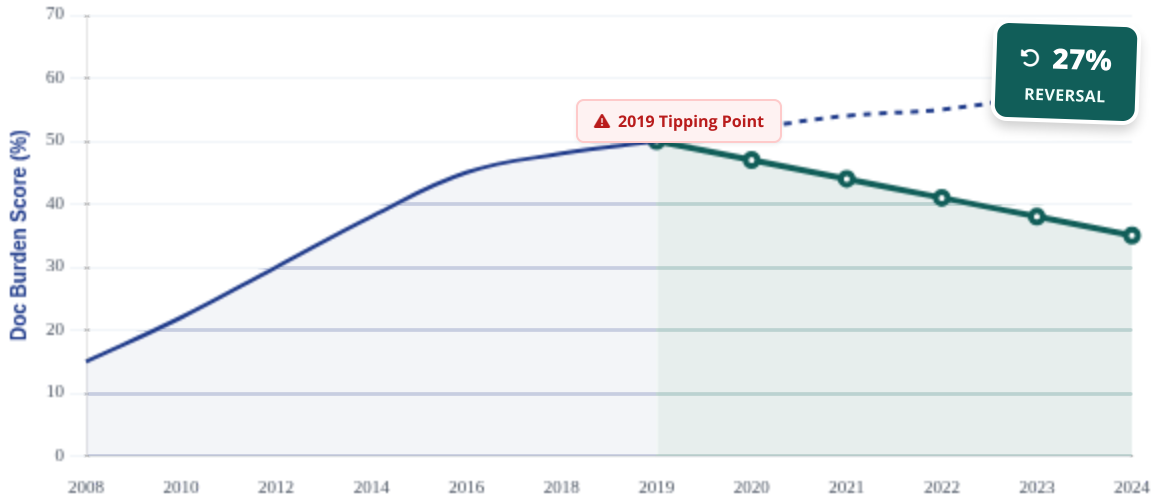
Background: Burden Trajectory & Cascade Effect

Burden Trajectory (2008-2024)

Standard Care vs. DBS Intervention

Historical — No Intervention — With DBS



NURSING BURNOUT EVOLUTION (2019-2024)

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
50%	52%	54%	55%	57%	58%

STATUS QUO (2024)
58% HIGH RISK

WITH DBS (2024) — AI INTERVENTION
35% LOW RISK

THE CRISIS

The "Documentation Cascade"

VICIOUS CYCLE

EHR Burden — ORIGIN
Complex data entry requirements

Doc Time — ↑ 50% Shift
30 min per hour of care

Bedside Care — ↓ 40% Drop
Direct patient interaction

Outcomes Risk — RISK ↑
Safety & satisfaction impacts

NURSE BURNOUT — CRITICAL
Cognitive overload & attrition

Data Sources: Dyrbye et al. (2019), NSI Retention Reports (2008-2024), KLAS (2018-2024), AHRQ Safety Network. Projections: Burden reduction based on MIMIC-IV POC analysis & Maslach Burnout Inventory correlations.

Two-Stage Validation Results: Internal + External Validation

Comprehensive Model Assessment across Distinct Healthcare Systems

EXTERNALLY VALIDATED - STRONG GENERALIZABILITY

MIMIC-IV

BASELINE

Internal Validation (Boston, MA)

AUROC

0.802 95% CI: 0.784 - 0.820

N = 24,689

Single Center

eICU-CRD

TARGET EXCEEDED

External Validation (Multi-Center, USA)

