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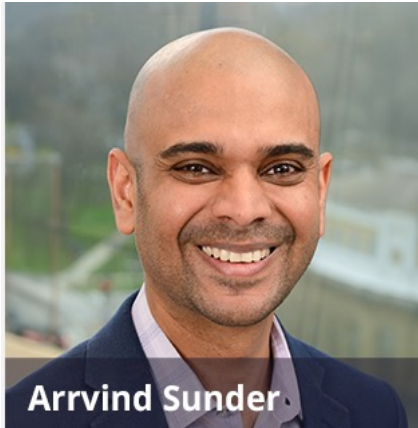
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# **Demystifying contextual messaging for AI powered field alerts with large language models**

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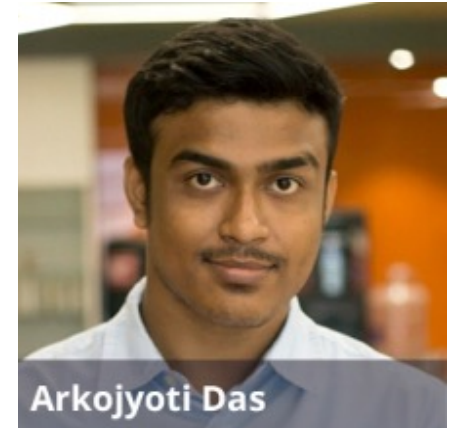
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# Agenda



