

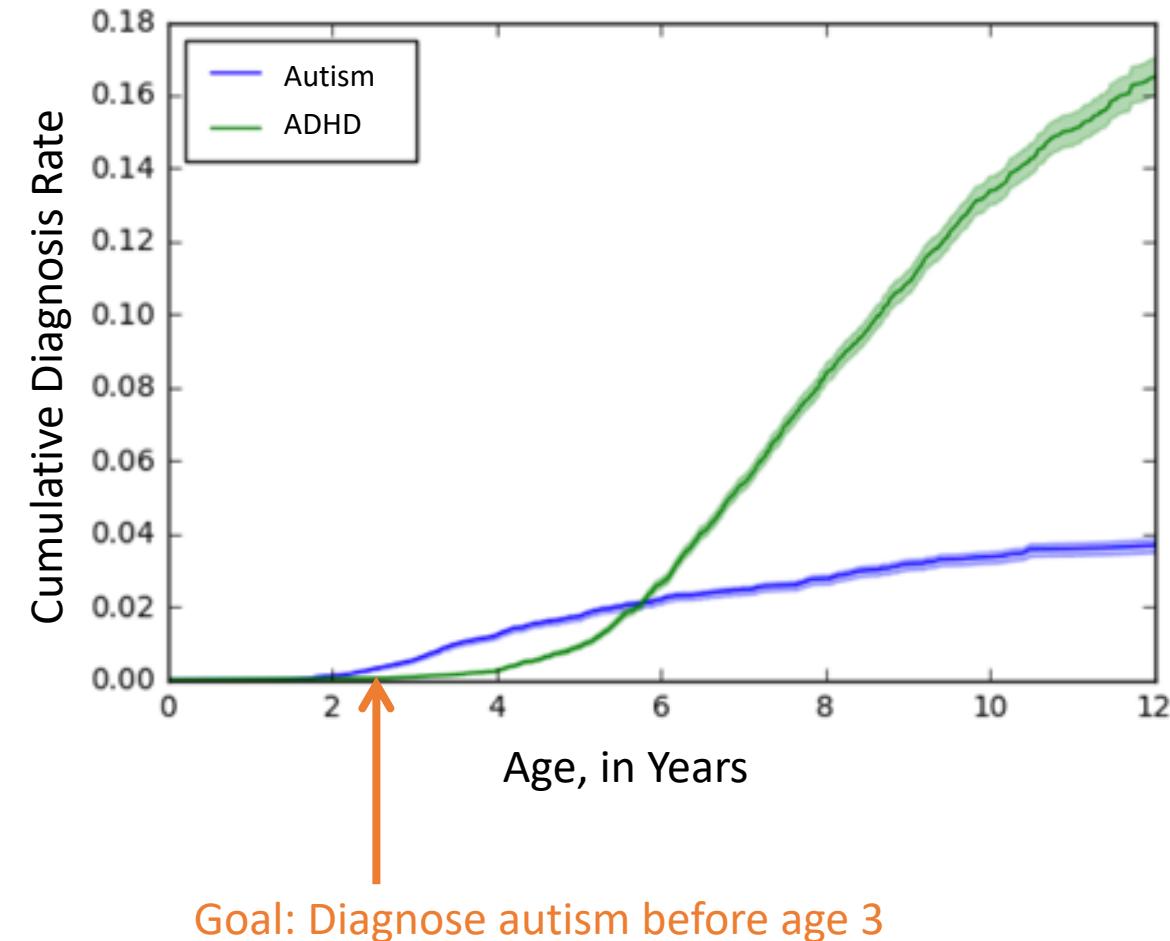
# Diagnosis Prediction Case Study:

Predicting ASD & ADHD Risk from the EHR

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# Early Autism & ADHD prediction from the EHR

- Long-term benefits of early treatment depend on effective early diagnosis
- Profound racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in:
  - Rates of early diagnosis
  - Time between problem recognition and diagnosis
  - Length of follow-up



<b>Perinatal and Neonatal Factors (# studies)</b>	<b>Results Across Studies</b>	<b>Summary Effect Estimate (95% CI)</b>
<b>Presentation</b>		
Abnormal presentation (15)	10-, 5↑	1.44 (1.07–1.94)
Breech (4)		1.81 (1.21–2.71)
<b>Other perinatal factors</b>		
Cord complications (14)	13-, 1↑	1.50 (1.00–2.24)
Fetal distress (4)	3-, 1↑	1.52 (1.09–2.12)
Birth injury or trauma (6)	6-	4.90 (1.41–16.94)
Twins or multiple birth (10)	7-, 3↑	1.77 (1.23–2.55)
Maternal hemorrhage (4)	3-, 1↑	2.39 (1.35–4.21)
<b>Birth weight and size</b>		
Total birth weight (decreased) (15)	12-, 2↑, 1↓	
Low birth weight (<2500 g) (15)	8-, 7↑	1.63 (1.19–2.33)
Small for gestational age (10)	7-, 3↑	1.35 (1.14–1.61)
<b>Clinical impression</b>		
Congenital malformation (11)	4-, 7↑	1.80 (1.42–2.82)
<b>Apgar score</b>		
Low 5-minute Apgar score (8)	6-, 2↑	1.67 (1.24–2.26)
<b>Neonatal Status</b>		

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Review Article

## Perinatal and Neonatal Risk Factors for Autism: A Comprehensive Meta-analysis

Hannah Gardener, Donna Spiegelman and Stephen L. Buka

Pediatrics August 2011, 128 (2) 344-355; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2010-1036>

# Prenatal and Perinatal Risk Factors for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

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Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2012;166(11):1074-1075. doi:10.1001/archpediatrics.2012.1078

**Table. Sample Characteristics and Risk Factors of ADHD in Children and Adolescents**

Characteristic/Exposure (Reference for Regression Analyses)	Sample Characteristics, No. (%) <sup>a</sup>		Logistic Regression Analysis, OR (95% CI)	
	Children With ADHD (n = 660)	Children Without ADHD (n = 12 828)	Bivariable (Unadjusted) Analysis	Multivariable (Adjusted) Analysis <sup>b</sup>
Sex (reference: female)	133 (20.2)	6604 (51.5)	4.20 (3.47-5.10)	4.42 (3.56-5.49)
Age, y, mean (SD)	9.8 (4.3)	11.3 (3.4)	1.08 (1.06-1.11)	1.09 (1.07-1.11)
Socioeconomic position <sup>c</sup>				
Upper class (reference)	114 (17.4)	3486 (27.3)	1 [Reference]	1 [Reference]
Middle class	325 (49.5)	6087 (47.7)	1.63 (1.31-2.03)	1.57 (1.23-2.00)
Lower class	218 (33.2)	3202 (25.1)	2.08 (1.65-2.62)	2.04 (1.56-2.68)
Maternal gestational diabetes mellitus (reference: absent)	24 (4.1)	256 (2.2)	1.93 (1.26-2.95)	1.91 (1.21-3.01)
Maternal smoking during pregnancy (reference: never)	158 (24.6)	2081 (16.4)	1.66 (1.38-2.00)	1.48 (1.19-1.84)
Maternal alcohol consumption during pregnancy (reference: never)	96 (14.8)	1775 (14.0)	1.07 (0.86-1.34)	1.02 (0.79-1.33)
Perinatal health problems (reference: absent) <sup>d</sup>	235 (36.2)	2955 (23.2)	1.88 (1.60-2.22)	1.69 (1.40-2.03)
Breastfeeding (ever vs never fully breastfeeding)	345 (56.7)	7943 (67.5)	0.63 (0.54-0.74)	0.83 (0.69-0.996)
Atopic eczema (ever vs never)	132 (20.2)	1820 (14.4)	1.51 (1.24-1.84)	1.62 (1.30-2.02)

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; OR, odds ratio.

<sup>a</sup>Numbers represent number (proportion) of children per exposed for discrete variables and means (SD) for continuous variables.

<sup>b</sup>Adjusted for all exposures listed in the Table; analysis based on 11 222 observations without any missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Classified based on parental education, professional qualification, professional status, and family net income according to Winkler and Stolzenberg.<sup>4</sup>

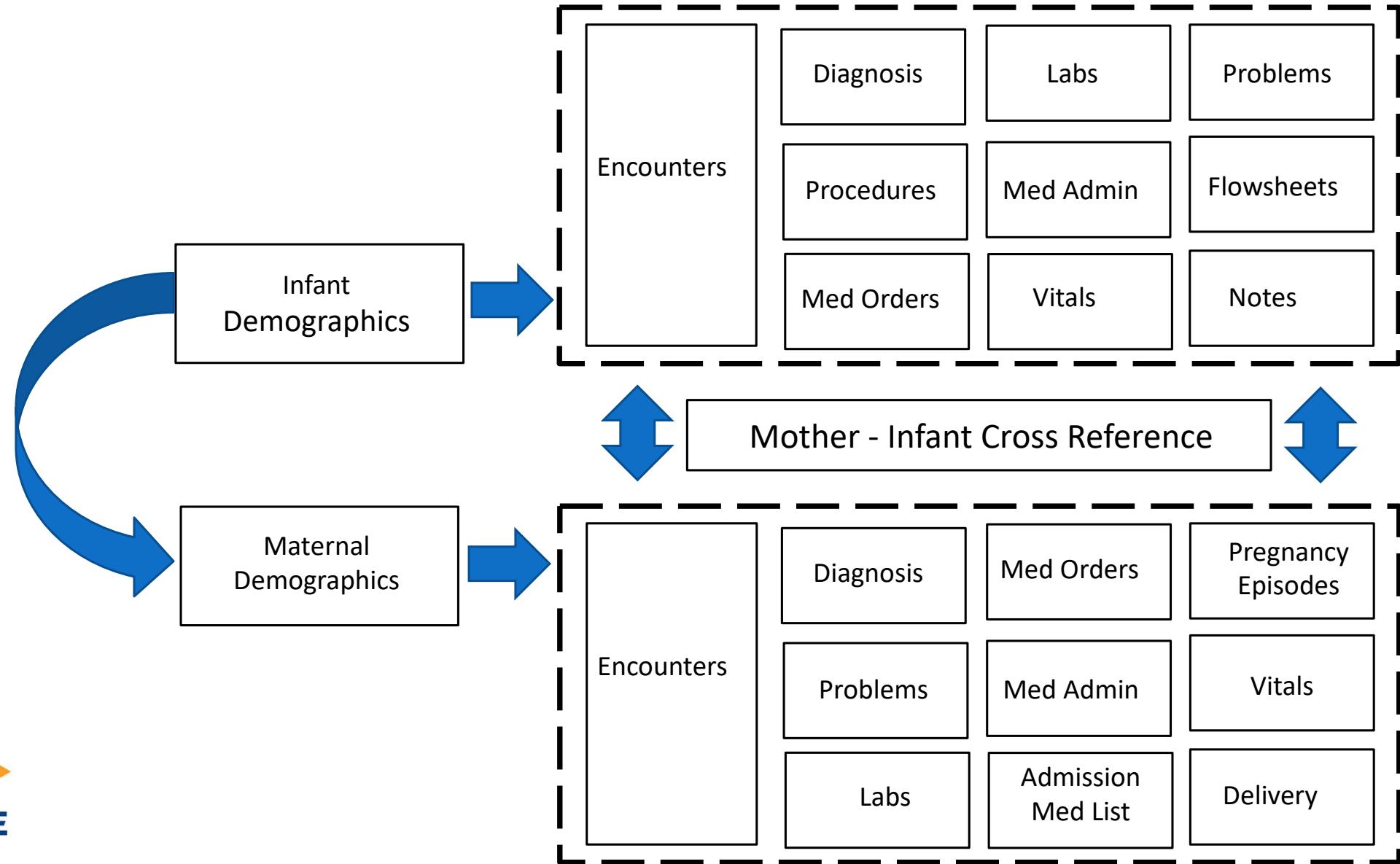
<sup>d</sup>Breathing problems, maladaptation, infections, icterus, low birth weight/premature delivery, and/or inpatient treatment.

