Figure 2 Patient Activity Diagram

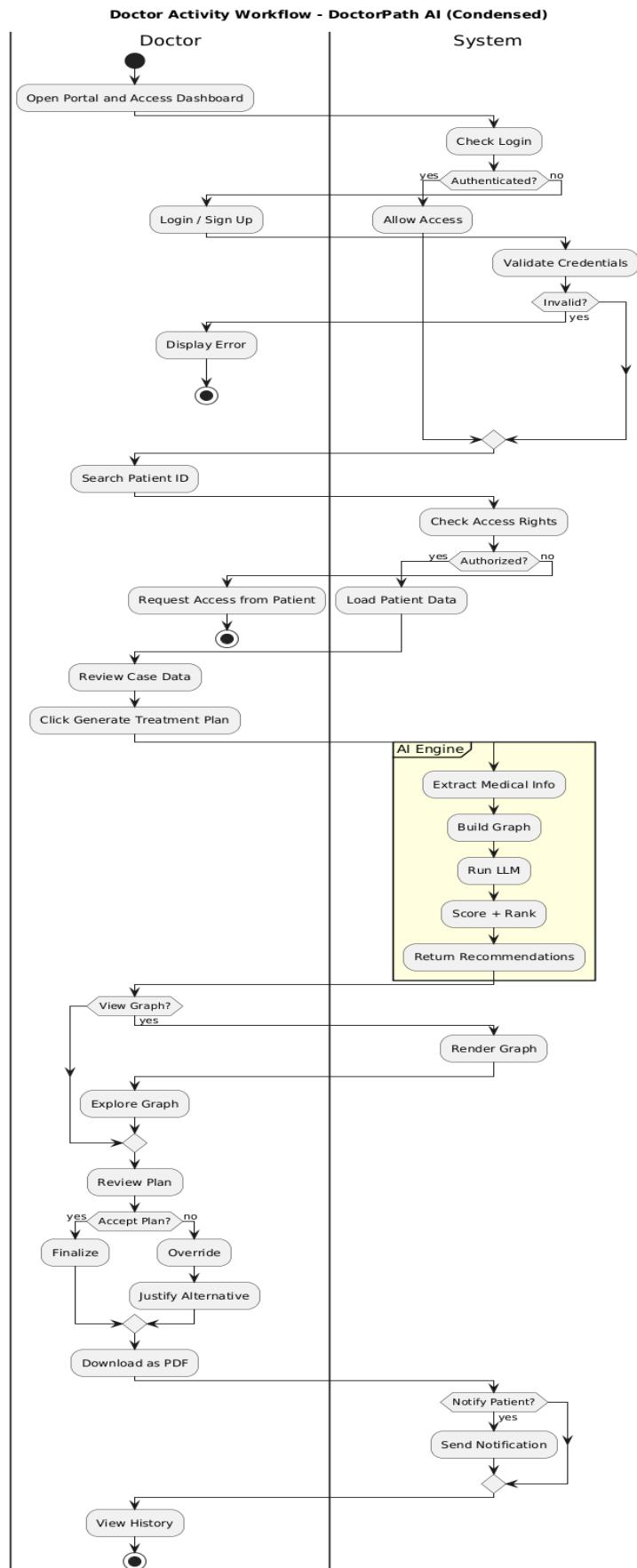


Figure 3 Doctor Activity Diagram

System Sequence Diagram (SSD)

SSD 1: User Authentication / Login

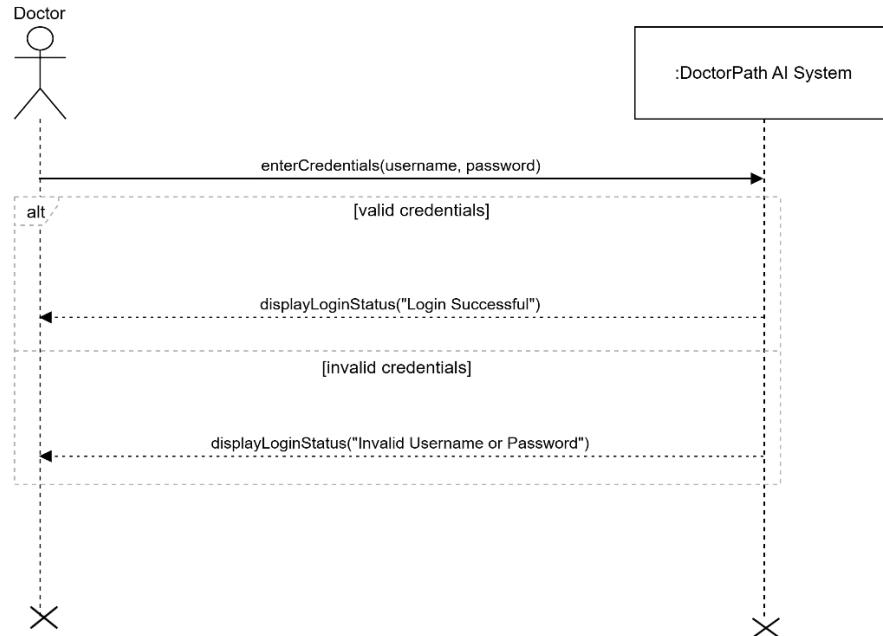


Figure 4 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for User Authentication/ Login

