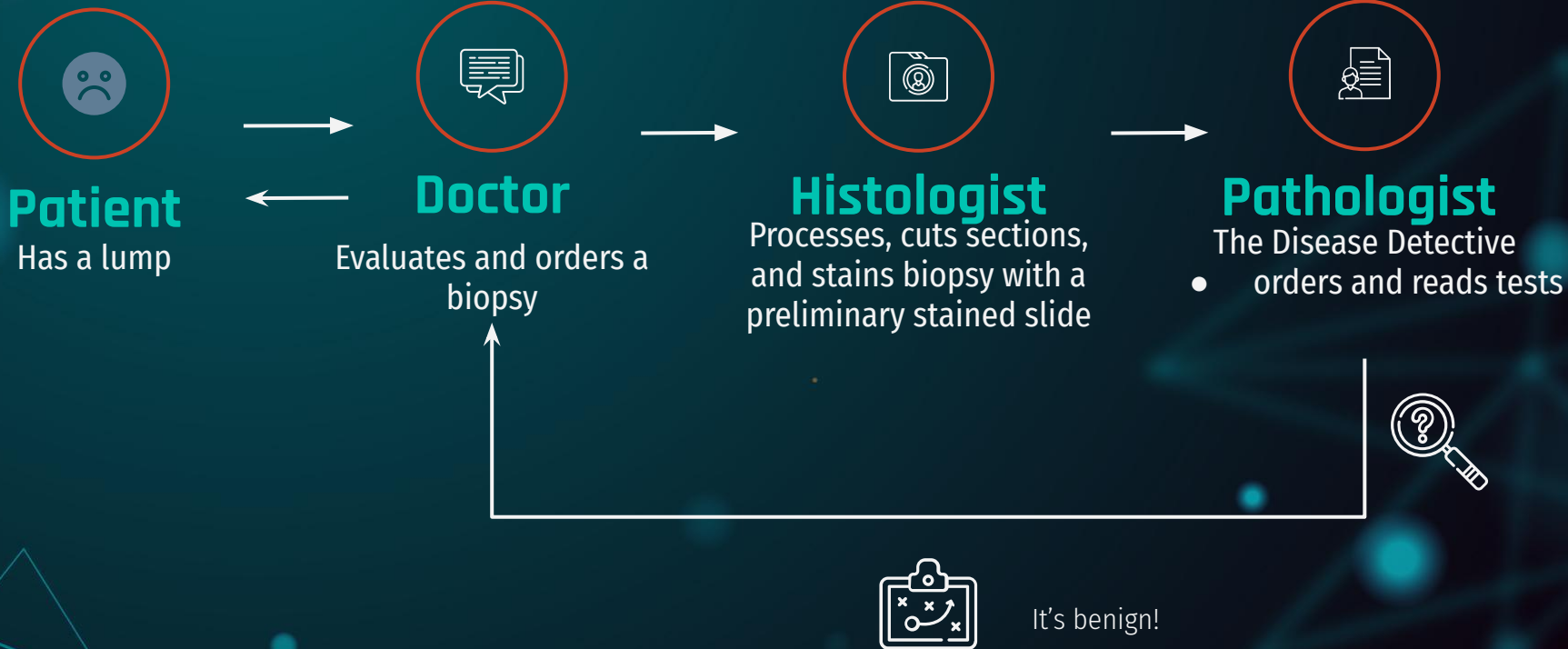


# Using ML To Inspire A New Future For Pathology - Colon Tissue Image Classification

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# Basic Workflow



# What is Pathology, Histology, and Histopathology?



**Pathologist**  
The Disease Detective



**Pathology**

Study of diseases

**Histology**

Study of the microscopic structure of tissues

**Histopathology**

Study of diseased tissue

# Challenges in Histopathology for Pathologists



**Subjectivity** Traditionally uses microscopes for slide



**Scarcity** Physician shortages across the US

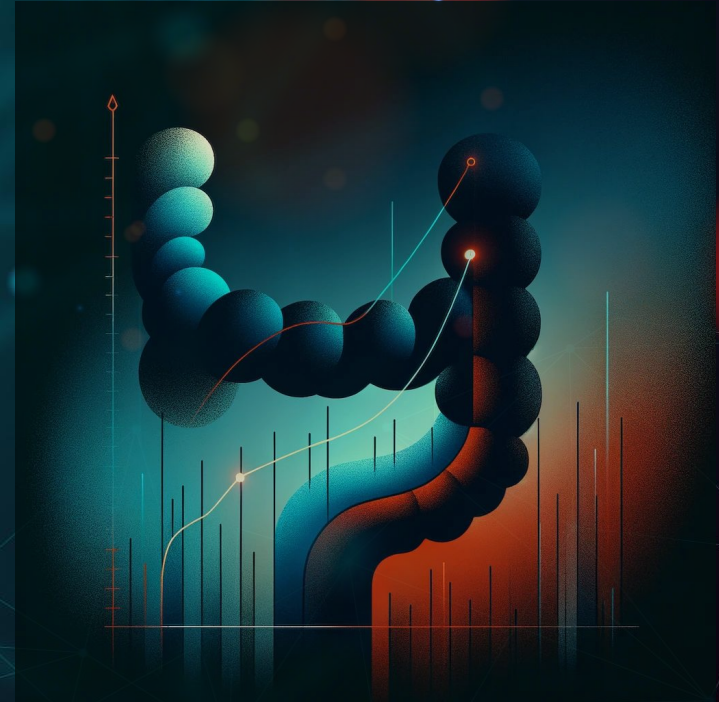


**Decision Fatigue** Increased workload



# Colorectal (Colon) Cancer on the Rise

- Also known as CRC
- Has been rising in young adults
- Rates have nearly doubled in younger adults age 50 or less (Dharwadkar, Zaki, & Murphy (2022))





