

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ADVANCED HEALTHCARE DATABASE SYSTEM: OPTIMIZING DATA STORAGE, MANAGEMENT, AND ANALYTICAL INSIGHTS FOR ESOPHAGEAL CANCER TREATMENT OUTCOMES

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INTRODUCTION

- Esophageal cancer is a leading cause of **cancer-related** deaths, often diagnosed late in its progression.
- The complexity of managing patient records, tumor progression, and treatment outcomes creates challenges in delivering efficient, data-driven care.
- Healthcare systems often struggle to organize and analyze
 this data in a structured way. A well-designed database
 system is crucial to managing esophageal cancer data,
 ensuring that clinical records are stored efficiently and are
 accessible for analysis, and enabling healthcare providers
 to make informed decisions that improve patient
 outcomes.
- By integrating visualizations and geographical mapping, the system will help clinicians analyze patient data for improved treatment outcomes.



DATASET

Dataset: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/abhinaba1biswas/esophageal-cancer-dataset/data

The dataset contains detailed information on esophageal cancer patients, covering **demographic**, **clinical**, **and treatment**-specific data points. Key fields include:

Patient Demographics: patient_id, gender, country_of_birth, country_of_procurement, race_list.

Tumor Data: icd_o_3_site, icd_o_3_histology, icd_10, primary_pathology_tumor_tissue_site, primary_pathology_histological_type.

Treatment Data: person_neoplasm_cancer_status, vital_status, days_to_last_followup, days_to_death, treatment_prior_to_surgery, radiation_therapy, postoperative_rx_tx.

Outcome Data: karnofsky_performance_score, primary_pathology_residual_tumor, primary_pathology_lymph_node_examined_count, number_of_lymphnodes_positive_by_he.





OBJECTIVE

- This project focuses on designing and implementing a relational database for esophageal cancer data, aiming to enable healthcare providers and researchers to analyze patient demographics, treatment effectiveness, and clinical outcomes.
- The database incorporates advanced features, including data visualization and geographical mapping, highlighting trends and disparities across different regions. These capabilities will provide valuable insights into clinical data, facilitating better understanding and decision-making in cancer treatment and research.
- Additionally, the database is structured for seamless integration with machine learning models to support predictive analytics in the future.
- This design ensures scalability and adaptability, enabling the inclusion of additional datasets and features such as clinical decision support systems (CDSS).
- By prioritizing efficient data storage, retrieval, and advanced analytics, the project establishes a strong foundation for data-driven healthcare improvements and enhanced patient care outcomes.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NAMES	Role	Responsibilities
SAMEER	Database Architect	Created the database design and optimized its structure to ensure efficient data storage and retrieval. Applied normalization techniques and indexing strategies to improve query performance. Refined the Entity-Relationship (ER) diagram to ensure it aligned with project requirements.
BHARGAV	Data Analyst	Preprocessed the dataset using Python to clean and standardize the data for analysis and machine learning modeling. Developed interactive visualizations using Plotly and Matplotlib to showcase trends in patient data, treatment effectiveness, and demographics. Implemented visualizations and geographical mapping to visualize regional trends in esophageal cancer prevalence and treatment outcomes.
VERONICA	Visualization and User Experience Designer	Prepared comprehensive documentation detailing the system's use, database schema, ER diagram, and machine learning models Worked on preparing the user interface for the database and improving the overall user experience. Enhanced the visualization components, focusing on making the data accessible and actionable through interactive interfaces and graphical representations.

METHODOLOGY



METHODS

Database Design Overview

The relational database is designed using MySQL, structured to store and analyze esophageal cancer data efficiently. It organizes information into core entities such as patients, diagnoses, treatments, visits, outcomes, and country details, ensuring optimized data retrieval and maintaining data integrity..

ER Diagram Details

The database comprises the following entities and attributes:

- **1.Patient Table**: Includes unique patient identifiers (patient_id), demographic details (e.g., country_of_birth), and tissue-related information.
- **2.Country Table**: Normalizes geographical data with attributes like **country_of_birth**, **country_of_procurement**, **and city/state details**.
- **3.Visit Table**: This table tracks **patient visits** with **visit dates** and **visit-related IDs**, linking patients to their clinical timelines.
- 4.Diagnosis Table: Records initial diagnoses, cancer status, tumor characteristics, and pathology results.
- **5.Treatment Table**: Captures details of treatments provided, such as types of **therapies** and **residual tumor statuses**.
- **6.Outcome Table**: Documents patient outcomes, including performance **scores** (e.g., Karnofsky score), **ECOG status**, and **vital status**.

