

# Dopamine: Differentially Private Federated Learning on Medical Data

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**Problem:**  $K$  hospitals each owns a private dataset of **medical images**:  $(X, y)$   
**A server** orchestrates training of a **Deep Neural Net** while preserving privacy.

**Idea:** Using **DP-SGD**, with a noise scaled to the number of participating hospitals, and performing a **secure federated DPSGD** at each round.

**Our Solution (Dopamine)** compared to other **baselines**:

- 1) Centralized Learning without Privacy
- 2) Federated Learning without Privacy
- 3) Centralized Learning with Differential Privacy
- 4) Federated Learning with Parallel Differential Privacy

- (1) & (3) are not achievable in practice (e.g. due to law)
- (2) & (4) does not provide any (meaningful) privacy
- **Dopamine** achieves the best **utility-privacy trade-off**.



**Code:**

<https://github.com/ipc-lab/private-ml-for-health>

**Model:** SqueezeNet  
 Input Size :224 x 224  
 (Iandola, F. N., et al. 2016)

**Dataset:** (5 classes)  
 Diabetic Retinopathy  
 (Choi, J. Y.; et. al. . 2017)

