

# System Troubleshooting Guide

## Quick Diagnostics

Run the validation script first:

```
bash  
  
python system_test.py
```

This will automatically check:

- Directory structure
  - Model files
  - Agent functionality
  - Dependencies
  - Serial ports
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## Common Issues & Solutions

### 1. Import Errors

**Symptom:** `ModuleNotFoundError` or `ImportError`

**Solutions:**

```
bash  
  
# Install all dependencies  
pip install -r requirements.txt  
  
# If specific package fails  
pip install flask pyserial numpy scipy pandas scikit-learn joblib neurokit2 wfdb torch  
  
# For PyTorch issues  
pip install torch torchvision --index-url https://download.pytorch.org/whl/cpu
```

### 2. Serial Connection Issues

**Symptom:** "Could not establish serial connection"

**Diagnose:**

```
python
```

```
import serial.tools.list_ports
ports = list(serial.tools.list_ports.comports())
for port in ports:
    print(f'{port.device}: {port.description}')
```

### Solutions:

- **Windows:** Check Device Manager → Ports (COM & LPT)
- **Linux:** Add user to dialout group: `sudo usermod -a -G dialout $USER`
- **Mac:** Check `/dev/cu.usbserial*` or `/dev/cu.usbmodem*`
- Update `SERIAL_PORT` in `app.py` to match your Arduino port
- Check Arduino is plugged in and recognized
- Try different USB ports/cables
- Ensure Arduino IDE isn't using the port

## 3. Model Loading Failures

**Symptom:** "Could not load model" warnings

### Check:

```
bash
```

```
ls -lh models/
```

### Expected files:

- `activity_rf_ucihar.pkl` (scikit-learn RandomForest)
- `ecg_cnn_win10s_binary.pt` (PyTorch checkpoint)
- `clinical_agent_model.joblib` (scikit-learn LogisticRegression)
- `clinical_agent_features.joblib` (Python list)

### Solutions:

- Ensure files are in correct location
- Check file permissions (readable)
- Verify model format matches expected type
- For PyTorch: check version compatibility
- System will use defaults if models missing (degraded mode)

#### 4. Division by Zero / Math Errors

**Symptom:** `ZeroDivisionError` or `RuntimeWarning: divide by zero`

**Fixed in latest code:**

- Added `max()` guards in Patient Agent baseline calculations
- Clamped sensitivity normalization in Decision Agent
- Protected against zero std deviation

**If still occurring:**

- Check `data/*.json` files for corruption
- Delete state files and restart (system will reinitialize)

#### 5. Dashboard Not Updating

**Symptom:** Charts/values frozen or not changing

**Check:**

1. Browser console (F12) for JavaScript errors
2. Flask server logs for Python errors
3. Network tab to see if API calls failing

**Solutions:**

- Hard refresh browser (Ctrl+F5 / Cmd+Shift+R)
- Check Flask server is running without errors
- Verify serial connection is active
- Check if data collection paused (Pause button)
- Try different browser (Chrome/Firefox recommended)

## 6. Alert System Issues

**Problem:** Alerts not triggering when expected

**Check:**

- Global risk must be  $\geq 70\%$  for 5 consecutive readings
- System may be in cooldown (30 min after last alert)
- Check consecutive counters in `/api/decision/current`

**Problem:** Too many false alerts

**Solutions:**

- Adjust thresholds in `decision_agent.py`:

```
python
```

```
ALERT_THRESHOLD = 0.8 # Increase from 0.7  
ALERT_PERSISTENCE = 7 # Increase from 5
```

**Problem:** Alert banner stuck on screen

- Check browser console for errors
- Refresh page
- Verify decision API returning correct status

## 7. Clinical Profile Not Saving

**Symptom:** Profile resets or doesn't update risk

**Check:**

```
bash
```

```
cat data/clinical_profile.json
```

**Solutions:**

- Ensure `data/` directory exists and is writable
- Check file permissions
- Look for JSON syntax errors
- Clear browser cache
- Check browser console for POST errors

## 8. Patient Baseline Not Learning

**Symptom:** Baseline values not changing over days

**Check:**

- `days_seen` in patient state
- Need at least 1 day for initial updates
- EMA is slow by design (95% weight on history)

