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# Big Data and AI Driven Opioid Epidemic Research

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# The US Opioid Overdose Epidemic

- The US is experiencing opioid epidemic due to the misuse and abuse of opioids



**130+**  
Overdose (OD)  
death per day



**10.3 m**  
misused opioid prescriptions  
per year



**47,600**  
OD death per year



**2.0 million**  
had opioid use disorder  
(OUD)



# The Opioid Epidemic During the COVID-19 Pandemic

“The emergence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and subsequent disruptions in health care and social safety nets combined with social and economic stressors will fuel the opioid epidemic.” JAMA Editorial, Sep 18, 2020

The New York Times

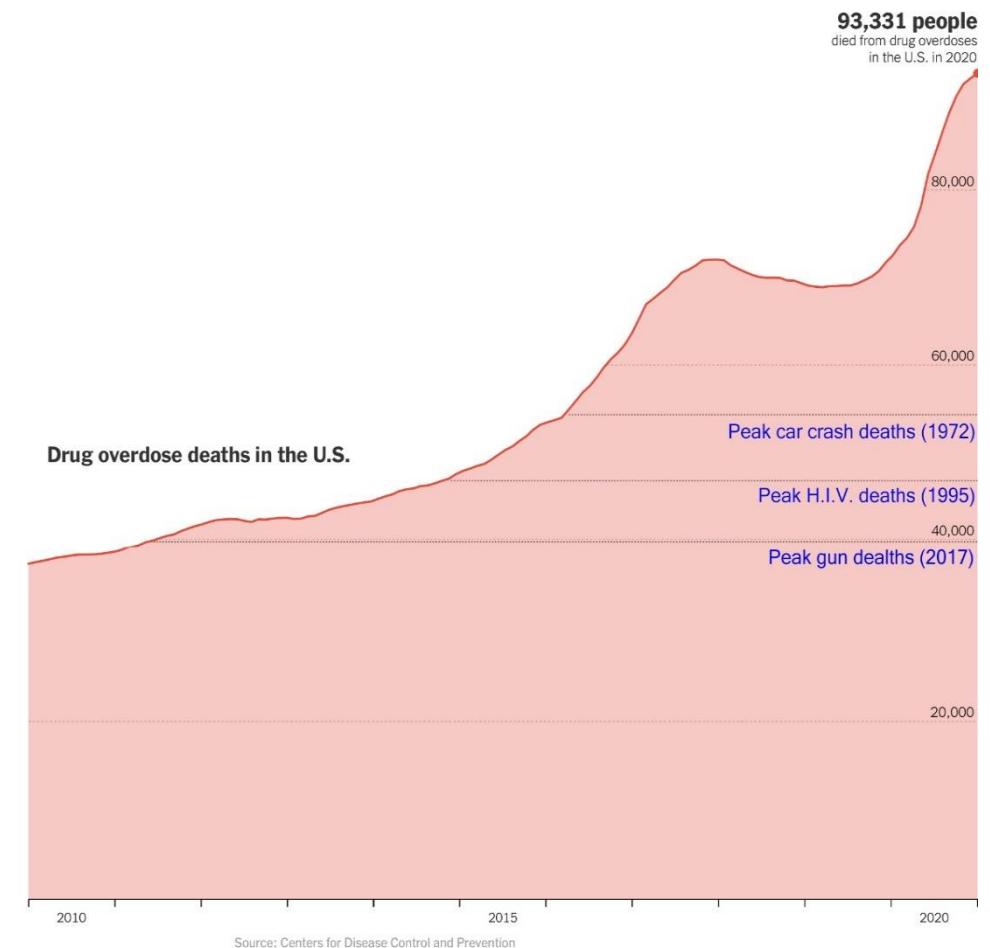
**TheUpshot**

## ‘It’s Huge, It’s Historic, It’s Unheard-of’: Drug Overdose Deaths Spike

By Josh Katz and Margot Sanger-Katz July 14, 2021

As Covid raged, so did the country’s other epidemic. Drug overdose deaths rose nearly 30 percent in 2020 to a record 93,000, according to [preliminary statistics](#) released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It’s the largest single-year increase recorded.

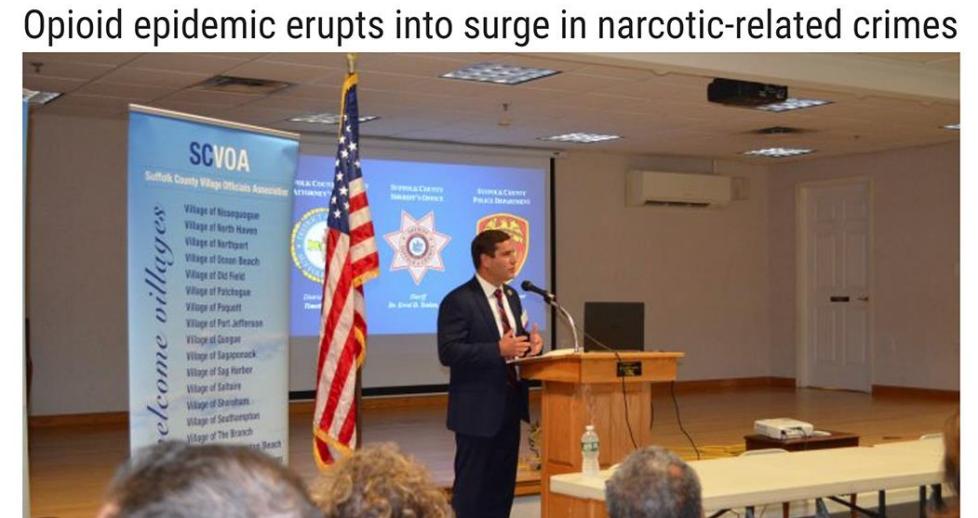
The deaths rose in every state but two, South Dakota and New Hampshire, with pronounced increases in the South and West.



# The Impact of Opioid Epidemic

- CDC estimates that the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse in US is \$78.5B a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement
- Opioid use has a significant correlation to criminal justice involvement [JAMA18]

*Most criminal cases in Suffolk County, NY, the officials said, relate to opioid epidemic.*

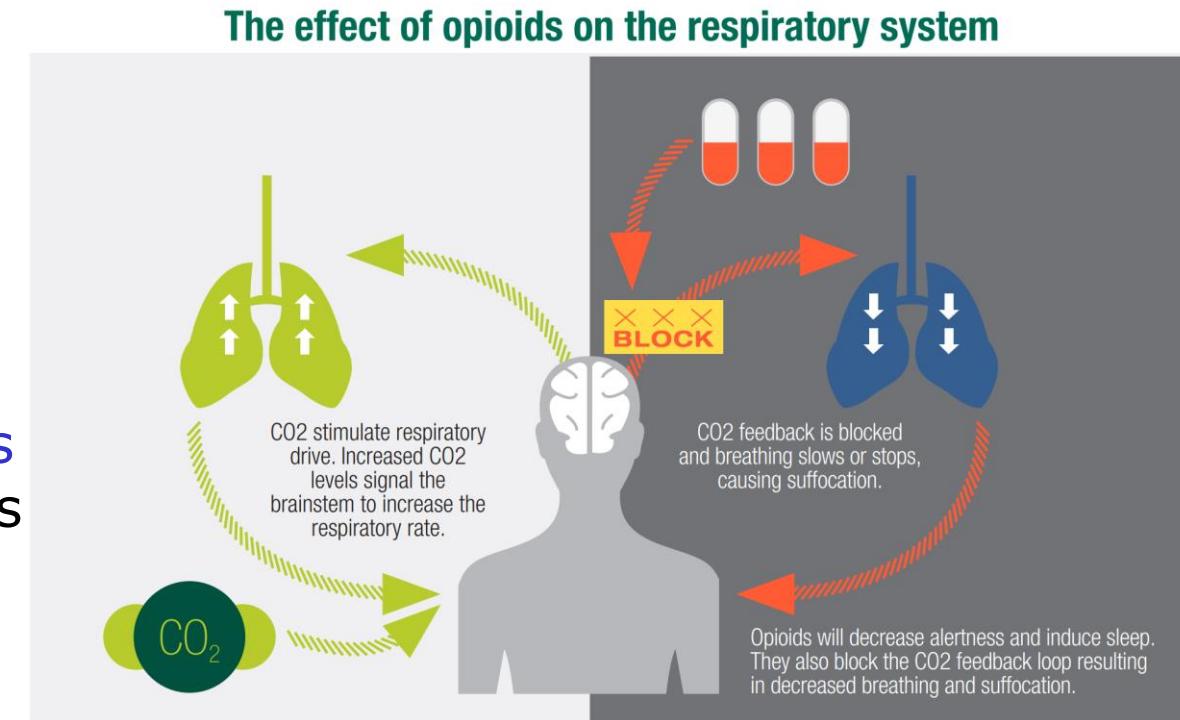


District Attorney delivers a special presentation on opioid-related crimes to mayors and other officials from Suffolk County's villages at Lake Grove Village Hall.

Combating opioid epidemic becomes a high priority for governments, healthcare providers and researchers.

# Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Opioid Overdose (OD)

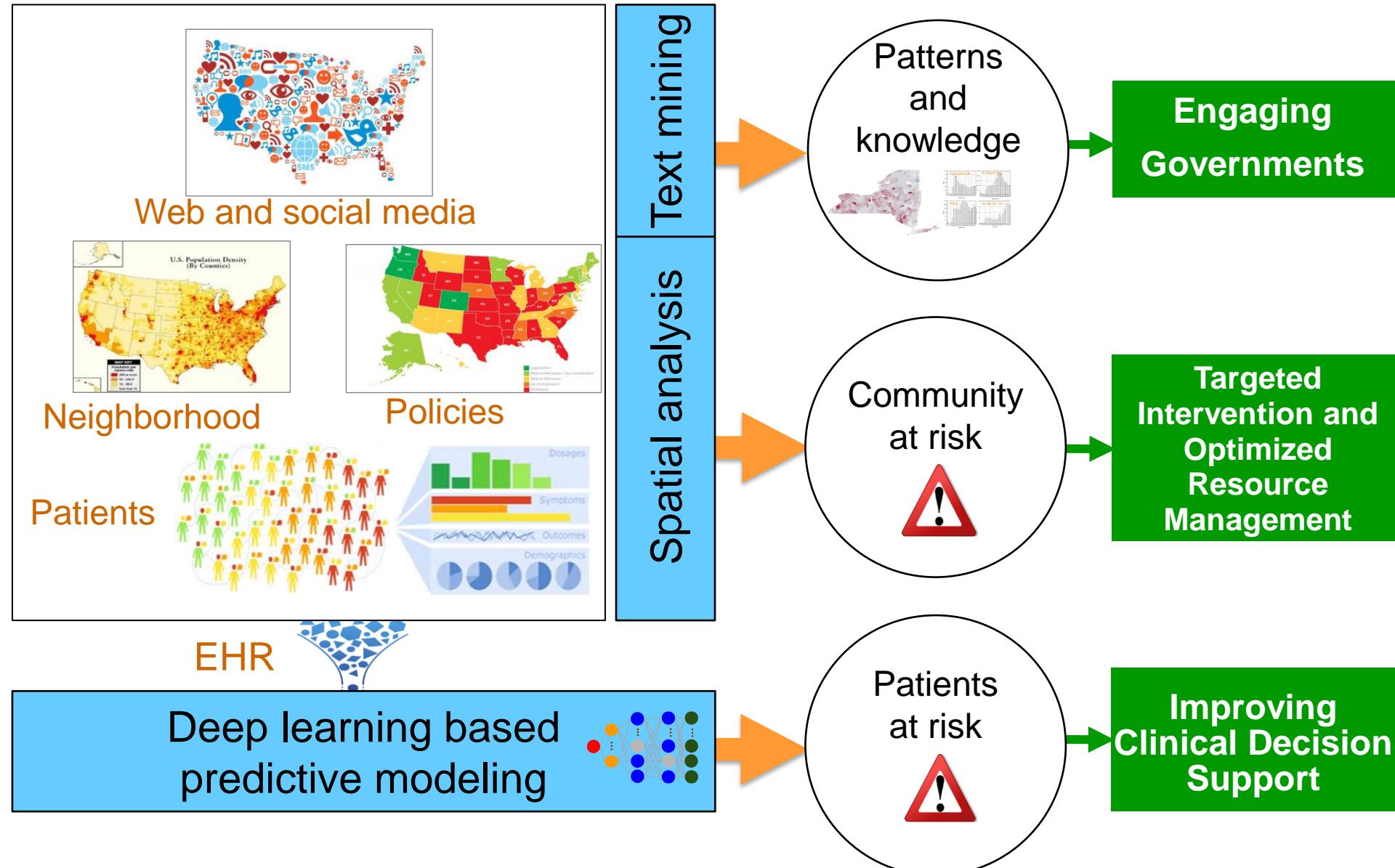
- **Opioid use disorder:** Problematic pattern of opioid use leading to clinically significant impairment or distress (at least two DSM-5 criteria)
  - Unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control use, or use resulting in social problems, a failure to fulfill obligations at work/school/home, etc
- **Overdose:** Opioids affect the part of the brain that regulates breathing; High doses of opioids can lead to the slowing or stopping of breathing and sometimes death
  - Occurs when a patient deliberately **misuses** a prescription, uses an **illicit opioid** (such as heroin), or uses an opioid contaminated with other even more **potent opioids** (such as fentanyl)



# Combating the Opioid Epidemic: the Questions

- Can we predict OD/OUD risks of patients in the future based on EHR history?
  - Develop machine learning (including deep learning) based predictive models using patients' past EHR to predict future risk
- Which regions or communities have most serious opioid problems for targeted interventions and optimized resource management?
  - Fine-grain geospatial analysis to discover disparities and geospatial patterns
- What are the opinions of the public, the emotions of the opioid users and the psychological effects of opioid use?
  - Text mining of social media data (Twitter/Reddit)

# Big Data and AI Driven Opioid Epidemic Research



# Outline

- Machine learning/deep learning based **prediction** of opioid risk
- Geospatial and temporal analysis of OD in NY
- **Geospatial disparities** on accessing resources
  - Naloxone pharmacies and Buprenorphine services
- Opioid epidemic study using **social media**