# Our Predictive Modeling Journey...

1. Getting the data & making sense of it (or trying to)
2. Defining the outcome (i.e. what are we even predicting?)
3. Structuring the prediction task (i.e. but what are we *really* predicting?)
4. Incorporating clinical notes (and all the ways it can go wrong)

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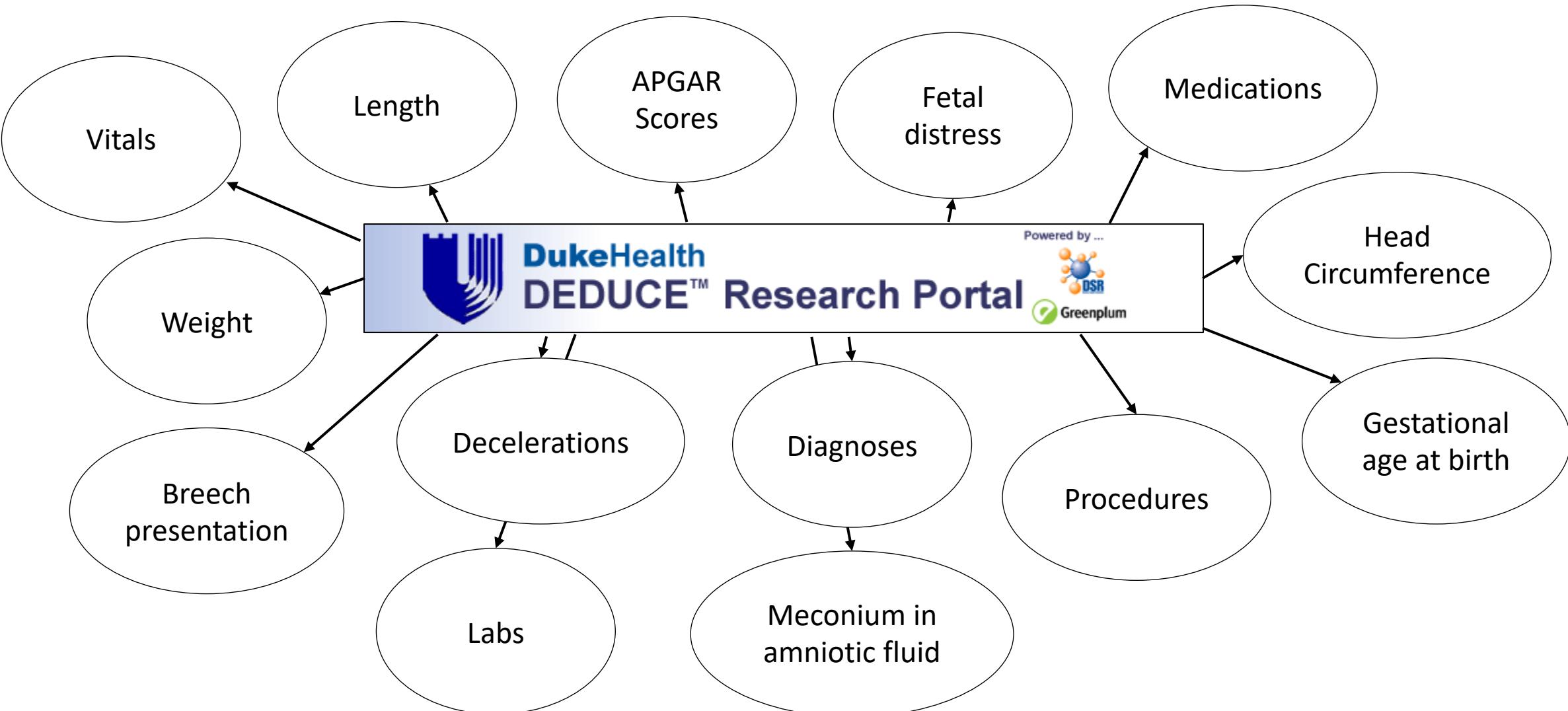
## ML of EHR for ASD and ADHD Risk Assessment