SSD 2: Create New Patient Case

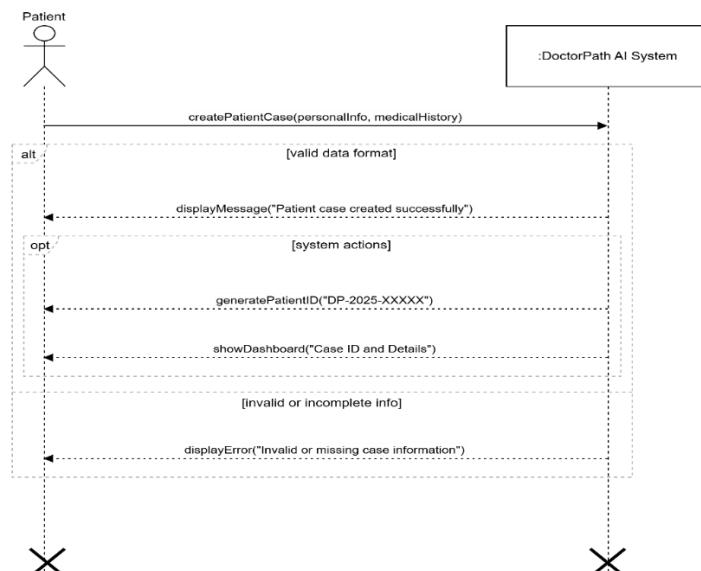


Figure 5 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for Create New Patient Case

SSD3. Upload Clinical and Imaging Data

Scenario: Patient finalizes and submits the case for doctor review.

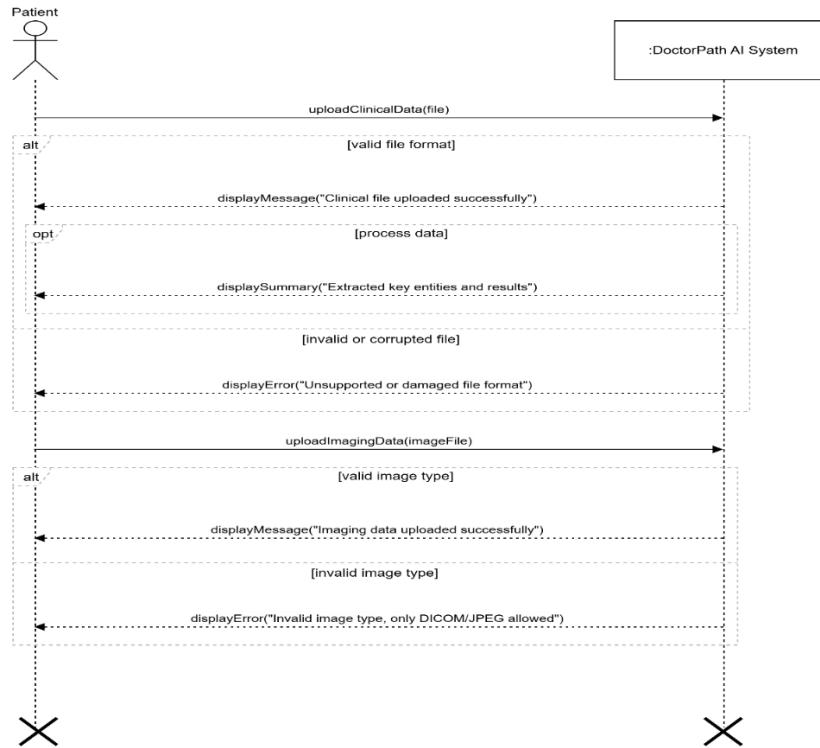


Figure 6 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for Upload Clinical and Imaging Data

SSD 4: Authorize Doctor Access

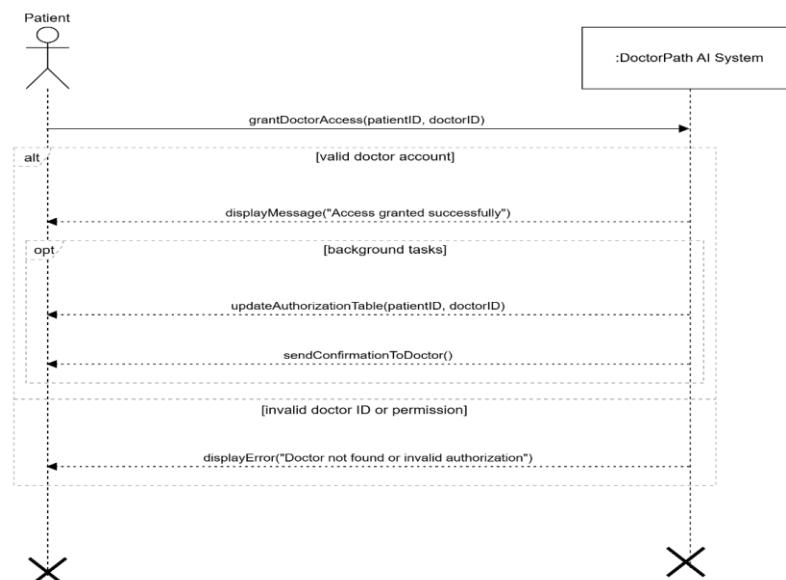


Figure 7 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for Authorize Doctor Access

SSD 5: Doctor Searches Patient Case

Scenario: Doctor searches patient case using shared patient ID.