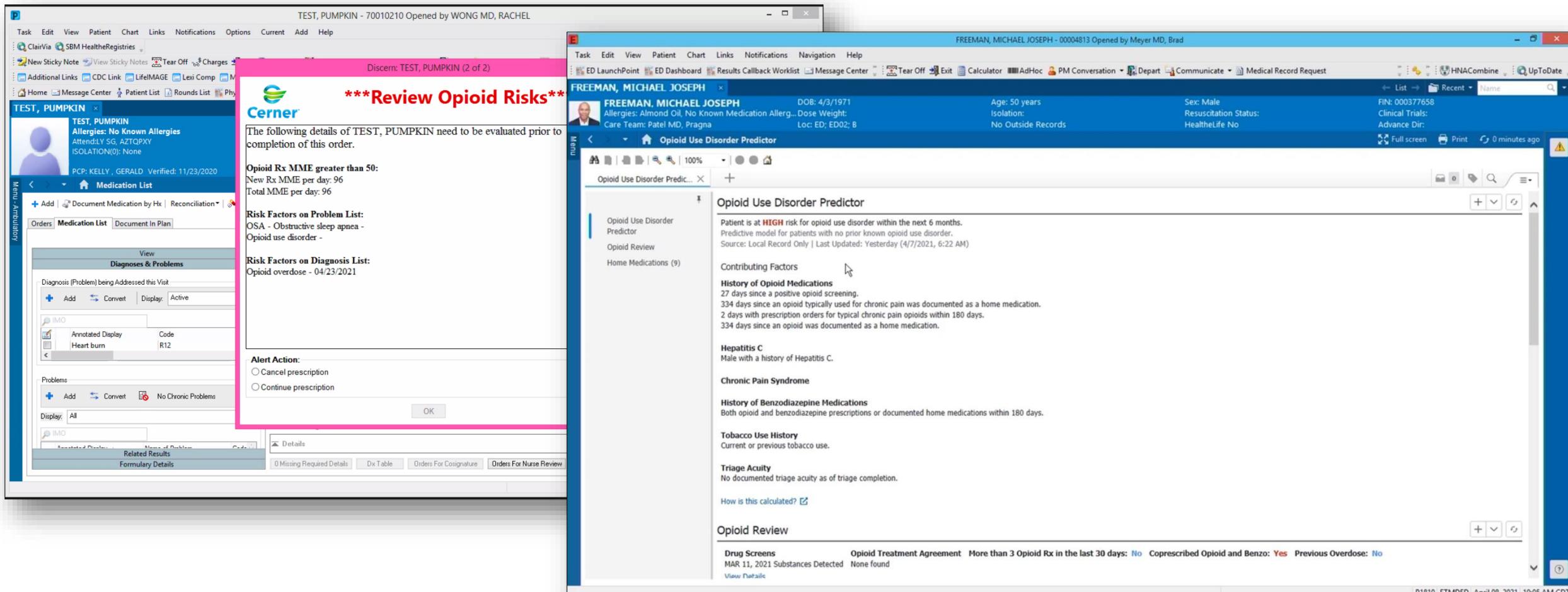
## AI Driven Prediction of Opioid Risks

- Only ≈22% of people with OUD receive specific treatment, while most remain at high OD risk that is clinically under-identified
- The mean interval between first opioid medication and first OUD diagnosis: <1 year for 34.12% cases, and < 2 years for 54.07%
  - 18-25: 1.3% were diagnosed with OUD after first opioid exposure (~674 days) (based on Health Facts: 278,847 patients with opioid medication, 2010-2017)
- *Sensitive and valid approach is critically needed* to identify those individuals **who are at risk for using opioids** and would then be at increased risk for a trajectory of increasing use of prescription opioids, OUD severity, or opioid overdose

# Predictive Modeling of Opioid Risks

- Much recent work has been on developing prediction models that assess an individuals' risk of experiencing OD or OUD
- They are the precursors to prognostic tools that, when integrated into clinical workflow, can provide clinicians with critical information to help inform decisions about opioid prescribing and treatment in order to reduce opioid related harms
- Predictive models:
  - Customized rules based approach
  - Machine learning based approach
  - Integrated rules and machine learning based approach

# EHR Tools for Opioid Risks in EHR



The image displays two screenshots of EHR software. On the left, the Cerner Millennium interface shows a patient record for 'TEST, PUMPKIN' with a pink callout box highlighting an 'Alert Action' for opioid risks. On the right, the Epic system shows a detailed 'Opioid Use Disorder Predictor' report for 'FREEMAN, MICHAEL JOSEPH'.

**Cerner Millennium Alert (Left):**

- Alert Title:** \*\*\*Review Opioid Risks\*\*
- Text:** The following details of TEST, PUMPKIN need to be evaluated prior to completion of this order.
- Opioid Rx MME greater than 50:**
  - New Rx MME per day: 96
  - Total MME per day: 96
- Risk Factors on Problem List:**
  - OSA - Obstructive sleep apnea -
  - Opioid use disorder -
- Risk Factors on Diagnosis List:**
  - Opioid overdose - 04/23/2021
- Alert Action:**
  - Cancel prescription
  - Continue prescription

**Epic Opioid Use Disorder Predictor Report (Right):**

- Patient Information:** FREEMAN, MICHAEL JOSEPH, DOB: 4/3/1971, Age: 50 years, Sex: Male, FIN: 000377658.
- Prediction:** Patient is at **HIGH** risk for opioid use disorder within the next 6 months.
- Contributing Factors:**
  - History of Opioid Medications:** 27 days since a positive opioid screening, 334 days since an opioid typically used for chronic pain was documented as a home medication, 2 days with prescription orders for typical chronic pain opioids within 180 days, 334 days since an opioid was documented as a home medication.
  - Hepatitis C:** Male with a history of Hepatitis C.
  - Chronic Pain Syndrome:**
  - History of Benzodiazepine Medications:** Both opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions or documented home medications within 180 days.
  - Tobacco Use History:** Current or previous tobacco use.
  - Triage Acuity:** No documented triage acuity as of triage completion.
  - How is this calculated?**
- Opioid Review:**
  - Drug Screens:** MAR 11, 2021 Substances Detected: None found.
  - Opioid Treatment Agreement:** More than 3 Opioid Rx in the last 30 days: No
  - Coprescribed Opioid and Benzo:** Yes
  - Previous Overdose:** No

**Cerner's Opioid Use Disorder Predictor** combines discern expert rules and a machine learning based OUD predictor model, and predictions are recorded in **Cerner Millennium** as clinical events

# Related Research Work on Opioid Risk Prediction

Related Work	Data Sources	Feature Set	No. of Features	Methods	Prediction Target
Lo-Ciganic et al (2019)	Medicare	Medication, demographics	268	Gradient boosting machine(GBM), DNN	Opioid overdose
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S. Wadekar et al (2020)	2016 NSDUH survey	Socioeconomic, demographics, physical and psychological status	18	Logistic regression, decision tree and random forest	Opioid use disorder
M. Glanz et al (2018)	KPCO EHR database	Demographics, tobacco use, metal health condition, medications	34	Cox regression	Opioid overdose
Randall et al (2019)	MSMC-EHR	Lab test, vital sign	100	Random forest	Opioid dependence risk

Traditional methods either use a limited set of features or lack the modeling of temporal progression with a state-of-the-art method, which lead to limited performance

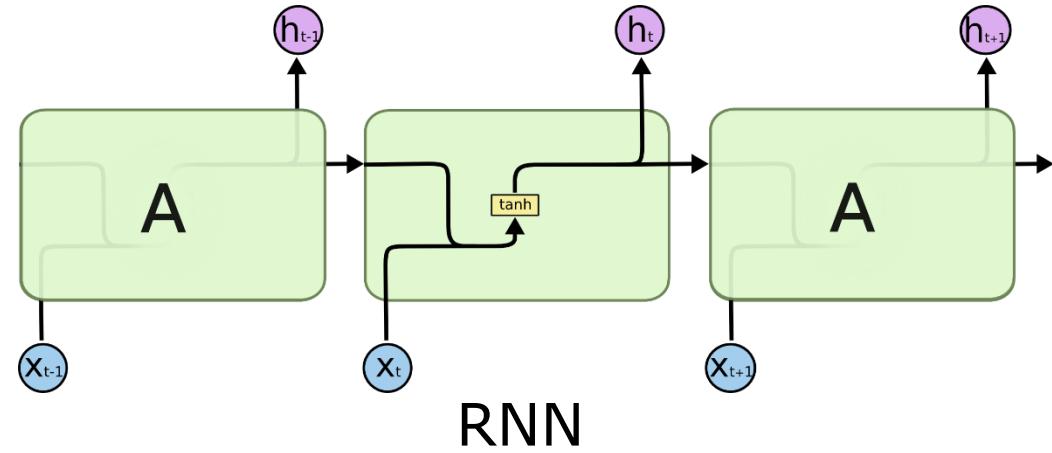
# Our Approach: Building Opioid Risk Prediction Models Using Temporal Deep Learning with Big EHR Data

- Predicting both opioid use disorder (OUD excluding OD), and opioid overdose (OD) in the future
- Using large scale EHR datasets – Cerner's Health Facts database
- Take advantage of large number of EHR features (demographics, diagnosis, labs, medications, and clinical events)
- Use state-of-the-art sequential deep learning methods: long short-term memory (LSTM) to model the temporal aspect for the prediction
- Generate top ranked features as a reference for assisting clinical decision support

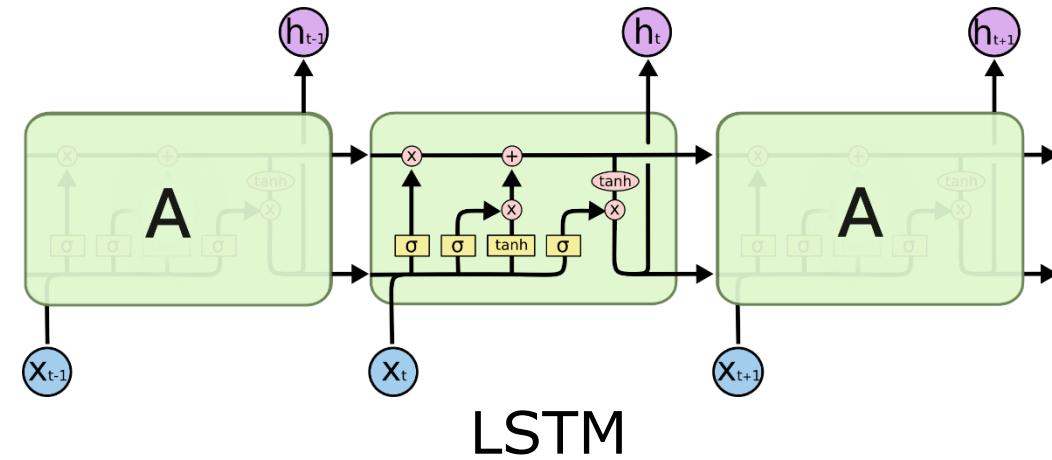
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<b>Our models</b>	Cerner Health Facts database	Diagnosis, lab, clinical events, medications, demographics	1185/ 1468	LSTM + Graph Neural Networks	Opioid use disorder Opioid overdose

# Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

- Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) captures temporal patterns and relations in a sequence of events, and overcomes the limitations of Dense Neural Network (DNN)
- LSTM is an RNN architecture to learn long-term dependencies by maintaining an internal state
  - LSTM can memorize information for a longer duration designed to learn long/short term dependency of data in a sequence
  - Ideal on modeling temporal disease progression
- LSTM also overcomes the limitation of RNN on possible vanishing and exploding gradients in back propagation



RNN



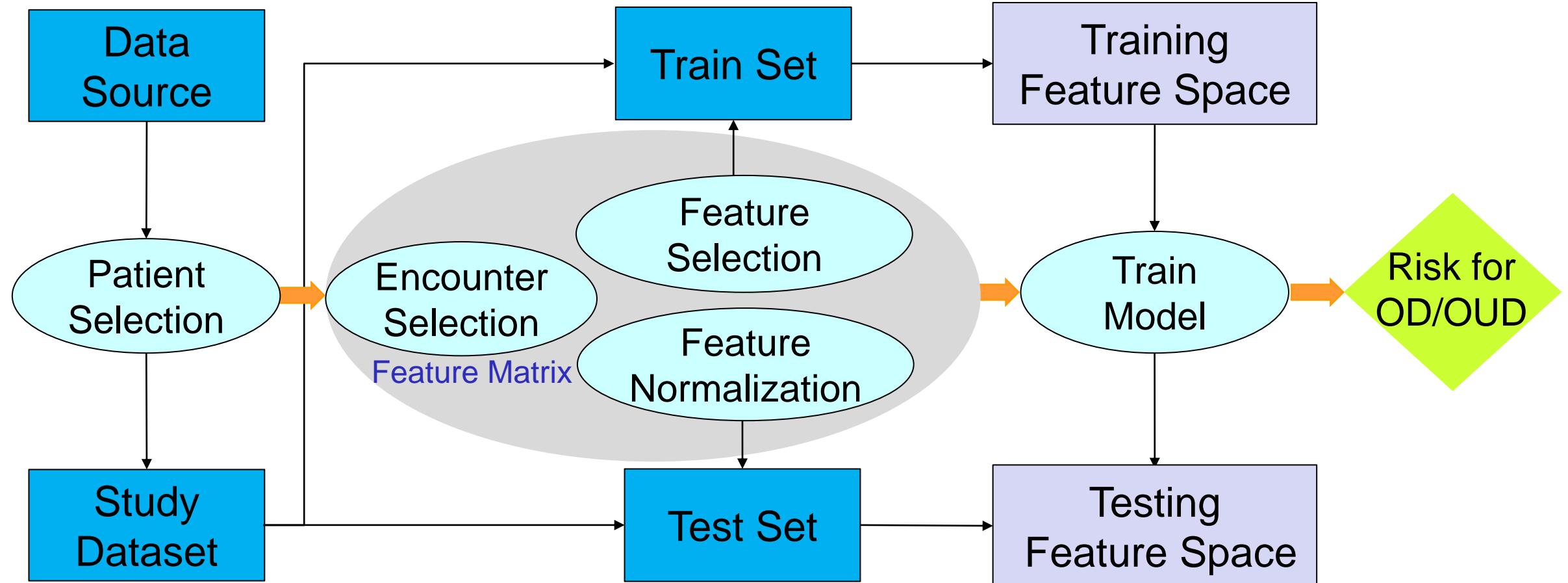
LSTM

# Data Source – Cerner Health Facts

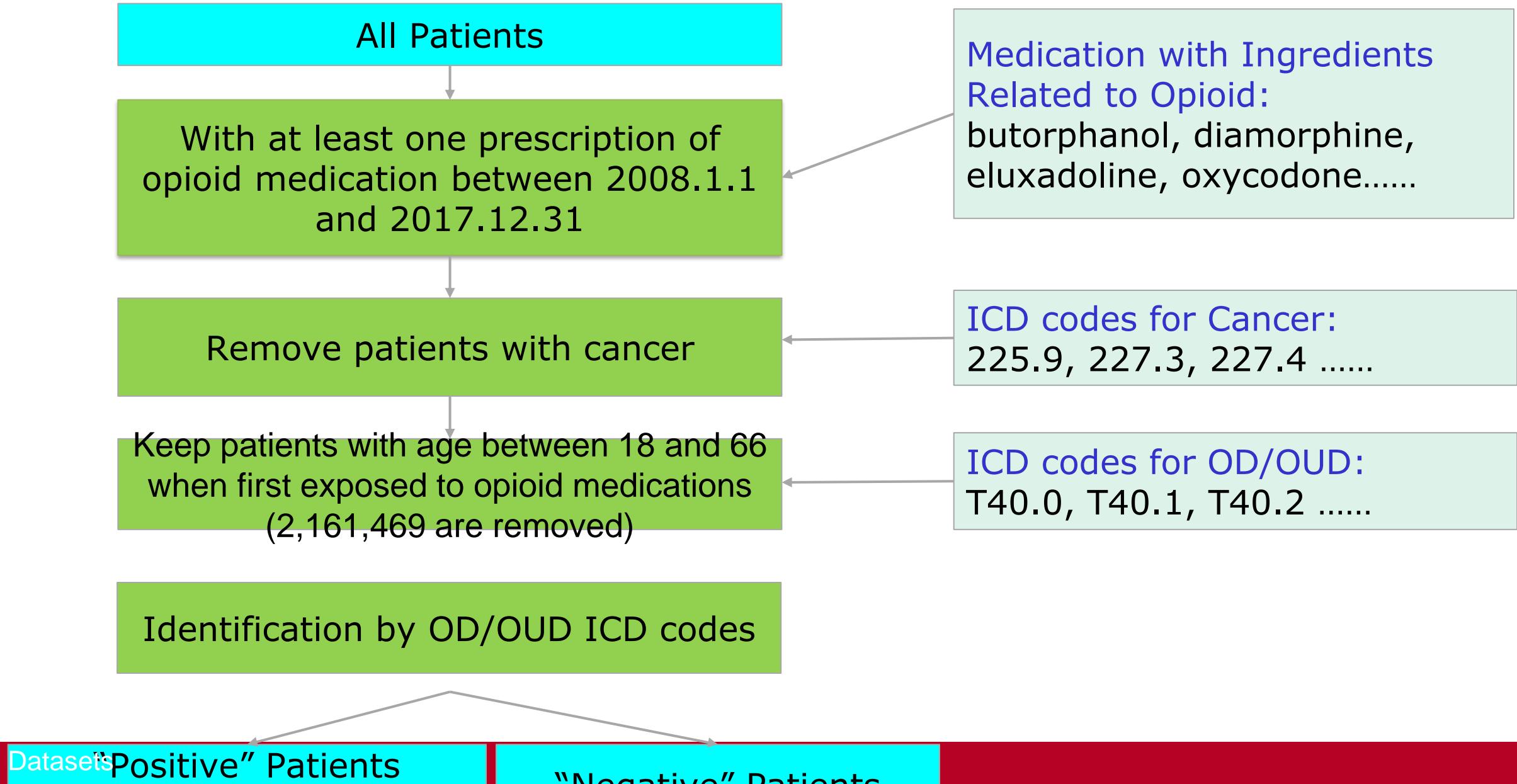
- De-identified EHR data from over 600 participating Cerner client hospitals (latest version: Real-World Data)
- ~ 69M patients (2008-2017)