**Verify:**

```
bash
```

```
cat data/patient_state.json | grep days_seen
```

**Expected behavior:**

- First 7 days: faster learning ( $\alpha=0.2$ )
- After 7 days: slow/stable ( $\alpha=0.05$ )
- Takes ~30 days for full confidence

## 9. Memory / Performance Issues

**Symptom:** System slowing down or using too much RAM

**Solutions:**

- Reduce `MAX_DATA_POINTS` in `app.py` (currently 3600)
- Clear alert history periodically
- Restart Flask server daily
- Check for memory leaks in browser (reload page)

## 10. State File Corruption

**Symptom:** JSON decode errors on startup

**Fix:**

```
bash

# Backup first
cp data/patient_state.json data/patient_state.json.backup

# Delete corrupted files
rm data/patient_state.json
rm data/clinical_profile.json
rm data/decision_state.json

# System will recreate on next run
python app.py
```

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## Debug Mode

Enable detailed logging:

**In app.py:**

```
python

import logging
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.DEBUG)
```

**In agents:** Add print statements in critical functions:

```
python

def make_decision(self, ...):
    print(f"DEBUG: global_risk={global_risk}, decision={decision}")
    ...
```

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## Validation Checklist

Before reporting issues, verify:

- ☐ Python 3.8+ installed
  - ☐ All dependencies installed ((`pip install -r requirements.txt`))
  - ☐ Directory structure correct ((`agents/`), (`models/`), (`data/`), (`templates/`))
  - ☐ Model files present (4 files in (`models/`))
  - ☐ Template files present (3 HTML files)
  - ☐ Serial port configured correctly (or running without Arduino)
  - ☐ Browser is modern (Chrome/Firefox/Edge)
  - ☐ No firewall blocking localhost:5000
  - ☐ Flask server running without errors
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## Getting Logs

### System logs:

```
bash

python app.py 2>&1 | tee system.log
```

### Browser logs:

1. Open Developer Tools (F12)
2. Go to Console tab
3. Right-click → Save as...

### State dumps:

```
bash

# Patient state
cat data/patient_state.json | python -m json.tool

# Clinical profile
cat data/clinical_profile.json | python -m json.tool

# Decision state
cat data/decision_state.json | python -m json.tool
```

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## Emergency Reset

If system is completely broken:

```
bash
```

```
# 1. Stop Flask server (Ctrl+C)
```

```
# 2. Backup data
```

```
mkdir backup_$(date +%Y%m%d)
```

```
cp -r data/*.json backup_$(date +%Y%m%d)/
```

```
# 3. Clear all state
```

```
rm data/*.json
```

```
# 4. Restart fresh
```

```
python app.py
```

System will reinitialize with default values.

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## Known Limitations

1. **Single patient only** - No multi-user support yet
  2. **No cloud sync** - All data stored locally
  3. **Browser-only interface** - No mobile app
  4. **English only** - No internationalization
  5. **Simulation mode limited** - No Arduino = no real sensor data
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## Performance Benchmarks

Expected behavior:



| Metric             | Expected         | Action if Different        |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Sensor update rate | 2 seconds        | Check serial connection    |
| Dashboard update   | 100ms            | Check browser performance  |
| Patient update     | Daily (midnight) | Check system clock         |
| Alert latency      | 10 seconds       | Expected (5 readings × 2s) |
| Memory usage       | <500 MB          | Reduce MAX_DATA_POINTS     |
| CPU usage          | <10% idle        | Check for infinite loops   |
|                    |                  |                            |
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Support Resources

- 1. **Run validation:** `python system_test.py`
- 2. **Check logs:** Server output + browser console
- 3. **Review state files:** `data/*.json`
- 4. **Test individual agents:** See test script examples
- 5. **Read documentation:** Agent-specific guides

System Health Check

Quick commands to verify system health:

```
bash
```

```
# Check processes
```

```
ps aux | grep python
```

```
# Check files
```

```
ls -lR agents/ models/ data/ templates/
```

```
# Check ports
```

```
netstat -an | grep 5000
```

```
# Check Python
```

```
python --version
```

```
pip list | grep -E "flask|torch|sklearn|neurokit"
```

```
# Test imports
```

```
python -c "from agents.patient_agent import PatientAgent; print('OK')"
```

```
python -c "from agents.clinical_agent import ClinicalAgent; print('OK')"
```

```
python -c "from agents.decision_agent import DecisionAgent; print('OK')"
```

All should complete without errors for healthy system.