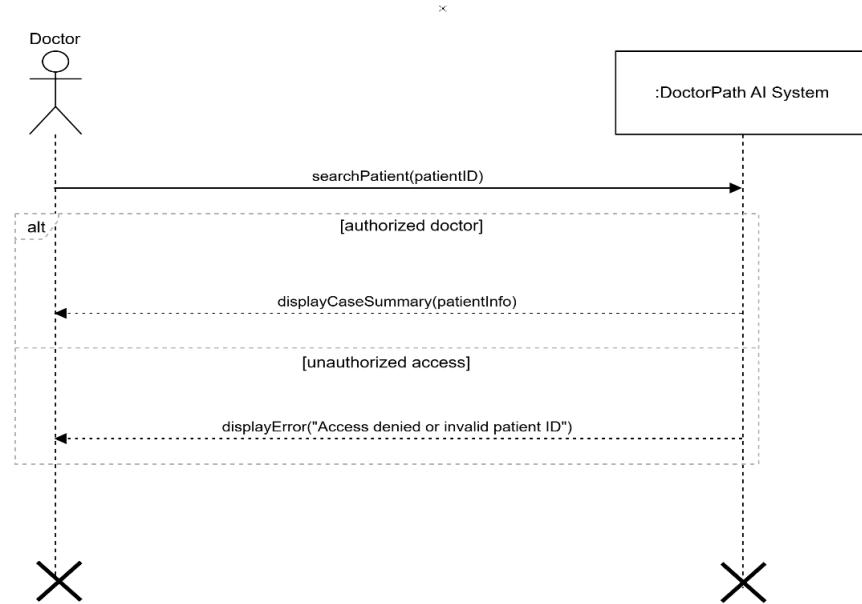


Figure 8 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for Doctor Searches Patient Case

SSD 6: Generate Treatment Plan

Scenario: Doctor requests AI-assisted treatment plan.

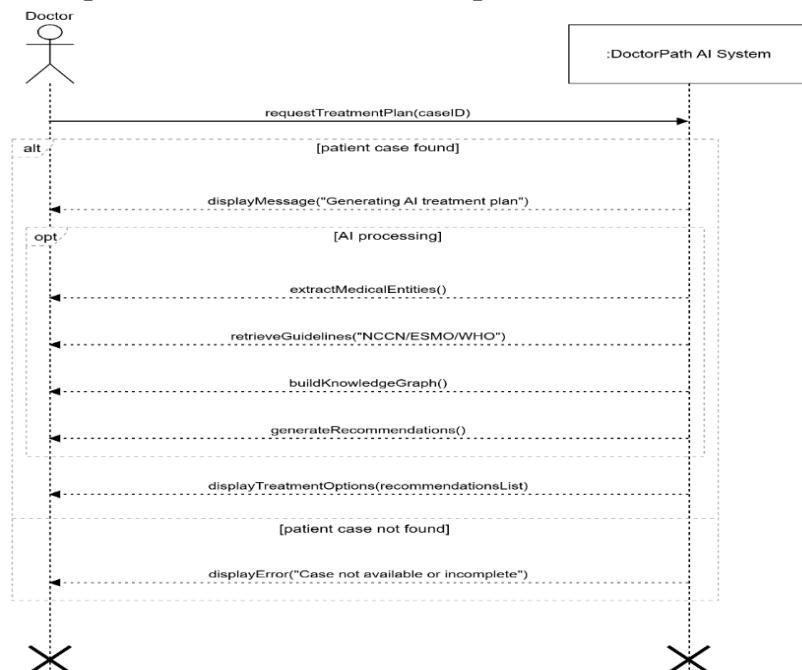


Figure 9 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for Generate Treatment Plan

SSD 7: View Decision Graph

Scenario: Doctor visualizes AI decision graph.

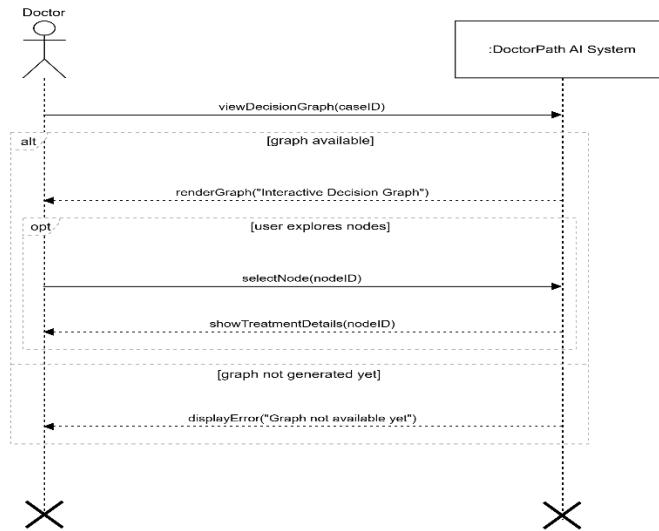


Figure 10 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for View Decision Graph

SSD 8: Download Treatment Plan

Scenario: Doctor downloads AI-generated or reviewed plan.