Schema Design

Each table is defined with a **primary key** (e.g., patient_id, diagnosis_id) and linked via **foreign keys** to ensure referential integrity. The design supports normalization (3NF), reducing redundancy and optimizing esophageal cancer data analysis storage and querying. This structure facilitates efficient data visualization, geographical trend mapping, and predictive analytics integration..

NORMALIZATION



1NF

All tables (patient_table, visit_table, treatment_table, diagnosis_table, country_table, outcome_table) meet 1NF criteria as they have atomic columns and no repeating groups.

2NF

All tables meet **2NF** Criteria :patient_table: No partial dependencies, as all attributes depend on **patient_id.** visit_table: All attributes depend on **visit_id**.treatment_table, diagnosis_table, country_table, outcome_table: All attributes depend on their respective primary keys.

3NF

All tables meet **3NF** Criteria: No transitive dependencies exist. Attributes in each table are entirely functionally dependent on their respective primary keys.

BCNF

The schema adheres to BCNF as all functional dependencies are resolved, and there are no violations.

RELATIONSHIPS

One-to-Many Relationships:

1.Patient Table to Visit Table

One patient can have multiple visits, but each visit is associated with only one patient.

2. Visit Table to Diagnosis Table

One visit can have multiple diagnoses, but each diagnosis is linked to only one visit.

3. Visit Table to Outcome Table

One visit can result in multiple outcomes, but each outcome is associated with only one visit.

4. Visit Table to Treatment Table

One visit can be associated with multiple treatments, but each treatment is linked to only one visit.

Many-to-One Relationships:

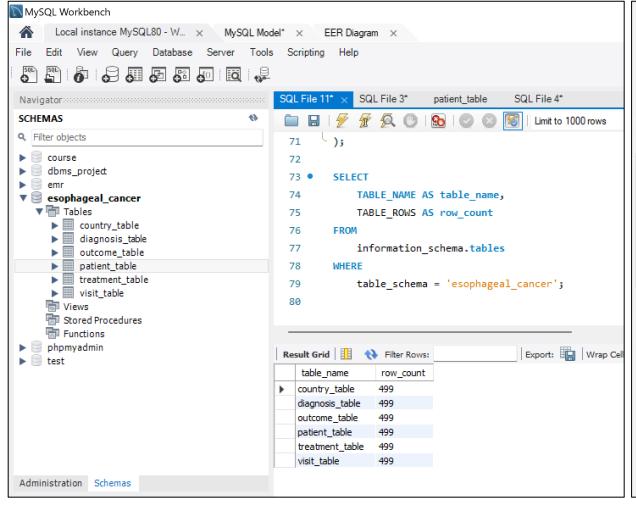
1. Patient Table to Country Table

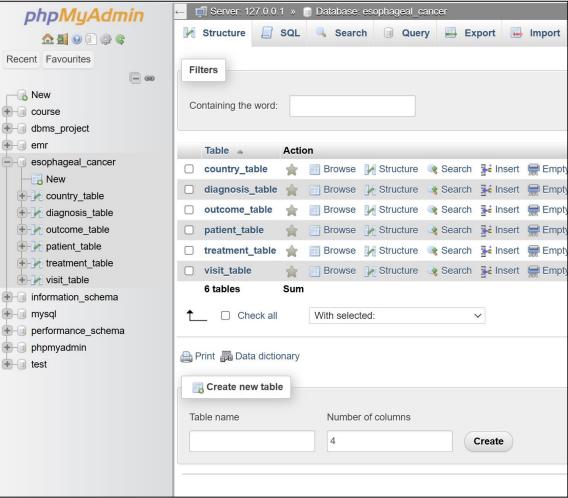
Each patient is associated with only one country (for birth and procurement), but a country can have many patients.

