

Installation & User Guide

Project: AI-Driven Chest Radiograph Analysis System

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Installation

Our application is a comprehensive medical imaging analysis platform that combines deep learning models with large language models to provide automated chest X-ray analysis and report generation. The system consists of a FastAPI-based backend server and a React-based frontend interface, enabling medical professionals to upload X-ray images, receive AI-powered diagnostic assistance, and generate detailed medical reports.

(1) System Requirements

Hardware: The system requires a modern computer with at least 8GB of RAM and 60GB of free storage space. A multi-core CPU is recommended for optimal performance. While a CUDA-compatible GPU is optional, it significantly accelerates model inference. Internet connectivity is essential for accessing external report generation APIs.

Software: The backend requires Python 3.9 or higher with pip package manager installed. For GPU acceleration, CUDA 12.1 toolkit is needed. The frontend requires Node.js version 14 or higher with npm package manager. A modern web browser such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Edge is necessary for accessing the user interface.

(2) Backend Installation

Step1: Environment Setup

Navigate to the backend directory located at Chexpert_back. Create a Python virtual environment to isolate dependencies from the system Python installation. On Windows, activate the environment using the Scripts\activate command. On macOS or Linux, use source venv/bin/activate.

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| Bash |
| cd Chexpert_back python -m venv venv venv\Scripts\activate |

Step 2: Install Dependencies

Install all required Python packages using the requirements file. The core dependencies include FastAPI for the web framework, Uvicorn as the ASGI server, PyTorch and Torchvision for deep learning, and Pillow for image processing.

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| Bash |
| pip install -r requirements.txt |

Step 3: Start Backend Server

Launch the backend server using the provided startup script or by running the Python entry point

directly. The server will start on port 8000 by default and automatically load both model files into memory.

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| Bash |
| uvicorn app.main:app --reload --host 0.0.0.0 --port 8000 |

(3) Frontend Installation

Step1: Install Dependencies

Install all required Node.js packages using npm. This process downloads React, Ant Design component library, React Router for navigation, and various testing utilities.

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| Bash |
| cd Chexpert_front |
| npm install |

Step 2: Start Development Server

Launch the React development server which will automatically open the default web browser to the application home page. The server runs on port 3000 by default.

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| Bash |
| npm start |

(4) Troubleshooting

Backend Issues: If the backend fails to start, first verify that both model files exist in the weights directory and are the correct size. Check that port 8000 is not already in use by another application. Examine the console output for Python errors related to missing dependencies or incompatible package versions.

Frontend Issues: CORS errors typically indicate that the backend is not configured to accept requests from the frontend origin. Add the frontend URL to the CORS_ORIGINS list in the backend config.py file. If the frontend cannot connect to the backend, verify that REACT_APP_API_BASE_URL in the frontend .env file matches the actual backend address and port.

Model and API Issues: Report generation timeouts occur when external API services are slow or unavailable. Increase the API_TIMEOUT value in the backend configuration or check that ngrok tunnels are active and accessible. Image upload failures usually result from incorrect file formats or files exceeding the 10 MB size limit. Ensure images are in DICOM, JPEG, or PNG format.

User Guide

(1) Image Upload and Analysis

The primary workflow begins with uploading a medical image through the drag-and-drop interface or file selection dialog. The system accepts DICOM, JPEG, and PNG formats with a maximum file size of 10 MB. Before uploading, user can configure analysis parameters including whether to generate a heatmap visualization, set the confidence threshold for classification results, and specify how many top predictions to return.