Category	Description
<b>Diagnoses</b>	Diseases, symptoms, poisoning for patients
<b>Procedures</b>	Surgical, medical or diagnostic interventions received by patients
<b>Laboratory Tests</b>	Procedures in which a health care provider takes a sample of a patient's blood, urine, other bodily fluid or body tissue to get information about the patient's health
<b>Medications</b>	Dose quantity of medication taken by patients
<b>Clinical Events</b>	Related symptoms, personal health status (like smoking history, tobacco use, etc)
<b>Demographics</b>	Age, gender, race/ethnicity

# Overall Pipeline



# Preprocessing - Patients Selection

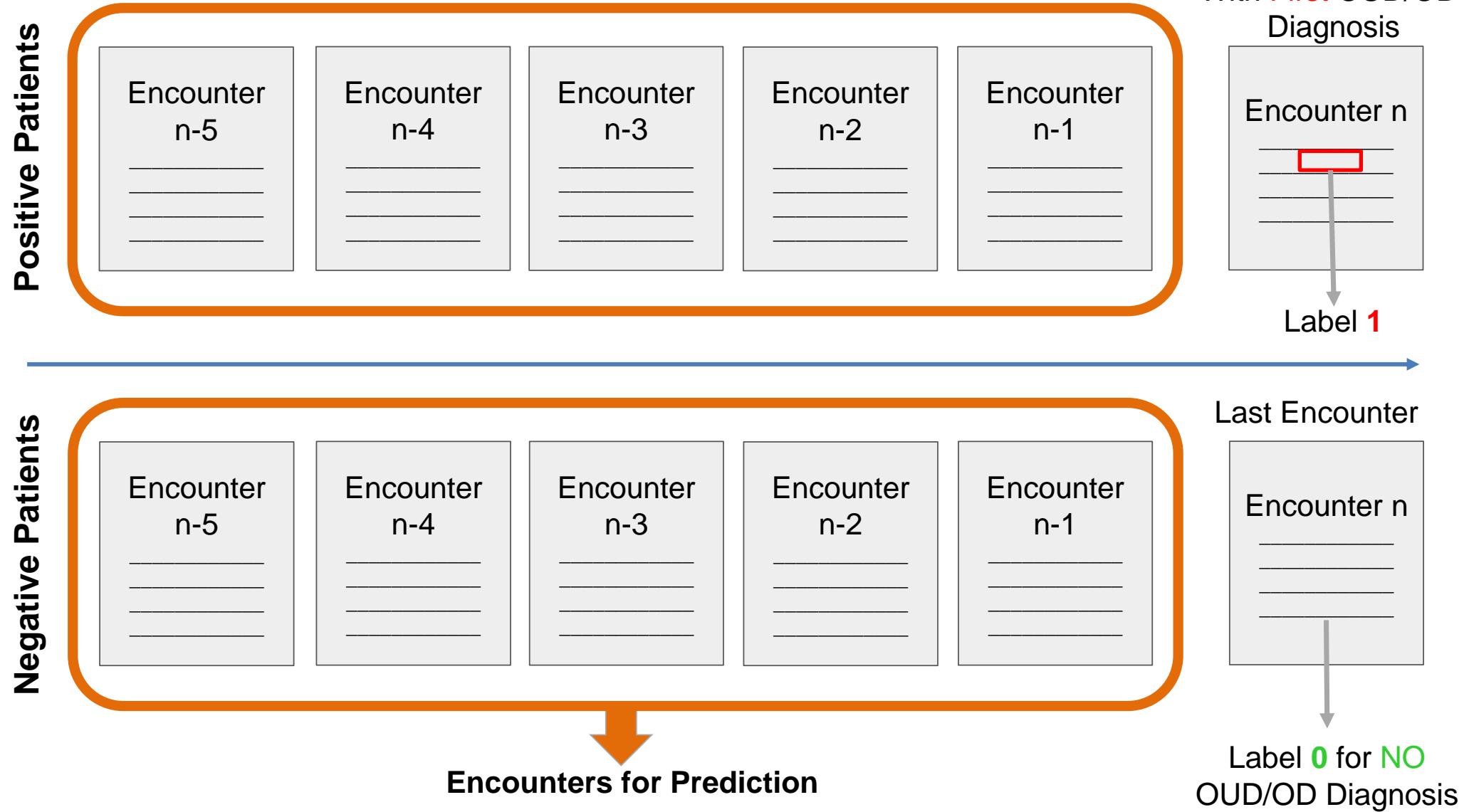


# Study Datasets (Positive/Negative Patients)

Datasets	Positive	Negative	Timespan
<b>Opioid Overdose (OD)</b>	44,774	5,186,840	2008 to 2017
<b>Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)</b>	111,456	5,120,158	2008 to 2017

Gender distribution (1.325:1 of female to male) is close between positive (OUD) and negative (non-OUD patients)

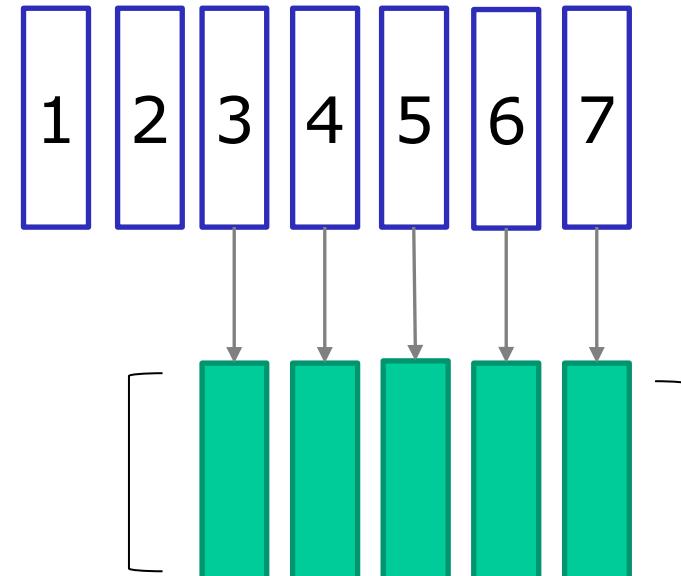
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# Encounters for Building the Models (cont'd)

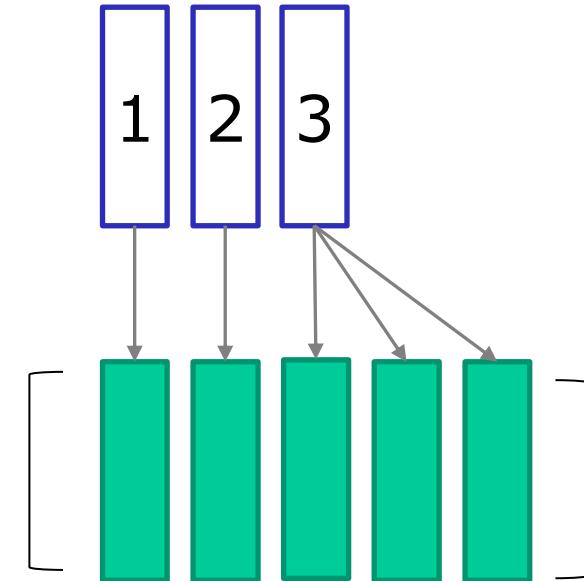
Encounters

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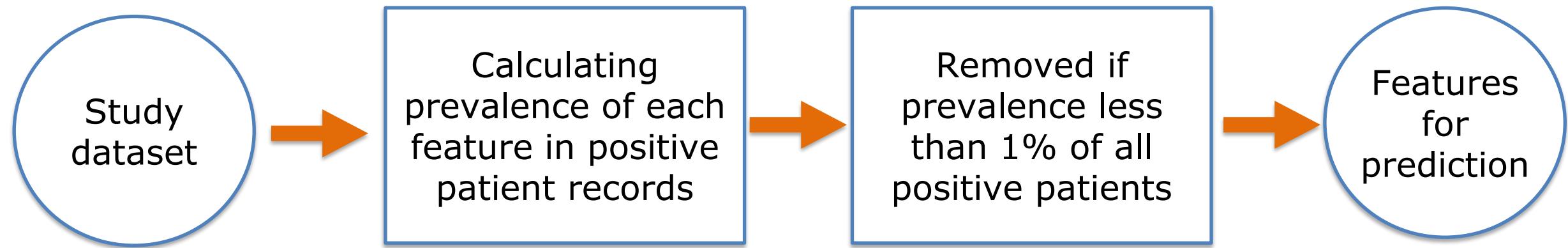


Feature  
Matrix

Example 2



# Features Selection

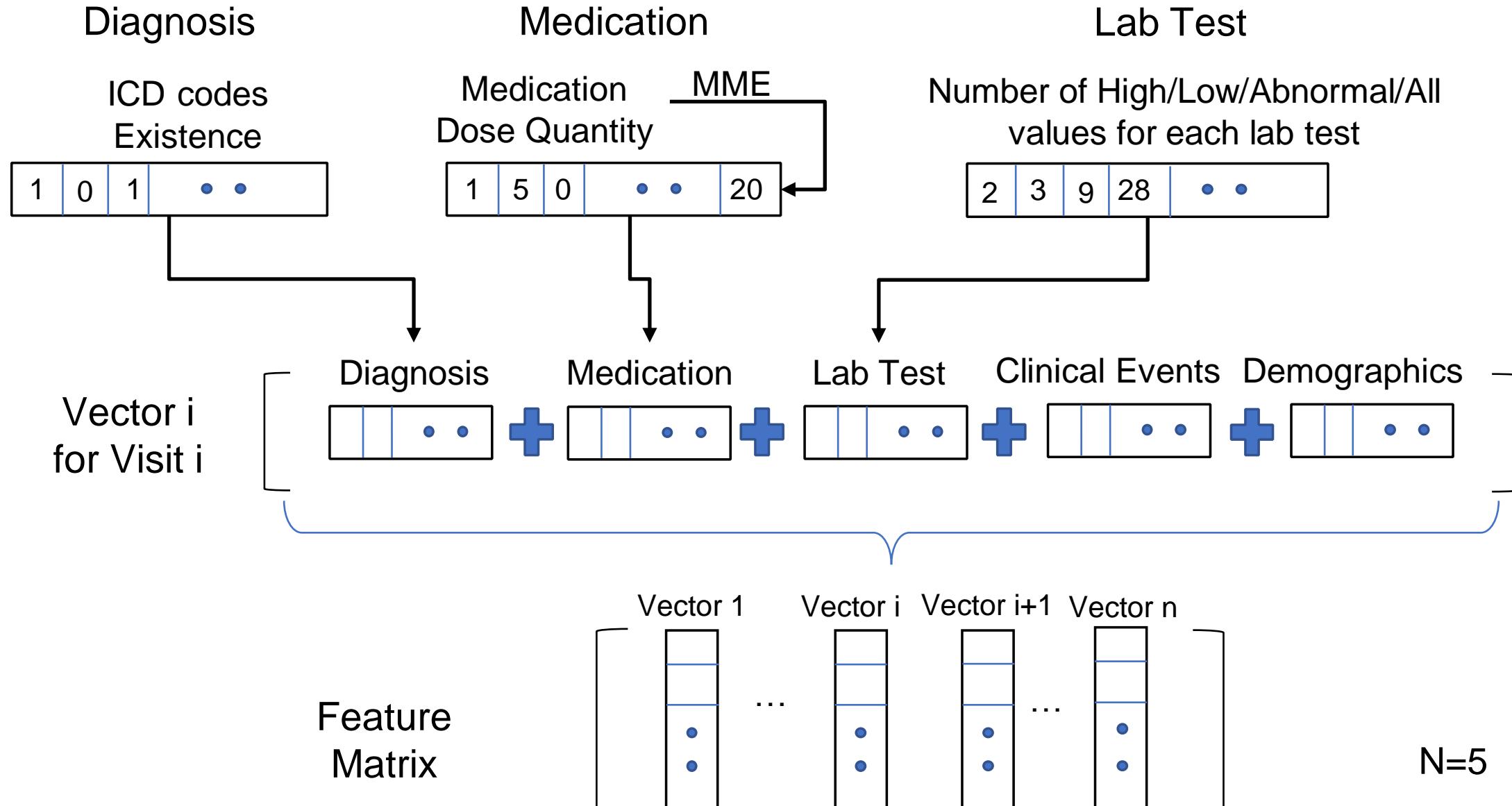


Datasets	Category	Number of Features
<b>Opioid Overdose</b> (Total: 1,185)	Diagnoses, Procedures	414
	Laboratory Test Result	394
	Demographics	3
	Clinical Events	227
	Medications	147
<b>Opioid Use Disorder</b> (Total: 1,468)	Diagnoses, Procedures	457
	Laboratory Tests	530
	Demographics	3
	Clinical Events	251
	Medications	227