Background



Role of Gen AI



Our approach



Results

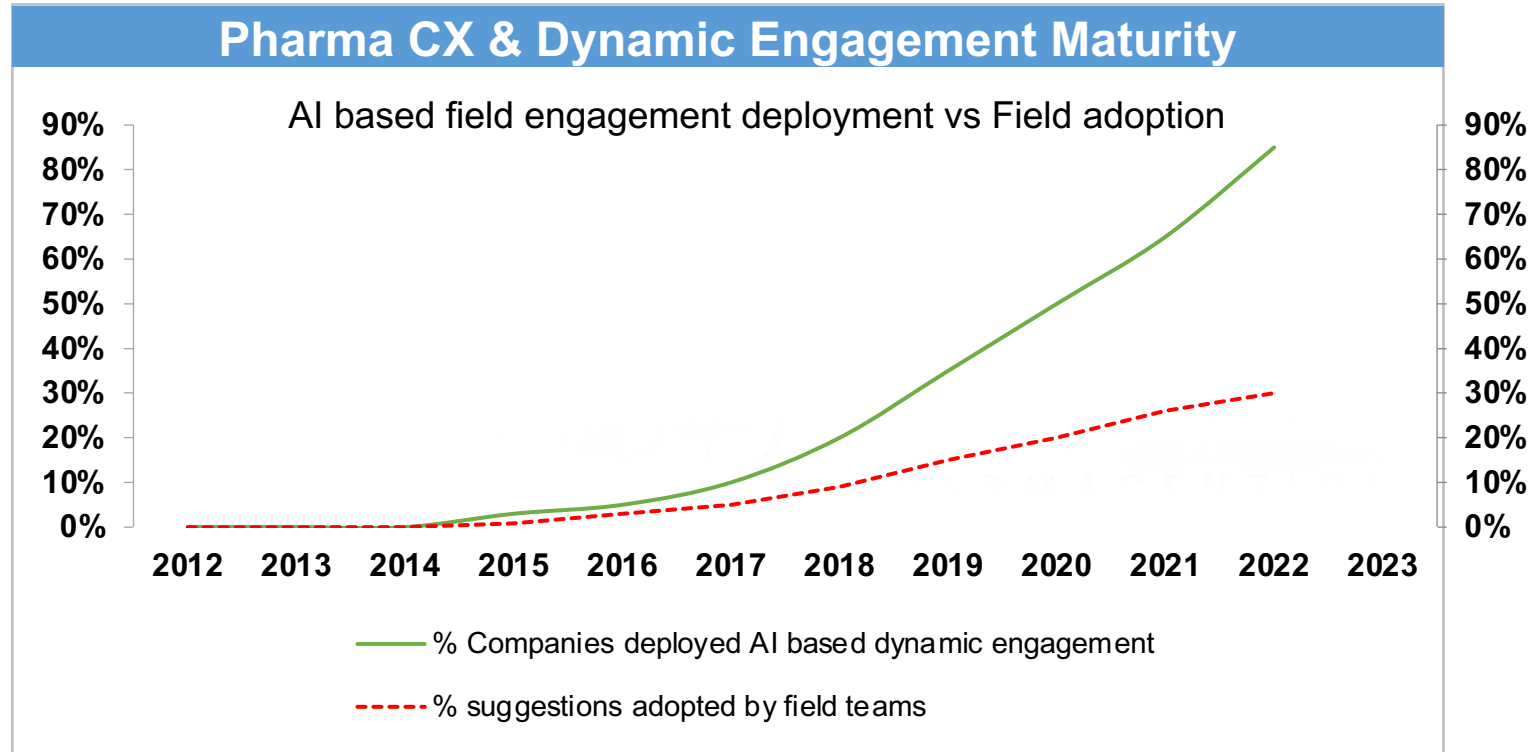


Future Enhancements



Q&A

# Despite the remarkable surge in AI applications for dynamic engagement in pharma, adoption of AI-driven predictive field alerts has been limited



Source: ZS Estimates 2023 (Top 30 pharma companies globally)  
Percentage of pharma companies enabling capability

While most of the top pharma companies have deployed AI-based alerts, only ~30% of those alerts are acted upon by pharma field teams

There is a need to bridge this adoption gap to fully explore the substantial untapped potential of the AI-driven predictive alerts for enhanced customer engagement



# There are some challenges that hinders the adoption of the AI-driven predictive alerts



## Limited interpretability of ML-based insights

Lack of an evidence-based delivery system for predictive alerts impacts the sales' team confidence to leverage the insights & widens the adoption gap



## Limited Context



Reps are unable to successfully leverage the alerts they receive as they lack context for engagement

Hence, there's a need for an **advanced solution** which can generate alerts that are

**Scalable** across multiple types of alerts for same or different therapeutic areas

Precise evidence-based delivery system **providing automated summaries** which are **easy to interpret**

**Contextual Messaging** to amplify HCP Interactions

# The key to overcoming these challenges is to balance the 4Cs of customer engagement



Who are the right customers?



What is the best mode of engagement for the customers?



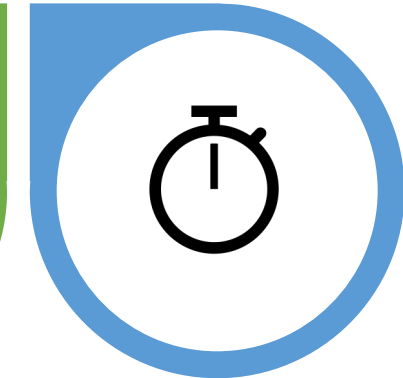
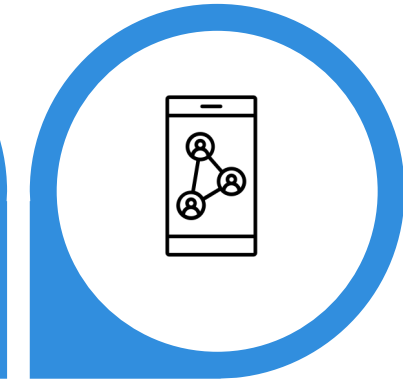
How do we contextualize messaging for field and physicians?



What is the right engagement frequency for the customers?