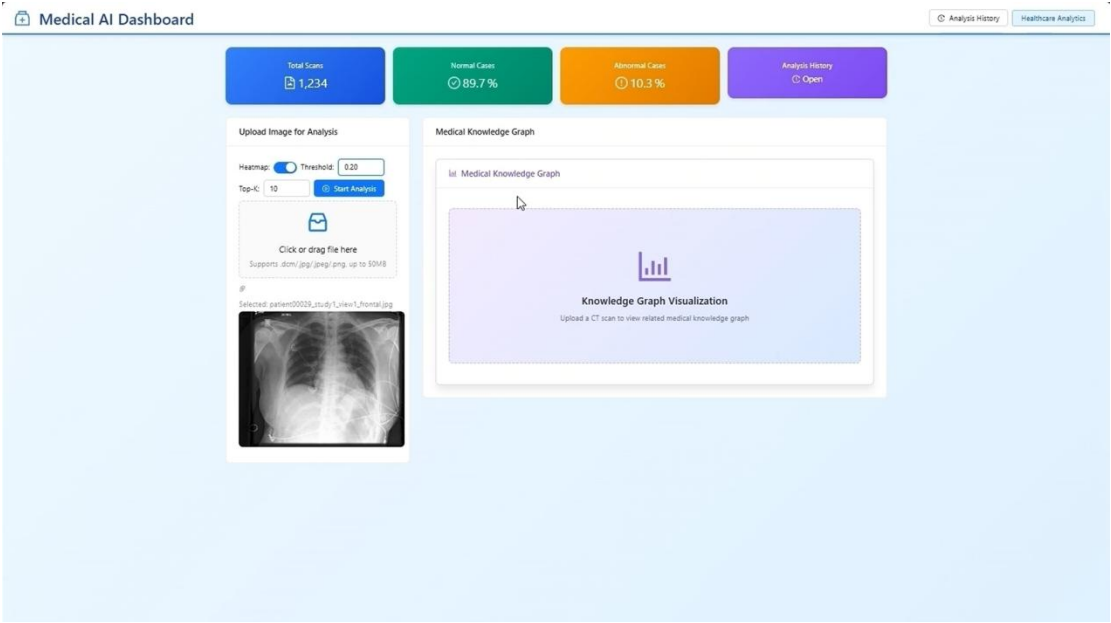


Figure 1 Picture upload and parameter settings

After uploading, the system automatically processes the image through two Pathology models in parallel. The model generates a Grad-CAM heatmap highlighting regions of interest and produces classification probabilities for 14 disease categories. The Pathology model provides a second opinion with its own probability distribution. Results appear in two tabs showing the heatmap overlay on the original image and a comparative table of disease classifications.