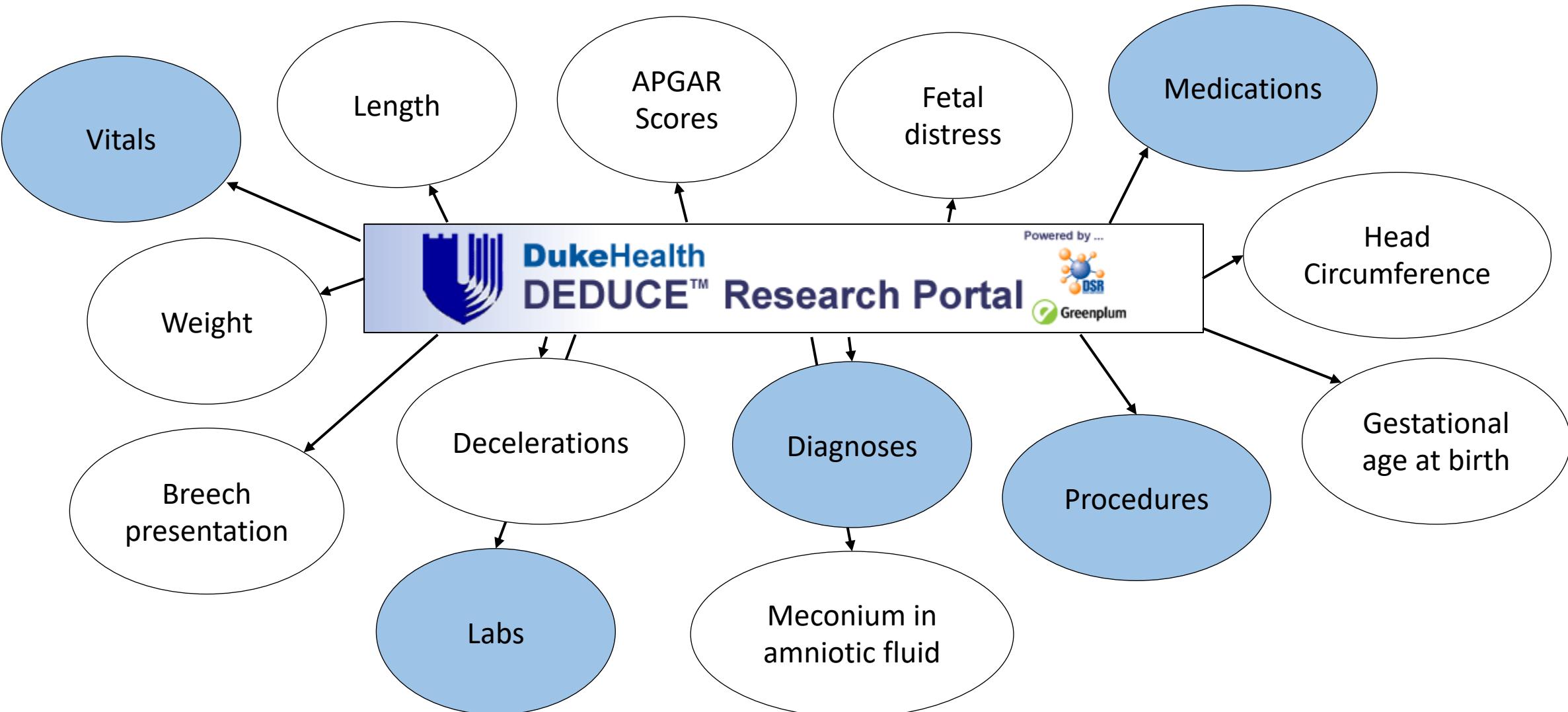
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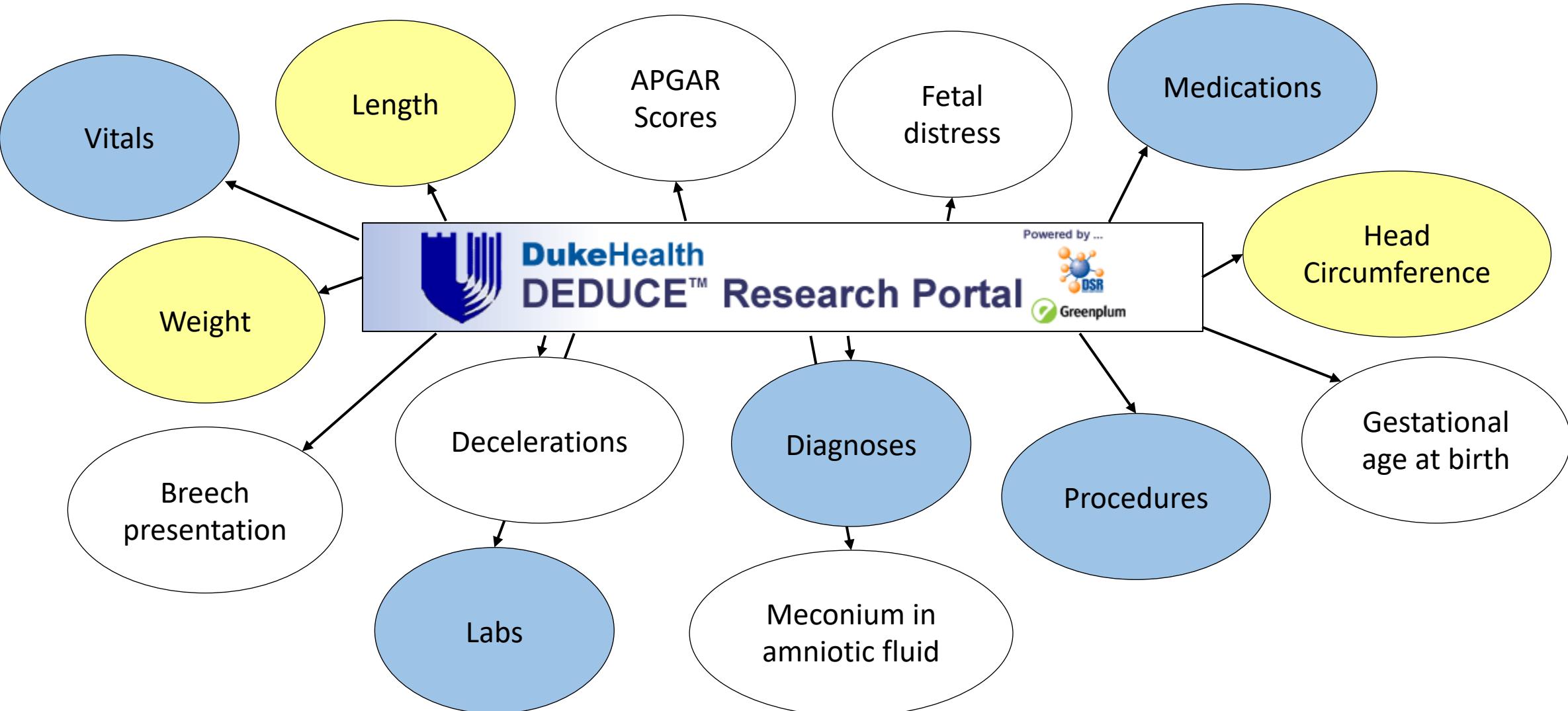
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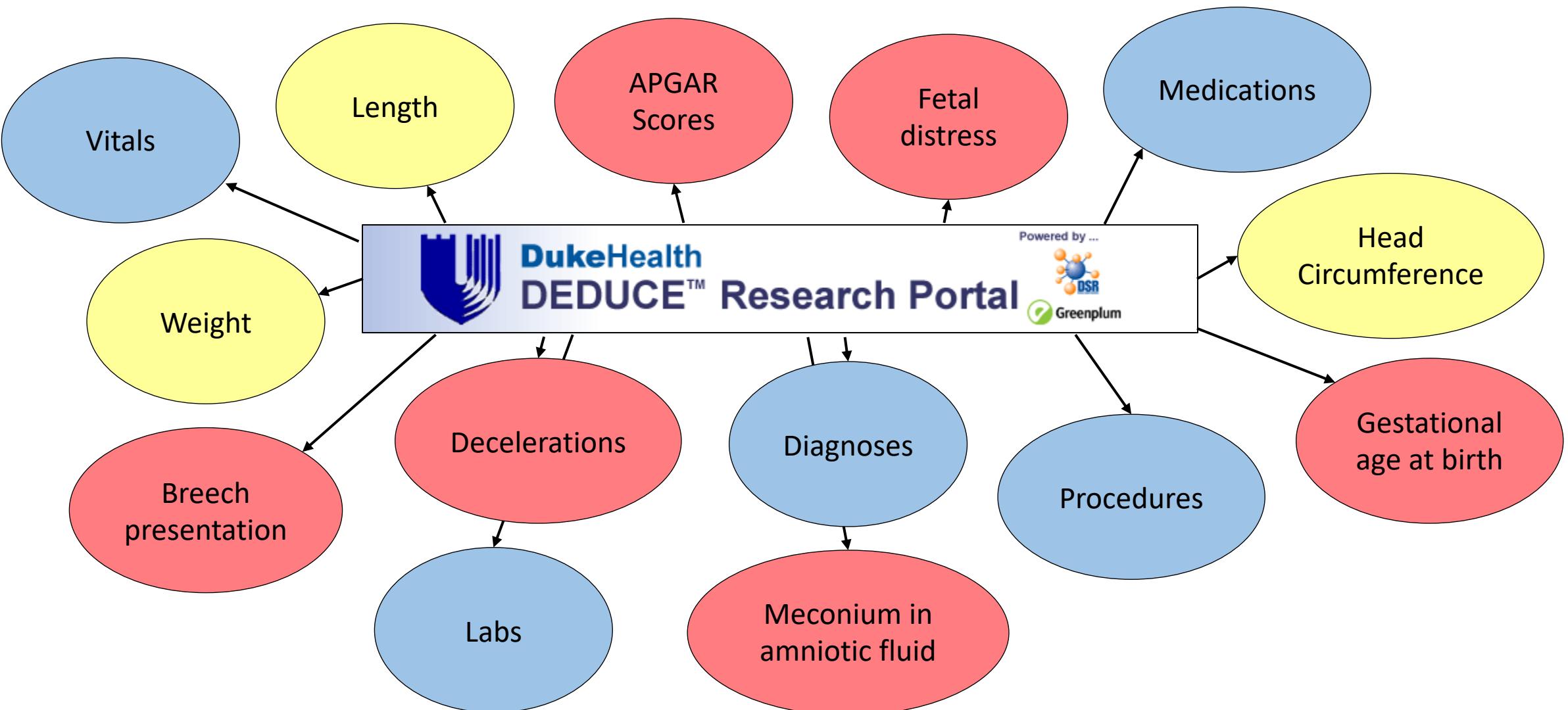
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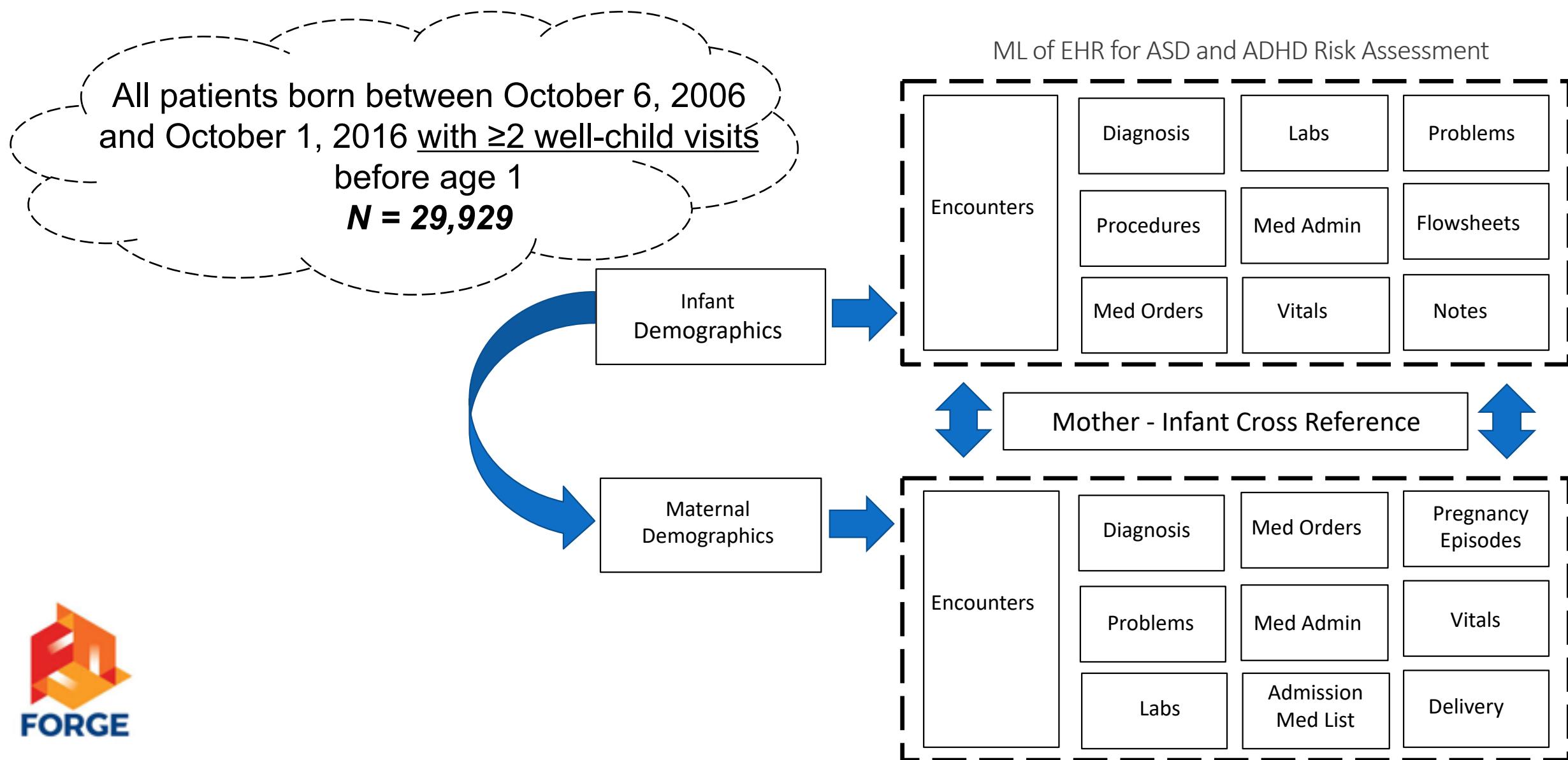
