Medical Symptom Advisor

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Introduction

Problem: for

Traditional symptom checkers fail on freeform input

Importance:

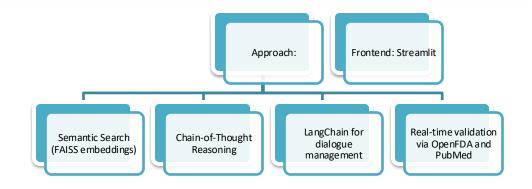
Mistrust and wrong triage decisions Healthcare AI is high-risk but critical

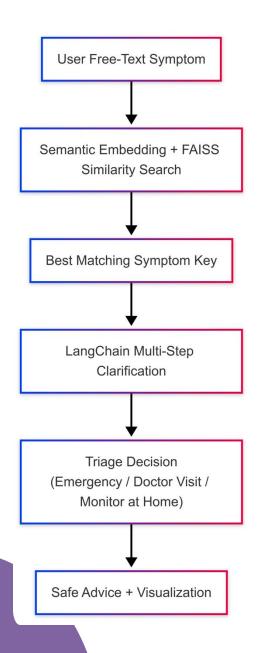
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Enter a symptom, and get Al-powered recommendations and guidance.

GPT Direct Mode Simple Mode AI Chat Mode Symptom Analytics NLP Analytics

Methodology Overview





System Architecture

- Workflow:
 - Input → Semantic
 Matching →
 Clarification → Triage
 - → Validation → Visualization

Chain-of-Thought Reasoning

- Multi-turn clarifications
- Dynamically generated questions
- Improves reasoning transparency



Semantic Symptom Matching



FAISS-based vector embeddings



Flexible matching to symptom database



Handles variability in patient language

Agentic Al with LangChain

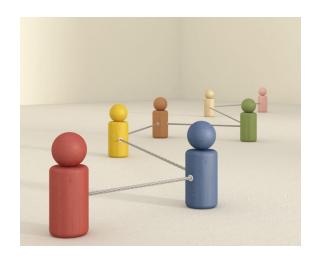
- Conversational Retrieval Chain
- Manages multi-turn conversations
- Prevents context loss and repetition

Agentic Al-Powered Symptom Chat

This mode uses AI to conduct a brief symptom assessment: 1. Describe your main symptom or health concern 2. The AI will ask you up to 3 clarifying questions 3. After these questions, it will provide a triage recommendation and advice Start New Conversation Hello! I'm your medical symptom advisor. Please describe what you're experiencing, and I'll ask a few specific questions to provide appropriate advice. My body is hot to touch It sounds like you are experiencing a fever. My first clarifying question is: How long have you had the fever? For 15 days [3] It seems you are experiencing a fever. My first clarifying question is: What is the highest temperature you've recorded? about 105 degrees F Assistant: What is the highest temperature you've recorded 105 degrees F Based on your responses, here is my assessmen You may be experiencing fever.

Recommendation: Consult a doctor if the fever lasts more than 3 days, or is accompanied by a Safe arbice: Take acetaminophen or ihunrofen to reduce the fever Stay hydrated, set plenty of rest, and dress in lightweight clothing. Avoid over-bundling. Seek medical attention if symptoms

rash, sore throat, headache, or signs of dehydration.



External Medical Data Integration

- OpenFDA for adverse event reports
- PubMed for medical literature
- Strengthens evidence grounding





Advisor Enrichment: External Medical Data

Detected Medications: acetaminophen, ibuprofen

Detected Symptoms: fever, chills

OpenFDA Drug Event Findings

Acetaminophen Adverse Reactions:

- · Adenoviral haemorrhagic cystitis
- · Disease progression
- Disease progression

Ibuprofen Adverse Reactions:

- Dyspepsia
- Cholecystectomy
- Cerebral venous thrombosis

PubMed Research Articles

Research on Fever:

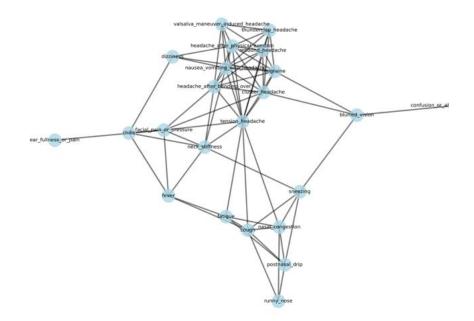
- Correlation between Escherichia coli infection during pregnancy and maternal-fetal outcomes: a retrospective analysis.
- Dengue fever with bilateral thalamic diffusion restriction lesions: a case report.
- [Clinical analysis of 10 cases of pregnancy complicated with Behcet's disease].

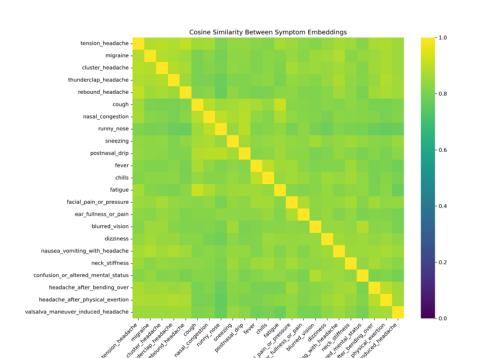
Research on Chills:

- Integrated transcriptomics and metabolomics analyses reveal jasmonic acid metabolic pathways for improving the chilling tolerance in cotton seedlings.
- Potential Use of Selected Natural Anti-Microbials to Control
- The Effect of the Level of Goat Liver Addition to Goat Minced Meat on the Near-Infrared Spectra, Colour, and Shelf Life of Samples.

Visualization Capabilities

- Cosine Similarity Heatmaps
- t-SNE Projections
- Symptom Network Graphs
- PCA Dimension Analysis





Results



92% Semantic Matching Accuracy



Successful External Data Enrichment



Robust Symptom Clustering

Future Directions



Expand symptom and rare disease coverage



Integrate WHO, CDC real-time feeds



Mobile-first and multilingual expansion



Clinical validation studies

Thank You





Questions?

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Live Demo