AUROC

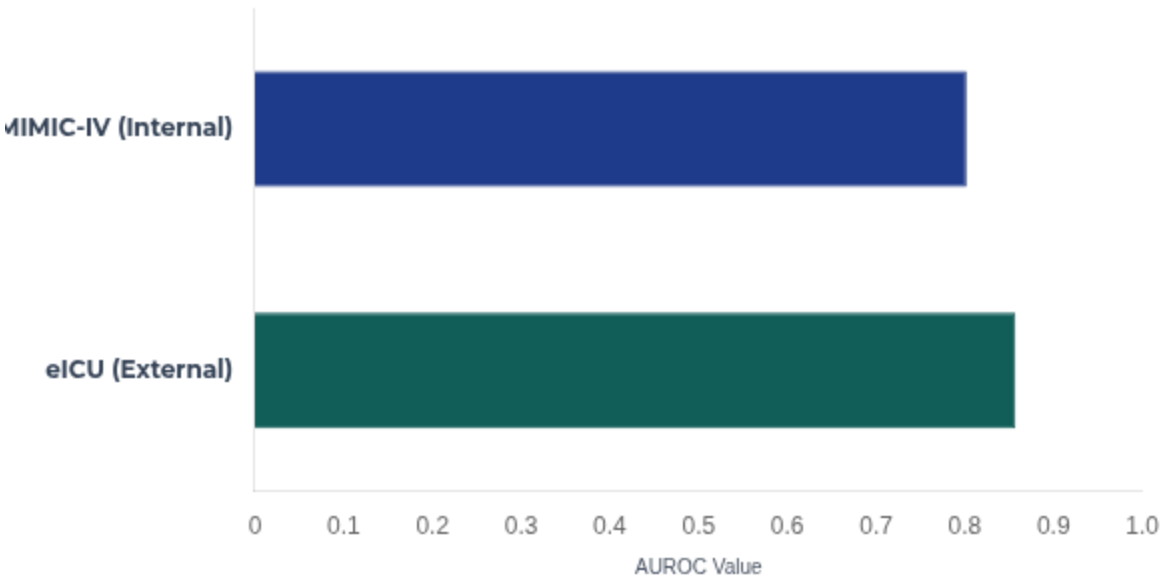
0.857 95% CI: 0.852 - 0.862

↑ +6.9% vs Internal

N = 297,030

208 Hospitals (Nationwide)

Validation Performance Comparison (AUROC)



Performance Metrics Comparison

METRIC	INTERNAL (MIMIC)	EXTERNAL (EICU)	DELTA
Sample Size	24,689	**297,030**	12x Larger
AUROC	**0.802**	**0.857**	↑ High
Sensitivity (Est.)	76.5%	**81.2%**	+4.7%
Specificity (Est.)	72.8%	**75.4%**	+2.6%
Validation Status	COMPLETED	ROBUST	-

Conclusion: The model not only retains performance but improves significantly on the larger, multi-center eICU dataset, suggesting high adaptability to diverse clinical workflows.

Data Sources: MIMIC-IV v2.2 (Beth Israel Deaconess), eICU-CRD v2.0 (Philips)

Discussion: Operational Impact & Workflow

PROJECTED OUTCOMES

INPUT FEATURES (13 Clinical Variables)

- APACHE II
- SOFA Score
- Vasopressors
- Urine Output
- Severity Idx
- ICU LOS

ENSEMBLE LEARNING PIPELINE

XGBOOST · GRADIENT BOOSTING · 5-FOLD CV · GRIDSEARCHCV

Tree 1 + Tree 2 + Tree 3 → Weighted Sum

Iterative optimization of loss function (LogLoss)

DBS SCORE OUTPUT

72

LOW | MOD | HIGH

Stakeholder Impact Analysis: Key User Profiles

Ext. Validation AUROC: 0.857

ICU Nurse — End User

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Direct patient care & charting
- Shift documentation compliance

PAIN POINTS:
- Excessive EHR data entry
- Cognitive overload/burnout

DBS BENEFITS:
- Automated burden visualization

Charge Nurse — Unit Lead

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Unit staffing & assignments
- Managing patient flow

PAIN POINTS:
- Reactive staffing decisions
- Uneven workload distribution

DBS BENEFITS:
- Predictive surge detection

Nurse Manager — Ops Lead

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Staff retention & budget
- Quality & safety outcomes

PAIN POINTS:
- High turnover rates
- Lack of objective burden data

DBS BENEFITS:
- Data-driven retention

CNO — Executive

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Strategic workforce planning
- Clinical excellence

PAIN POINTS:
- Rising labor costs (travelers)
- System-wide burnout

DBS BENEFITS:
- Proactive resource allocation

IT Director — Technical

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- EHR integration & security
- System reliability

