# Laws for a Genie: governance and evidence frameworks for large language model-based chatbots in medicine

##### Invited Speaker

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#### Chair: Anna Lisa Gentile, Researcher, IBM Research Almaden

The debate for how to regulate LLMs is one of the hottest topics of 2023 and has been addressed in speeches and articles by the German Health Minister, the CEOs of Google, OpenAI and Nuance, the FDA Commissioner and debated in the EU parliament and the US Congress. Some propose that LLMs will soon be the linkers/glue for interoperability in the management of health data and health delivery, managing the transformation of health data, its conversion to and from structured data, between ontologies, the magic wand resolving health software and data interoperability questions, and the massive data synchronisation challenges in healthcare. Indeed, products offering some of these use cases are already on healthcare markets. There is great medical potential for Large Language Model (LLM)-based generative chat tools, such as ChatGPT or Google’s MedPaLM. However, LLM’s underlying approach has no model of medical “ground truth”, which is dangerous in medicine [1]. Chat interfaced LLMs have already provided harmful medical responses and have already been used unethically in ‘experiments’ on patients without consent. Almost every medical LLM use case requires regulatory control in the EU and US – some developers and understand this well, but others are either unaware or decide to ignore this to the risk of patients. In the US their lack of explainability disqualifies them from being ‘non devices’. LLMs with explainability, low bias, predictability, correctness, and verifiable outputs do not currently exist, and they are not exempted from current (or future) governance approaches. I will address the limited scenarios where LLMs could find application under current frameworks, and we explore the development of frameworks that preserve patient safety.

## Speaker

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