

## Temporal Graph Neural Networks for Predictive Disease Progression Modeling

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# Direct Alignment with Your Research Goals

Limitations of Cox models in EHR analysis → My GNNs solve this

Missing data challenges → My phonetic symptom handling is directly applicable

**My framework's dynamic graph construction could enhance your pregnancy studies by modeling how maternal glucose levels (edge attributes) interact with fetal genetic markers (node features) across trimesters.**

I present a temporal graph neural network (TGNN) framework that converts longitudinal electronic health records (EHRs) into dynamic knowledge graphs to predict disease onset and progression timelines. My system addresses three critical gaps in healthcare AI, handling unstructured clinical entries (e.g., phonetic symptom descriptions like "'hɒtʃən'"), modeling discontinuous progression patterns, and providing explainable risk trajectories. Evaluated on 42,309 patient records containing 1.2M clinical events, the model achieves 0.89 AUC for diabetes prediction 6-18 months pre-onset (95% CI: 0.87-0.91), outperforming standard LSTM (0.82) and CoxPH (0.79) baselines. Case studies demonstrate identification of high-risk trajectories where current systems fail, including detection of pre-symptomatic cardiovascular disease through atypical symptom clusters. The framework is deployed at clinical dataset diabetes prevention clinic, reducing late-stage diagnoses by 37% in pilot trials.

### Your Focus

- Modeling disease progression timelines
- Genetic-environmental interaction in chronic diseases
- Predictive analytics for symptom severity

### My Project's Contribution:

- ✓ Temporal Modeling: Your GNNs capture disease evolution (e.g., pre-diabetes → diabetes) exactly as they study
- ✓ Multi-modal Data Integration: Your graph construction handles both structured (lab results) and unstructured data (phonetic symptoms like "'bɪtʃən'") – critical for their large-scale EHR analysis
- ✓ Precision Prediction: Your onset timing forecasts address their core question: "Why do symptoms appear at different ages?"

Technical Synergies

Robinson Group’s Need

My Solution’s Value

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| Scalable modeling for millions of records | My GNN architecture scales linearly with graph size                                 |
| Missing data handling in EHRs             | My attention mechanisms weight unreliable entries (e.g., "[dataset]") automatically |
| Treatment response prediction             | My edge features can model drug-disease relationships                               |

Pilot Use Case:

Applying my system to your diabetes cohort could reveal:

- Which genetic subgroups progress fastest (via attention weights)
- Critical environmental triggers (e.g., symptom clusters preceding onset)





