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## The Health Database in an Information Society\*<sup>1</sup>

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Besides paperless-ness and efficiency, the most valuable application of accumulated, aggregated Electronic Health Record data may well be their use to improve quality and patient safety. This talk describes a Data Interaction Model (DIM) and a Probabilistic Association Model (PAM)

that would allow healthcare professionals a new perspective to look at their own Big Data, while also provides an architecture to fully take advantage of the data in hands to continuously improve healthcare quality and patient safety.

**Big Data for Quality and Patient Safety (QPS)**

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**Taipei Medical University**

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## Why EHR?

- ◆ Paper-less?
- ◆ Easier to read?
- ◆ Automatic translation? (e.g. different languages, pro terms → layman's language)
- ◆ Speedy access
- ◆ Concurrent access
- ◆ Provide (big) data to Improve quality and safety! (thru decision support systems)

## Defining Big Data

- ◆ **Big Data** is a collection of data sets so **large** and **complex** that it becomes difficult to process using on-hand database management tools or traditional data processing applications.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\\_data](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_data)

## Elements of "Big Data"

- ◆ The degree of complexity within the data set
- ◆ The amount of value that can be derived from innovative vs. traditional analysis techniques
- ◆ The use of longitudinal (time-series) information supplements the analysis

[http://mike2.openmethodology.org/wiki/Big\\_Data\\_Definition](http://mike2.openmethodology.org/wiki/Big_Data_Definition)

## Challenges Biomedical BD

- ◆ Locating/accessing data and software tools
- ◆ Standardizing data and metadata
- ◆ Extending policies for sharing BD
- ◆ Organizing, managing, and processing
- ◆ Developing new methods for analyzing & integrating BD
- ◆ Training researchers who can use BD effectively

From [http://bd2k.nih.gov/about\\_bd2k.html#chash/JMKCa-dfbs](http://bd2k.nih.gov/about_bd2k.html#chash/JMKCa-dfbs)

## Current State of Healthcare

- ◆ Care is complex
- ◆ Care is uncoordinated
- ◆ Information is often not available to those who need it when they need it
- ◆ As a result patients often do not get care they need or do get care they don't need

*IOM, Crossing the Quality Chasm, 2000*

## Poor Quality

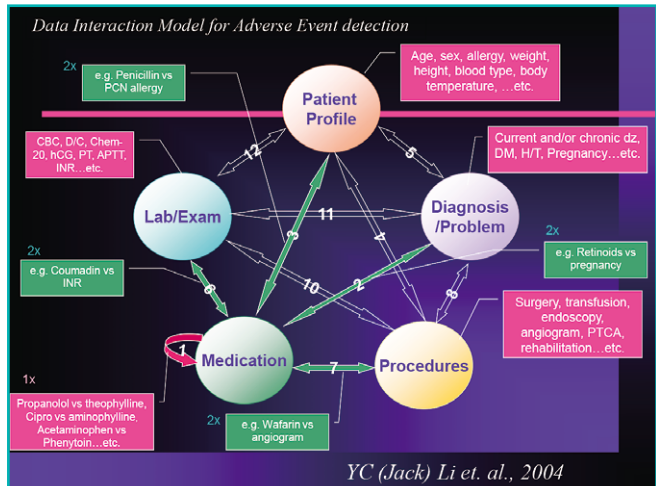
- ◆ 45% did **NOT** receive recommended care
- ◆ Pneumonia → 61% X
- ◆ Asthma → 47% X
- ◆ Hypertension → 35% X

McGlynn et al., New England Journal of Medicine, 2003

## EHR Data to Improve QPS

## Data Interaction Model (DIM)

- ◆ Patient profile<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Lab and exam data<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Medications<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ Procedures<sup>4</sup>
- ◆ Diagnoses and problem list<sup>5</sup>



## One-way Interaction Examples

- ◆ Drug-Drug Interaction as example
- ◆ Redundant drugs
- ◆ Max daily dose (for children and adults)
- ◆ Unusual frequency
- ◆ Inconsistent route/dosage form
- ◆ High alert medication

## Two-way Interaction Examples

- ◆ Drug vs Patient Profile
  - ◆ Age, Sex, Pregnancy restrictions
- ◆ Drug vs Diagnosis/History
  - ◆ Contraindications, inconsistent Dx-drug combination
  - ◆ Drug-allergy detection
- ◆ Drug vs Lab
  - ◆ Liver, kidney function restrictions
  - ◆ Therapeutic dosage
- ◆ Drug vs Procedures
  - ◆ Blood-thinners with angiogram

## Results of the Anti-CIN Program

RISK	Baseline 12 months	Anti-CIN 12 months
A+ Cre>2	5.50%	3.48%
A Cre>1.4	14.00%	9.57%
C	38.60%	38.23%
BDE	47.40%	52.20%
#Exam	3,624	5,318

*≈ 200 cases/year saved!*

## Data Interaction Models

- ◆ One way: 5
- ◆ Two way: 10
- ◆ Three way: 10
- ◆ Four way: 5
- ◆ Five way: 1
- ◆ Total: 31 combinations

## Limitations on DIM (Drug vs Dx)

- ◆ Diagnosis
  - ◆ Diabetes Mellitus
- ◆ Medications
  - ◆ Euglucon (Glibenclamide) ✓ (lower sugar)
  - ◆ Euclidan (Nicametate) ✗ (vasodilator)
- ◆ Difficult for manually crafted rules
  - ◆ Too many combinations and exceptions