# Feature Normalization

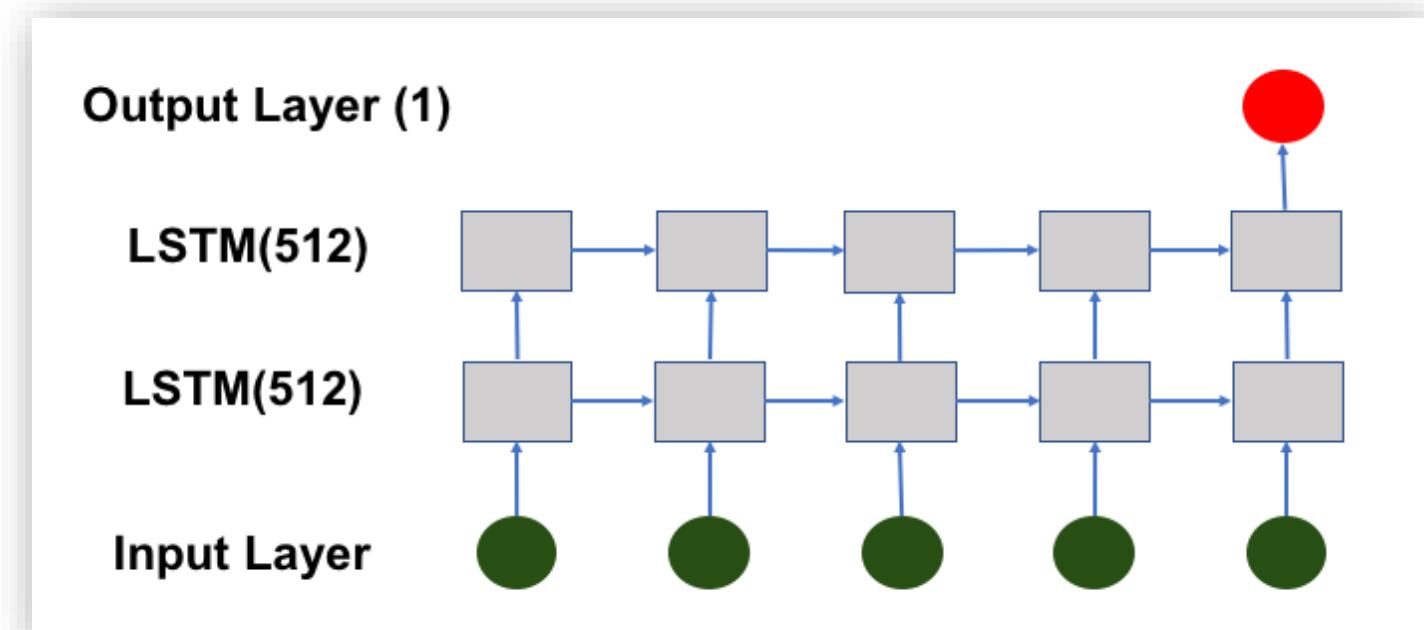
- For **diagnosis codes**, convert all ICD-9 codes to ICD10 codes (first 3 digits)
- For **medications**, convert NDC codes to ATC codes (level 3, first 4 digits), which is more meaningful for predication (NDC doesn't record ingredients)
- **MME** (morphine milligram equivalents) is generated as an aggregate feature
- For **lab tests** in an encounter, we record the number of abnormal values, the total number of lab tests, and the ratio between the two values
- For most **clinical events**, we will use the last value for the patient as the value in the feature space, for feature with multiple numeric values in one visit, we will also record the highest, median and lowest values
- For **missing values**, we use the median imputation (other imputations such as MICE and KNN have similar results)

# Feature Matrix Construction



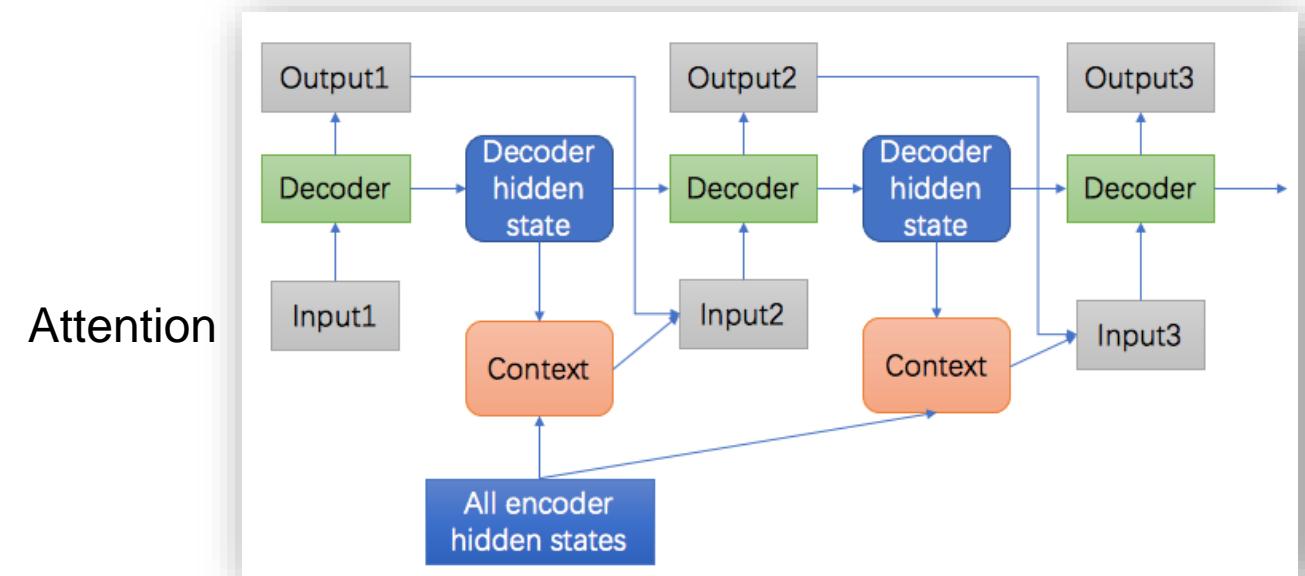
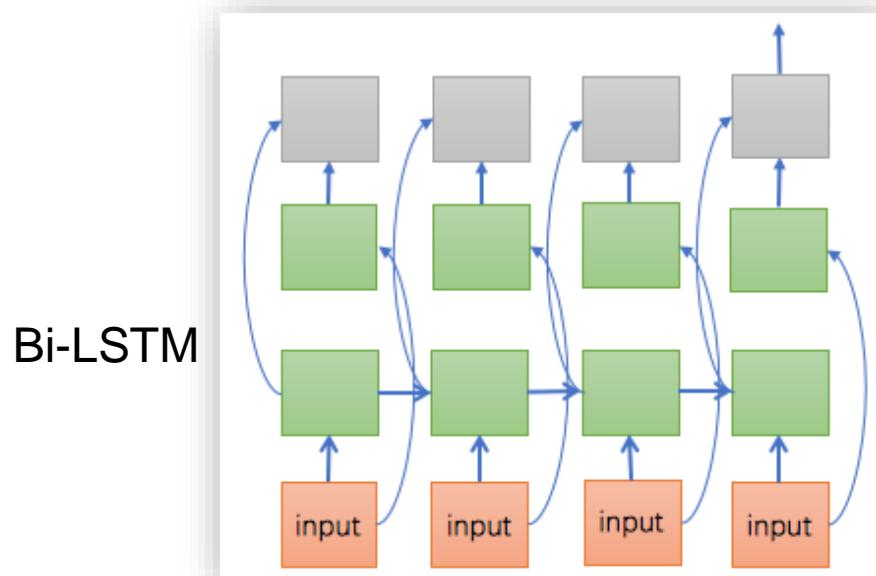
# Predictive Models

- Traditional Machine Learning
  - Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Decision Tree
- Deep Learning
  - Dense Neural Network
  - **LSTM (Long short-term memory)**
  - Variants of LSTM

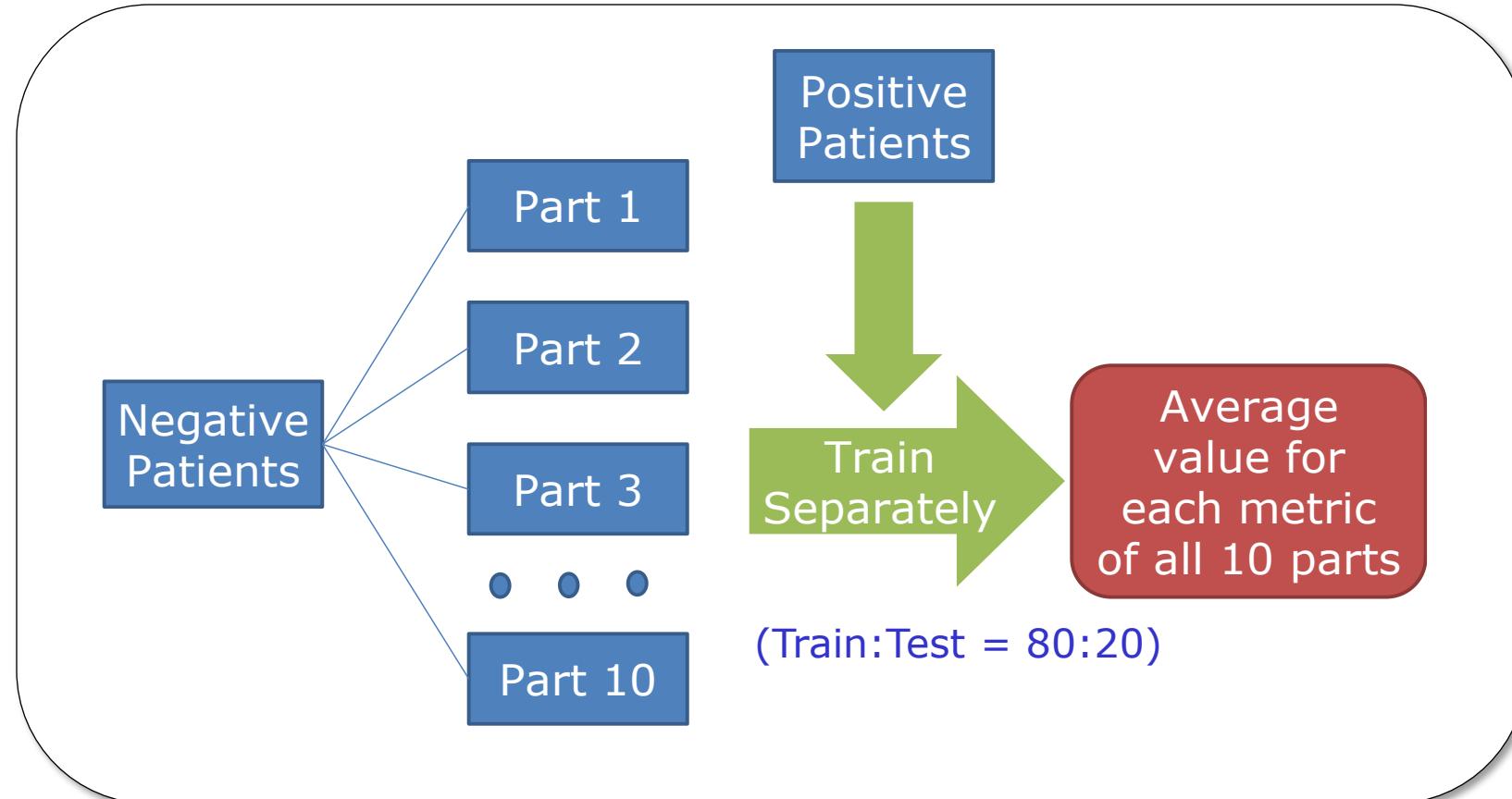


# Variants of LSTMs

- **Bidirectional LSTM(Bi-LSTM):** with one more hidden layer trained from back to front. Has the advantage that hidden layers can preserve information from both the past and the future
- **LSTM with Attention:** an application of LSTM model on sequence to sequence prediction: A special encoder-decoder embedding method allows each decoder in each step access overall context. Allows the model to focus on the relevant parts of the input sequence as needed



# Performance Evaluation Experiment Setup



# OUD Prediction Performance

Model	Precision	Recall	F1 score	AUCROC
Random Forest	<b>0.8565</b>	0.6871	0.7545	0.9112
Decision Tree	0.7592	0.7281	0.7453	0.8823
Logistic Regression	0.7507	0.6020	0.6722	0.7933
Dense Neural Network	0.8019	0.7694	0.7855	0.9224
<b>LSTM</b>	0.8184	<b>0.7865</b>	<b>0.8023</b>	0.9369
LSTM with Attention	0.8131	0.7814	0.7969	<b>0.9491</b>
Bi-LSTM	0.7710	0.7804	0.7759	0.9463

- Recall (sensitivity): fraction of identified positive patients of all positive patients
- Precision: fraction of true positive patients among all identified patients
- F1 score considers both precision and recall, we regard it as the best aggregated assessment of the overall prediction performance

# OUD Prediction Performance for Young Adults (18-25)

Age	Prediction Model	Precision	Recall	F1	AUC
All (18-66)	Random Forest	<b>0.8565</b>	0.6871	0.7545	0.9112
	Decision Tree	0.7592	0.7281	0.7453	0.8823
	Logistic Regression	0.7507	0.6020	0.6722	0.7933
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Young (18-25)	Random Forest	0.9819	0.7937	0.8778	0.8584
	Decision Tree	0.8519	0.7440	0.7943	0.7449
	Logistic Regression	0.9937	0.6954	0.8201	0.6093
	Dense Neural Network	0.9619	<b>0.8501</b>	0.9026	0.9297
	<b>LSTM</b>	0.9756	0.8428	<b>0.9058</b>	0.9316

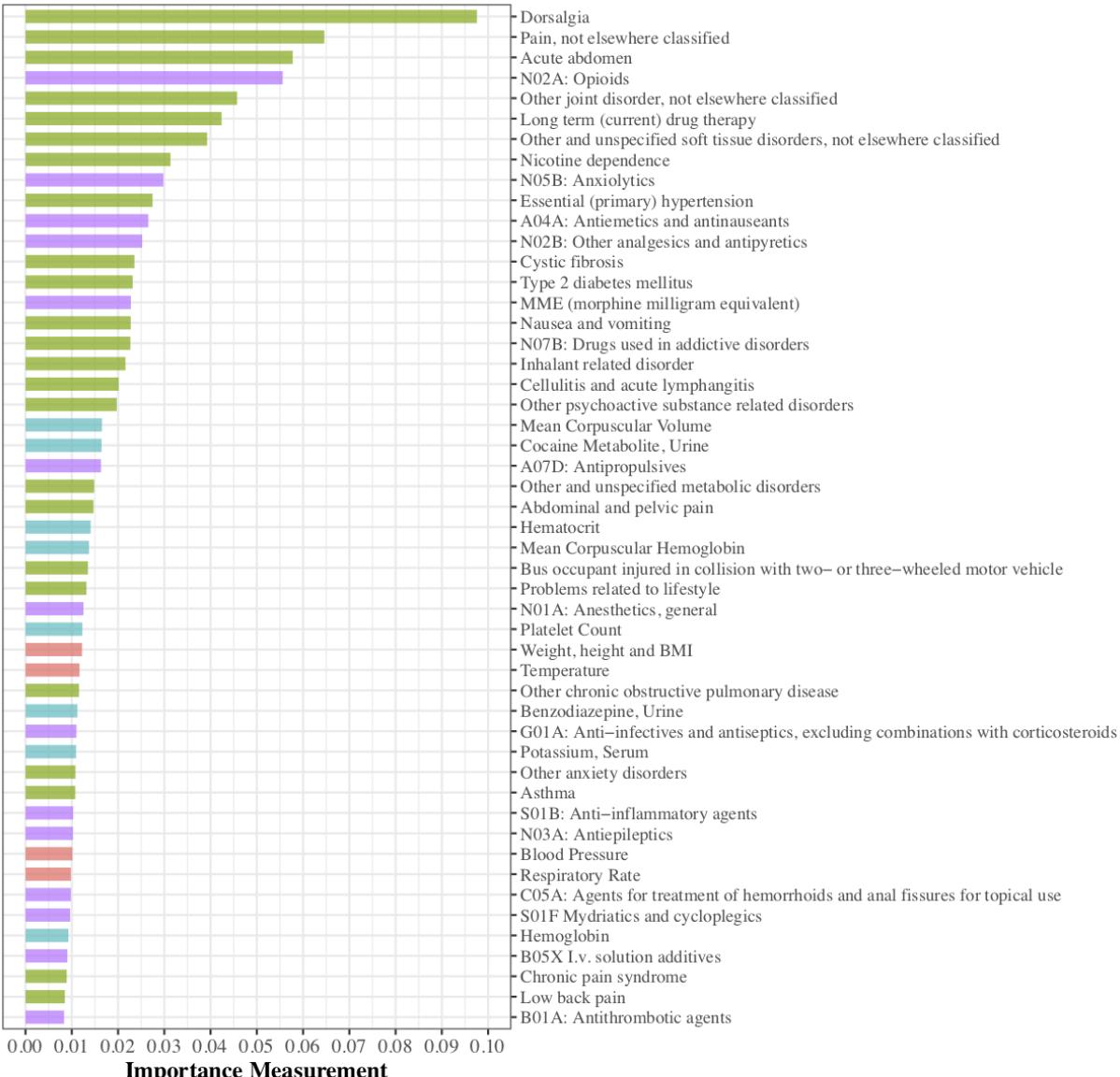
# OD Prediction Performance

Prediction Model	Precision	Recall	F-1	AUCROC
Random Forest	0.7695	0.7055	0.7361	0.8167
Decision Tree	0.7277	0.7047	0.7160	0.7892
Logistic Regression	0.7539	0.6050	0.6647	0.7147
Dense Neural Network	0.8006	0.7329	0.7683	0.8214
LSTM Network	0.7884	<b>0.7616</b>	0.7798	0.8318
LSTM with Attention	0.8128	0.7512	<b>0.7815</b>	0.8449