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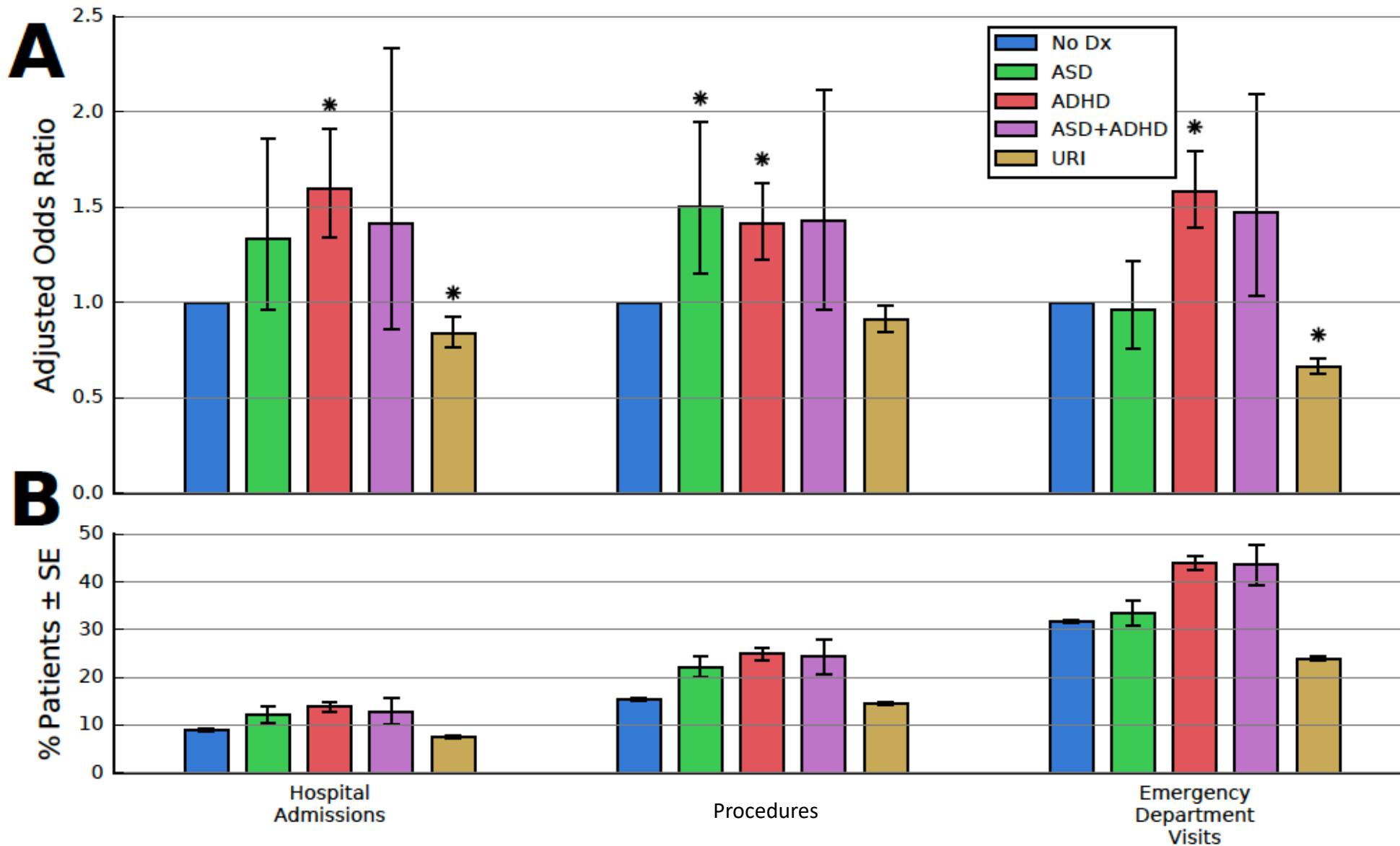
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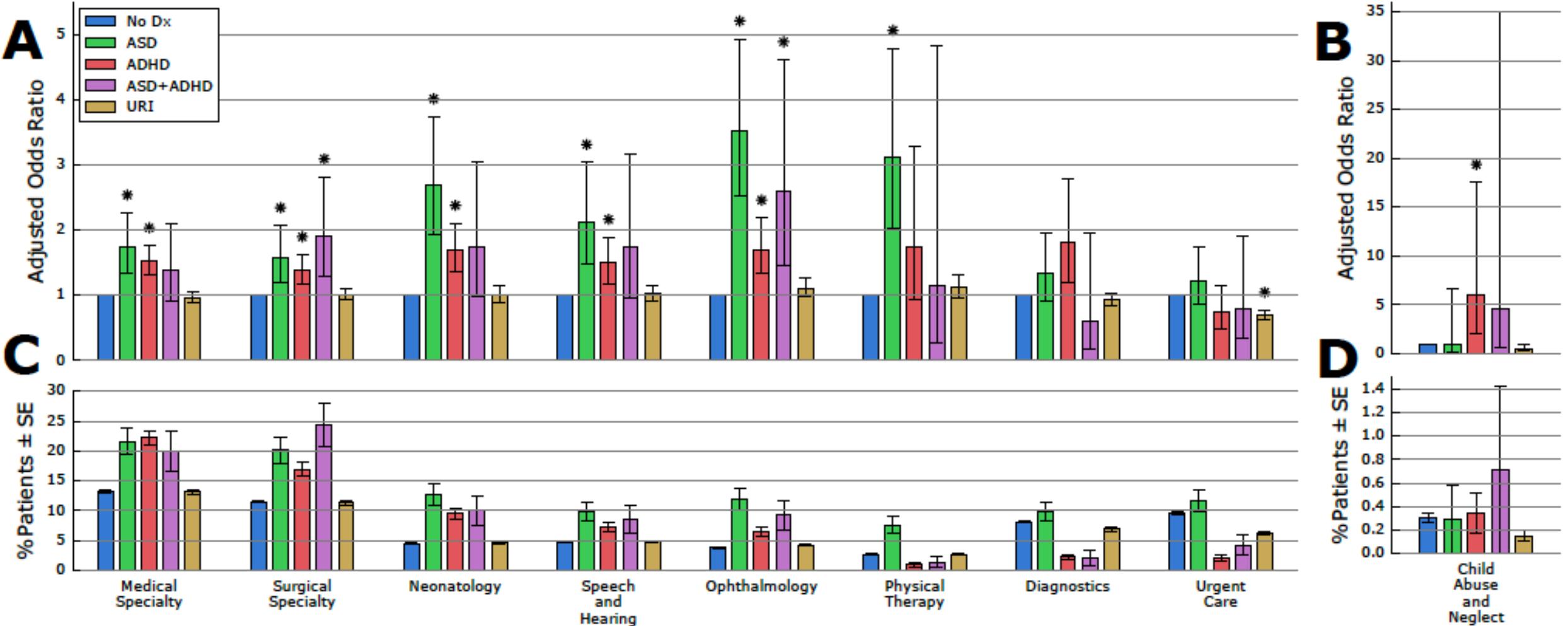
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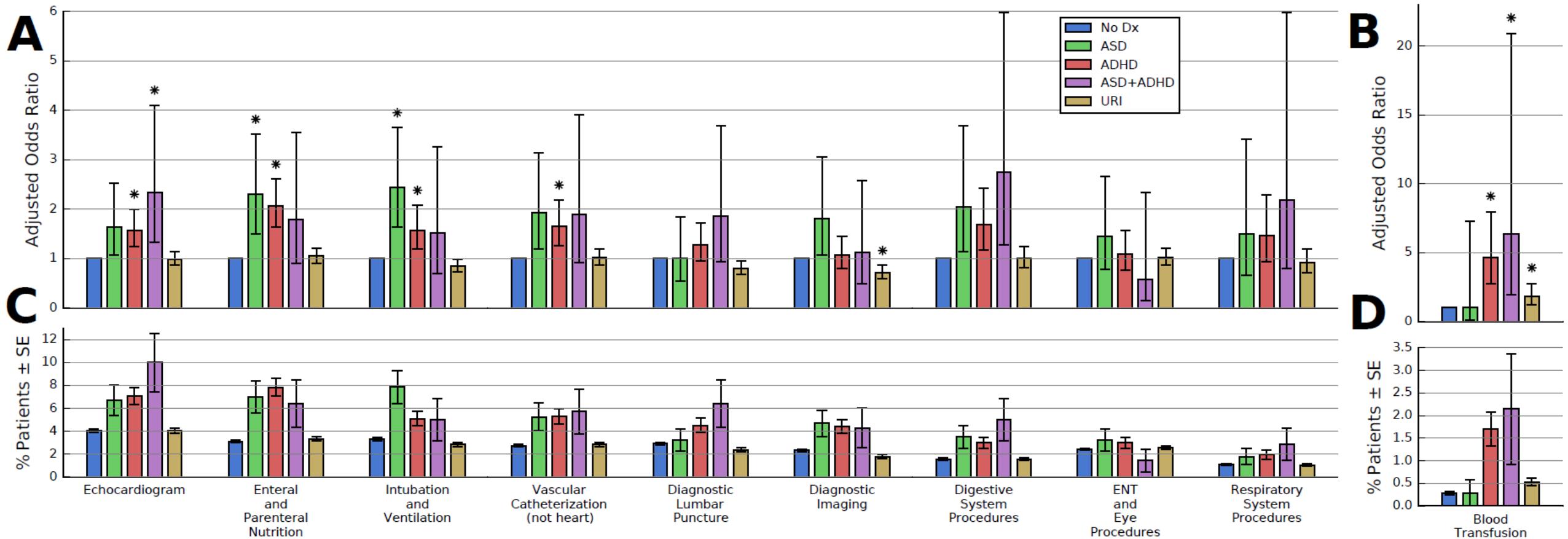
# Increased Hospital Admissions, Procedures, and ED Visits before age 1