## Probabilistic Association Model (PAM)

- ◆ Take any number of data elements from the DIM and compute their association strengths (Q)
- ◆  $Q = P(A \text{ and } B) / P(A) \cdot P(B)$
- ◆ Use the combinatorial Q among the data elements to determine the probability of the occurrence of a specific combination

## PAM example on Drug-Dx Interaction

- ◆ Drug-Dx interaction in PAM
- ◆ Go through 103 million prescriptions (204m diagnoses in ICD-9CM and 347m drugs in ATC code) from Taiwan's National Health Insurance database
- ◆ Compute all the association strength (Q) between Dx/Drugs and Drug/Drug

## AOP (Appropriateness of Prescription) determined by Q's

The AOP model is expressed mathematically as:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{Q_{D,M_i}\} + \{Q_{M,M_j}\} \geq m \\ \exists Q_{D,M_j} : \{Q_{D,M_j}\} \geq 1 \quad (i \in \{1,2,\dots,n\}; j, k \in \{1,2,\dots,m\}) \\ \forall M : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \exists Q_{D,M_j} : \# \{Q_{D,M_j}\} \geq 1 \\ \exists Q_{M,M_i} : \# \{Q_{M,M_i}\} \geq 1 \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$$

## Sample Alert

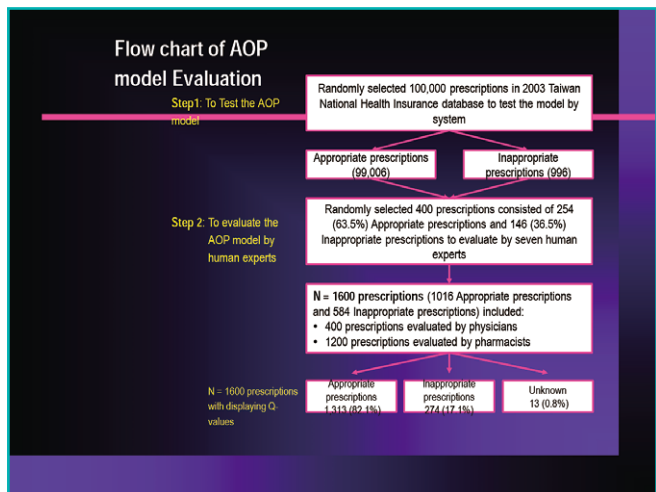
**⚠ Drug-Diagnosis Reminder**

Under the diagnoses of "X", "Y", "Z", it is uncommon to prescribe the following drugs:

- \*) Medication 1...
- \*) Medication 2...

Do you want to modify your order?

YES
NO



## Results

Human experts	With displaying DMQs, %			
	Sens	Spec	PPV	NPV
Physicians	76.7	84.9	94.8	50.3
Pharmacists	74.3	94.2	98.7	40.6
<b>Overall</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>45.5</b>

**Abbreviation:** Sens, sensitivity; Spec, specificity; PPV, positive predictive value; NPV, negative predictive value  
**Note:** Confidence Intervals (CIs) were small for each parameter and are thus omitted from the reported results.

- ## Results of PAM Evaluation
- ◆ 1,400 prescriptions evaluated by physicians and pharmacists
  - ◆ 96% (975/1016) accuracy for appropriate prescriptions
  - ◆ 45% (263/545) accuracy for inappropriate prescriptions
  - ◆ With a sensitivity and specificity of 75.5% and 89.5%, respectively.

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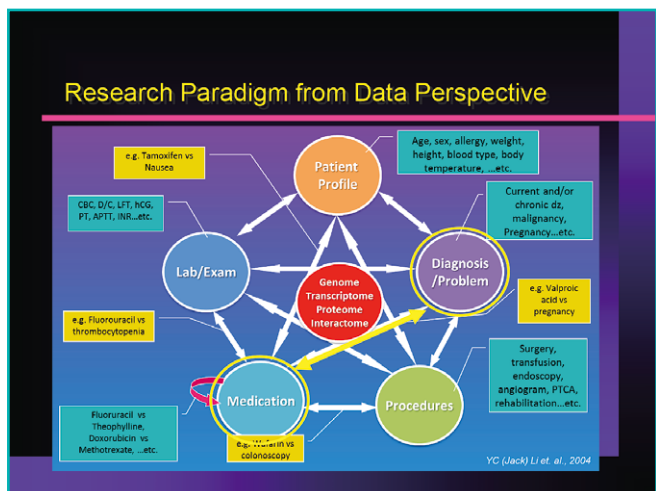
### A Probabilistic Model for Reducing Medication Errors

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**Abstract**  
 Medication errors are common, life threatening, costly but preventable. Information technology and automated systems are highly efficient for preventing medication errors and therefore widely employed in hospital settings. The aim of this study was to construct a probabilistic model that can reduce medication errors by identifying uncommon or rare associations between medications and diseases.

**Methods and Finding(s)**  
 Association rules of mining techniques are utilized for 103.5 million prescriptions from Taiwan's National Health Insurance database. The dataset included 204.5 million diagnoses with ICD9-CM codes and 347.7 million medications by using ATC codes. Disease-Medication (DM) and Medication-Medication (MM) associations were computed by their co-occurrence and associations' strength were measured by the interestingness or lift values which were being referred as Q values. The DMQs and MMQs were used to develop the AOP model to



## Conclusion

- ◆ With the Big Data approach, QPS can be improved several orders of magnitude
- ◆ One hospital captures 20,000 high risk events every year
- ◆ Moving from Detect → Predict → Prevent

Thank you for your attention