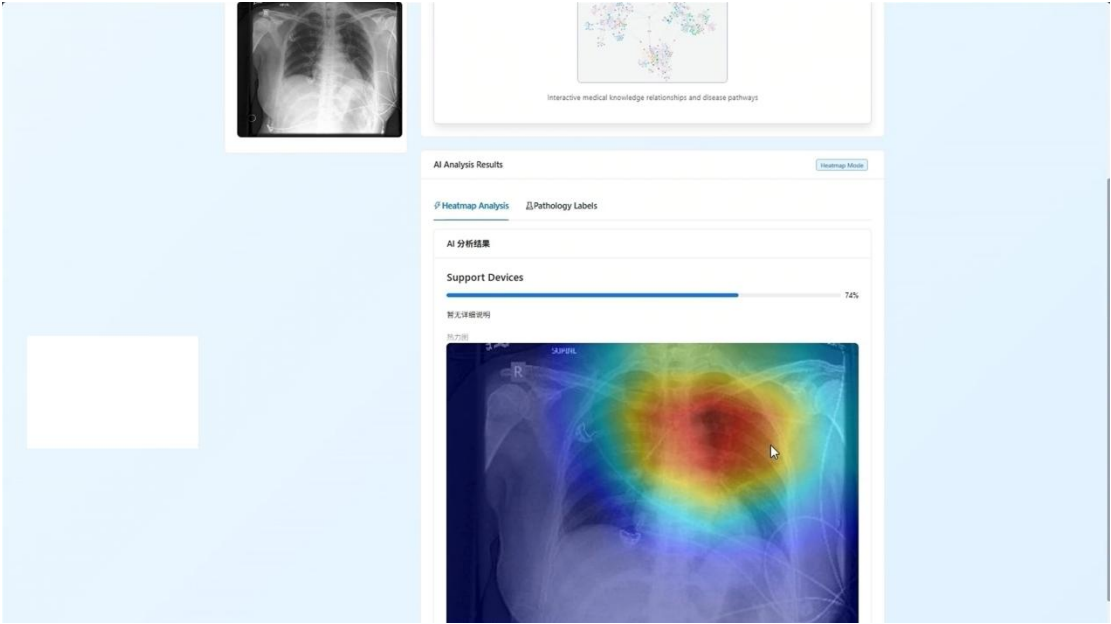


Figure 2 Heatmap Analysis

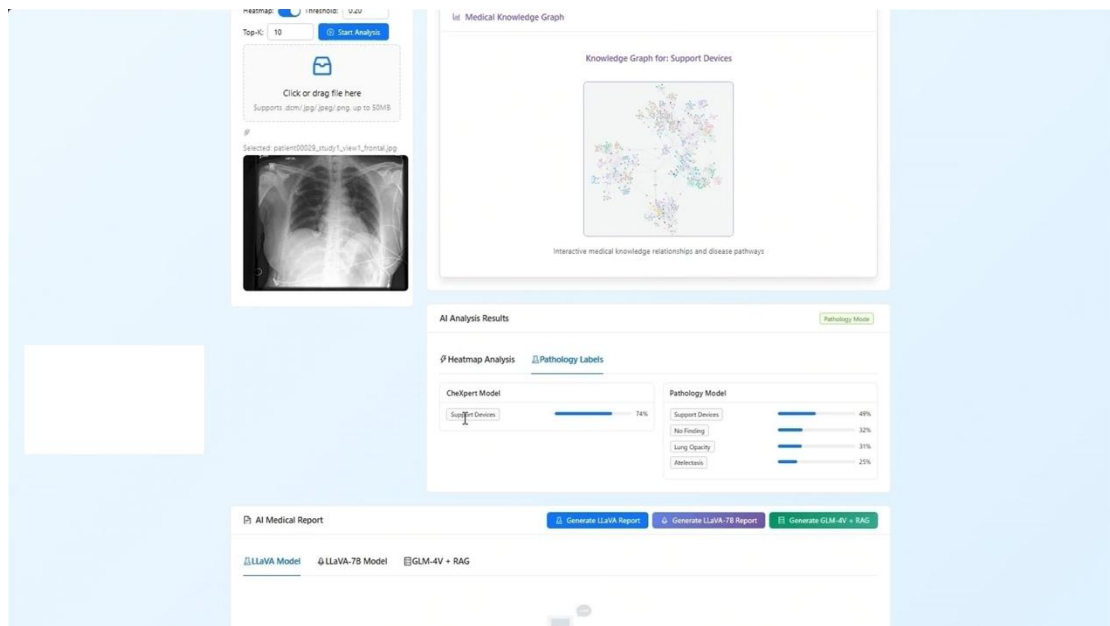


Figure 3 Pathology labels

(2) Knowledge Graph

The system includes an integrated medical knowledge graph that provides detailed information about detected diseases. The system retrieves comprehensive disease information including symptoms, causes, risk factors, diagnostic criteria, and treatment options from authoritative medical databases. The results of the knowledge graph query will be included in the RAG report.

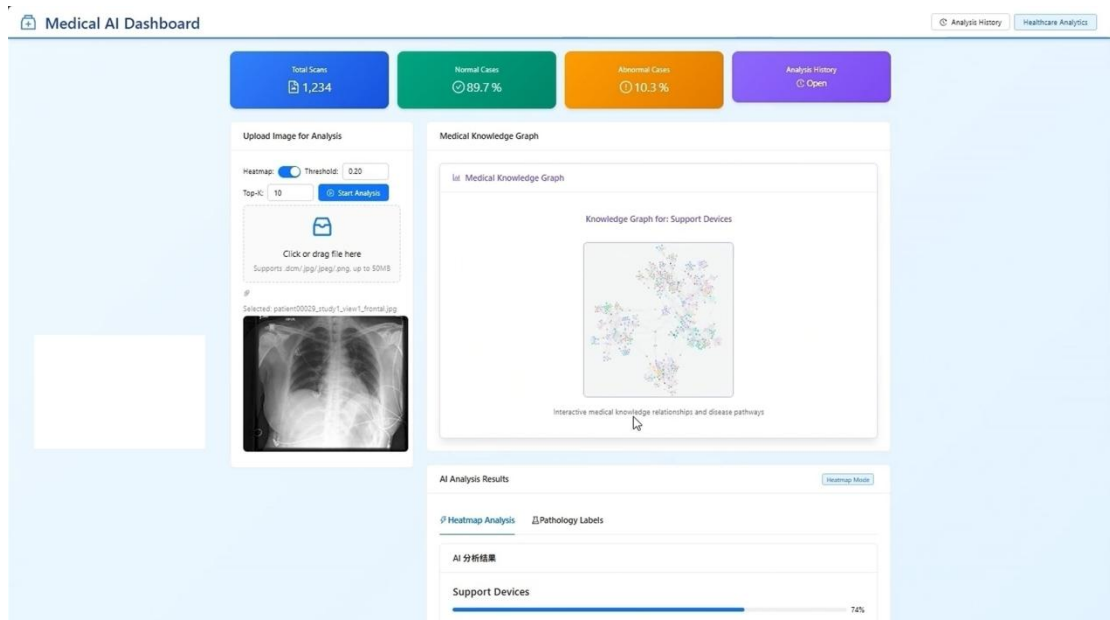


Figure 4 Medical Knowledge Graph

(3) Report Generation

Once analysis is complete, users can generate comprehensive medical reports using one of several AI models. The LLaVA options provides detailed reports through a remote Colab API via ngrok endpoint. The GLM-4V with RAG option integrates retrieval-augmented generation for context-aware reporting, and a simple Markdown template is available for basic reports.