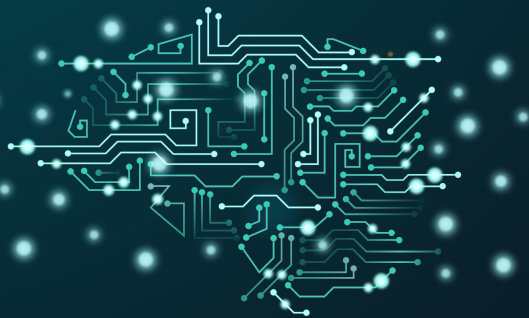


# The Impact of AI

- CRC is the most preventable, but least prevented cancer
- Early detection is the best prevention
- Increased volume of Colon biopsies
- **Role of AI and Deep Learning:**
  - Alleviate stress on pathology services
  - Offering researchers valuable insights
  - Fueling and aiding novel treatments for colon related diseases

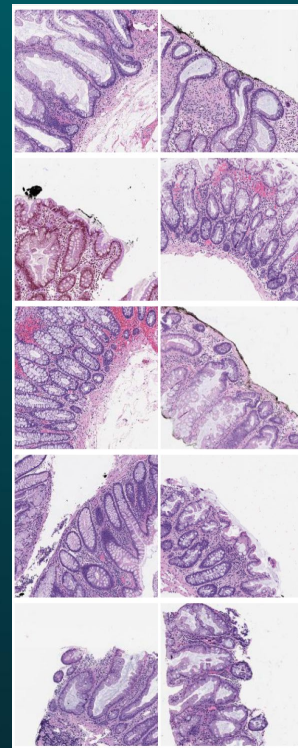
# Project Focus

- Use Convolutional Neural Network ML to screen and classify colon tissue biopsy images
  - vital for early detection and treatment of colon-related diseases
  - understand the limitations of CNNs



# Dataset

- Combination of dataset from a hospital in Chaoyang, Beijing on Github and a minimalist histopathology image analysis dataset (MHIST)
- 6,160 images and 3,152 images, respectively
- All colon tissue biopsies were stained with the same preliminary stain.