Customer

Channel

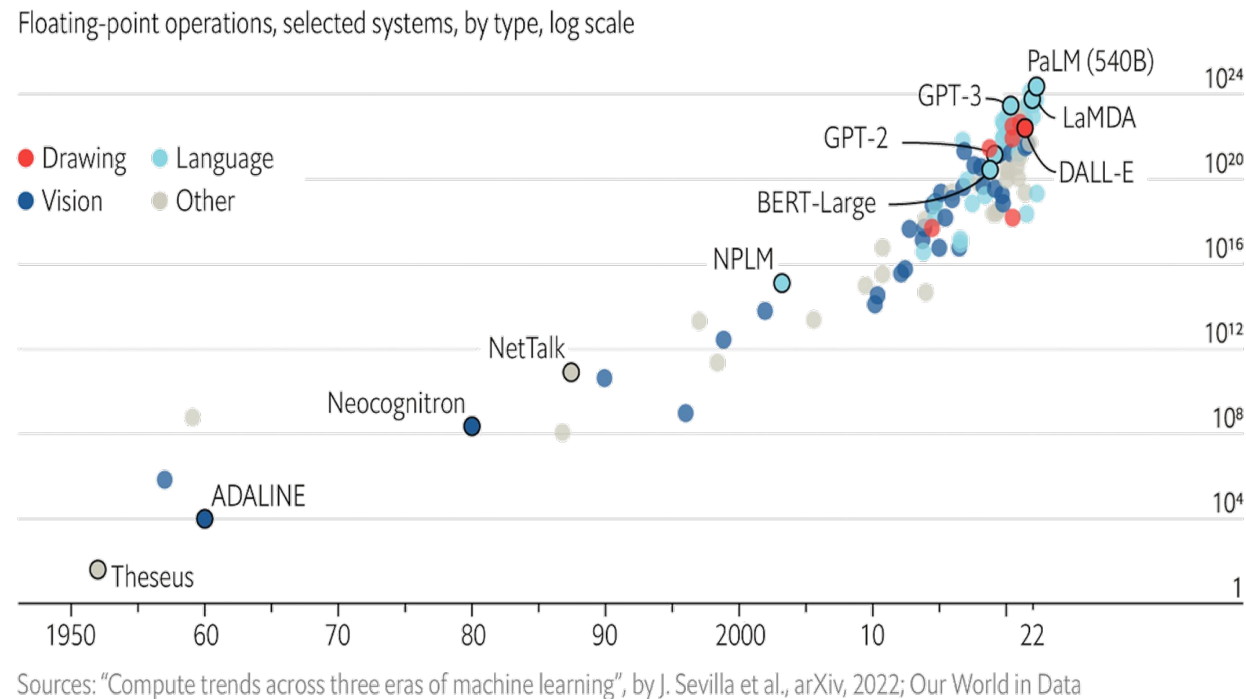


Content

Cadence

In recent years, companies improved customer identification, cadence, and channels, but research on content personalization continues. GenAI offers a path to achieve this

# Generative AI based models such as GPT-4 is disrupting how we process data, given their wide-ranging capabilities



*Since 2023, models like GPT-4 and Llama 2, Kosmos-1 have revolutionized the AI landscape*

\*Illustration based on Google's PALM (Pathways Language Model). Source for illustration: <https://ai.googleblog.com/2022/04/pathways-language-model-palm-scaling-to.html>

**Recent advancements in the realm of Generative AI-based models have ushered in a profound transformation, significantly enhancing the models' interpretability and explain ability**

# Classical AI and Generative AI models can disrupt the dynamic engagement landscape, driving widespread adoption and impact