# Distinctive Patterns of Outpatient Specialty Care before age 1



# Distinctive Patterns of Procedures before age 1



# Prediction Model -> Clinically Meaningful Performance Measures

	Model-based referral	No model-based referral
Child has autism	Earlier Diagnosis (true positive)	Referral via Current Mechanisms (false negative)
Child does not have autism	Unnecessary Specialist Visit (false positive)	No Action Taken or Needed (true negative)

Decision: initiate referral

\*model is NOT used to rule out diagnoses\*

Measures of Success:

- How much earlier, on average, can we diagnose and intervene?
- How many children are unnecessarily referred?

2. Figure out what we're predicting

# ADHD Computable Phenotype:

- 2 codes, or 1 + med

## Validation of the Use of Electronic Health Records for Classification of ADHD Status

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### Abstract

**Objective:** To validate an electronic health record (EHR)-based algorithm to classify ADHD status of pediatric patients.

**Method:** As part of an applied study, we identified all primary care patients of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [CHOP] health care network who were born 1987-1995 and residents of New Jersey. Patients were classified with ADHD if their EHR indicated an International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) diagnosis code of "314.x" at a clinical visit or on a list of known conditions. We manually reviewed EHRs for ADHD patients ( $n = 2,030$ ) and a random weighted sample of non-ADHD patients ( $n = 807$  of 13,579) to confirm the presence or absence of ADHD.

**Results:** Depending on assumptions for inconclusive cases, sensitivity ranged from 0.96 to 0.97 (95% confidence interval [CI] = [0.95, 0.97]), specificity from 0.98 to 0.99 [0.97, 0.99], and positive predictive value from 0.83 to 0.98 [0.81, 0.99].

**Conclusion:** EHR-based diagnostic codes can accurately classify ADHD status among pediatric patients and can be used by large-scale epidemiologic and clinical studies with high sensitivity and specificity.

**Keywords:** accuracy; adolescents; attention deficit disorder; medical records; sensitivity.

Article

## Accuracy of Autism Screening in a Large Pediatric Network

Whitney Guthrie, Kate Wallis, Amanda Bennett, Elizabeth Brooks, Jesse Dudley, Marsha Gerdes, Juhi Par  
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# ASD Computable Phenotype:

- 2 codes, or 1 from pediatric psych

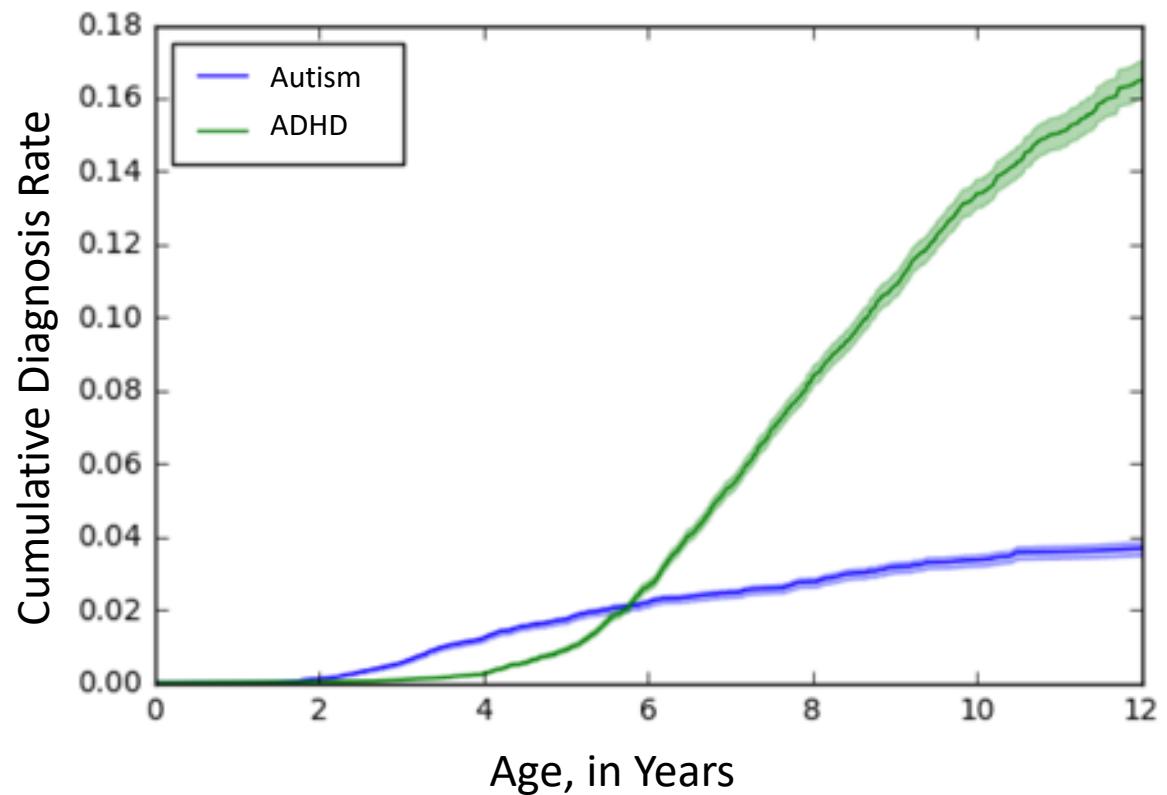
# Two Competing Approaches

1. Predict risk of *diagnosis*
  - Need gold standard diagnoses...
  - Evaluate computable phenotype against gold standard
  - *maybe* you can evaluate TPR. Good luck with the rest.
2. Predict risk of an ASD- or ADHD-related diagnosis code
  - If we're building a screening tool, this is probably good enough
  - So far, appears to give us similar results

3. Figure out what we're *really* predicting

# Dx Timing vs Probability vs Risk

- Diagnosis Timing
  - known disparities
  - we don't care to replicate
- Diagnosis Probability
  - probably closer to what we really care about
  - figure out who will be diagnosed and diagnose them earlier
- Diagnosis Risk
  - e.g. Cox PH models
  - blends timing and probability



# Standard time to event model: the right setup?

- Suppose we have data  $D = \{\mathbf{x}_i, t_i, s_i\}_{i=1}^N$ , where the  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are features for individual  $i$ , the  $t_i \in (0, \infty)$  are associated times, and the  $s_i \in \{0,1\}$  denote whether the  $t_i$  are event times ( $s_i = 1$ ) or right-censoring times ( $s_i = 0$ ).
- We suppose event times are drawn independently from  $f_\theta(t|\mathbf{x}_i)$ , which has associated survivor function  $F_\theta(t|\mathbf{x}_i) = 1 - \int_0^t f_\theta(\tau|\mathbf{x}_i)d\tau$ .
- In the standard time to event framework, and assuming non-informative censoring, the parameters  $\theta$  may be chosen to maximize the likelihood as follows:

$$\theta_{ML} = \operatorname{argmax}_\theta \sum_{i=1}^N \{s_i \log f_\theta(t_i|\mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - s_i) \log F_\theta(t_i|\mathbf{x}_i)\}$$

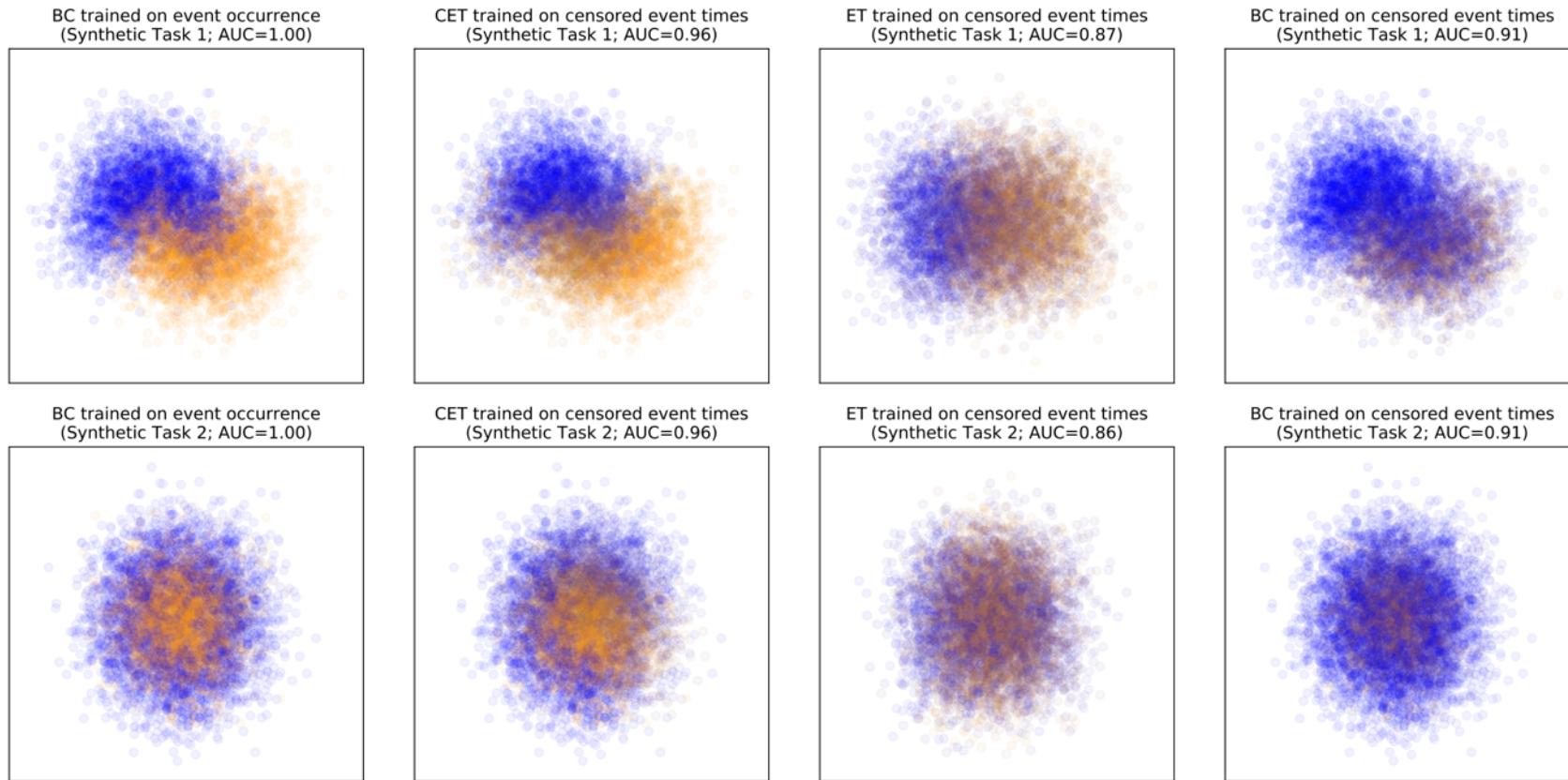
# Neural Mixture Cure: Separate Probability from Timing