# Feature Importance

- Permutation Importance
  - Deep learning model is hard to interpret
  - The idea is that feature importance can be measured by looking at how much the score (e.g., F1 score) decreases when a feature is not available
- Implementation
  - Measure how much F1 score decreases by randomly shuffling the values of a feature
  - Rank the features by the decreases

# Feature Importance (OUD)



- Opioid related medications had high rankings, including dose quantity of opioid medications and MME
- Other pain treatment related medications (N02B: Other analgesics and antipyretics; N01A: Anesthetics, general; N01B: Anesthetics, local) were also among the top features
- Several highly ranked diagnosis features were related to pain, such as dorsalgia, as well as pain not elsewhere classified, acute abdominal and pelvic pain, and joint or tissue disorder
- Other substances also appeared as highly ranked features, including tobacco use and alcohol use, and administration of anxiolytics (ATC code N05B)

# Top 20 Features for Prediction of Opioid Use Disorder by LSTM

Category	Description	Rank	Category	Description	Rank
Diagnosis	Dorsalgia ( <i>back or spine pain</i> )	1	Medication	A04A: Antiemetics and antinauseants	11
Diagnosis	Pain, not elsewhere classified	2	Medication	N02B: Other analgesics and antipyretics	12
Diagnosis	Acute abdomen	3	Diagnosis	Cystic fibrosis	13
Medication	N02A: Opioids	4	Diagnosis	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	14
Diagnosis	Other joint disorder, not elsewhere classified	5	Medication	MME (morphine milligram equivalent)	15
Diagnosis	Long term (current) drug therapy	6	Diagnosis	Nausea and vomiting	16
Diagnosis	Other and unspecified soft tissue disorders, not elsewhere classified	7	Medication	N07B: Drugs used in addictive disorders	17
Diagnosis	Nicotine dependence	8	Diagnosis	Inhalant related disorder	18
Medication	N05B: Anxiolytics	9	Diagnosis	Cellulitis and acute lymphangitis	19
Diagnosis	Essential (primary) hypertension	10	Diagnosis	Other psychoactive substance related disorders	20

**Type 2 diabetes:** Patients with diabetes frequently use opioids to manage diabetes-related neuropathic pain, which may put them at increased risk of OUD

**Cellulitis:** Heroin or opioids abused via IV injection may cause infections like cellulitis

**cystic fibrosis:** cystic fibrosis patients are at higher risk of developing a dangerous thinning of bones. They may experience joint pain, arthritis and muscle pain

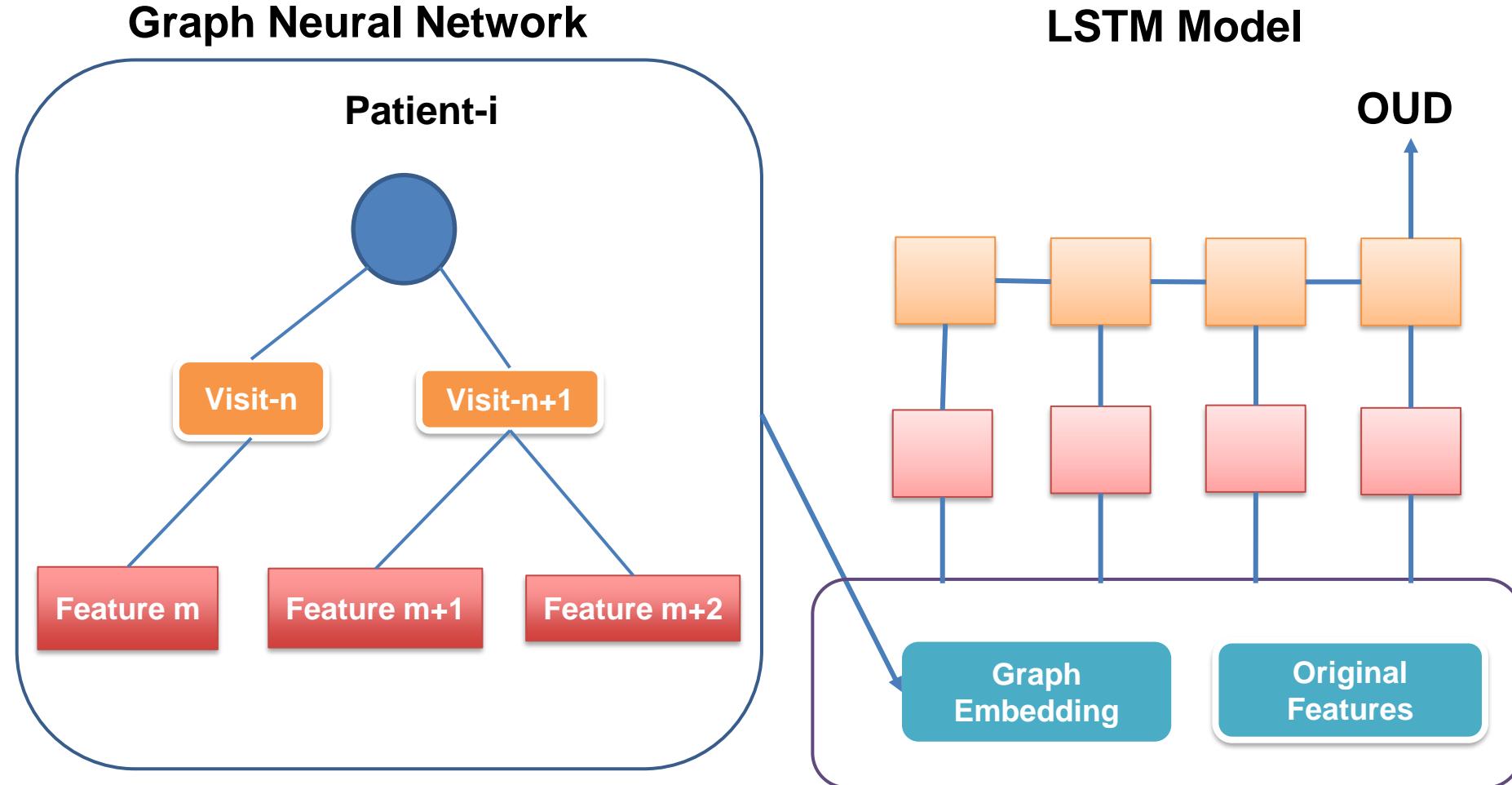
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Clinical Event	Pain Scale Score	2	Clinical Event	Smoke, Exposure to Tobacco Smoke	12
Medication	A07D: Antipropulsives	3	Medication	G02A: Uterotonics	13
Medication	N01A: Anesthetics, general	4	Laboratory Test	Blood Urea Nitrogen	14
Clinical Event	Alcohol Use	5	Medication	R05D: Cough and cold preparations	15
Medication	N02B: Other analgesics and antipyretics	6	Laboratory Test	Alkaline Phosphatase, Serum	16
Clinical Event	Blood Pressure	7	Clinical Event	Heart Rate	17
Medication	N05C	8	Laboratory Test	Chloride, Serum	18
Laboratory Test	Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin	9	Clinical Event	Height/Weight/BMI	19
Laboratory Test	Red Blood Cell Distribution Width (RDW)	10	Laboratory Test	Monocyte Count	20

# Ongoing: Graph Based Neural Networks

- The **graphical structure** underlying EHR data has the potential to improve the performance of prediction tasks such as heart failure and Alzheimer's Disease
- **Graph Neural Network(GNN)** is a class of deep learning models that can work on data described by graphs. GNN can capture the dependence of graphs via message passing between the nodes of graphs
- We propose to combine GNN and LSTM to improve the prediction
  - Capture the relation among patient, visit and features
  - Differentiate different types of nodes (patient/visit/feature) and edges (between patient and visit, visit and feature)
  - Temporal effects are included in visits node embeddings

# In Progress: Proposed Structure of LSTM+GNN model

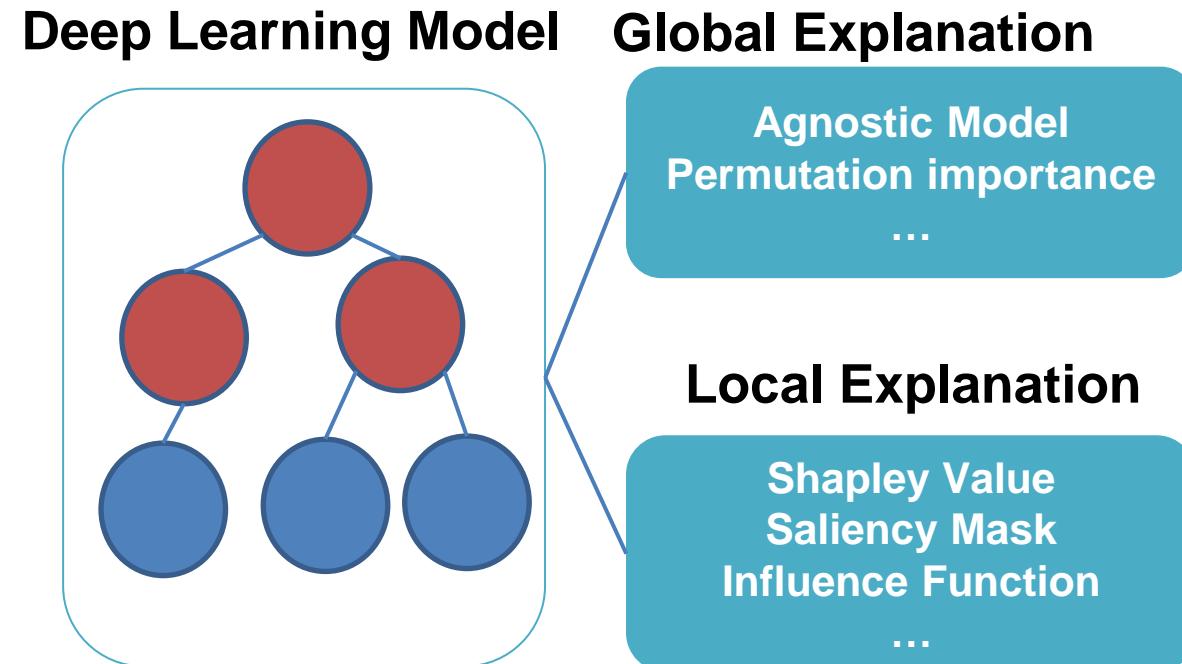


# Preliminary Results with GNN+LSTM

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# In Progress: Human-centric Interpretability for Deep Learning

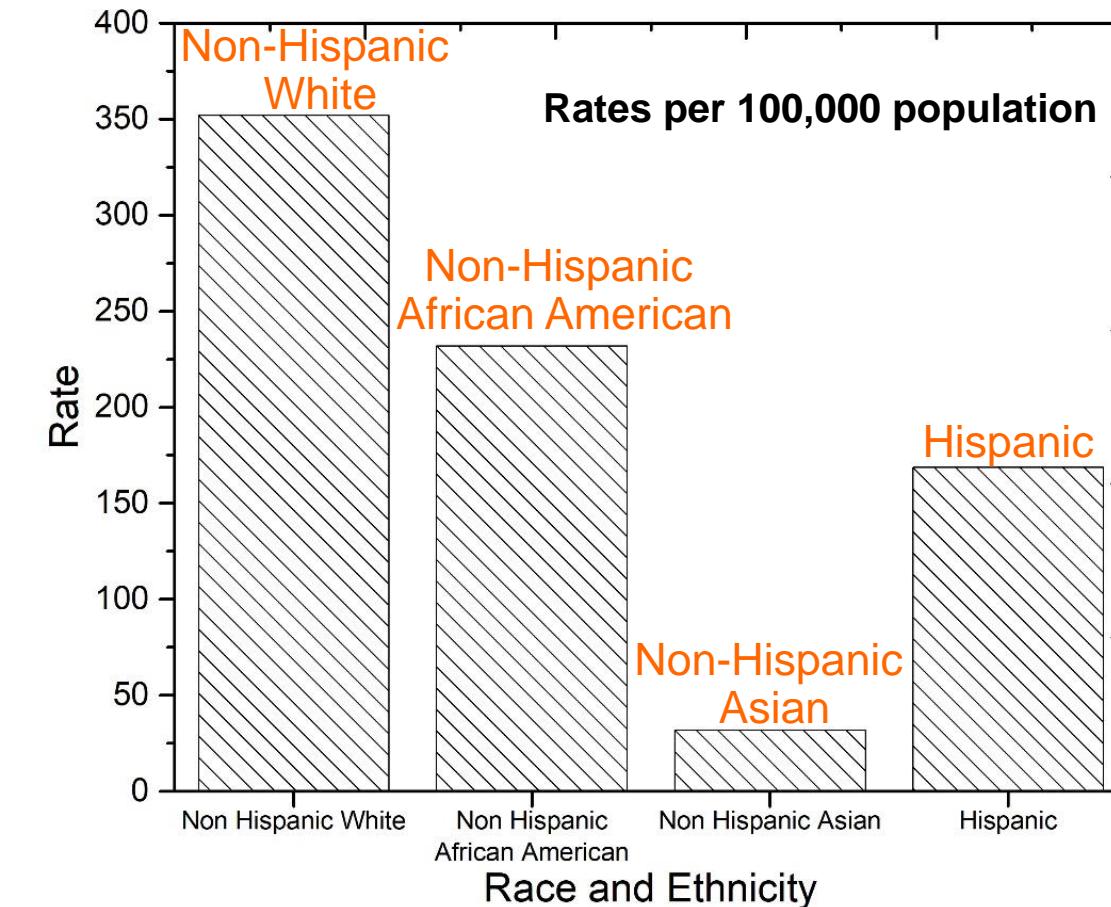
- To make it meaningful for clinicians to make informed decisions, we will provide both population level explanation and patient-specific explanation
  - Population level (global):** provide an interpretation of the model on all patients, including feature ranking, statistics, correlation and temporal progression
  - Patient level (local):** for each patient, the model will generate a risk score and the contribution of each feature for the score