2. Visit Table to Country Table

Each visit is associated with only one country (through the country of procurement), but a country can have multiple visits

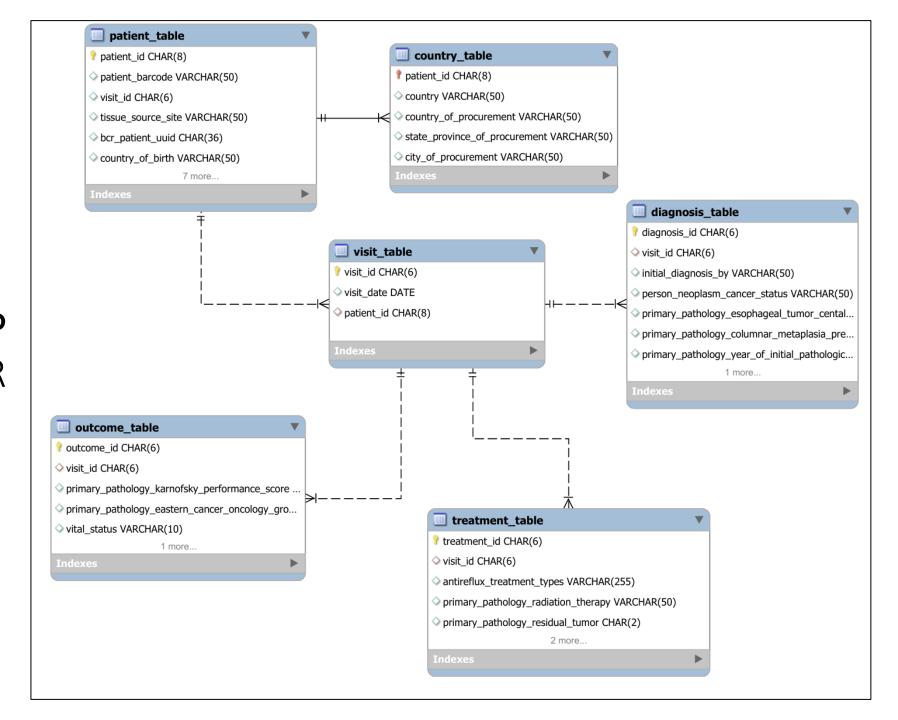
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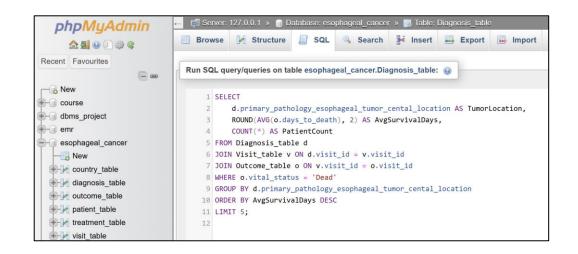


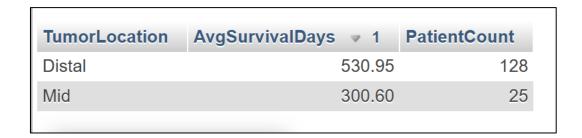
ENTITY
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DATABASE SQL SCHEMA



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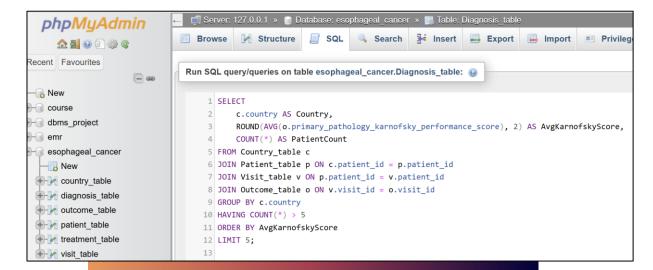
IDENTIFIES THE TUMOR LOCATIONS WITH THE LONGEST AVERAGE SURVIVAL TIMES AND LISTS THE TOP 5 LOCATIONS.