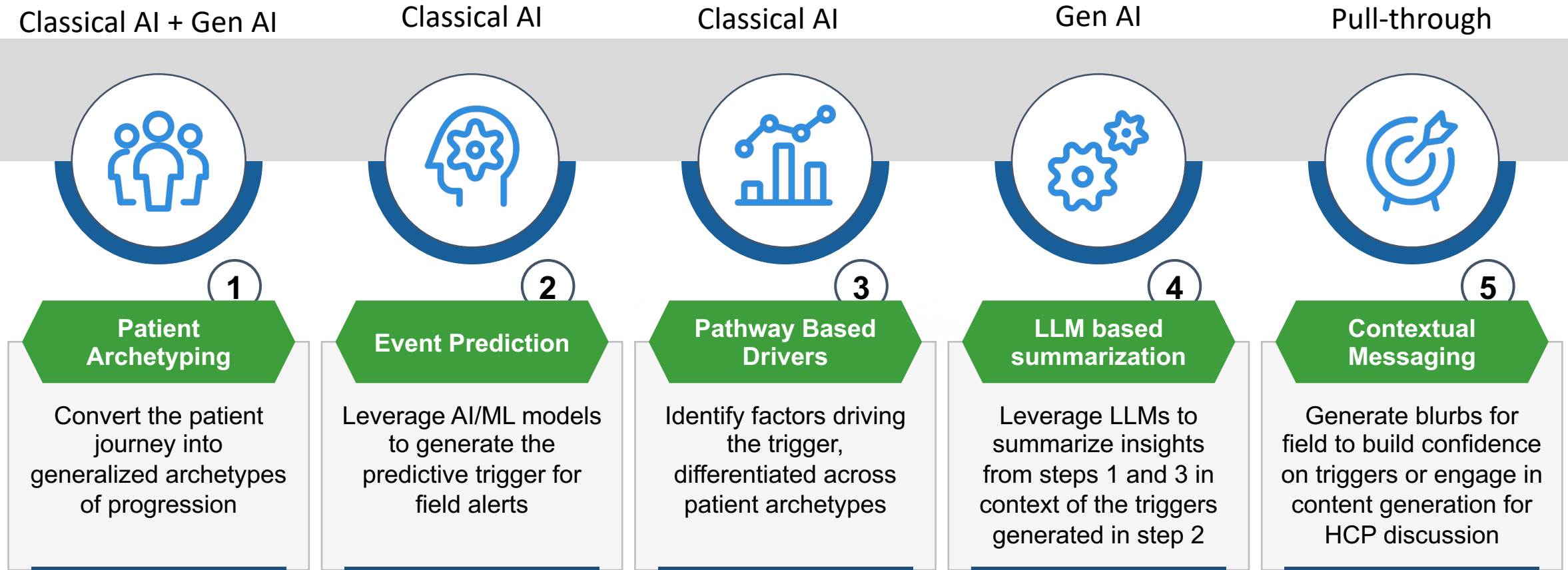


- Identify the most relevant HCPs for effective engagement
- Determine the opportune moments to interact with physicians for maximum impact

- Discern the rationale behind prioritizing specific HCPs
- Contextualize messaging strategy based on HCP's preferences and types of patients HCP manages



# We have developed a five-step framework which can be leveraged for creating scalable, evidence based, contextual alerts for the field



**Advanced AI lies at the heart of all these steps, helping generate effective alerts and synthesizing insights for easy consumption**

# The first step involves development of patient archetypes

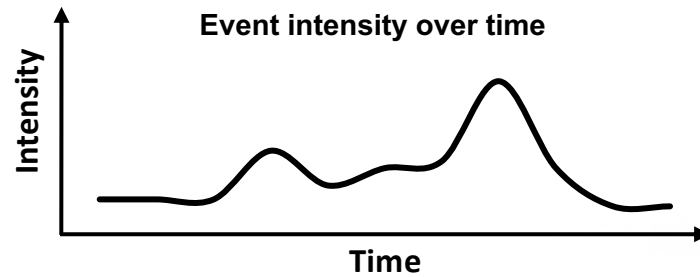
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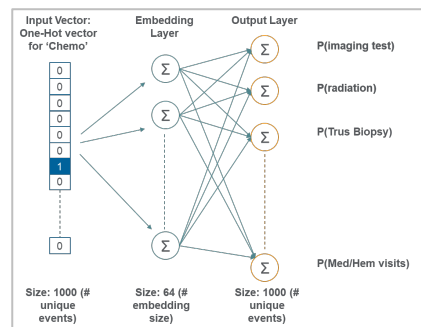
## Generation of Event Representations

### Approach 1: C-Hawkes



### Approach 2: Word2Vec

#### Event embeddings



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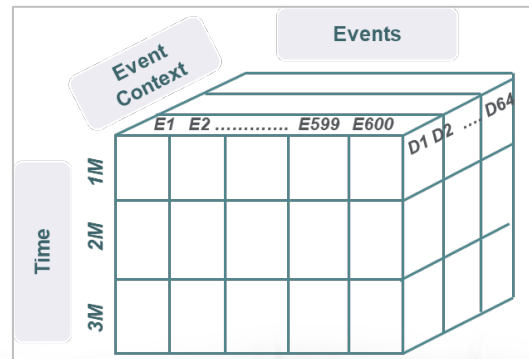
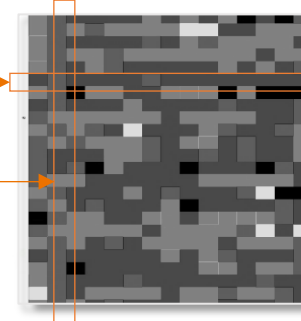
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## Patient Image Generation