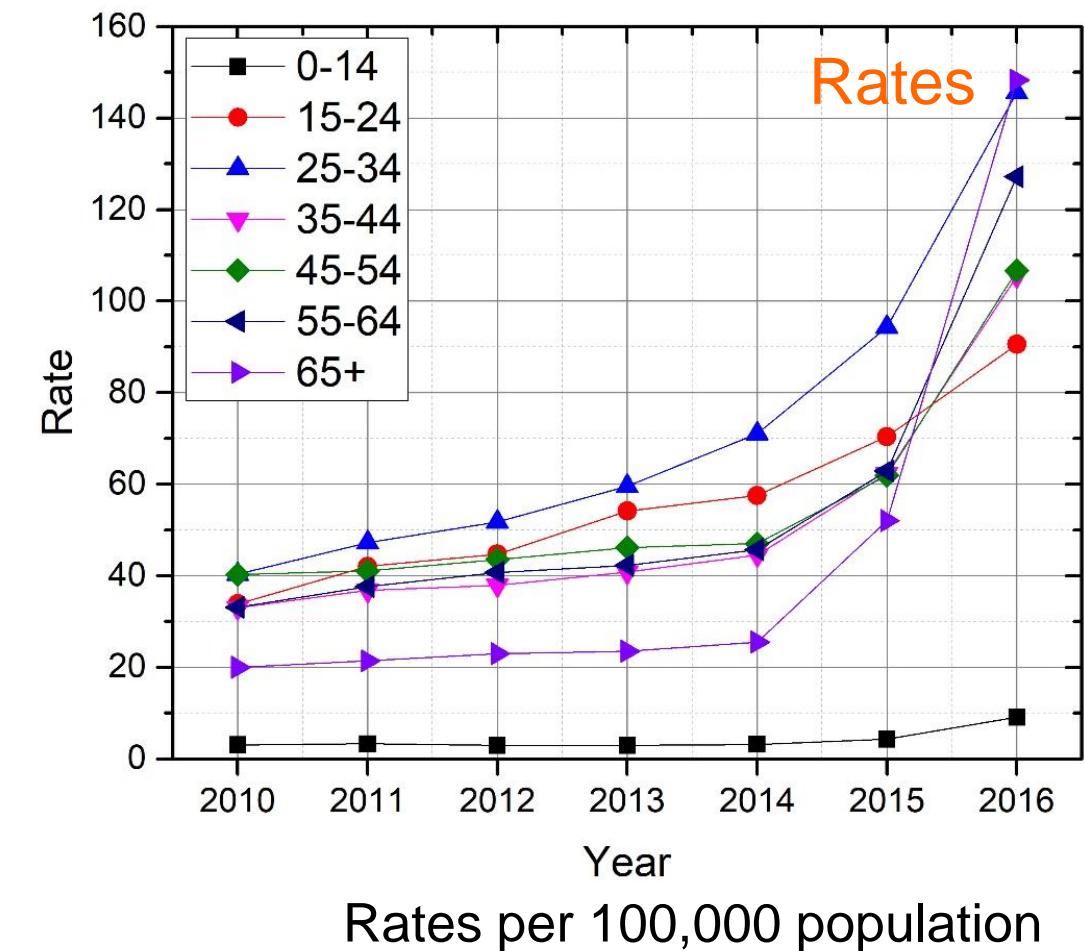
# Geospatial and Temporal Analysis of Opioid Poisoning Using Claims Data – NYS SPARCS

- Goal: to evaluate geographic, temporal, and sociodemographic differences of opioid poisoning
- Use NY Department of Health, Statewide Planning and Research (SPARCS) patient discharge records
  - Inpatient, outpatient, emergency room, ambulatory
  - Diagnoses and treatments, services, and charges, addresses included
- Extract all patient records with **opioid poisoning** related diagnosis from 2010-2019 (ongoing with annually updated data)
  - ICD-9/ICD-10 for opiates, opium, heroin, methadone, and other related narcotics
  - Use zip codes extracted from patient addresses

## Rate Disparity in Race and Ethnicity Groups

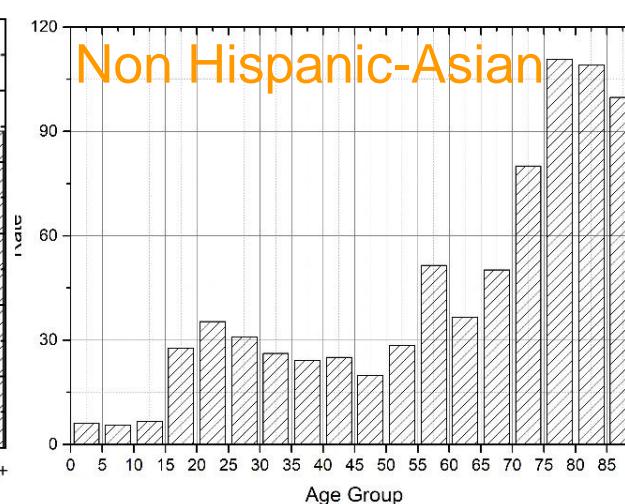
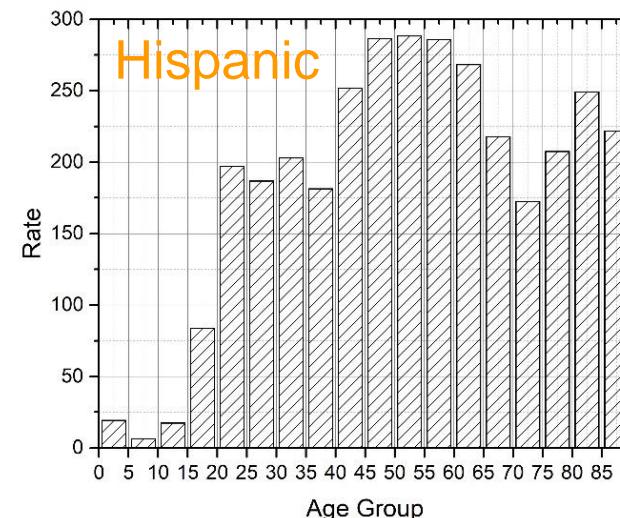
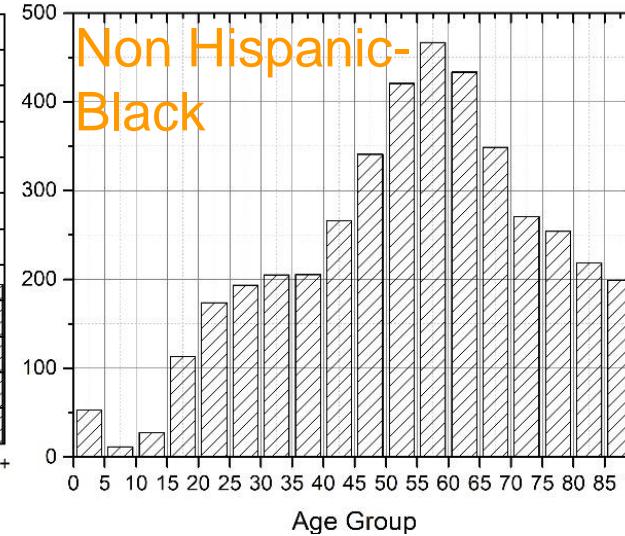
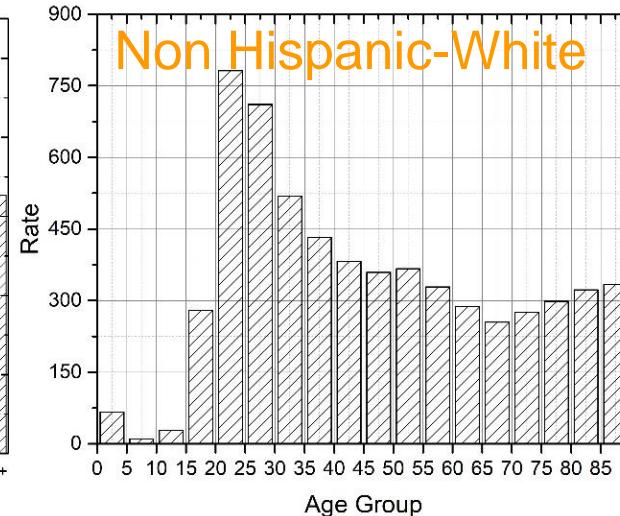
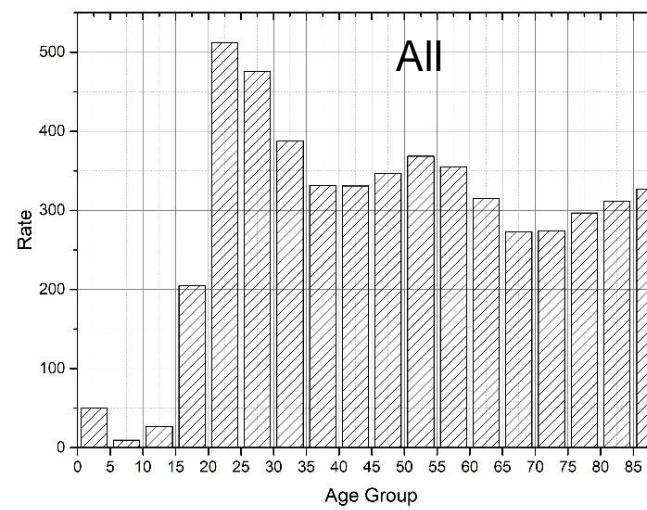


## Temporal Trends for Age Groups



The age group of 65+ had the most dramatic increase after 2014

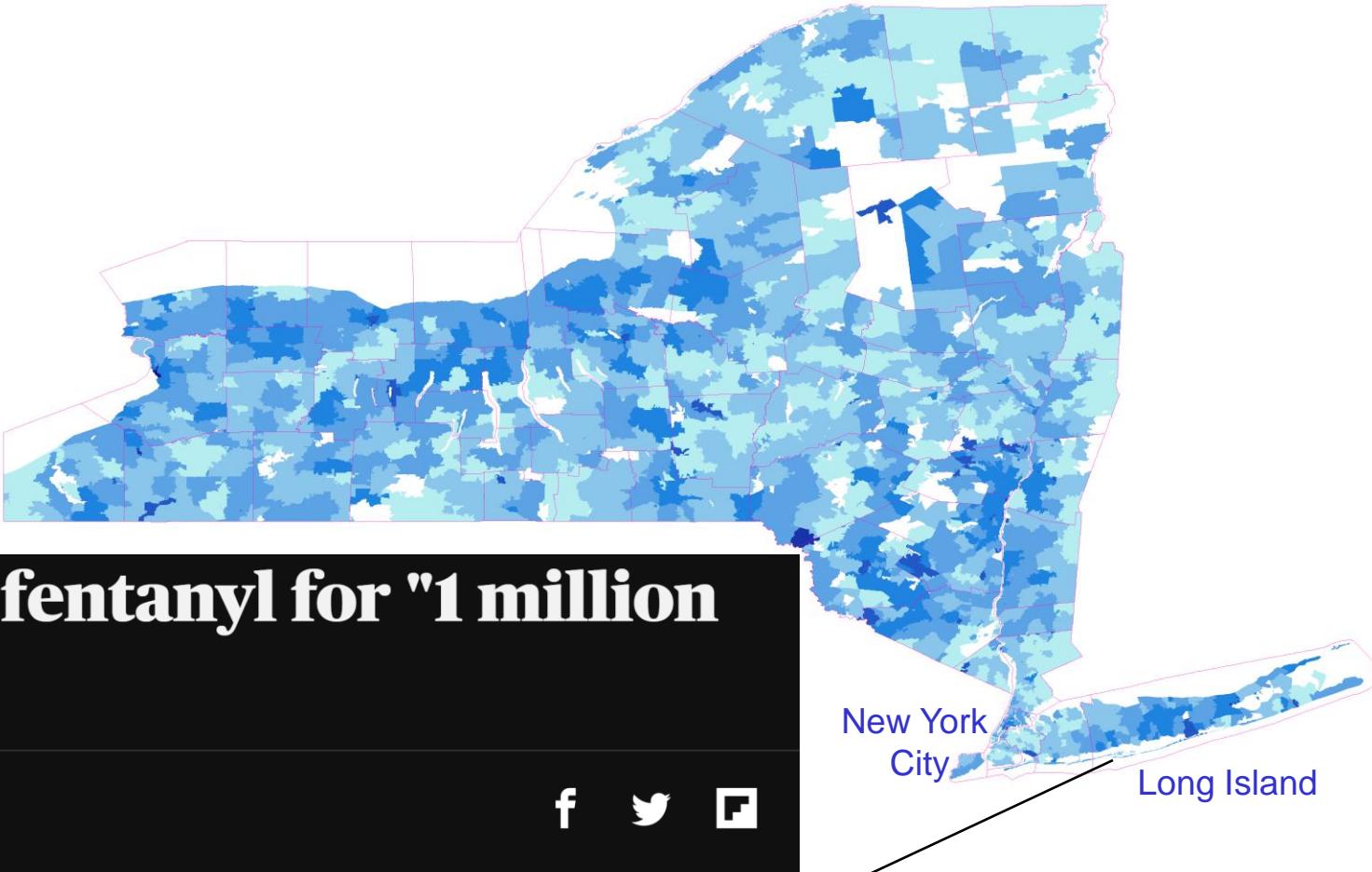
# Age Distribution of Rates by Race and Ethnicity



Rates per 100,000 population

# Rate of OD per 100,000 Persons at ZIP Code Level, 2017-2019

Opoid overdoses per 100,000 population, 2017-2019



**Authorities seize enough fentanyl for "1 million overdoses"**

OCTOBER 28, 2017 / 10:12 PM / CBS/AP



**MASTIC BEACH, N.Y.** -- Authorities on Long Island announced on Saturday the seizure of 750 grams of fentanyl from a home in Mastic Beach, CBS New York reports.

