

# Healthguard Insurance



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# PROJECT OUTLINE

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# OBJECTIVE

BUILD A **PREDICTIVE MODEL** FOR THE  
DIAGNOSIS OF **CHRONIC ILLNESS**

# WHY?

**ACCURATE PREDICTION** OF CHRONIC ILLNESS CAN ENABLE  
US TO **PRICE INSURANCE PREMIUMS** WELL LEADING TO A  
**MAXIMIZED SHAREHOLDER AND CUSTOMER VALUE**

## **CHRONIC CONDITIONS**

- 1 – Diagnosed
- 2 – Diagnosed  
during pregnancy
- 3 – Not Diagnosed

## **TRAIN/TEST SPLIT**

No systematic  
differences  
between test and  
train data.

# **Initial Data Assumptions**



# PREDICTIVE MODELING

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## **Data Cleaning**

Filtering outliers

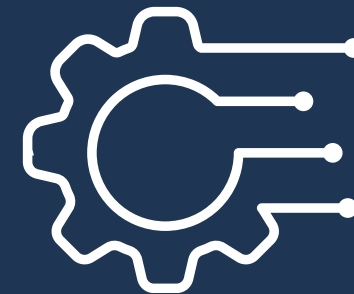
Data  
Standardization



## **Exploratory Data Analysis**

Trend analysis

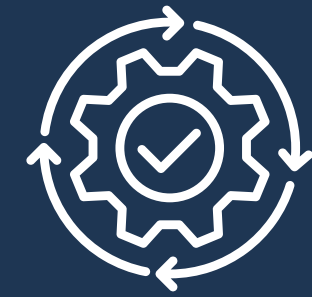
Correlation-  
matrix plot



## **Feature Selection**

Feature importance

Recursive Feature  
Elimination



## **Model Implementation**

Cross Validation

Hyperparameter  
Tuning

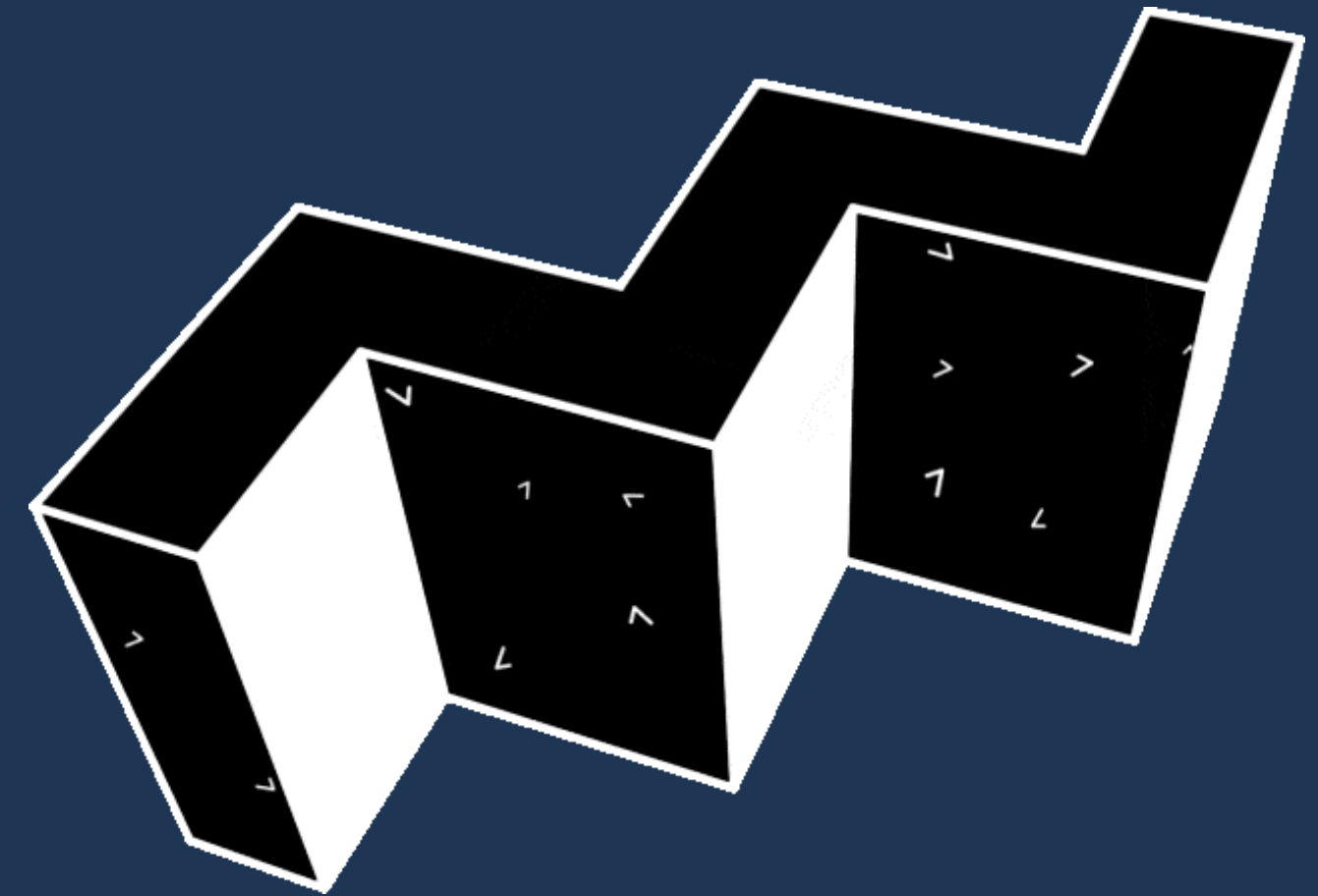
# SUMMARY OF MODELING PROCESS

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First pass achieved **82.4% accuracy** with XGBoost as recommended by paper, then:

- Chose only the first 20 most important features to prevent overfitting of model
- Used GridSearchCV for hyperparameter tuning and cross-validation
- Used Smote to balance training data

Based on the papers in the appendix, I found that for the data I was working with the **XGBoost** model performed the best