- We're interested in hidden variables  $c_i^j \in \{0,1\}$  representing finite event occurrence – in other words, whether the event  $j \in \{1, \dots, M\}$  will ever occur in individual  $i$ .
- We use a binary stochastic neural network layer to model the occurrence of many potentially interrelated events and their effects on:
  - a) the timing of other events
  - b) (potentially) censoring times (e.g. length of follow-up)
- Supposing  $c_i^j | \mathbf{x}_i \sim \text{Bern}(\sigma(h_\phi(\mathbf{x}_i)))$ , where  $\sigma(\cdot)$  is the logistic function and  $h_\phi(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has parameters  $\phi$ , we can maximize a lower bound on the expected log-likelihood over  $\mathbf{c}_i$ :

$$\log p_{\theta, \phi}(D) \geq \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{c}_i \sim p_\phi(\mathbf{c}_i | \mathbf{x}_i)} \log p_\theta(t_i^j, s_i^j | \mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

- In the above,  $p_\theta(t_i, s_i | \mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{x}_i) \propto \epsilon^{s_i(1-c_i)} f_\theta(t_i | \mathbf{x}_i)^{s_i} F_\theta(t_i | \mathbf{x}_i)^{(1-s_i)c_i}$  is a parameter penalizing incorrect prediction of  $c_i = 0$  when  $s_i = 1$ .

# Results: It works with fake data!



**Figure:** Prediction of event occurrence on two synthetic datasets. When no censoring is present, a binary classifier predicts event occurrence perfectly (left). When censoring is present, our model (middle left) predicts event occurrence more effectively than the standard event time model (middle right) and binary classifier (right).

# Results: It works with real data!!!

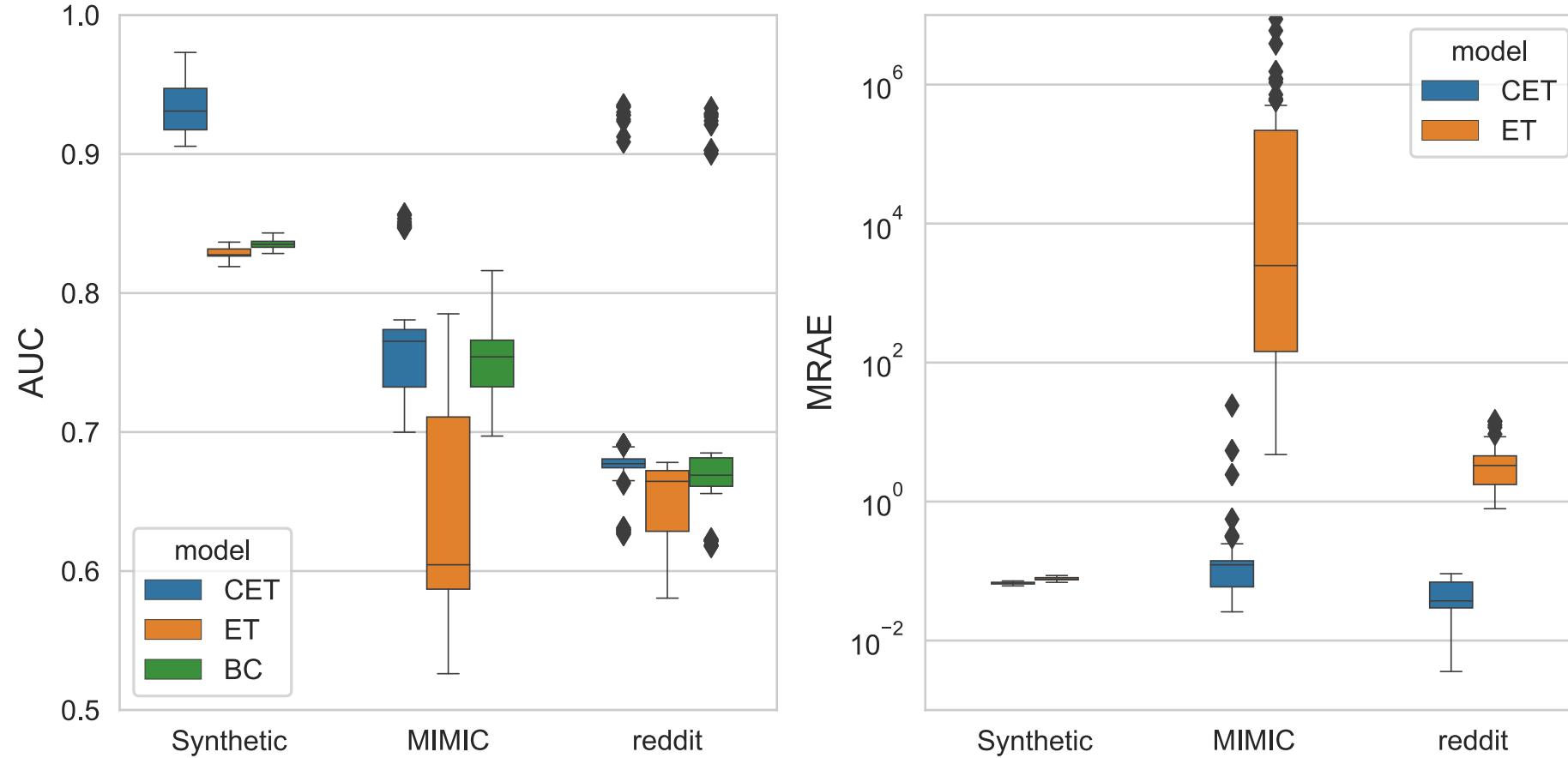
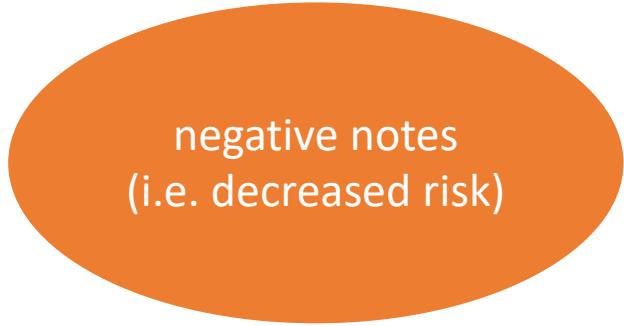
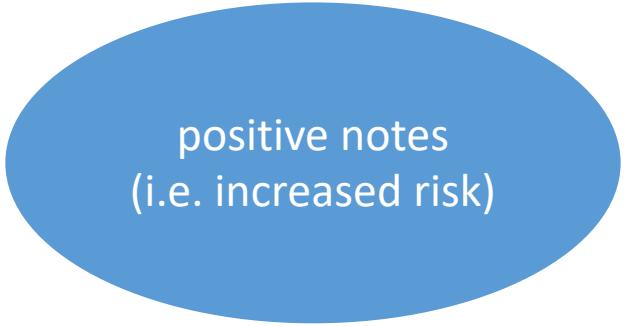


Figure: AUC (left) and mean relative absolute error (right) for all prediction tasks.

4. An impenetrable wall of text



negative notes  
(i.e. decreased risk)



positive notes  
(i.e. increased risk)

A diagram illustrating the classification of notes. It features three colored ovals: an orange oval on the left labeled "negative notes (i.e. decreased risk)", a blue oval on the right labeled "positive notes (i.e. increased risk)", and a large grey oval at the bottom labeled "COMPLETELY IRRELEVANT NOTES". Dashed lines connect the top two ovals to the bottom one.

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**COMPLETELY  
IRRELEVANT NOTES**

negative notes  
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positive notes  
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Irrelevant notes

The diagram consists of three main components. At the top left is an orange oval containing the text "negative notes (i.e. decreased risk)". At the top right is a blue oval containing the text "positive notes (i.e. increased risk)". Below these two ovals is a large, irregularly shaped area with a dashed black border, labeled "Irrelevant notes". A dashed black line connects the top center of the slide to the top edge of the "Irrelevant notes" area. The text "negative notes (i.e. decreased risk)" is positioned above the "positive notes (i.e. increased risk)" text.

# COMPLETELY IRRELEVANT NOTES

Predict on a note level or patient level?