3D patient images are formed based on event embeddings/intensities and time

Each event is represented as a row  
Representation of event at each time step



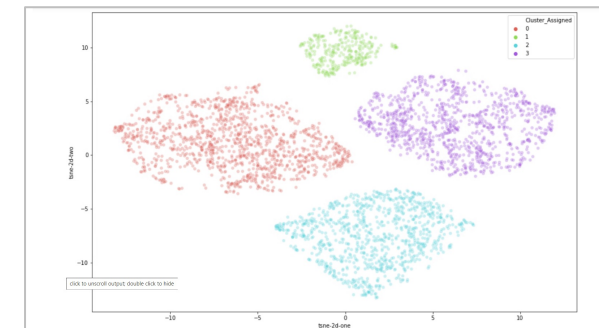
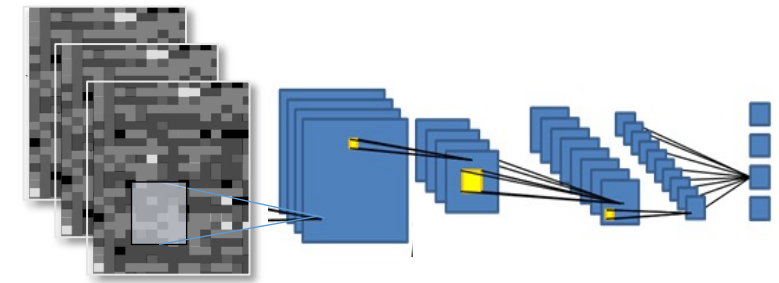
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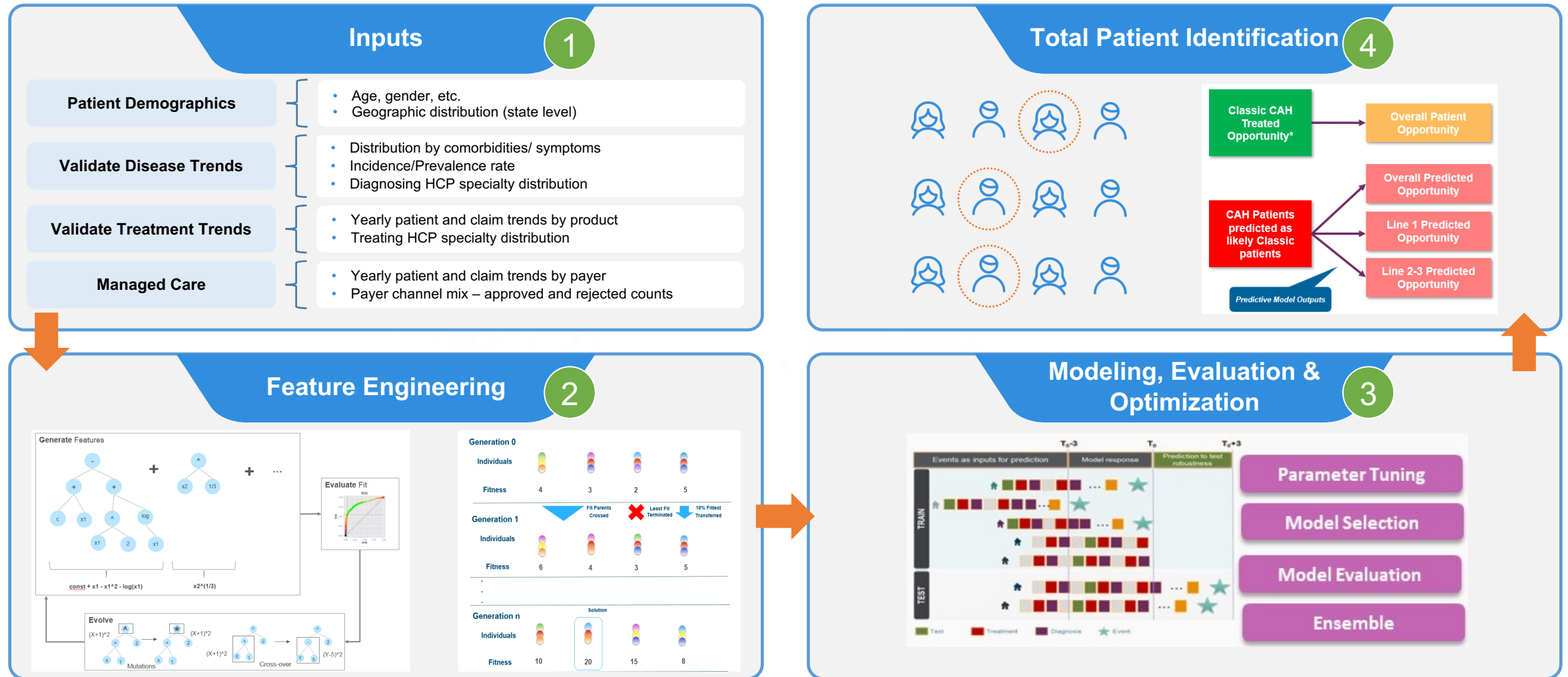
## CNN and Clustering on latent features