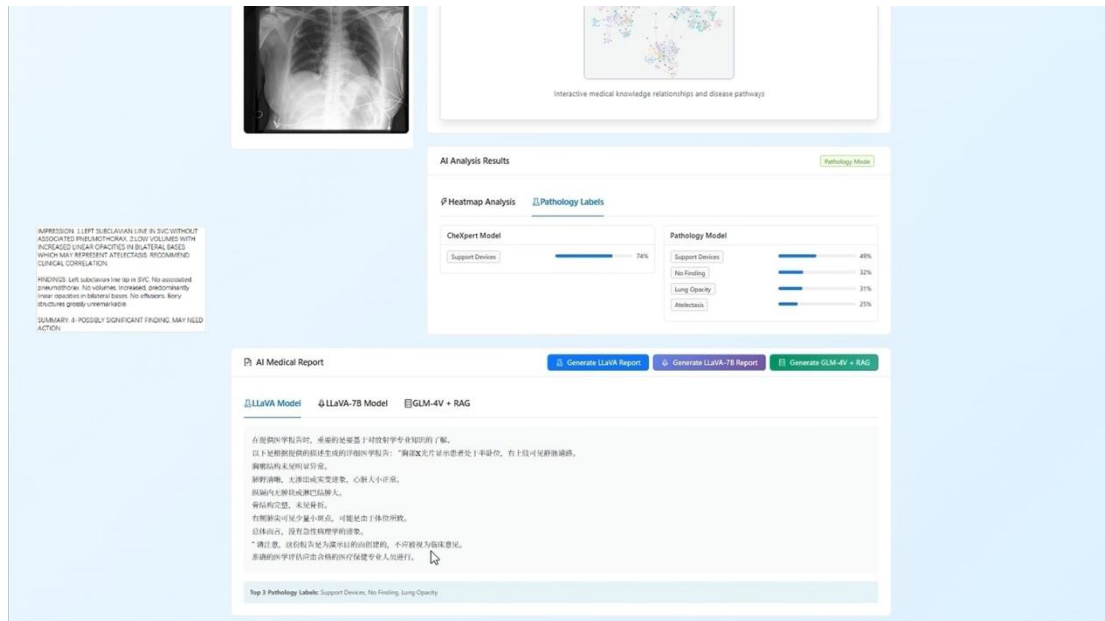


Figure 5 LLaVA report generated

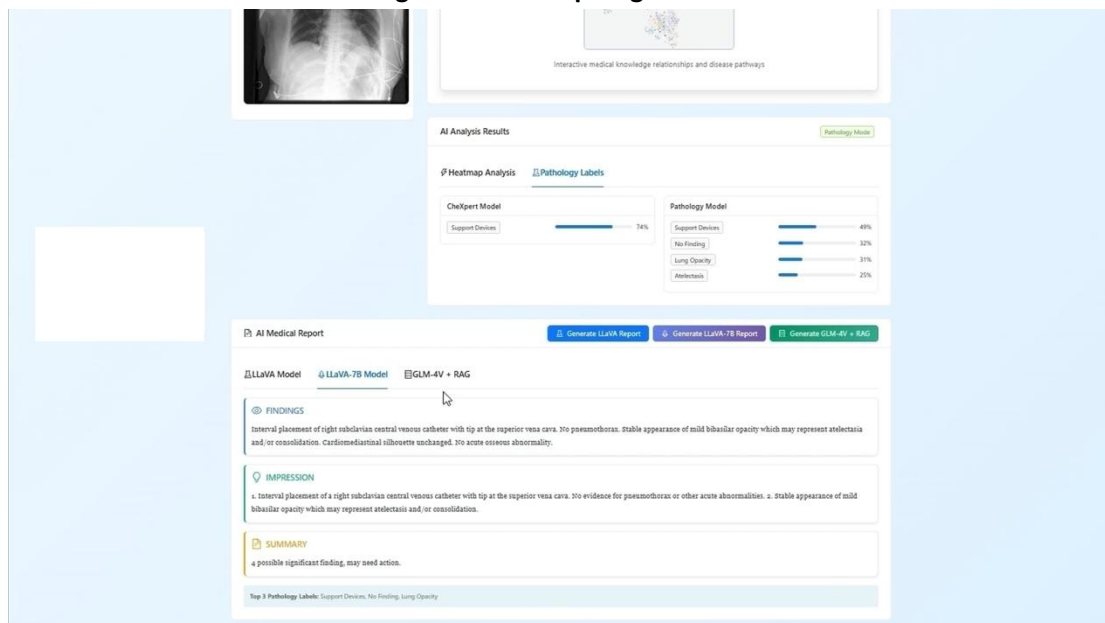


Figure 6 LLaVA-7B report generated

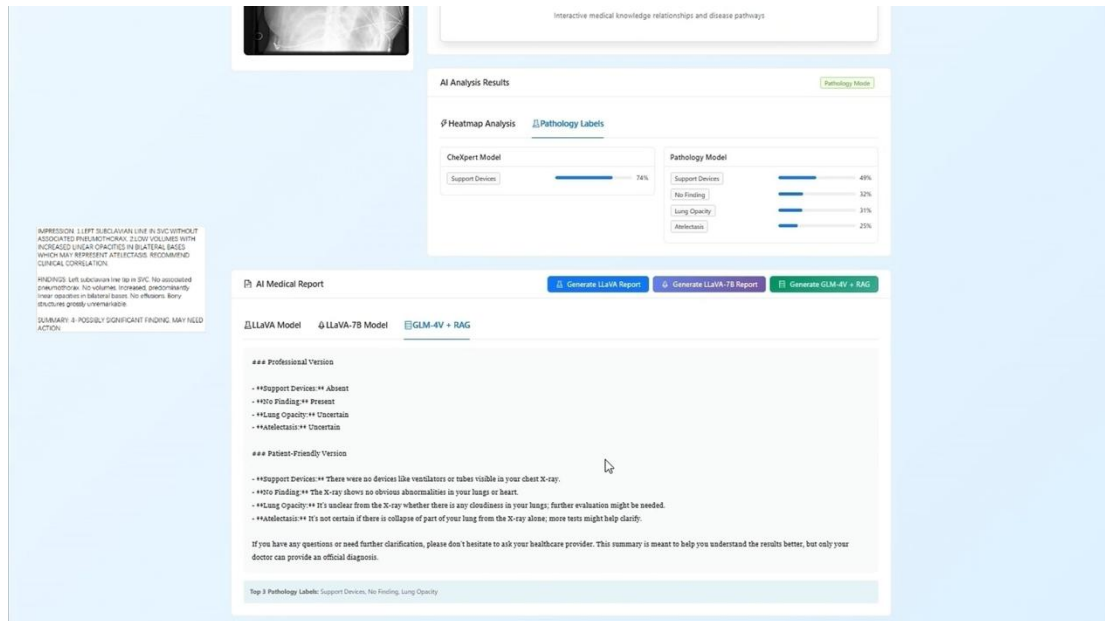


Figure 7 GLM-4V+RAG report generated

(4) History Management

Every analysis is automatically saved to the history database accessible through the History navigation menu. The history page displays a chronological table of all past analyses with sortable columns for timestamp, filename, top diagnosis, and confidence score.

Complete Analysis History

View all uploaded files and diagnoses

Back to Home

| Date | File Name | Diagnosis | Confidence | Status |
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| 2025/10/25 10:36:02 | patient37690_study4_view1_frontal.jpg | Support Devices | 61% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:40:19 | patient00236_study1_view1_frontal.jpg | Edema | 81% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:39:20 | patient00235_study10_view1_frontal.jpg | Support Devices | 40% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:37:30 | patient00151_study4_view1_frontal.jpg | Support Devices | 76% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:35:20 | patient00134_study5_view1_frontal.jpg | Lung Lesion | 64% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:33:53 | patient00119_study1_view1_frontal.jpg | Lung Lesion | 85% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:32:11 | patient00100_study9_view1_frontal.jpg | Pleural Effusion | 73% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:30:29 | patient00064_study1_view1_frontal.jpg | Support Devices | 62% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:25:38 | patient00047_study2_view1_frontal.jpg | Support Devices | 67% | completed |
| 2025/10/25 00:23:27 | patient00046_study2_view1_frontal.jpg | Lung Lesion | 48% | completed |

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Figure 8 Analysis History