- Conceptual differences
- Computational challenges
- Find a way to remove irrelevant notes

negative notes  
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The diagram features three rounded ovals arranged horizontally. The first oval on the left is orange and contains the text 'negative notes (i.e. decreased risk)'. The second oval in the middle is blue and contains 'positive notes (i.e. increased risk)'. A third oval on the right is white and contains the text 'COMPLETELY IRRELEVANT NOTES' in large, bold, black capital letters. Dashed lines connect the top two ovals to the bottom one.

positive notes  
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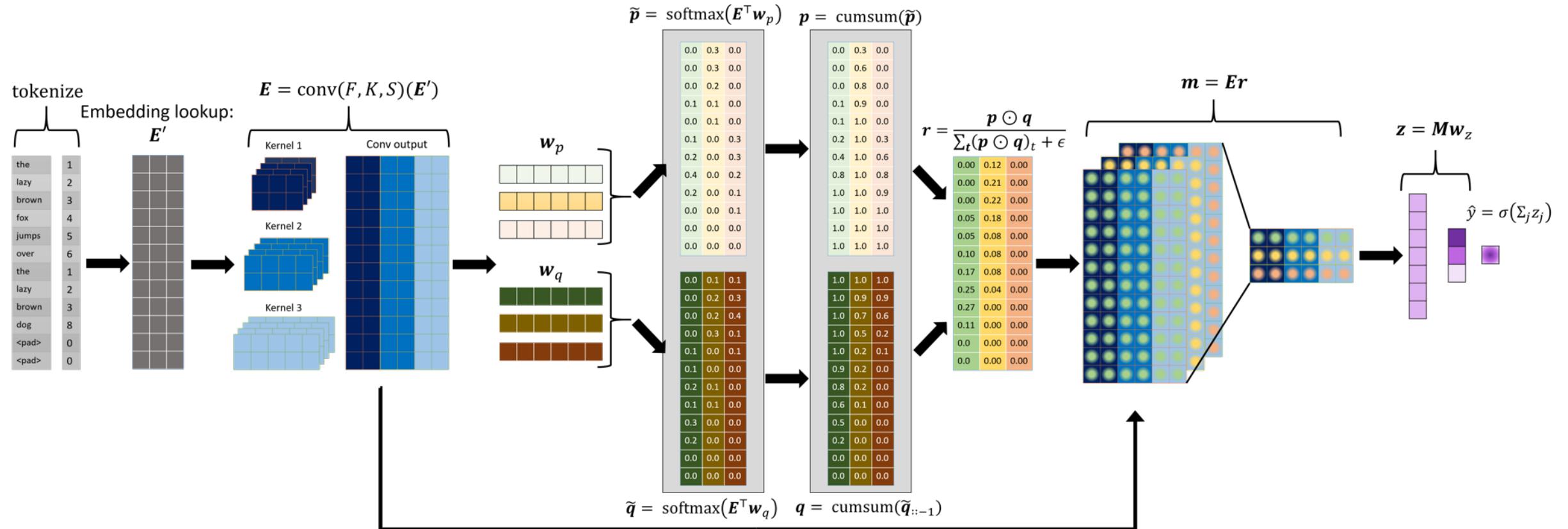
Bonus challenge:

Because we are looking at *early* risk factors, providers can't necessarily tell us which notes belong in which bucket

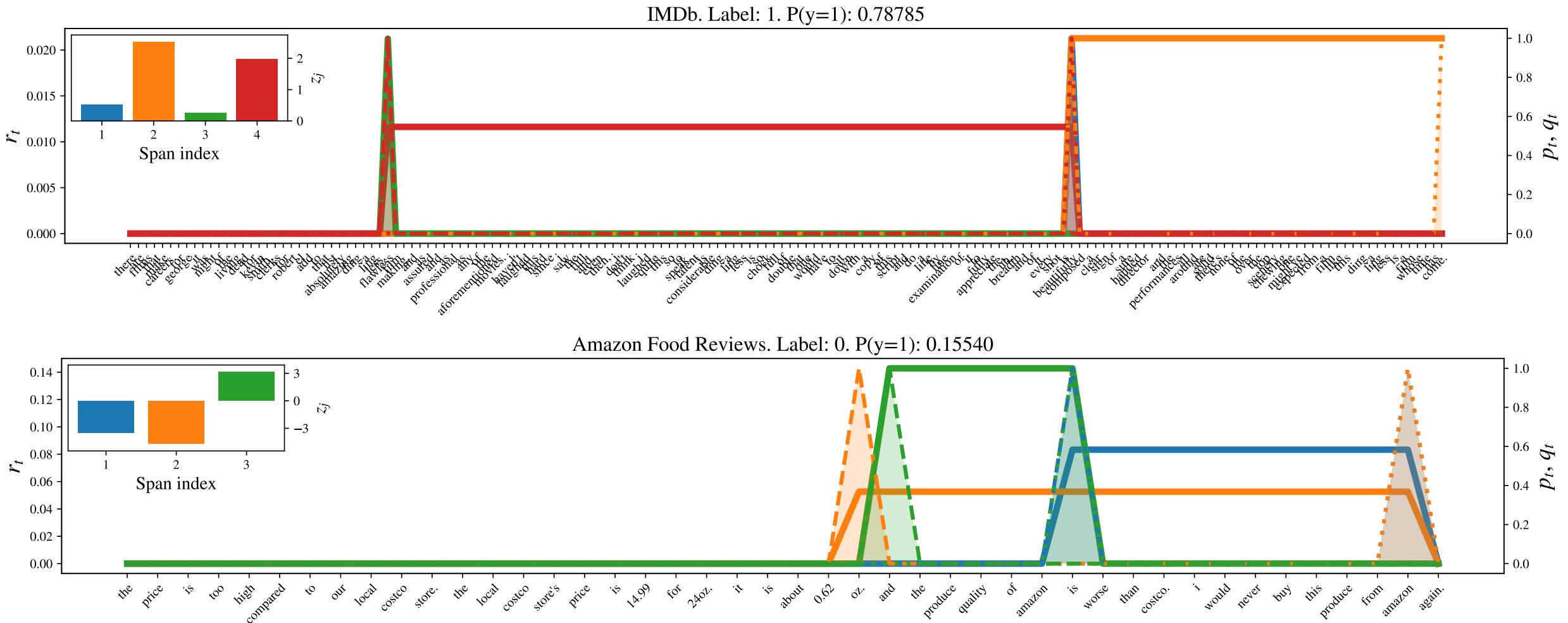
# *Predictive Extraction:* Identifying predictive content within (clinical) text

Given a document  $X$  and its associated binary label  $y$ , select contiguous sequences of text called *spans* that, jointly, are sufficient to predict the label  $y$  effectively. Furthermore, we assign each span a score reflecting its contribution to the prediction  $y$ .

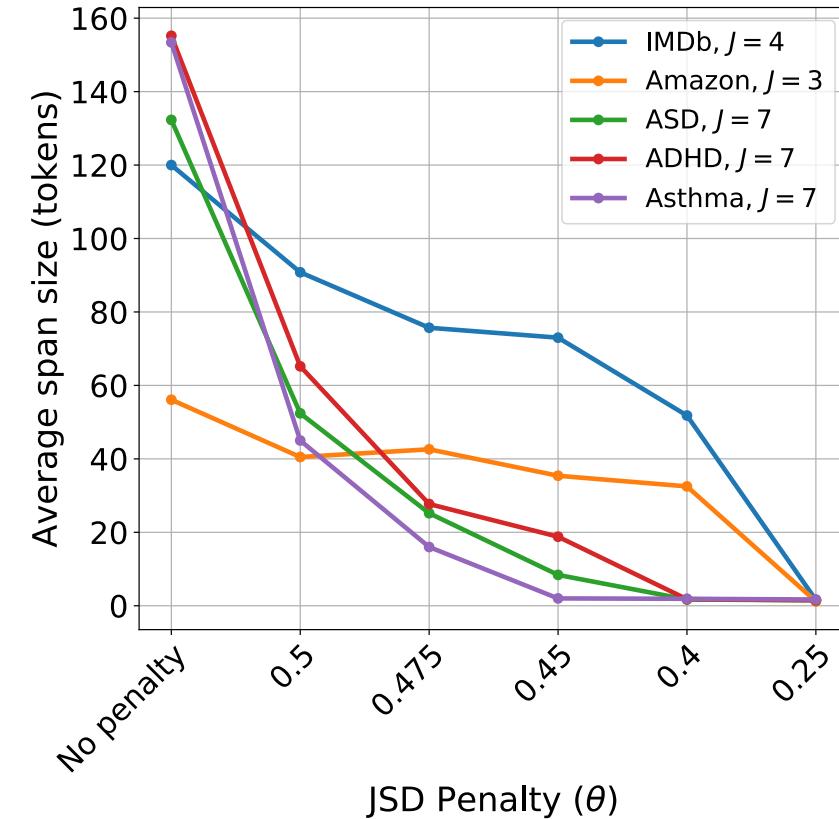
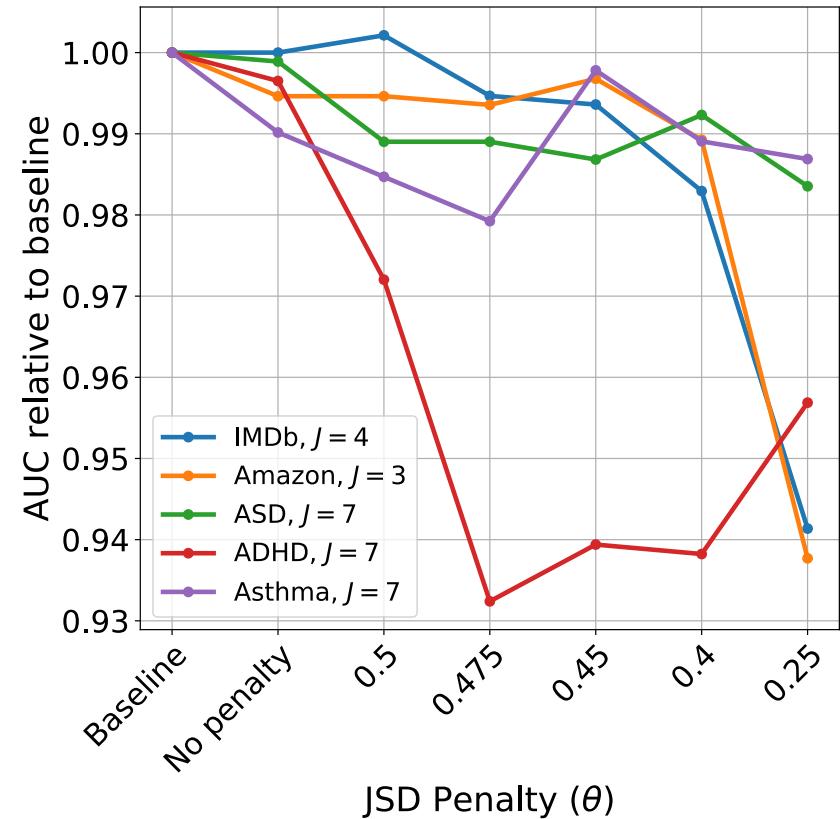
# Our Predictive Extraction Architecture