CNN autoencoders are run on patient image to learn latent patient features; clusters are created based on these features



# The second step involves training a predictive model to generate the alert

## Illustration



# The third step involves understanding the key medical events that act as drivers or barriers for each archetype

Illustration

Each archetype has a distinct profile based on medical events that the patients have gone through

## Archetype A



- Less time to treatment adoption
- Long pre-existing commodity burden
- Frequent HCP interaction

## Archetype B



- Moderately heavy in comorbidity burden
- Highly comorbid

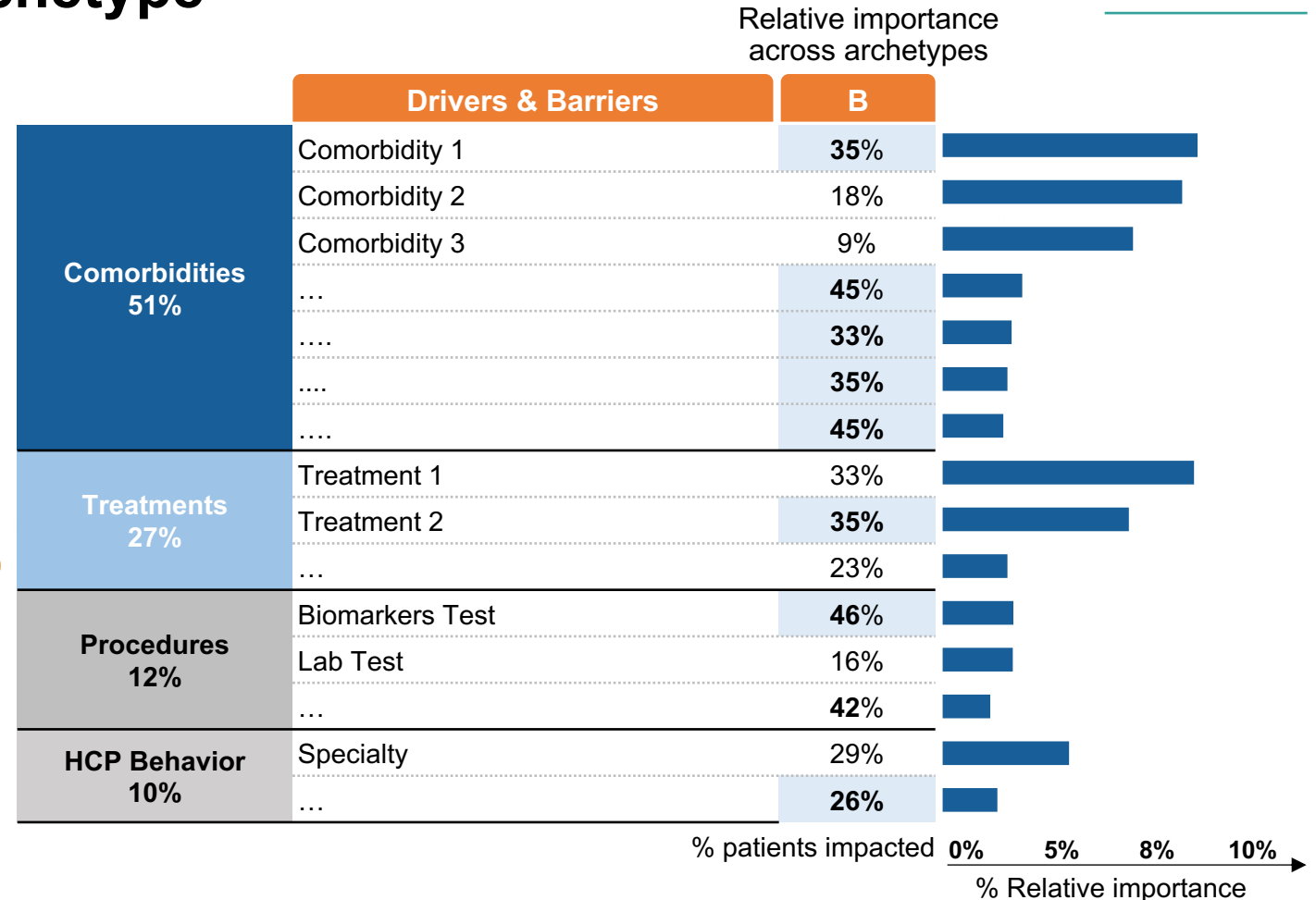
## Archetype C



- High Prevalence of post diagnosis comorbidities
- High drug treatment & frequent monitoring



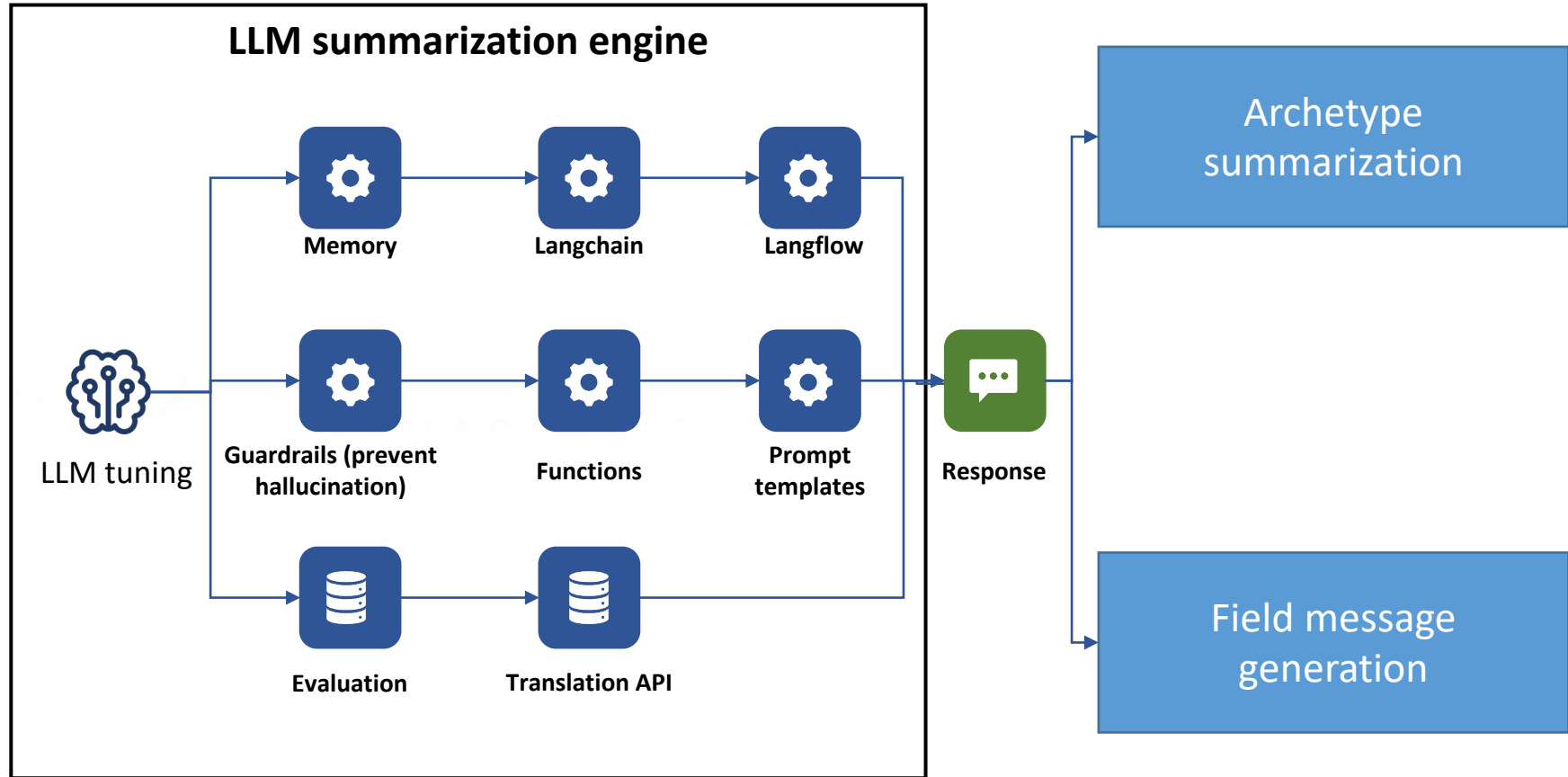
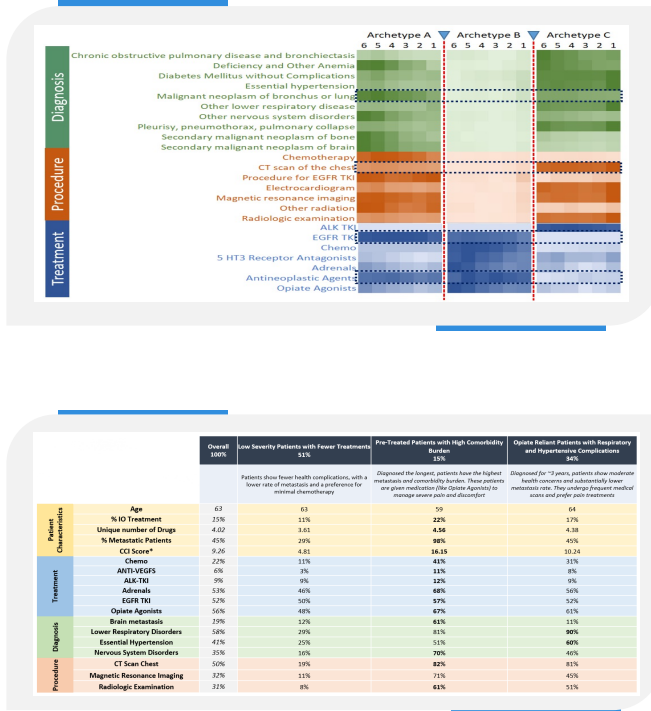
Drivers' analysis