# Disparities of Opioid Related Resources

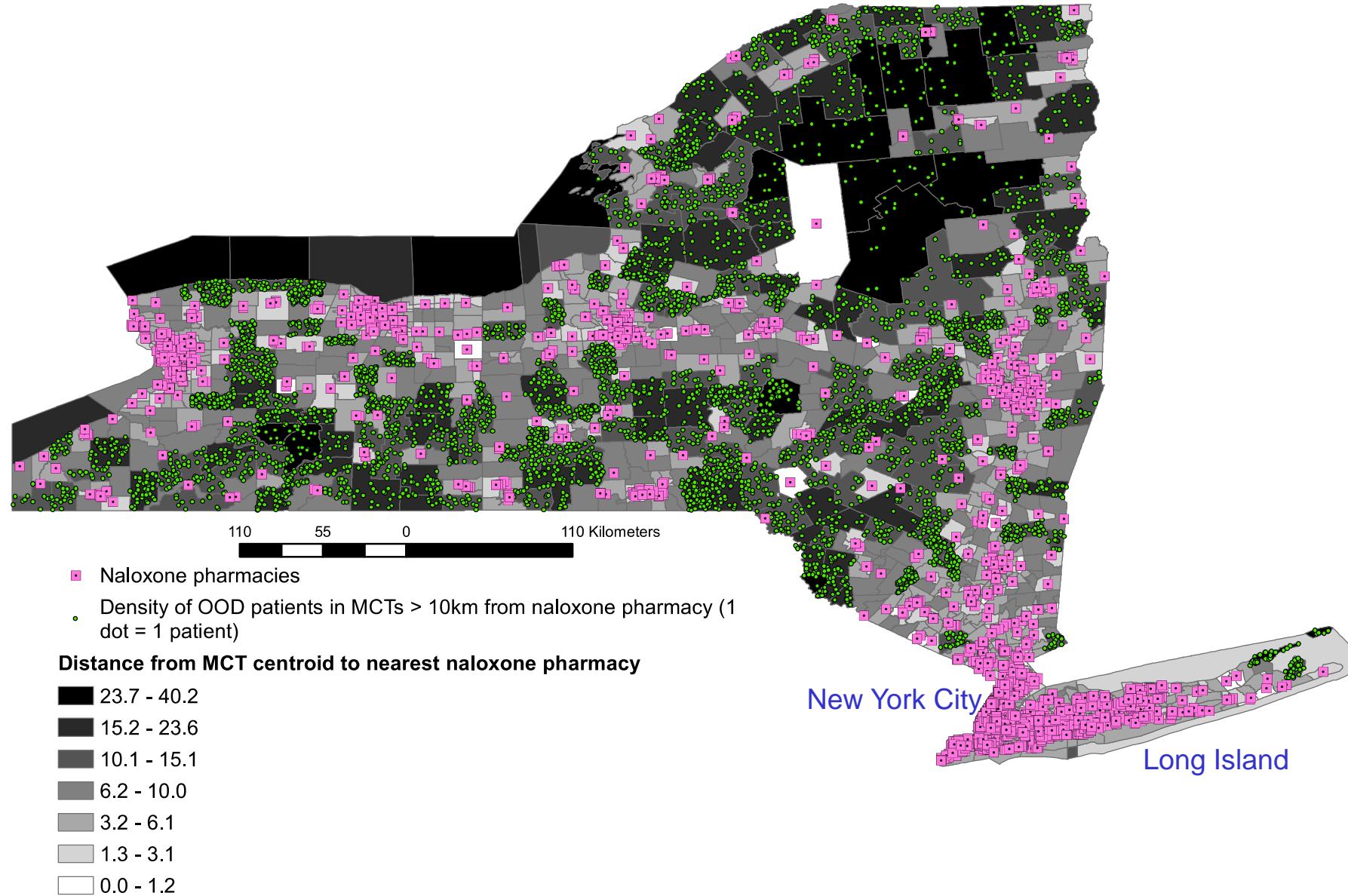
- Naloxone (Narcan) rapidly reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. Most studies find survival near 100% when naloxone was administered before death
- Naloxone is a prescription medication, but NYS has issued a “standing order” prescription



- Buprenorphine is among FDA approved Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications that prevent withdrawal symptoms
- Less chance of withdrawal, less abuse potential, less chance of overdose
- Buprenorphine is a schedule III controlled substance, waiver needed from SAMHSA to get licensed for prescription
- Access to buprenorphine services remains challenging in many localities, despite substantial increases in the number of waivered providers [OIG20]

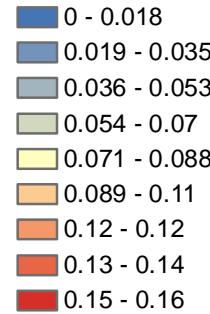
Our Goal: High Resolution Geospatial Analysis on Resource Disparities at [Census Tract Level](#)

# Density of Naloxone-Far OD Patients vs Naloxone Pharmacies

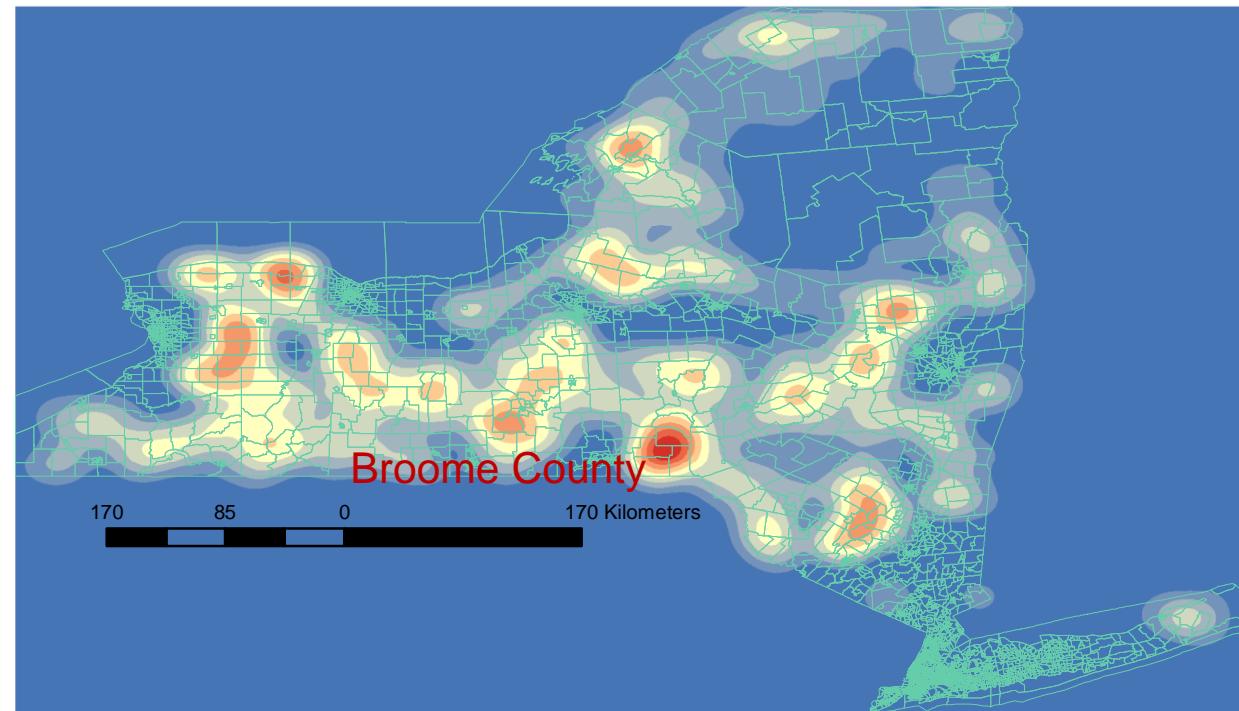


# Kernel Density Estimation of Naloxone-Far Patients

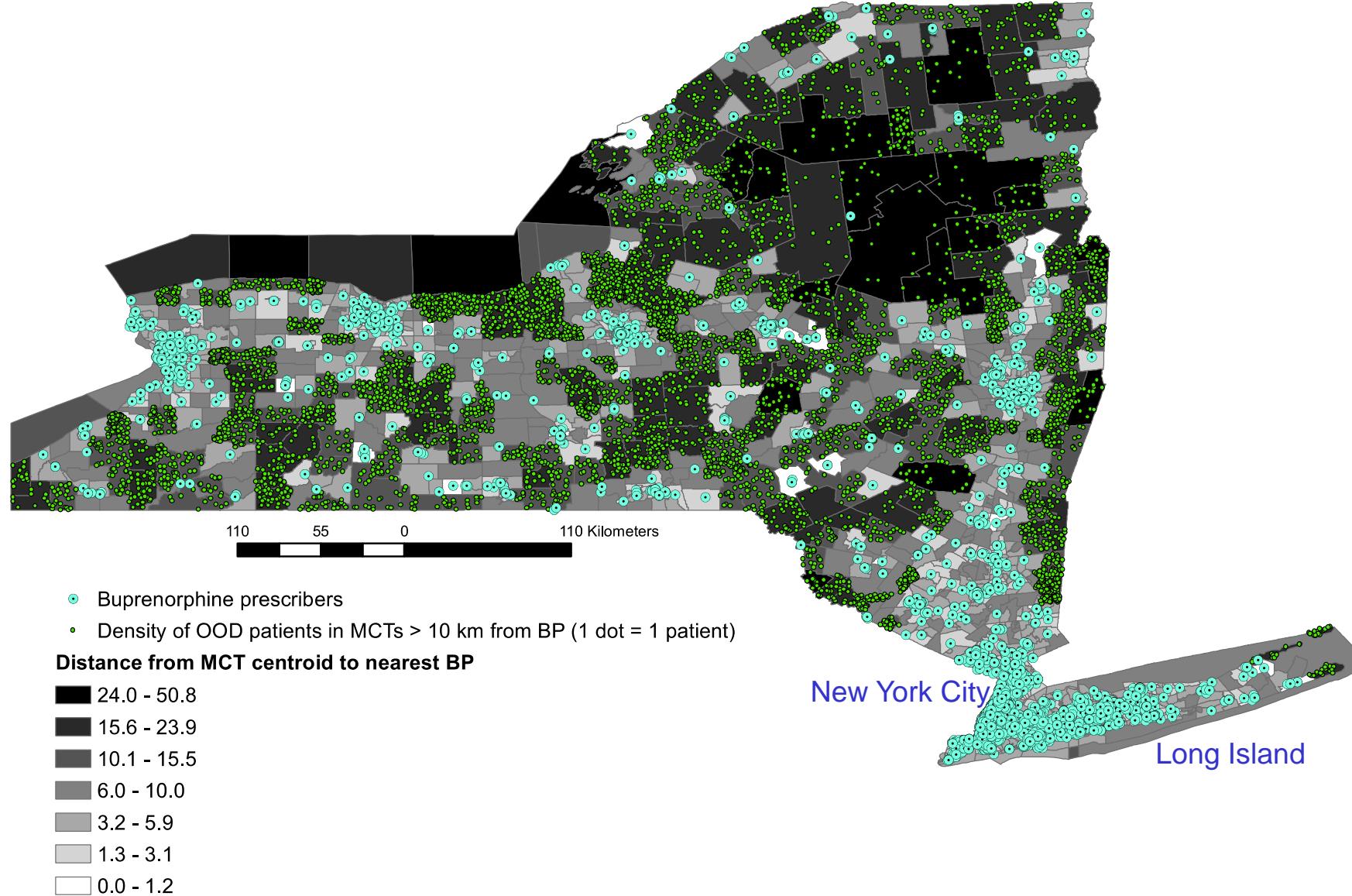
KDE of naloxone-far patients



Although Broome County has several naloxone pharmacies, they are all in the western part of the county, while there are opioid overdose patients living in the eastern part.

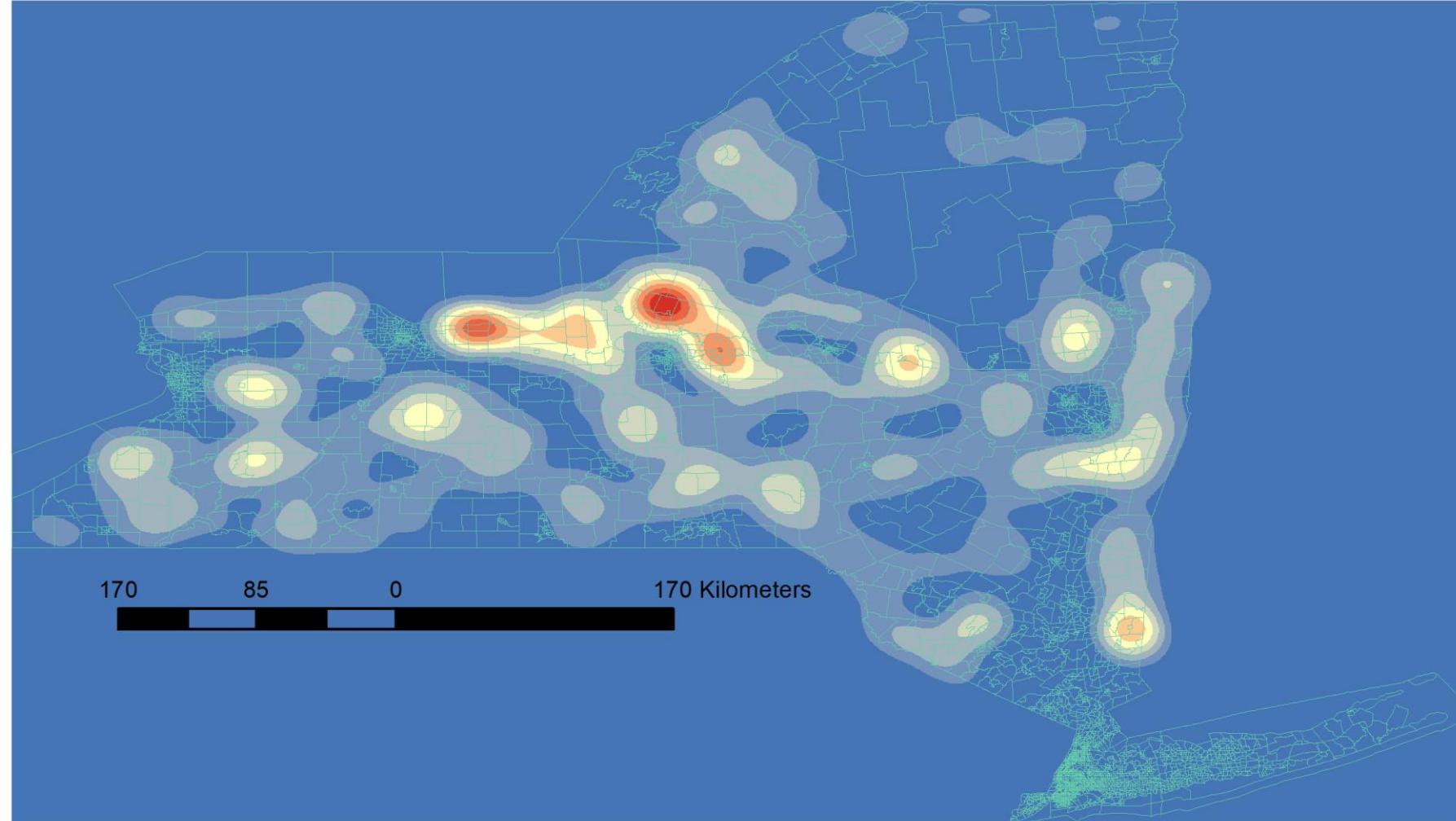
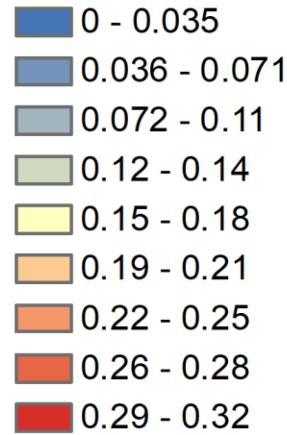