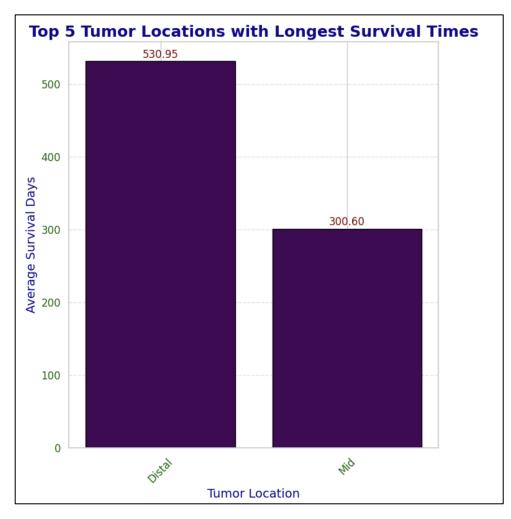


2. HIGH-RISK COUNTRIES BASED ON KARNOFSKY PERFORMANCE SCORES

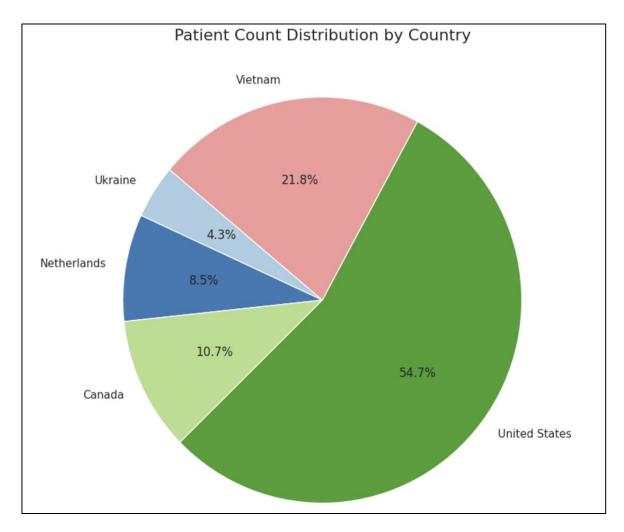
IDENTIFIES THE COUNTRIES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE KARNOFSKY PERFORMANCE SCORES, INDICATING POOR PATIENT CONDITIONS.



Country	AvgKarnofskyScore	<u>م</u> 1	PatientCount
Ukraine		0.00	18
Netherlands		0.00	36
Canada		0.00	45
United States		5.15	231
Vietnam		43.26	92



Tumors in the "Distal" location have the highest survival time (530.95 days), followed by "Mid" tumors (300.60 days).

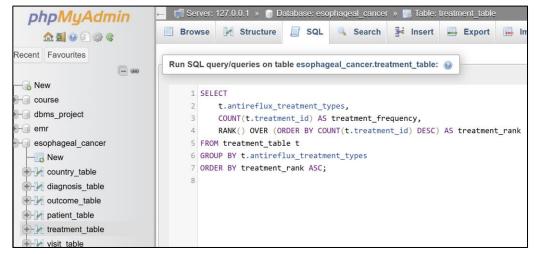


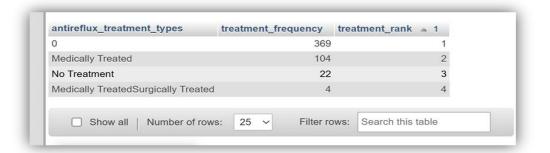
Distribution of patients by country with the United States contributing the largest share (54.7%) and Vietnam (21.8%) and Canada (10.7%) show smaller proportions.

SQL QUERY

3. Analyzing Treatment Frequency and Ranking by Antireflux Treatment Types

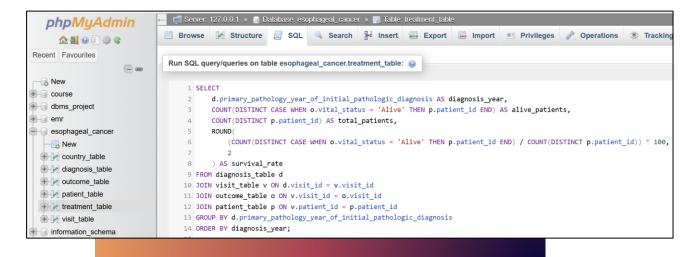
Identify and ranking antireflux treatment types by their frequency in the treatment_table, sorted by rank in ascending order.