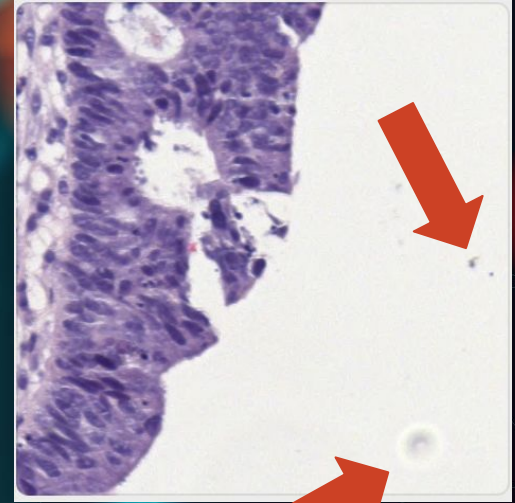




# Preliminary EDA

## Findings

- Github dataset images have a uniform fixed size input size  $512 \times 512$
- MHIST dataset images  $224 \times 224$
- All images exist in the RGB Color space
- Images are representative of real-world noisy dataset scenario during digital image collection
  - Bubbles and artifacts on slides



# Next Steps

## Resizing and Re-Scaling

Adjusting the size of  
the input images

## Normalization and

## Standardization

Preprocessing input  
data by normalizing or  
standardizing pixel  
values

## Data

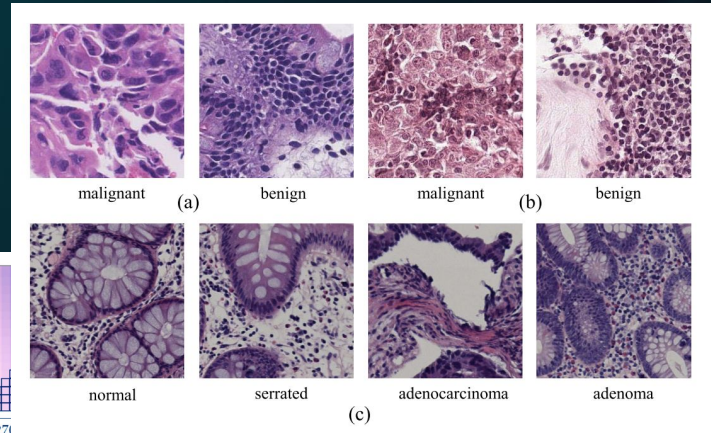
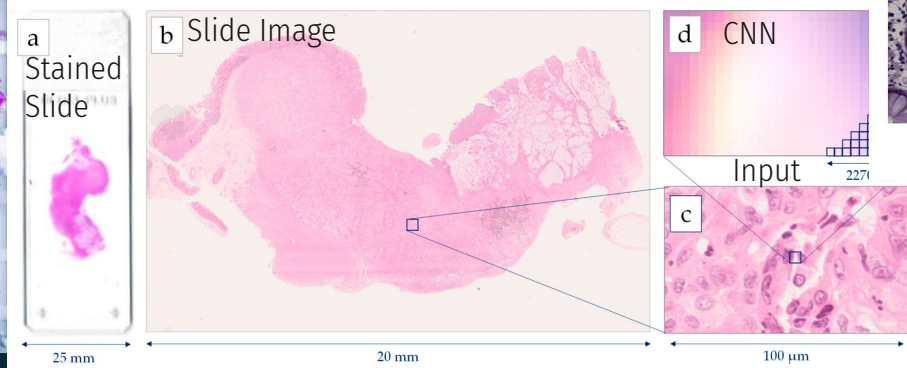
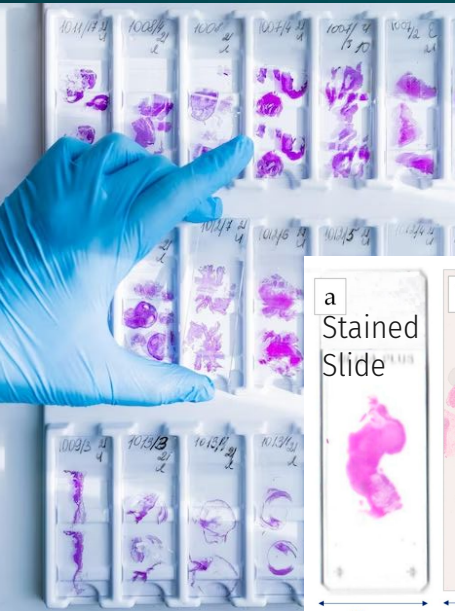
## Augmentation

Rotation, scaling,  
cropping, flipping, and  
color adjustments to  
help the CNN learn  
more robustly

## Baseline Modeling

Create predefined  
filters to highlight  
certain features that  
the CNN can learn  
from

# Utilizing the physical to digital to create the automated



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