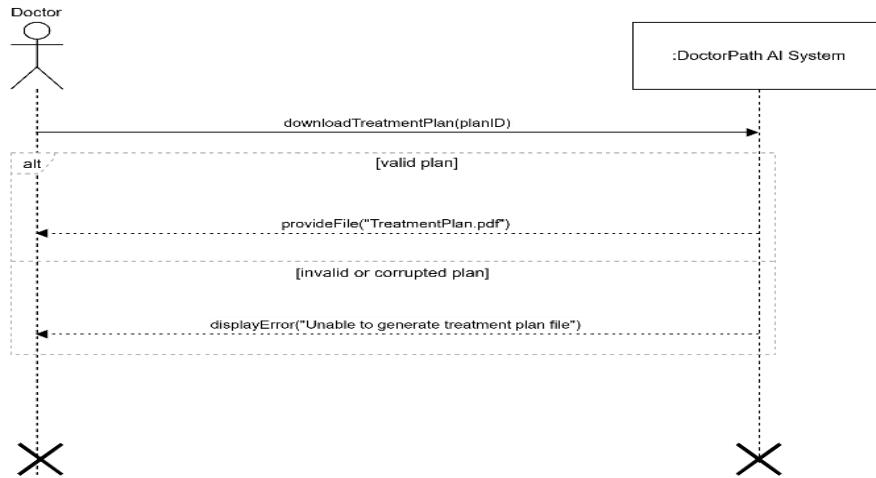


Figure 11 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for Download Treatment Plan

SSD 9: Notify Patient

Scenario: Doctor finalizes plan and system notifies patient.

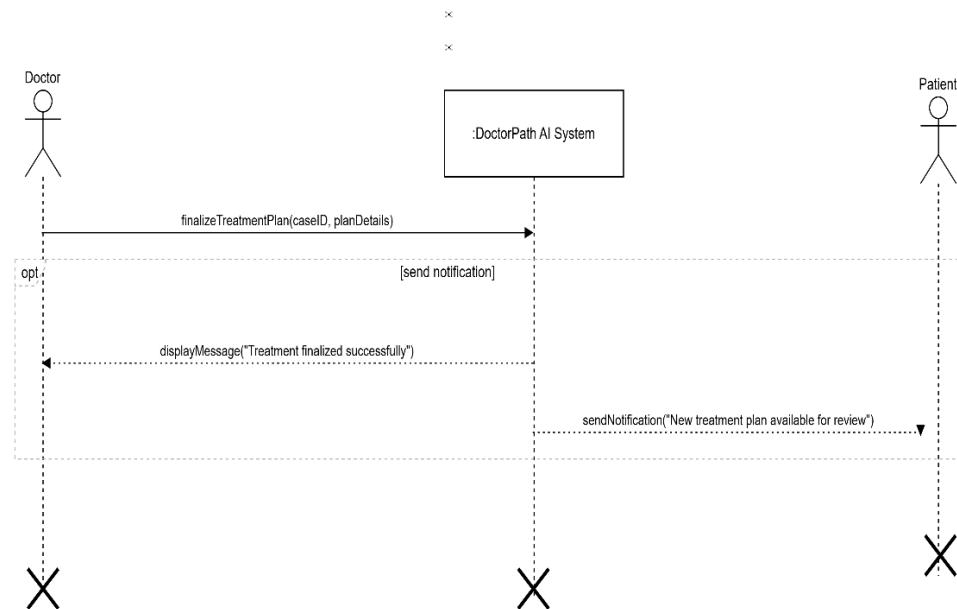


Figure 12 System Sequence Diagram (SSD) for Notify Patient

Structural Design: Layer Diagram

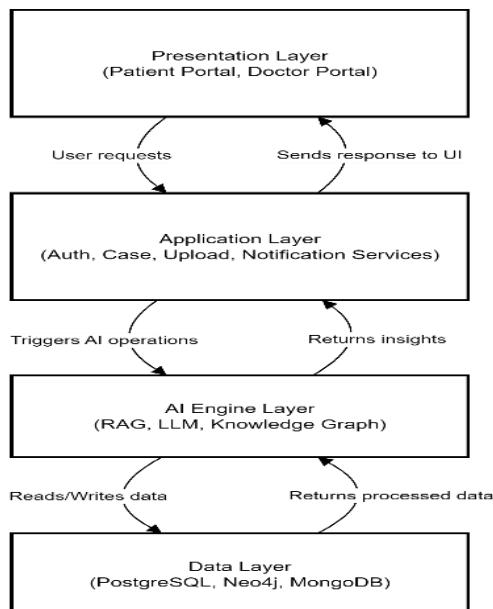


Figure 13 Layer Diagram

Component Diagram:

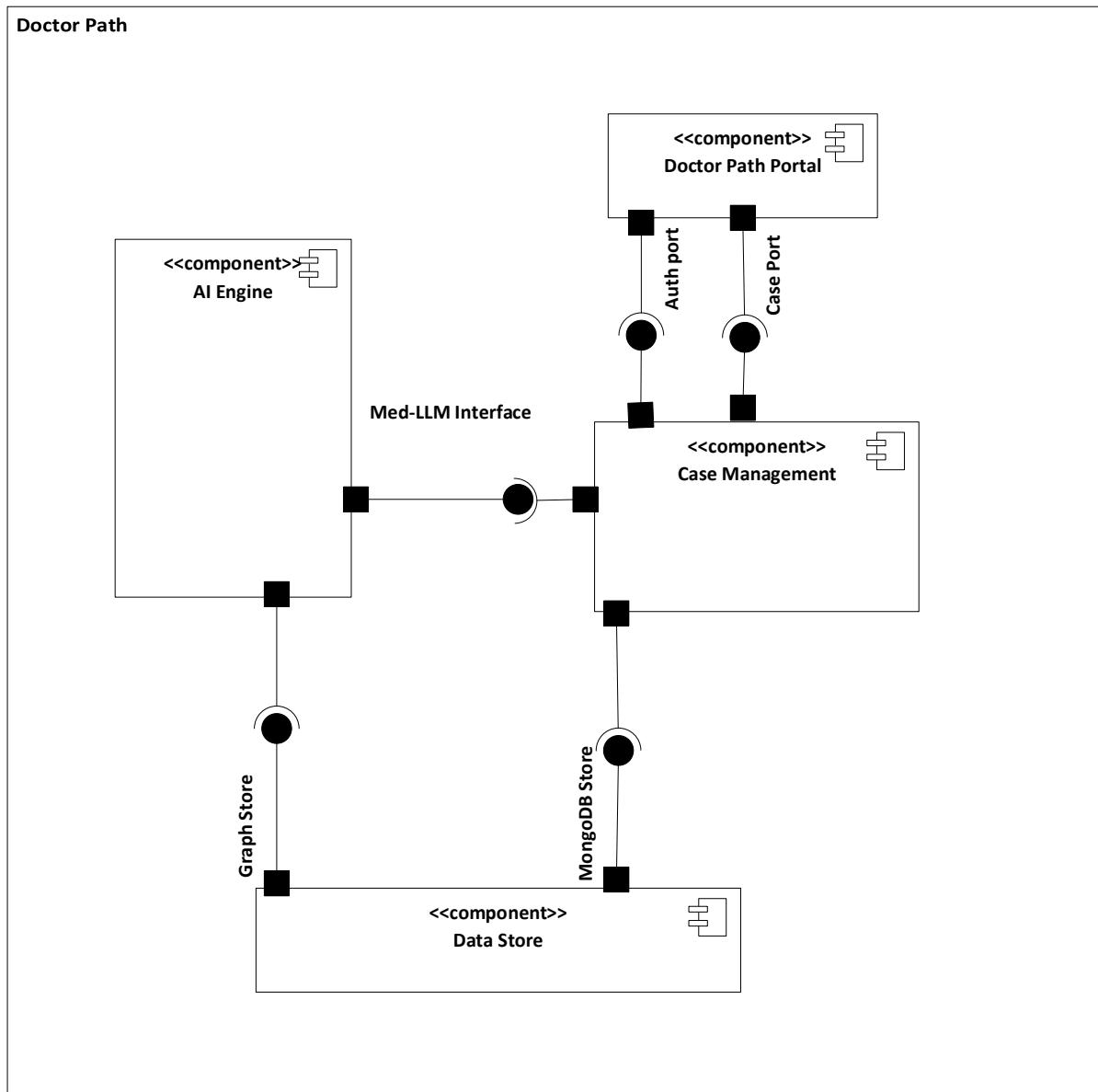


Figure 14 Component Diagram

Flow Diagram

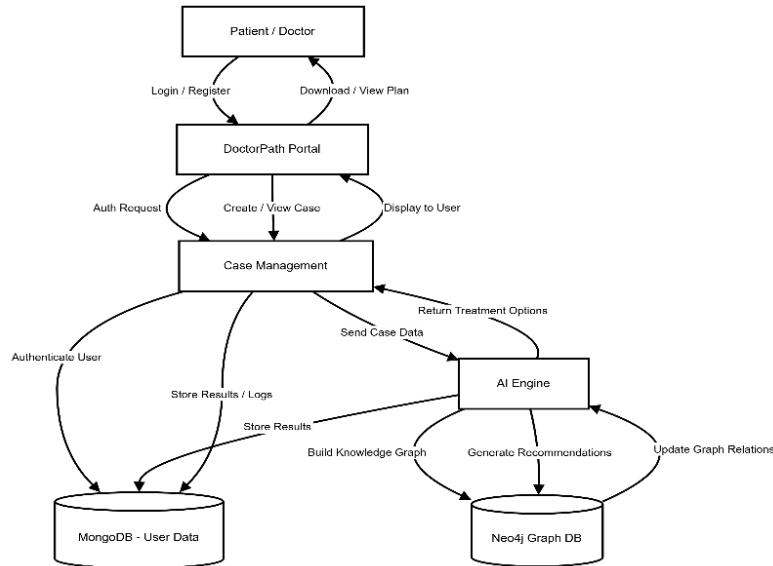


Figure 15 Flow Diagram

Data Flow Diagram

This section explains how data moves through the system, showing interactions between processes, data stores, and external entities.