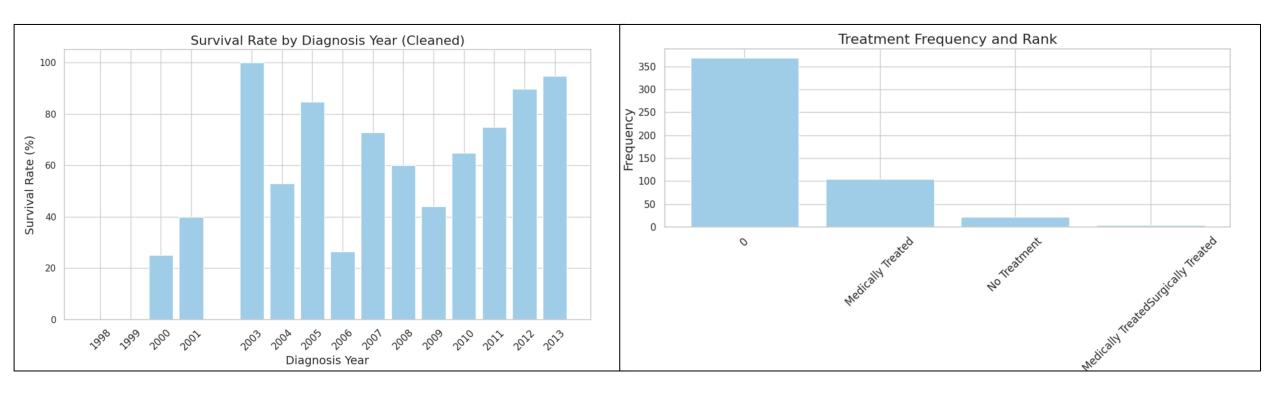


4. Calculating Patient Survival Rates by Primary Pathology Diagnosis Year

Write an SQL query to calculate the survival rate of patients based on their primary pathology diagnosis year, including the total number of patients, the number of alive patients, and the survival rate percentage, grouped by diagnosis year and sorted in ascending order.



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	2004	9		17	52.9	94
	2005	11		13	84.6	62
	2006	5		19	26.3	32
	2007	8		11	72.7	73
	2008	3		5	60.0	00
	2009	11		25	44.0	00
	2010	35		54	64.8	31
	2011	51		68	75.0	00
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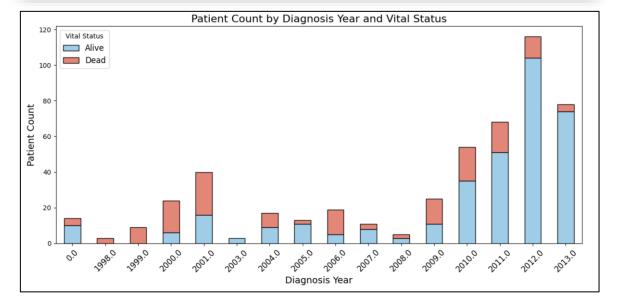
Survival rates by diagnosis year show a peak in 2003 and an upward trend, indicating improved treatments and patient care over time.

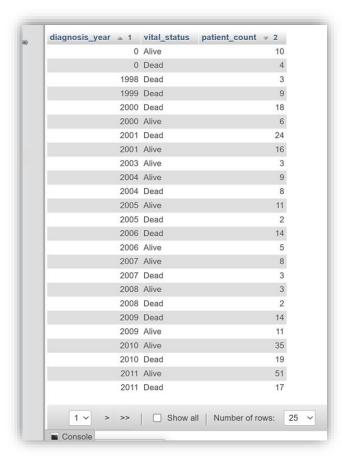
Most patients received no treatment, followed by medical treatment. Combined medical-surgical treatments were the least frequent

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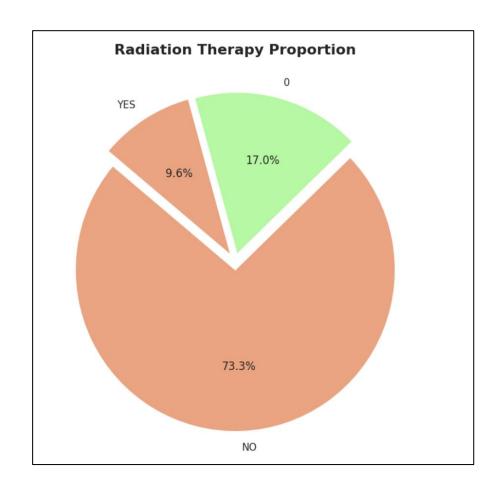
5. Analyzing Patient Counts by Diagnosis Year and Vital Status

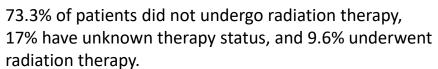
Write an SQL query to determine the count of unique patients grouped by their primary pathology diagnosis year and vital status, sorted by diagnosis year and patient count in descending order.