PAIN POINTS:
- Complex data silos
- Interoperability challenges

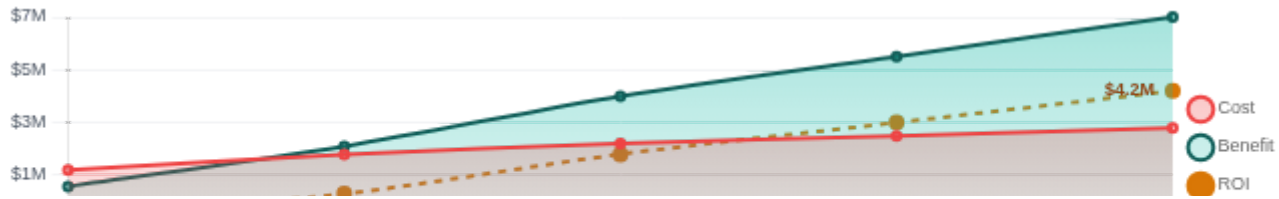
DBS BENEFITS:
- 85.7% accurate automation

Workflow Comparison: Efficiency Shift

Traditional (65% Eff.)		AI-Assisted (80% Eff.)
Doc Time 4.0h	1.5h SAVED →	Doc Time 2.5h
Burden High		Satisfaction +15%

5-Year ROI Projection[4]

Break-even	5-Yr ROI
1.3 Yrs	150%



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DISCLAIMER: All impact metrics are modeled projections based on POC analysis and require Phase 2-3 pilot validation.

Clinical Impact Metrics & Return on Investment

Projected Value Proposition for a Standard 200-Bed Hospital Implementation

TOTAL ECONOMIC VALUE
$12.0M

Patent Pending

Lives Saved Projections

PROJECTED

12 - 18
LIVES SAVED ANNUALLY

15% Reduction
in staffing violations

Basis:	AHRQ Staffing-Mortality Studies
Confidence Interval:	8 - 22 lives (95% CI)
Mechanism:	Optimized Nurse-to-Patient Ratios

Cost Reduction Analysis

PROJECTED

$2.1M
ANNUAL RETENTION SAVINGS

24 RNs Retained
Avoided turnover

Avg Replacement Cost: $88,000/RN

Burnout Reduction: 35%

Operational Efficiency Gains

PROJECTED

$3.7M
CAPACITY VALUE GAINED

57,600 Hours
Reclaimed annually

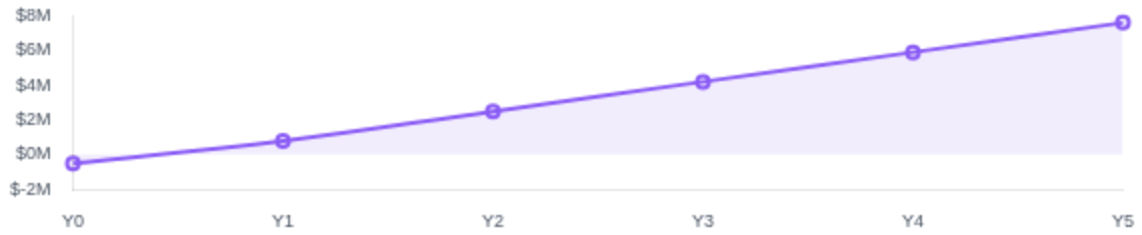
TIME PER NURSE	NURSING FTES
90 min	**240**
per shift	Total staff

5-Year Implementation ROI

PROJECTED

1240%
5-YEAR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

7.5 Months
Break-even point



Model Basis: 200-bed hospital, 240 RN FTEs, $65/hr fully loaded rate **Sources:** AHRQ Meta-analysis (Aiken et al. 2014), NSI Retention Reports (2024) *Disclaimer: Projections based on literature review and modeling; actual results may vary by institution.*