Context Diagram

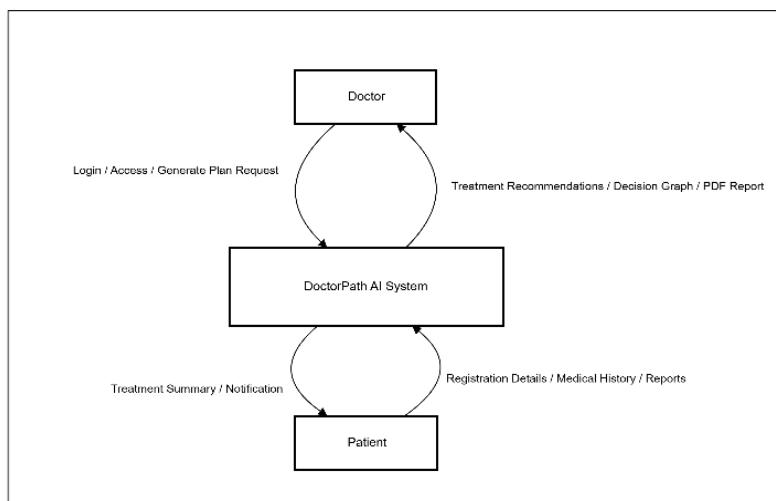


Figure 16 Context Diagram

DFD Level 0 Diagram

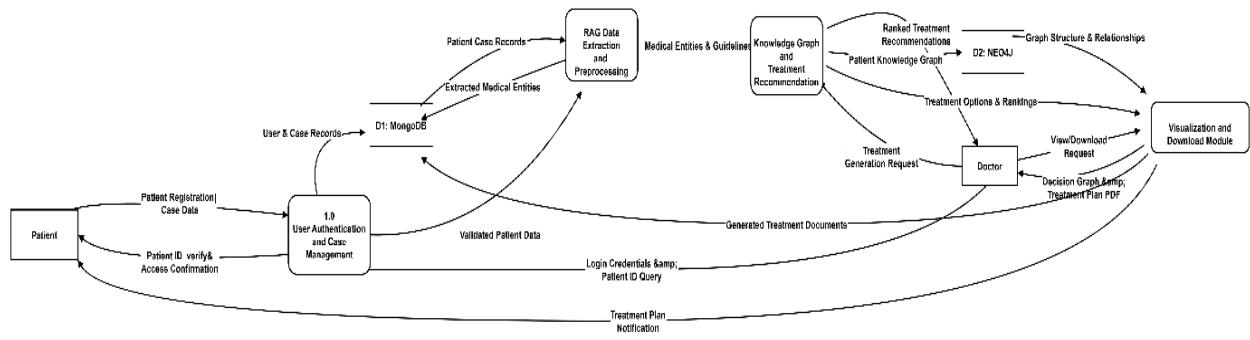


Figure 17 DFD Level 0 Diagram

DFD Level 1 - User Authentication & Case Management

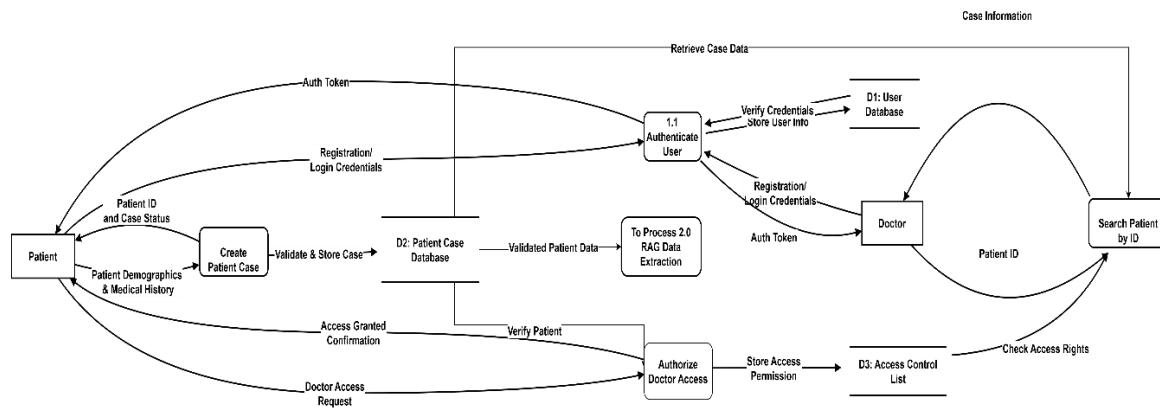


Figure 18 DFD Level 1.1 - User Authentication & Case Management