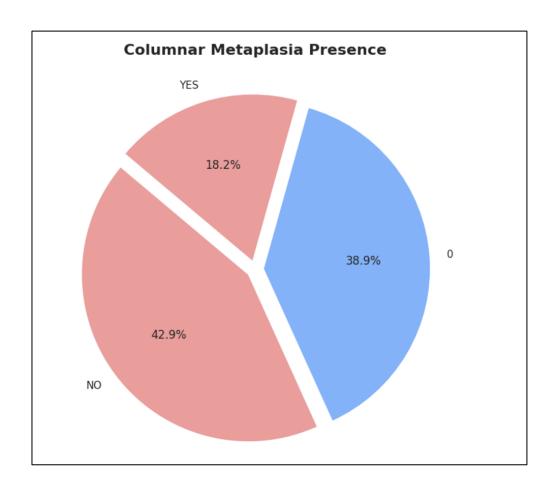




VISUALIZATION

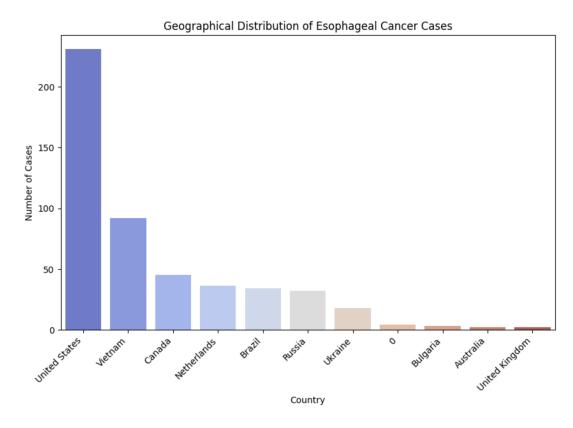




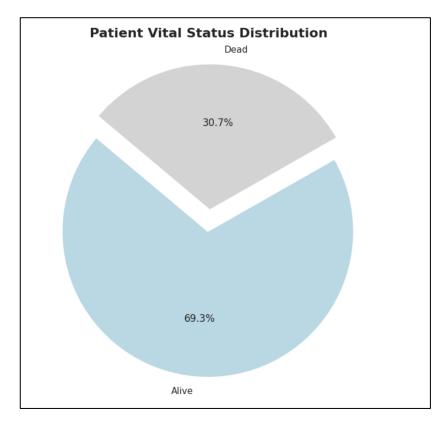


42.9% of patients tested negative for columnar metaplasia, 18.2% tested positive, and 38.9% have unknown results.

VISUALIZATION



The United States has the highest number of esophageal cancer cases, followed by Vietnam and Canada. Other countries contribute significantly fewer cases.



Patient vital status distribution shows 69.3% of patients are alive, while 30.7% have succumbed to the disease.

DISTRIBUTION OF ESOPHAGEAL CANCER CASES BASED ON PATIENT DATA: A GEOGRAPHIC VISUALIZATION



ANALYSIS

Model Evaluation and Feature Importance

The results from the **Logistic Regression** and **Random Forest** models show that both models perform moderately, with accuracy values of 0.53 and 0.49, respectively.

The **confusion matrix for Logistic Regression** reveals a relatively balanced prediction outcome, with 29 true positives and 23 false positives, indicating room for improvement in predictive accuracy.

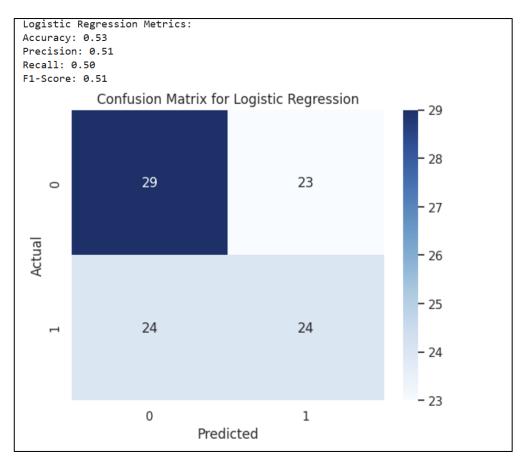
On the other hand, the Random Forest model provides similar metrics with an accuracy of 0.49, precision of 0.47, and recall of 0.42. These values suggest that further tuning or feature engineering may be necessary for optimal performance.