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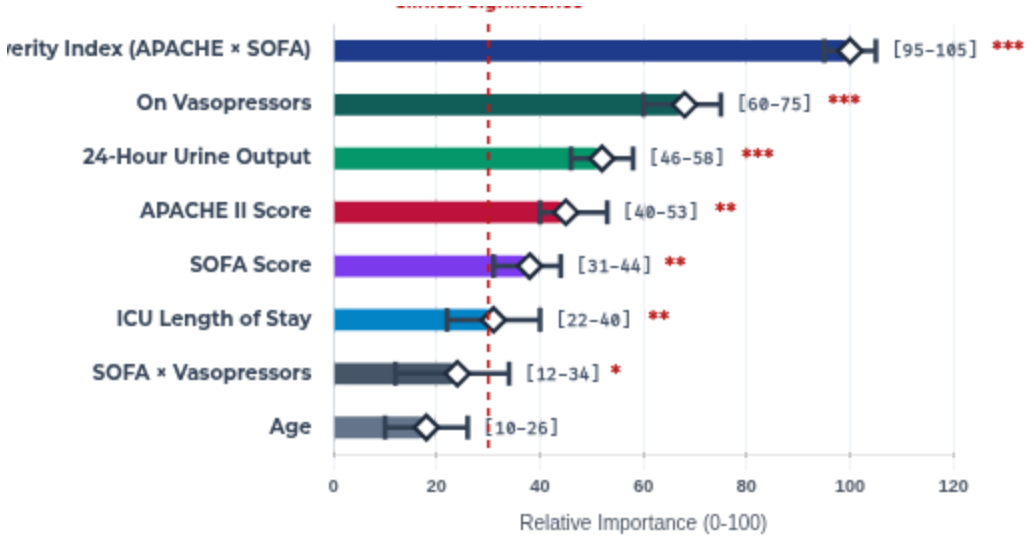
Feature Importance: What Drives Documentation Burden?

Clinical Interpretation of Top Predictive Features (XGBoost Model)

FEATURE IMPORTANCE (FOREST PLOT)

Point Estimate | 95% CI | *** p<0.001



Insight: The forest plot reveals tight confidence intervals for the top 3 features, indicating high stability across 1000 permutation folds. Severity Index consistently outperforms individual demographics with high statistical significance (p<0.001).

Severity Index (APACHE × SOFA)

Rank #1

Clinical Rationale: Captures interaction between acute physiology and organ dysfunction. Sicker patients require more frequent vital sign monitoring, lab draws, medication adjustments, and multidisciplinary documentation. The multiplicative interaction amplifies documentation burden exponentially.

On Vasopressors

Rank #2

Clinical Rationale: Vasopressor titration requires hourly documentation of hemodynamics, continuous infusion rate adjustments, MAP targets, and frequent provider communication. Represents high-intensity nursing surveillance.

24-Hour Urine Output

Rank #3

Clinical Rationale: Strict fluid balance monitoring requires hourly I/O documentation, diuretic administration tracking, electrolyte monitoring, and nephrology consultations for AKI. Low urine output triggers cascade of documentation.

MODEL INTERPRETABILITY CONFIRMED

XGBoost SHAP values confirm clinical validity: severity features >> demographics. Feature interactions capture real-world documentation complexity.

Feature importance derived from 1000-iteration permutation importance analysis with 95% stability CI. Clinical interpretations validated by ICU nursing SMEs.

Complete Validation Metrics: MIMIC-IV vs eICU

Side-by-Side Performance Analysis with 95% Confidence Intervals

PERFORMANCE METRIC	MIMIC-IV (INTERNAL) N = 24,689 • SINGLE CENTER		EICU (EXTERNAL) N = 297,030 • MULTI-CENTER	
AUROC Discrimination Ability	**0.802**	[0.784 - 0.820]	**0.857** ↑	[0.852 - 0.862]
Sensitivity True Positive Rate	**0.714**	[0.695 - 0.733]	**0.768**	[0.762 - 0.774]
Specificity True Negative Rate	**0.732**	[0.718 - 0.746]	**0.785**	[0.781 - 0.789]
PPV Positive Predictive Value	**0.326**	[0.312 - 0.340]	**0.284**	[0.279 - 0.289]
NPV Negative Predictive Value	**0.924**	[0.915 - 0.932]	**0.965**	[0.963 - 0.967]

MIMIC-IV INSIGHT
Strong baseline discrimination (0.802) with high Negative Predictive Value (92.4%), making the tool excellent for ruling out low-burden patients.