DFD Level 1 - RAG Data Extraction & Preprocessing

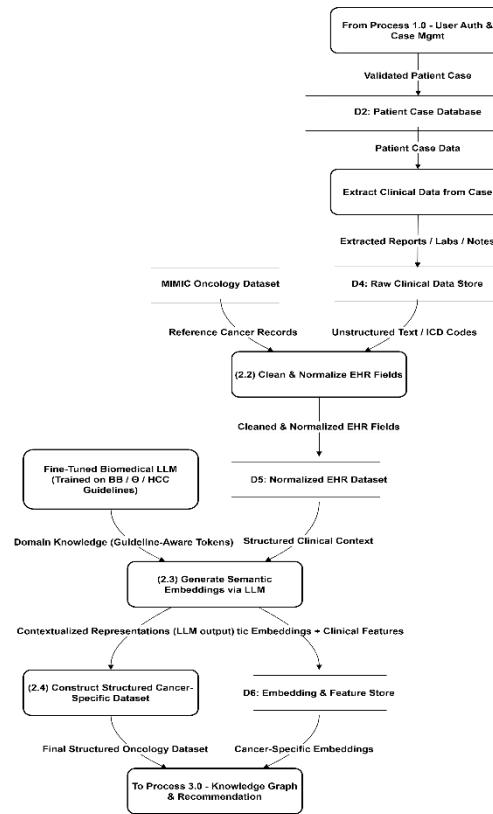


Figure 19 DFD Level 1.2 - RAG Data Extraction & Preprocessing

DFD Level - Knowledge Graph & Treatment Recommendation

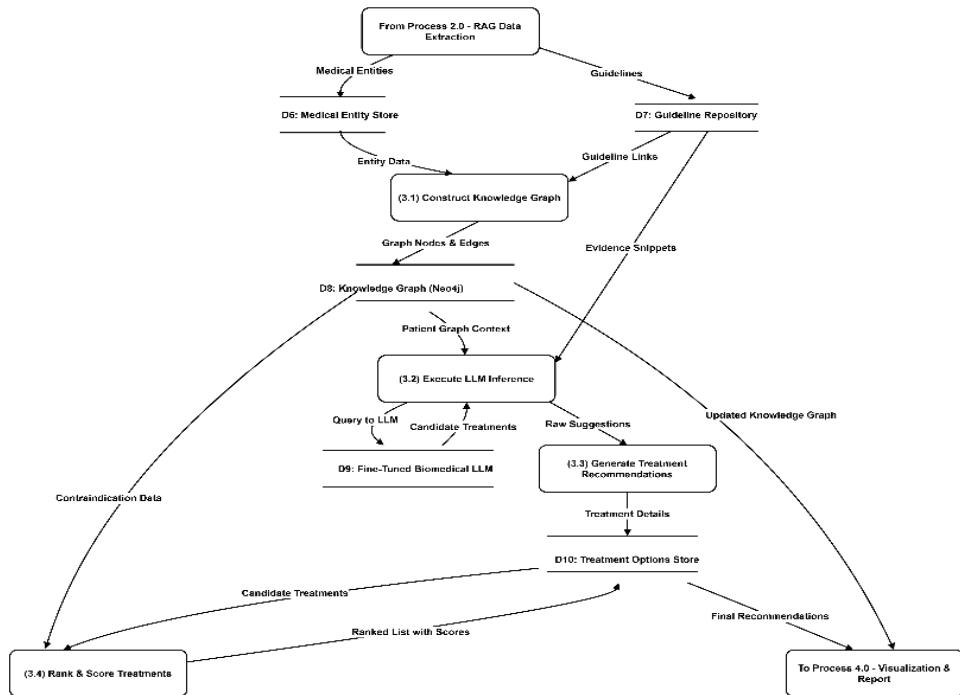


Figure 20 DFD Level 1.3 - Knowledge Graph & Treatment Recommendation