# Density of Buprenorphine-Far OD Patients vs Prescribers



# Kernel Density of Buprenorphine-Far Patients

KDE of buprenorphine-far patients

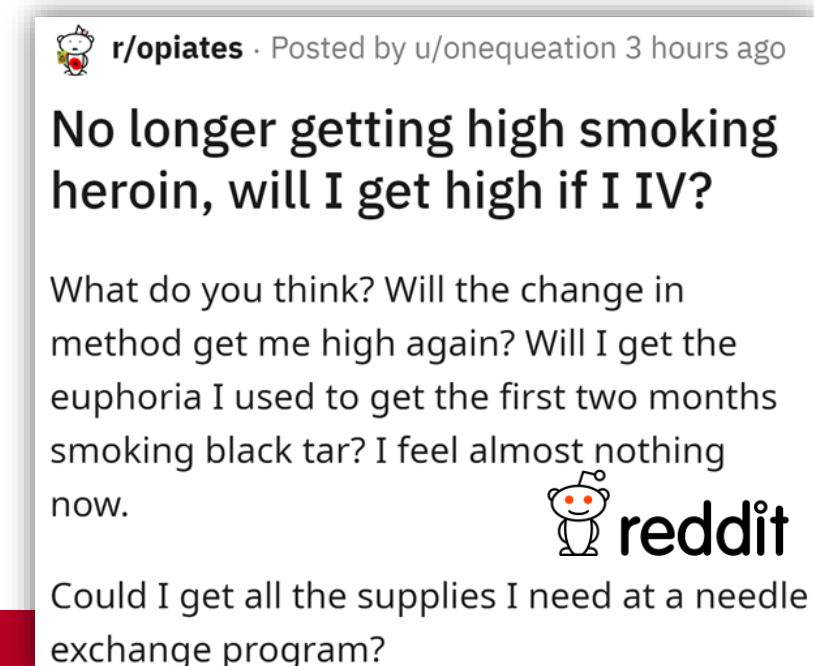
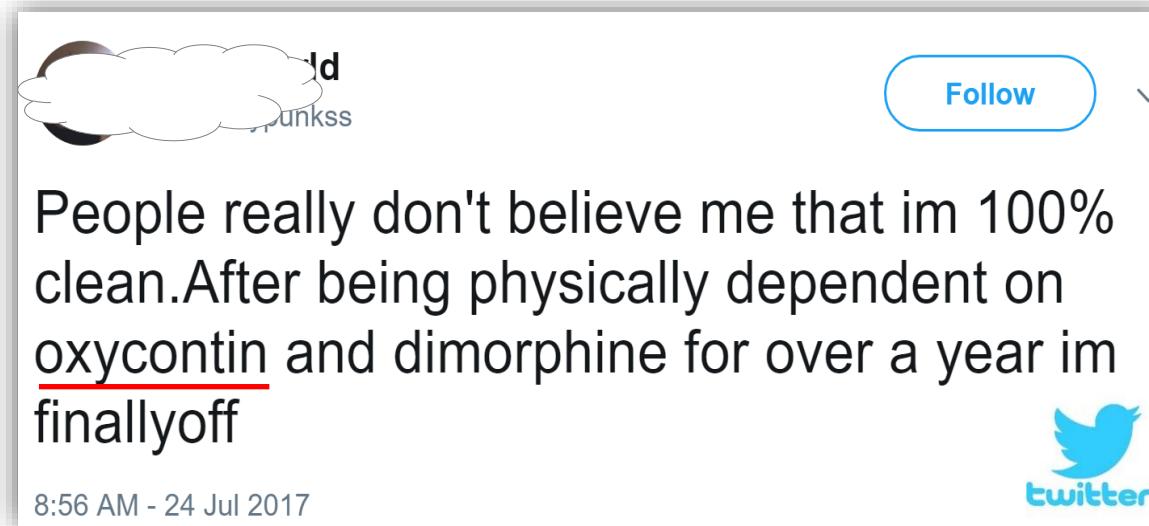


## Actions?

- Target non-participating pharmacies
- Market over-the-counter naloxone
- Expand addiction psychiatry services
- Target non-waivered prescribers
- Increase telehealth options for MAT, e.g., make covid-19 expansions permanent

# Opioid Epidemic Study Using Social Media

- Advantage of social media over traditional surveys is the immediate accessibility of data
- Analyzing opioid-related social media posts has the potential to reveal patterns of opioid abuse at a national scale, and understand opinions of the public and opioid users
- Spatial-temporal trends, content analysis (topic modeling), types of users and their background, suicide intention, etc.

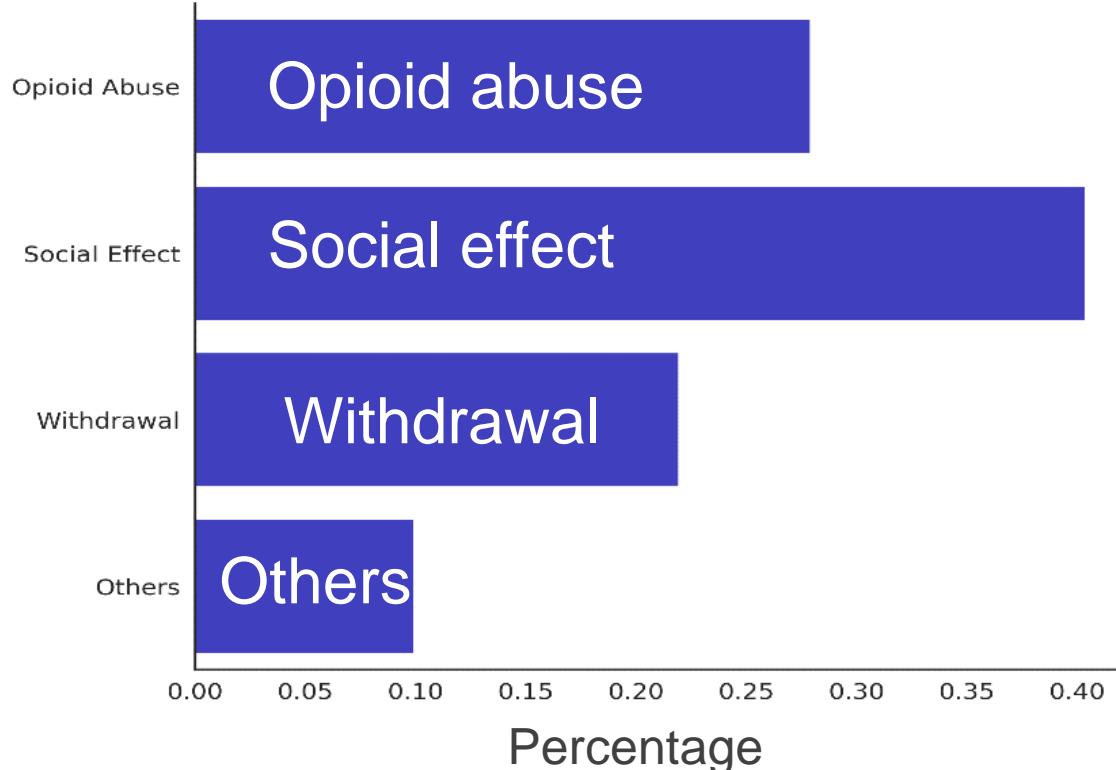
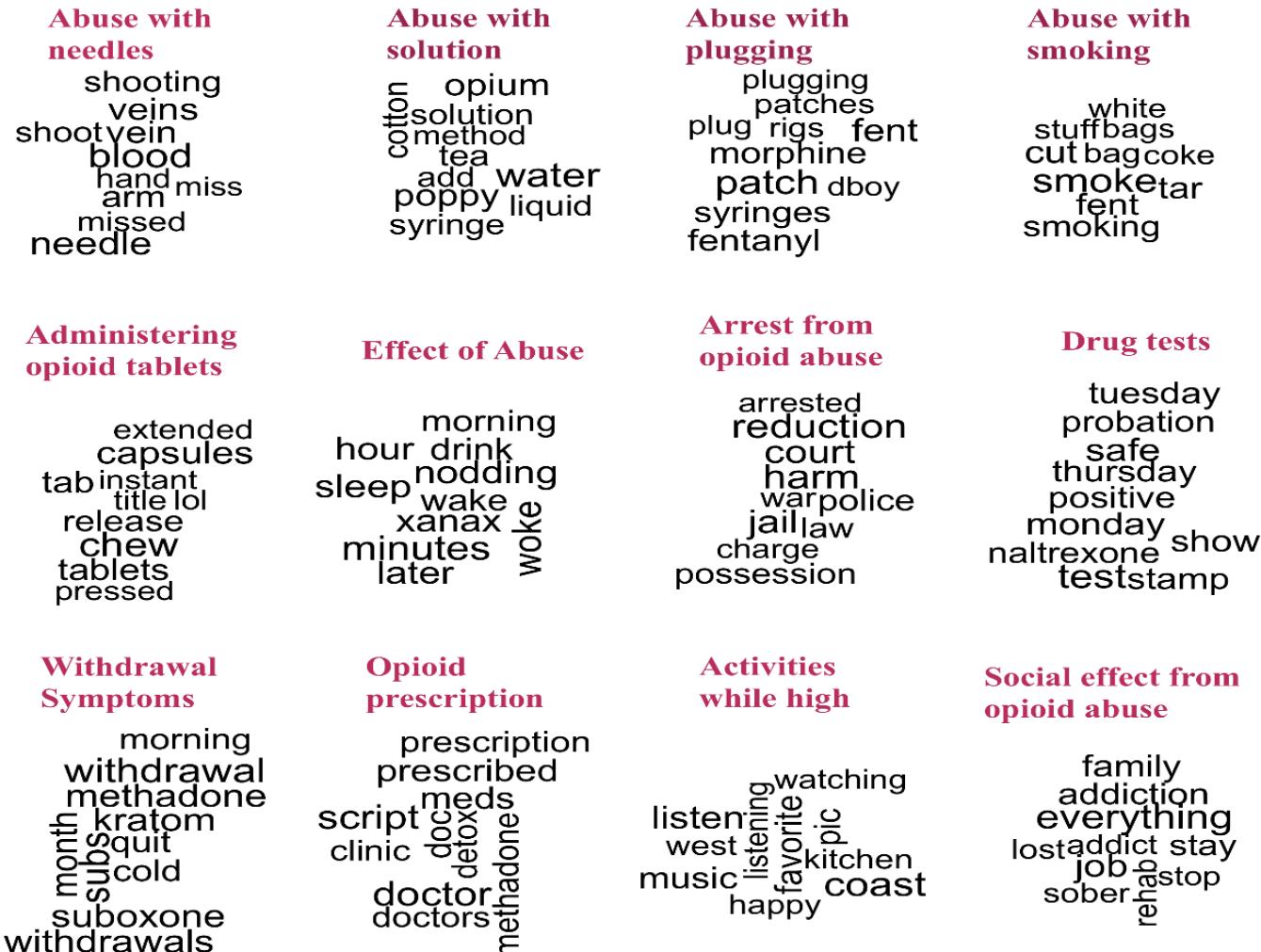


A screenshot of a Reddit post from the subreddit r/opiates. The post was made by u/onequeation 3 hours ago. The title is "No longer getting high smoking heroin, will I get high if I IV?". The text of the post is: "What do you think? Will the change in method get me high again? Will I get the euphoria I used to get the first two months smoking black tar? I feel almost nothing now." Below the post is the Reddit logo.

Could I get all the supplies I need at a needle exchange program?

# Reddit Based Opioid Discussion Analysis

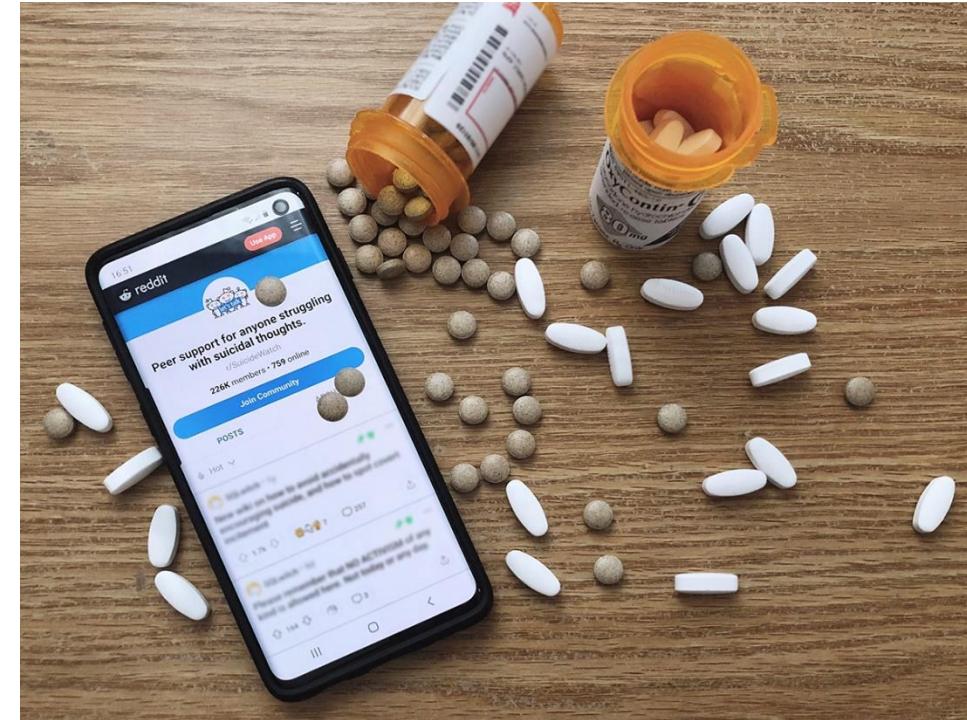
- Posts on the category of “ subreddit *r/opiates* ” in Reddit from January of 2014 to October of 2017



Most discussed topics are the social effects of opioid abuse followed by the different ways of abusing opioids

# Detection of Suicidality among Opioid Users on Reddit Using Machine Learning

- Consequences of OUD:
  - Causes impaired judgment
  - Likely to engage in reckless and suicidal like behaviors without conscious suicidal intent
  - May also lack willpower and motivation to live making them vulnerable to impulsive dosing
- Goals:
  - To gain insight into individuals with OUD who are prone to suicide through their use of language at Reddit
  - Use deep learning to learn language subtleties between suicidal and non-suicidal individuals
  - Specifically, we predict: 1) suicidality among opioid users; and 2) opioid usage among suicidal individuals



# Better Opioid Analgesics With Reduced Overdose Effects Using AI

- Opioids are still among the most prescribed medications for pain management. However, lethal respiratory depression can occur when overdosed
- Identify lead compounds for novel opioid analgesics with reduced overdose effects and seek to accelerate the discovery process
- Leverage data mining and machine learning techniques to explore the **chemical space**
  - Establish a robust target product profile and develop an efficient **deep reinforcement learning** framework to generate molecules with multiple desired properties



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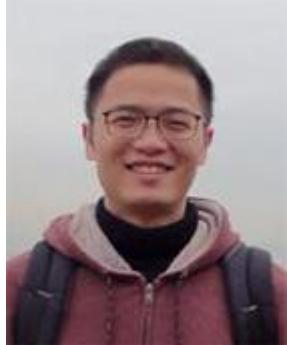
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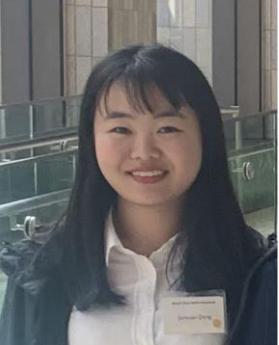
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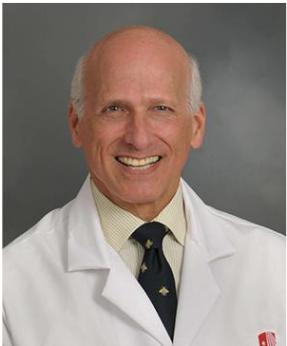


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A close-up photograph of several green poppy seed pods (capsules) and some red poppy flowers. The capsules are round and textured, with one prominently featured in the center foreground showing its papery, fan-like top. Red flowers are visible in the background and bottom left.

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