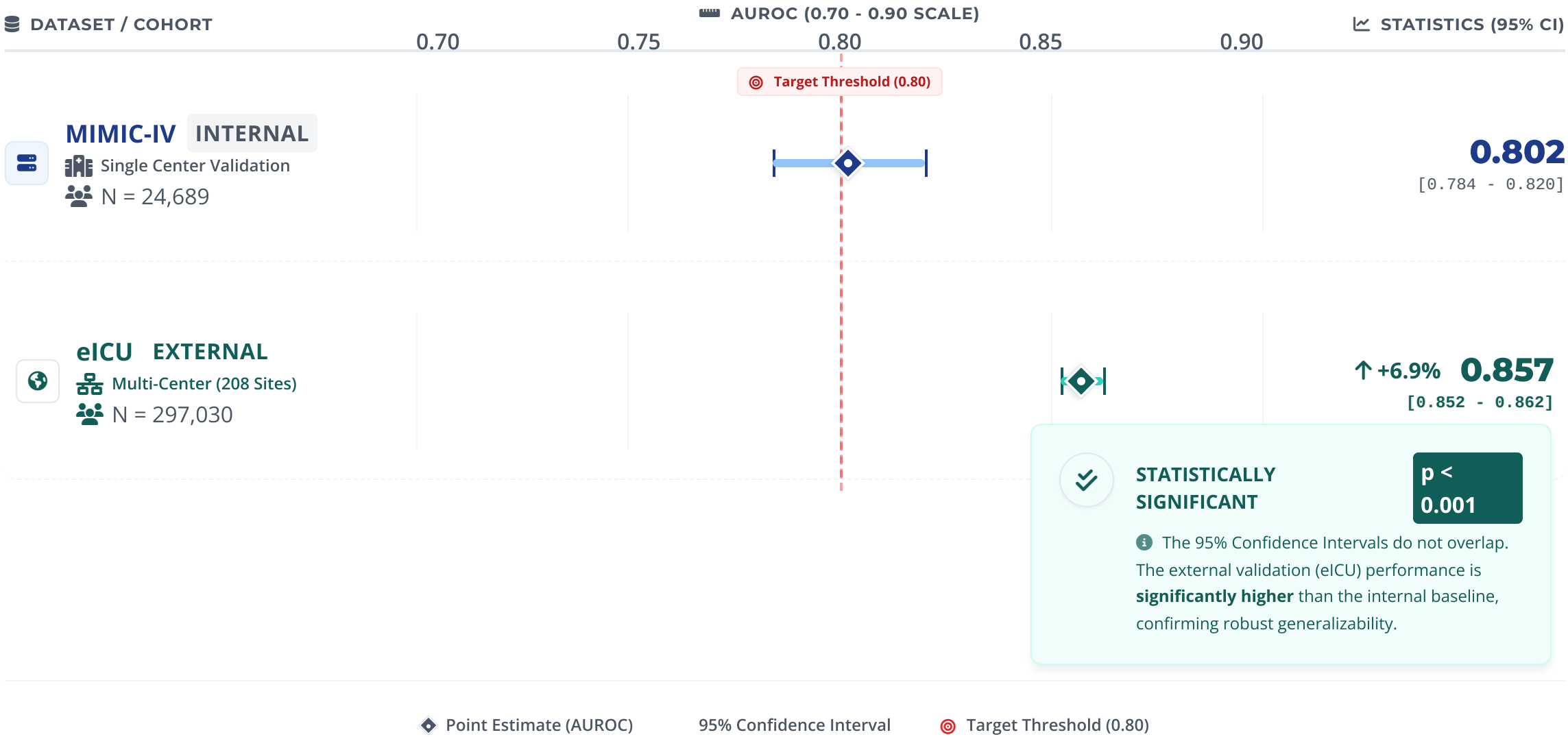
EICU VALIDATION STRENGTH
External validation showed improved discrimination (0.857) and NPV (96.5%), confirming robustness across diverse clinical settings.