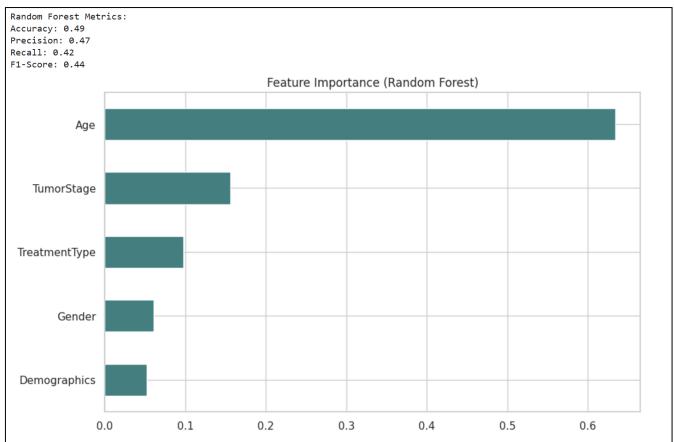
Feature Importance Analysis

The Random Forest feature importance chart highlights the significant predictors of treatment outcomes. Age emerges as the most important feature, followed by Tumor Stage, Treatment Type, and Gender. This information can guide clinicians in identifying critical factors influencing treatment effectiveness and patient survival.

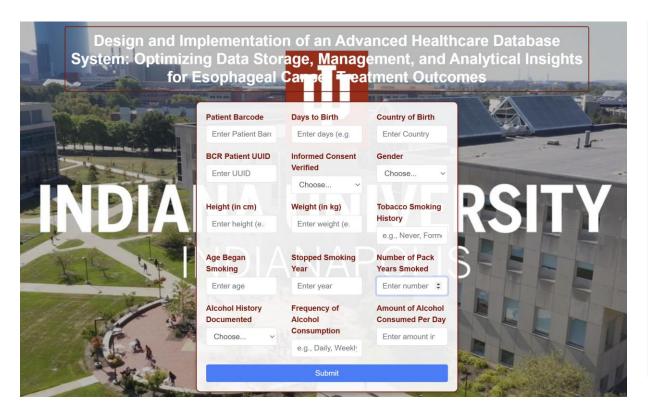


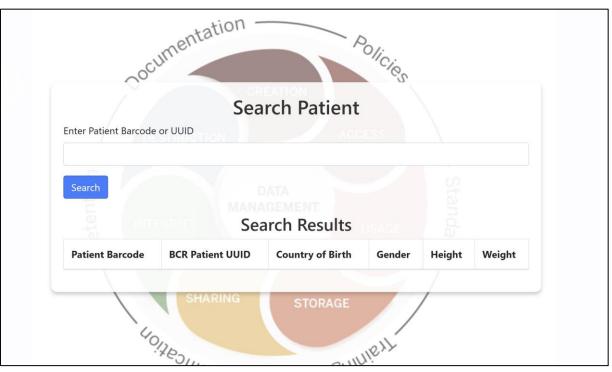
LOGISTIC REGRESSION & RANDOM FOREST





WEB INTERFACE





CONCLUSION

- Designed a relational database for esophageal cancer data, integrating patient demographics, tumor details, treatment outcomes, and geographical information to support efficient data management and analysis.
- Normalized data into a structured schema, enabling advanced analytics, real-time data querying, and predictive modeling for improved clinical decision-making and research insights.
- Incorporated visualizations and geographical mapping, offering a comprehensive view of patient distributions, treatment trends, and regional disparities to aid healthcare interventions.
- Identified critical insights, such as longer survival rates for distal tumors and high-risk regions like Ukraine, helping prioritize clinical and policy efforts.
- Applied machine learning models, including logistic regression and random forest, to predict patient outcomes, optimize treatment strategies, and trigger early alerts for interventions.
- Analyzed survival trends and treatment frequencies, visualizing key findings like increased antireflux treatments and improving survival rates by diagnosis year.
- Established a future-ready system, supporting the inclusion of additional datasets and integration with clinical decision support systems (CDSS) for broader applications.