# 92%

MODEL ACCURACY IN PREDICTING  
CHRONIC ILLNESS ACHIEVED

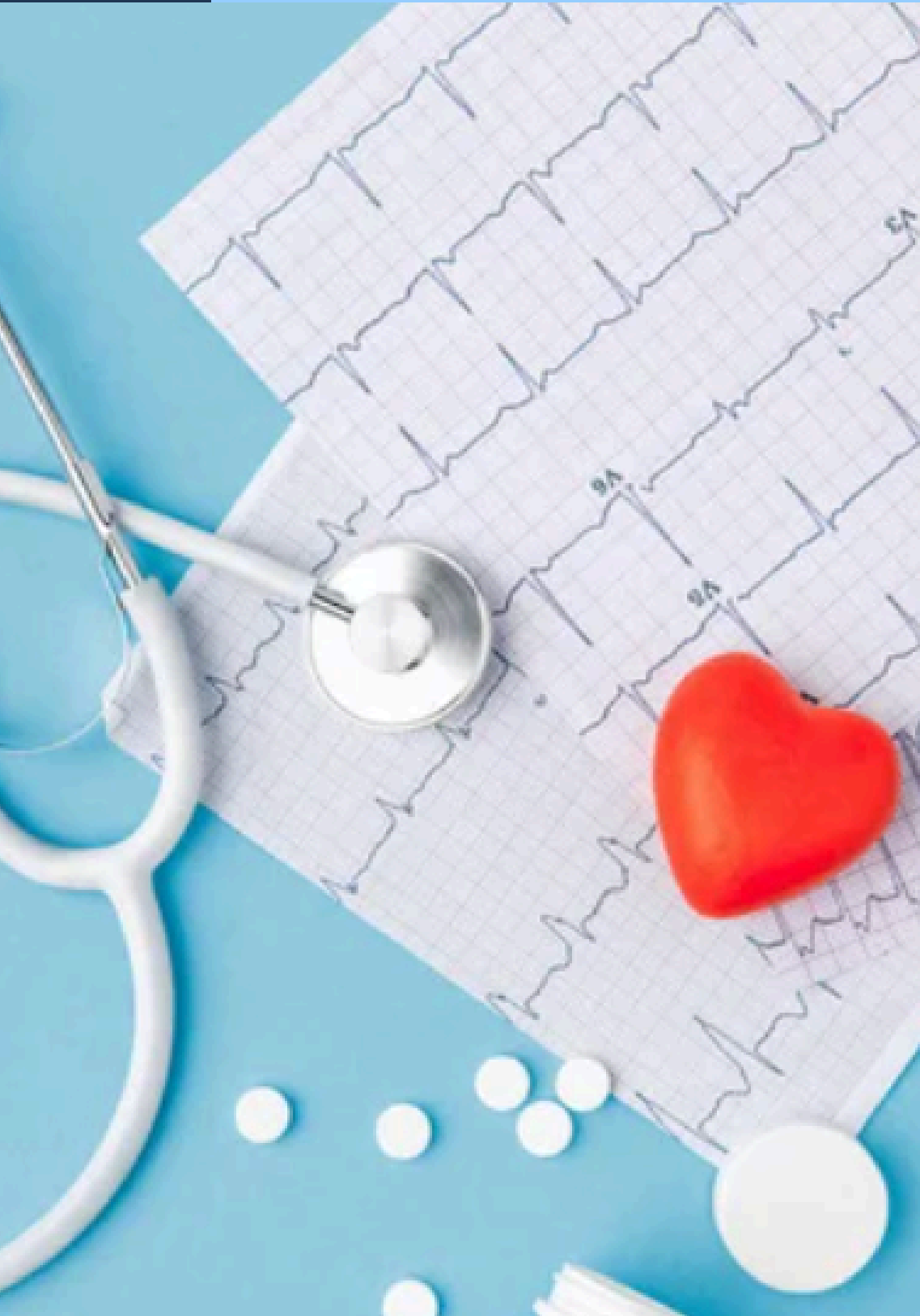


Optimized with SMOTE, hyperparameter tuning and cross-validation



**Major Risk factors as seen from  
the data include:**

Feature Importance	
General Health	0.162977
Sex	0.122104
BMI Category	0.09288
Age	0.06398
Kidney Disease Status	0.04905
Last Routine Check Up	0.04268



# MAXIMIZING CUSTOMER VALUE

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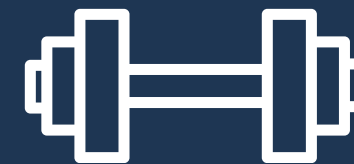
**Maximizing coverage** based on requirements:

Personalized coverage based on improving  
general health:

- 1) **Age** and **Gender**
- 2) Health metrics (eg. **BMI**, patient history)
- 3) **Exercise** and lifestyle choices (eg. smoking)

Benefits include:

- Potentially **lower premiums** due to lower risk
- **Wider coverage** based on lifestyle



# MAXIMIZING SHAREHOLDER VALUE

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Ensuring insurance is priced at a level where **expected returns are consistently profitable.**

## Strategy:

- **Tiered Pricing:** Adjust premiums based on risk level of key factors.
- **Risk Reduction:** Competitive pricing for low-risk individuals potentially being attractive to more customers.



## PREVENTATIVE CARE INCENTIVES

Incentivizing preventative care and **check-ups** would result in more patient data as well as **early detection of disease**.

## EXERCISE INCENTIVES

Incentivizing exercise as the **trend between chronic illness and lack of exercise** is prevalent. This may look like a gym membership rebate.

## WHY?

### BETTER DATA

Through this process, **patient data is collected**.

Better data will enable better predictions which will enable us to price insurance better

### BETTER HEALTH

Incentivizing better health is a better outcome for both parties. **Customers are happier** and the insurance company makes **better margins** with lower payouts

# Recommendations and Next Steps

Balancing our shareholder  
and customer objectives



# APPENDIX

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