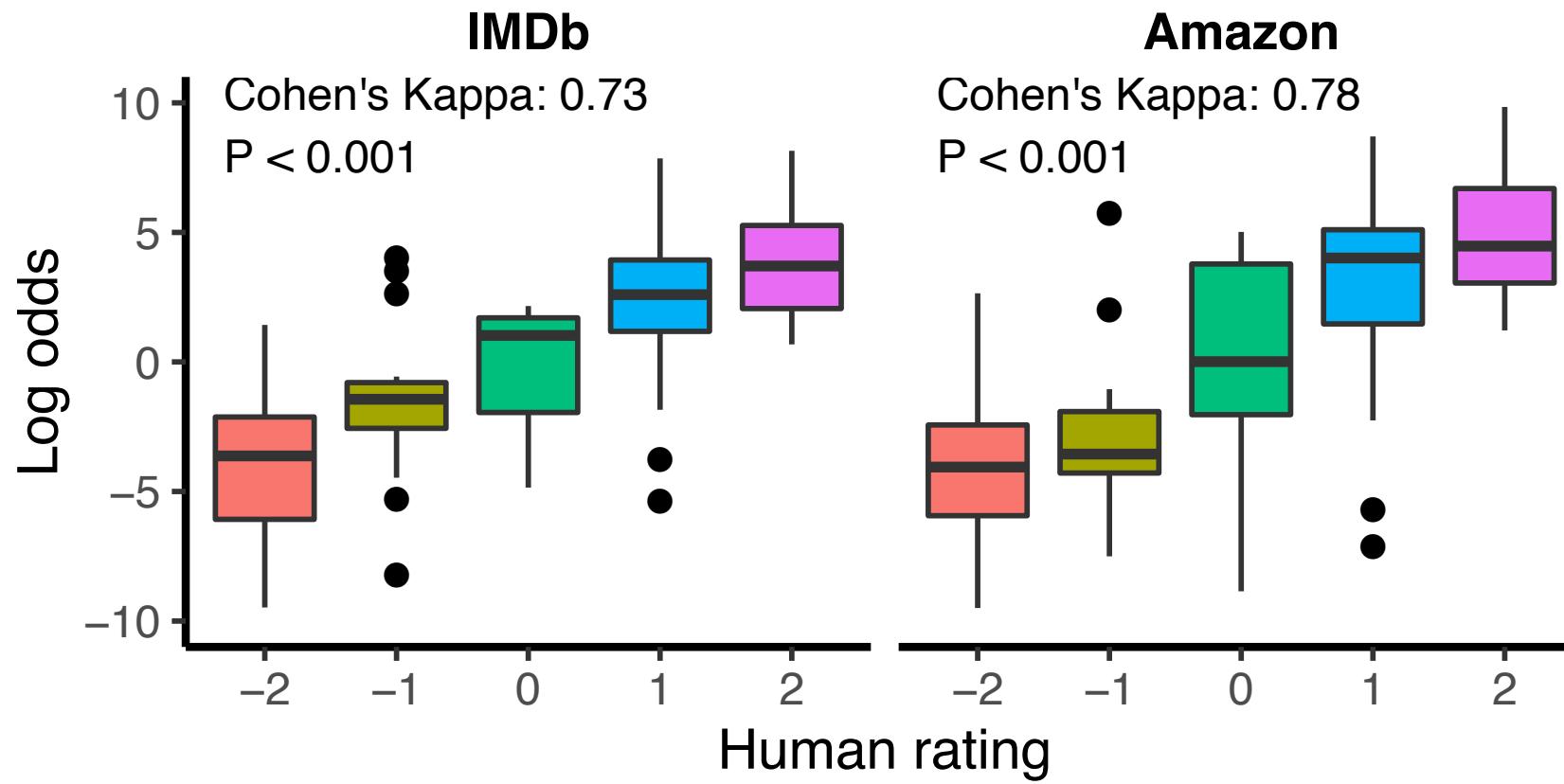
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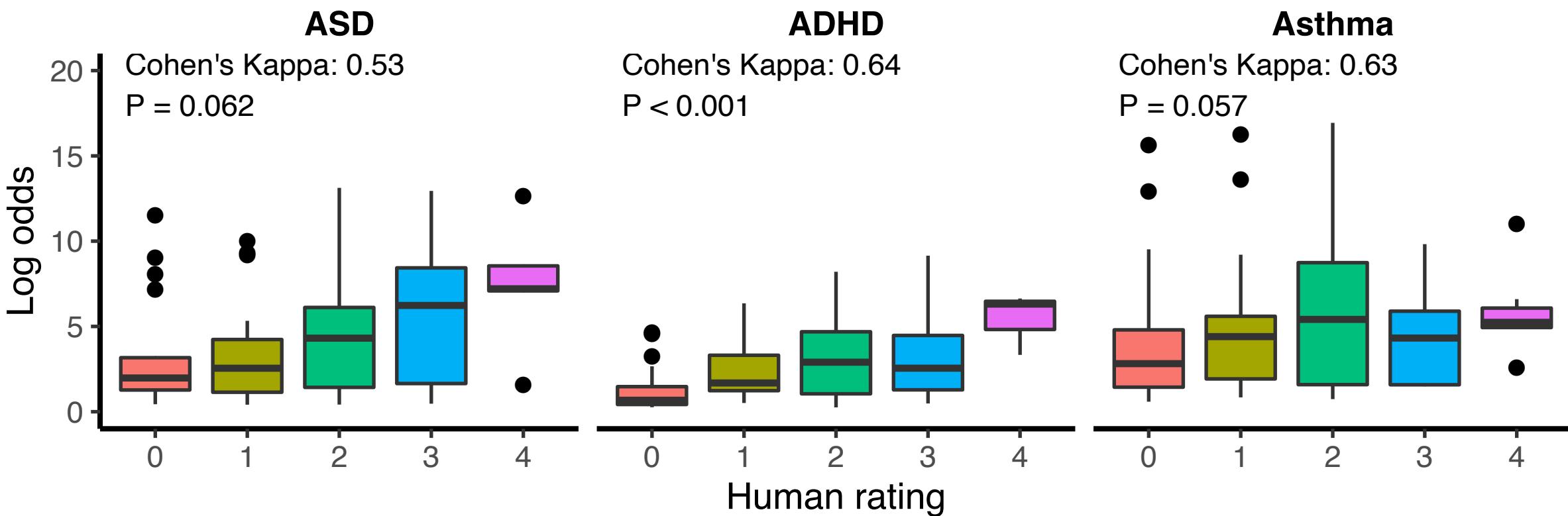
# Control span size by penalizing overlap via JS divergence



# Non-medical text: high agreement with humans



# Clinical notes: partial agreement with clinicians



# Passages most predictive of autism diagnosis

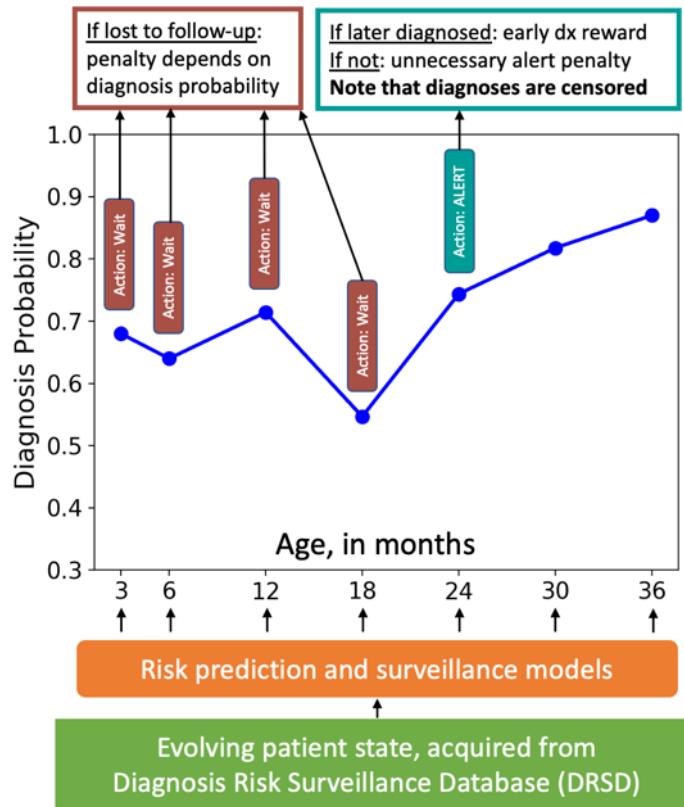
Passage (from note)	Change in predicted dx log-odds	
subjective intake chief complaint problems with sleep, inattention, and behavioral concerns both in the home and school setting. DATE, recently more anger and recent tic like behavior	+6.95	
psychologist presenting problem NAME is a 3 year, 4 month old female who was referred for a neurodevelopmental assessment due to concerns regarding her overall development, behavior, and social emotional functioning and to assess for autism spectrum disorder	+6.82	
problem list diagnosis • disruptive behavior disorder • impaired speech articulation • daytime enuresis • other subjective visual disturbances • hypermetropia of both eyes • adhd attention deficit	+6.81	
problem list diagnosis • anemia of prematurity • history of colitis • meconium tox for thc • extreme immaturity of newborn, 27 completed weeks • nasal congestion of newborn • presumed	+6.78	
motor delay DATE • hypotonia DATE • clasped thumb DATE • polydactyly DATE • developmental	+6.74	
therapy NAME was seen for developmental support during rop eye exam today. the	+6.65	

**Developmental and behavioral concerns are highly predictive**

**Premature birth and perinatal complications are also highly predictive**

Subramanian V, Engelhard MM, Berchuck SI, Henao R, Chen L, Carin L.  
Span Predict: Extraction of Predictive Document Spans with Neural Attention.  
Submitted to 16th conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL).

# Next steps: new methods, evidence for impact



- Silent deployment of autism and ADHD prediction in Duke EHR (K01 proposal)



- Prediction of retinopathy of prematurity in Pedriatix cohort
- Prediction of surgery risk

# Thank you!

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