DFD Level 1- Visualization & Download Module

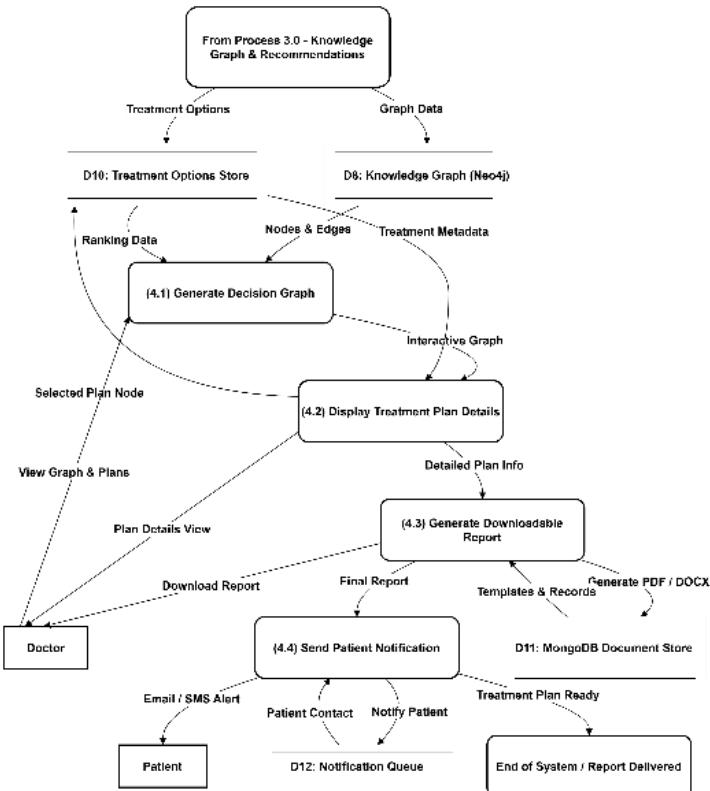


Figure 21 DFD Level 1.4 - Visualization & Download Module

Deployment Diagram

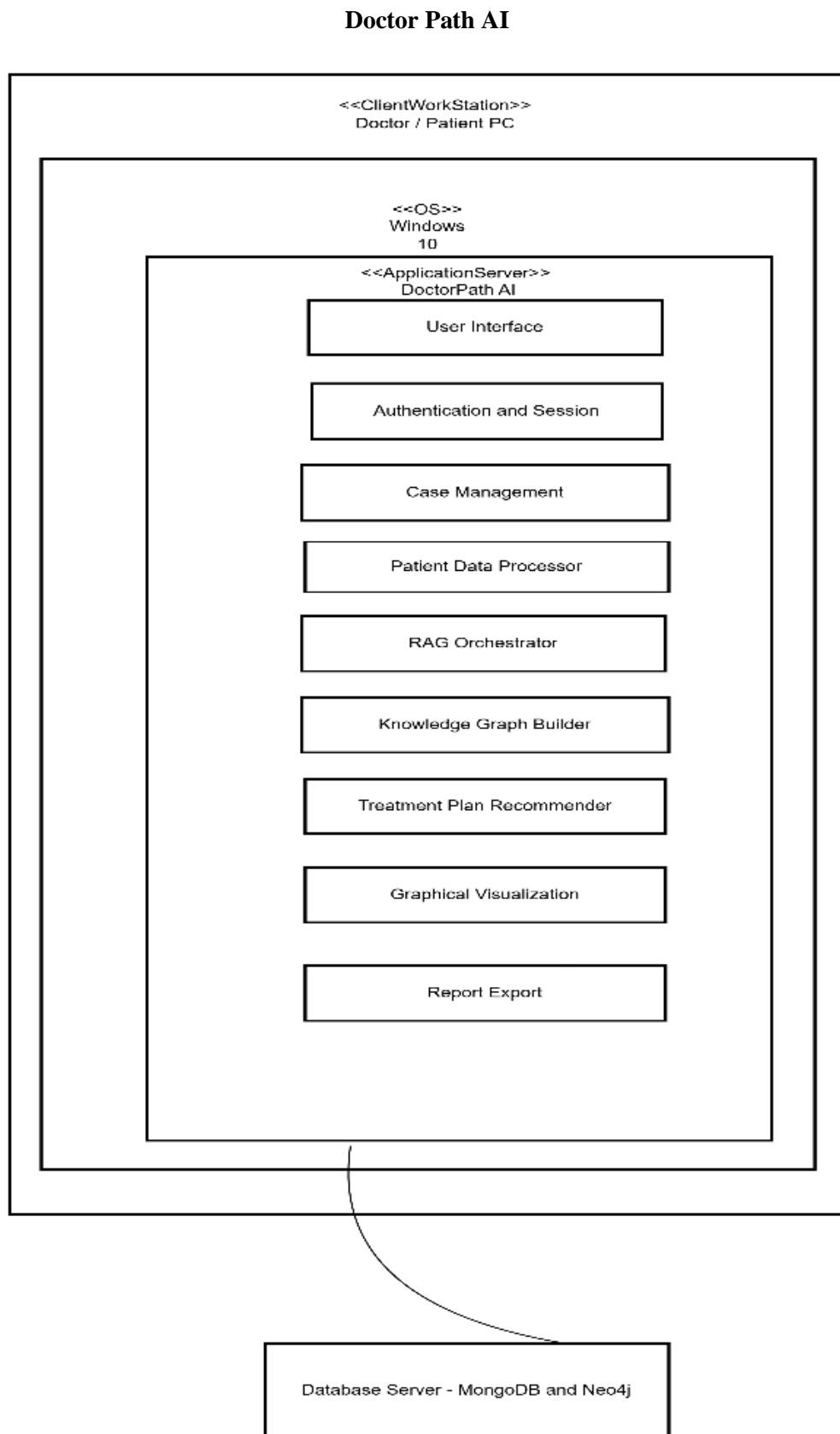


Figure 22 Deployment Diagram

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