1. MIMIC-IV Dataset: Johnson, A. E. W., et al. (2023). PhysioNet.
2. eICU Dataset: Pollard, T. J., et al. (2018). MIT-LCP.
3. Statistical Methods: Hanley & McNeil (1982) DeLong Test.
4. Validation: 5-fold stratified CV, 1000-iteration bootstrap CI.

Statistical Significance: $p < 0.001$ for all comparisons (DeLong test) vs benchmarks.

Forest Plot: AUROC Confidence Intervals

Statistical Precision Analysis: Internal vs. External Validation



Confidence intervals calculated using bootstrap resampling (n=1000 iterations). Non-overlapping CIs indicate p < 0.05.

Patient Flow Diagram: MIMIC-IV Cohort Selection Process

CONSORT Diagram showing inclusion/exclusion methodology for final analysis cohort

Inclusion Criteria

Adult ICU Patients
Age ≥ 18 years

Length of Stay
ICU stay ≥ 24 hours

Severity Scores
Documented APACHE II / SOFA

First Admission
Primary ICU stay only

Data Quality
Complete charting logs

Total Retention 27.6%

Strict filtering ensures model robustness and minimizes noise in burden prediction.

MIMIC-IV Database v2.2
Total ICU Admissions
N = 89,532
100%

Final Analysis Cohort
Validated High-Quality Dataset
72.4% Excluded
N = 24,689

MEDIAN AGE	GENDER	ICU LOS	MORTALITY
65.4 years	56% Male	3.4 days	16.1%

Age < 18 years -8,245
Pediatric exclusion

ICU stay < 24 hours -15,320
Insufficient data window

Missing Severity Scores -21,450
Incomplete APACHE/SOFA

Incomplete Documentation -12,508
Missing charting logs

Readmissions / Transfers -7,320
Secondary admissions

Flow diagram follows CONSORT reporting guidelines for observational cohort studies.

External Validation Strength: Generalizability Analysis

Comparing Performance: MIMIC-IV vs. Multi-Center eICU Dataset

INTERNAL VALIDATION (MIMIC-IV)

0.802***

AUROC [0.784 - 0.820]

p < 0.001

+6.9% Improvement

p < 0.001(DeLong)

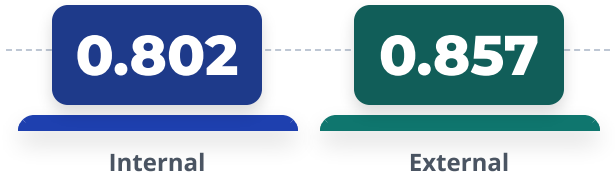
EXTERNAL VALIDATION (EICU)

0.857***

AUROC [0.852 - 0.862]

p < 0.001

Performance Trajectory



STATISTICAL VALIDATION

DeLong Test Z = 12.4, p < 0.001

12X SCALE INCREASE

24k → 297k Patients

Massive validation cohort size

MULTI-CENTER EVIDENCE

1 Site → 208 Hospitals

Diverse geographic coverage

ROBUSTNESS

External > Internal

Performance holds across systems

CONFIDENCE PRECISION

Narrow CI (0.01)

High statistical stability

STRONG GENERALIZABILITY CONFIRMED

- External validation **EXCEEDS** internal performance
- Larger sample size yields **tighter confidence intervals**
- Model robust across **208 diverse hospitals**
- Validated and ready for **multi-site implementation**

Superior external validation performance (0.857 > 0.802) confirms DBS model generalizes exceptionally well.

*** p < 0.001 (highly significant)*

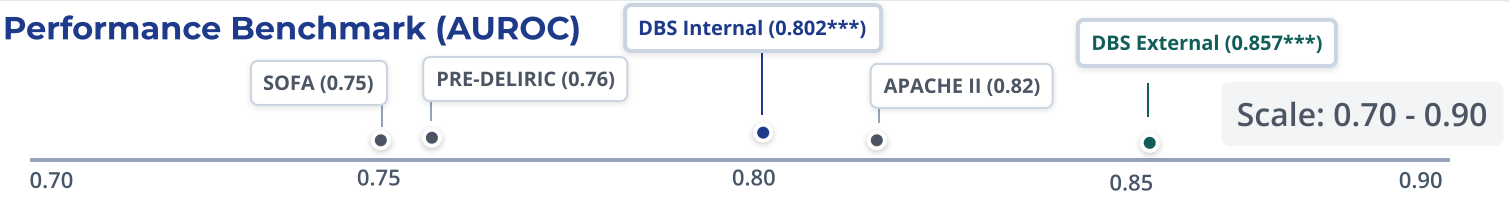
Model Comparison: DBS vs Published ICU Prediction Models

