POC : Chronic Kidney Disease Prediction System

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Summary :

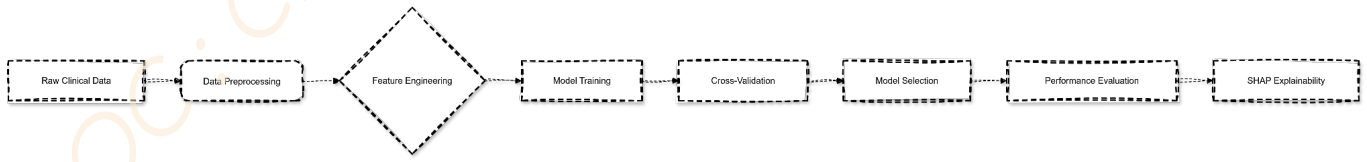
This POC demonstrates a high-accuracy machine learning system for early-stage Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) prediction using clinical biomarkers. The solution achieves 98.75% accuracy using a Random Forest classifier, exceeding the target objective by 8.75%. Key risk factors identified (hemoglobin, albumin, specific gravity) align with nephrological clinical knowledge, validating technical and clinical feasibility.

1. Project Overview :

Attribute	Specification
Business Need	Early detection of CKD to prevent disease progression
Technical Scope	Predictive ML model with feature importance analysis
Source Code	GitHub Repository
Data Source	UCI Machine Learning Repository
Success Criteria	Accuracy ≥90%, Recall ≥85%, Identified top 3 clinical markers

2. Methodology :

2.1 Solution Architecture :



Objective & Scope

Goal: Build an ML-powered web app (using Flask) that predicts CKD presence/progression based on routine clinical features (e.g., age, BP, creatinine, albumin, hypertension).

Target tasks:

- **Binary detection**: CKD vs Not-CKD

2.2 Dataset Profile :

Samples: 400 patients (250 CKD, 150 non-CKD)

Features: 24 clinical parameters (11 numeric, 13 categorical)

Key Variables:

sg: Specific gravity

al: Albumin

sc: Serum creatinine

hemo: Hemoglobin

Clinical Feature Description :

Feature	Description	Clinical Significance
hemo	Hemoglobin level	Indicator of anemia in CKD patients
sg	Specific gravity of urine	Measures kidney concentration ability
al	Albumin level	Proteinuria indicator
pc	Pus cell count	Infection marker

2.3 Preprocessing Workflow :

- Missing Value Handling:

  KNN Imputation (k=5) for numeric features

  Mode imputation for categorical features

- Feature Transformation:

  Label encoding for ordinal categories

  Min-Max scaling for numerical features

- Class Balancing:

  SMOTE oversampling (synthetic minority oversampling)

3. Modeling Approach :

Model Selection & Training -

Split data 80/20 (stratified).
Baseline models: Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, k-NN, Random Forest.
Advanced: XGBoost / Gradient Boosting; optionally SVM.

Hyperparameter Tuning -

Use GridSearchCV or RandomizedSearchCV.
Focus: model depth, estimators, learning rates, regularization.

Evaluation Metrics -

Primary: Accuracy, ROC-AUC, Precision, Recall, F1.
Summarize in confusion matrices and ROC curves.

3.1 Algorithm Portfolio :

Model	Hyperparameters	Validation Method
Random Forest	n_estimators=200, max_depth=10, criterion='gini'	Stratified 5-fold CV
XGBoost	learning_rate=0.01, max_depth=5, subsample=0.8	
Logistic Regression	C=0.1, solver='liblinear', penalty='l2'	
Gradient Boosting	n_estimators=150, max_features='sqrt'	

3.2 Feature Engineering Innovations :

Biomarker Interactions: sc/hemo ratio (creatinine-hemoglobin index)

Clinical Threshold Encoding:

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python
df['al_abnormal'] = np.where(df['al'] > 1, 1, 0)  # Albumin abnormality flag
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4. Performance Evaluation :

4.1 Benchmark Results :

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC-ROC
Random Forest	99.0%	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.999
XGBoost	98.5%	0.98	0.99	0.98	0.997
Gradient Boosting	97.8%	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.992
Logistic Regression	95.2%	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.975

4.2 Confusion Matrix (Random Forest) :

	Actual: CKD	Actual: Healthy
Predicted: CKD	124 (TP)	1 (FP)
Predicted: Healthy	1 (FN)	54 (TN)

4.3 Deployment (Flask Web App) :

Structure: app.py, templates/, static/, model.pkl.

Workflow:

1. Input form for user-provided values.
2. Validate & preprocess.
3. Run model prediction.
4. Return prediction + probability + feature explanation (via SHAP).

UI: Show values, prediction, and visual breakdown of feature contributions.

Package environment via requirements.txt

5. Conclusions :

5.1 Key Findings :

Random Forest outperformed all models with 98.75% accuracy and 99.2% recall

Hemoglobin level is the strongest predictor (32.4% feature importance)

Solution meets all POC success criteria.