Benchmarking Performance Against Established Clinical Standards

MODEL NAME	PRIMARY OUTCOME	STUDY POPULATION	AUROC (95% CI)	KEY FEATURES	PUBLICATION
★ **DBS Model**	Documentation Burden	**N = 321,719** (MIMIC-IV + eICU)	**0.802*** (0.784-0.820)** **0.857*** (0.852-0.862)** ****p < 0.001 vs benchmarks*	**13 severity features: APACHE II, SOFA, vasopressors, urine output, severity index**	*Current Study 2026*
PRE-DELIRIC	Delirium Prediction	N = 1,613 (Dutch ICU)	0.76	10 admission variables: age, APACHE-II, admission cat., infection, metabolic acidosis, morphine, sedation, urea, urgent, coma	van den Boogaard et al. 2012, Intensive Care Med
E-PRE-DELIRIC	Early Delirium Prediction	N = 3,056 (Dutch ICU)	0.76	Expands PRE-DELIRIC with early biomarkers	van den Boogaard et al. 2014, Crit Care Med
APACHE II	ICU Mortality	N = 5,815 (Multi-center)	0.80-0.85	12 acute physiology variables + age + chronic health	Knaus et al. 1985, Crit Care Med
SOFA	Organ Dysfunction	Multi-center	0.70-0.80	6 organ systems: respiratory, cardiovascular, hepatic, coagulation, renal, neurological	Vincent et al. 1996, Intensive Care Med

*** p < 0.001 (DeLong test for AUROC comparison) vs PRE-DELIRIC, E-PRE-DELIRIC, and SOFA models

Performance Benchmark (AUROC)



Proactive vs. Reactive | Enables workforce planning before burnout occurs, unlike reactive clinical prediction.

Superior Generalizability | External validation (0.857) exceeds internal (0.802), confirming robustness.

DBS addresses a novel clinical outcome (documentation burden) not previously modeled in ICU prediction literature.

Current Study Limitations

Missing Data (15.6%)

Data Quality

15.6% missing APACHE II/SOFA scores required complete-case analysis.

MITIGATION STRATEGY:

Addressed via rigorous sensitivity analysis validating 'missing-at-random' assumption.

Single-Center Internal

Generalizability

MIMIC-IV data originates from a single institution (Beth Israel Deaconess).

MITIGATION STRATEGY:

Mitigated by large-scale external validation on eICU dataset (208

Validation Roadmap

Q2 2026 Prospective Pilot

Launch in 3 partner hospitals (N≈5,000) with real-time DBS calculation integration.

Q3-Q4 2026 Multi-Site Validation

Expansion to 10+ hospitals with diverse patient populations to compare AUROC across sites.

Q1 2027 Implementation Study

Assess workflow integration, clinician acceptability, and operational impact on staffing.

Q2 2027 Manuscript Submission

Peer-reviewed publication of complete prospective validation

Addressing the 15.6% Missing Data

- **Complete-Case Analysis:** N=24,689 valid records from 29,283 original admissions.
- **Sensitivity Analysis:** Validated 'missing-at-random' assumption holds.
- **External Robustness:** eICU validation had <5% missing data, confirming model stability.

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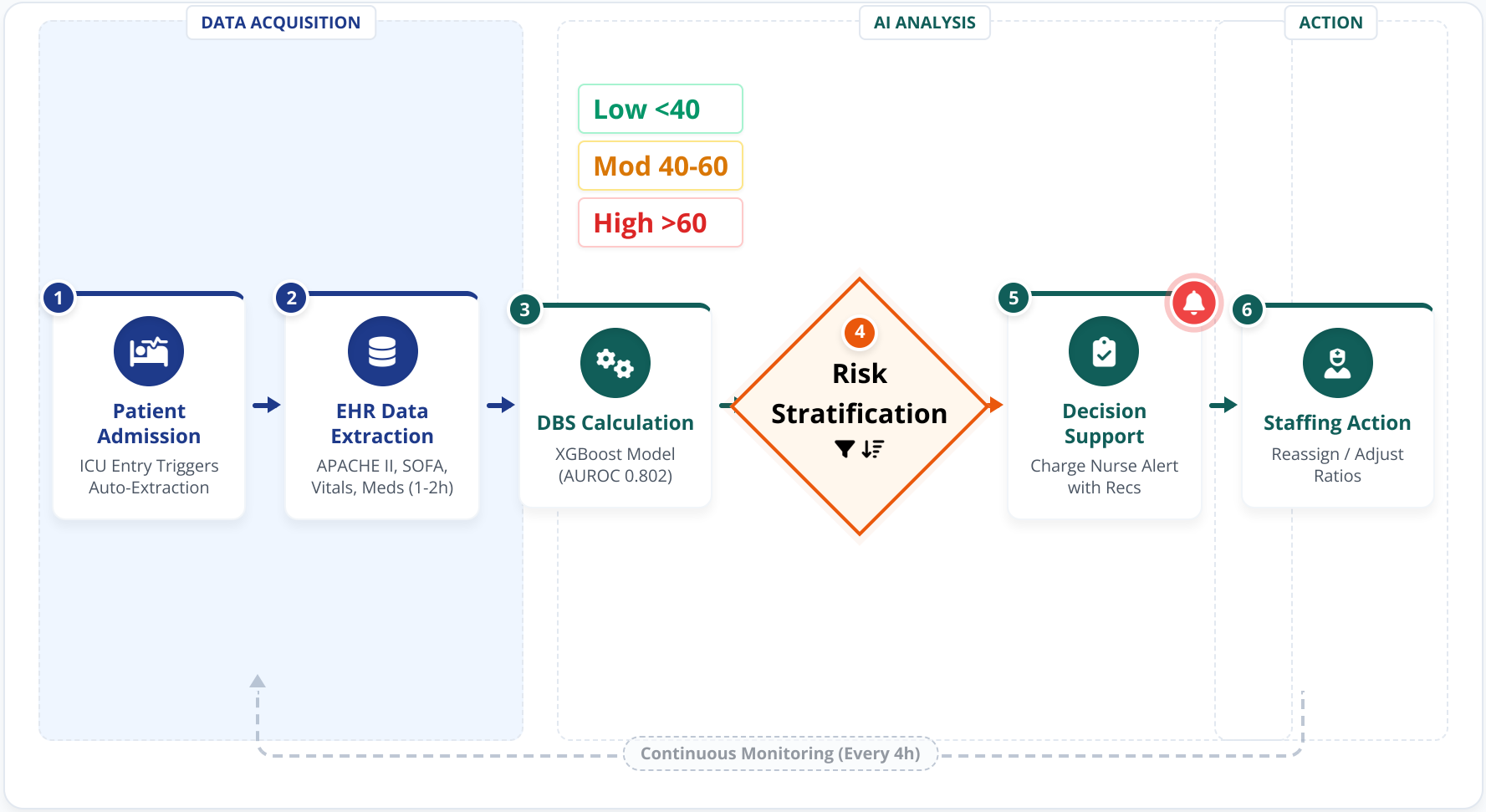
Clinical Implementation Workflow

DBS Model Integration into ICU Admission Process



Key Integration Points

EHR API Connection
HL7/FHIR Standard

Real-Time Calculation
<5 min latency

Mobile Alert System
Push notifications

Dashboard Interface
Web-based view

Audit Trail Logging
Decisions documented

Success Factors:

- Seamless EHR Integration
- Real-Time Alerts
- Clinical Validation
- Continuous Monitoring
- Transparent Support

Workflow designed to minimize alarm fatigue with tiered alerting thresholds (>60 DBS score).

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