Drivers are identified separately for each patient archetype

# The fourth step involves leveraging LLMs to summarize the type of patients managed by the HCPs, enhancing contextual information for the field

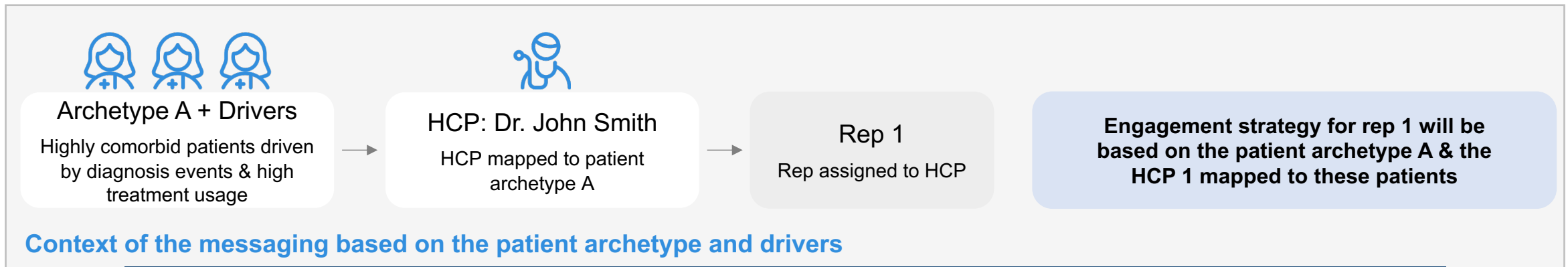
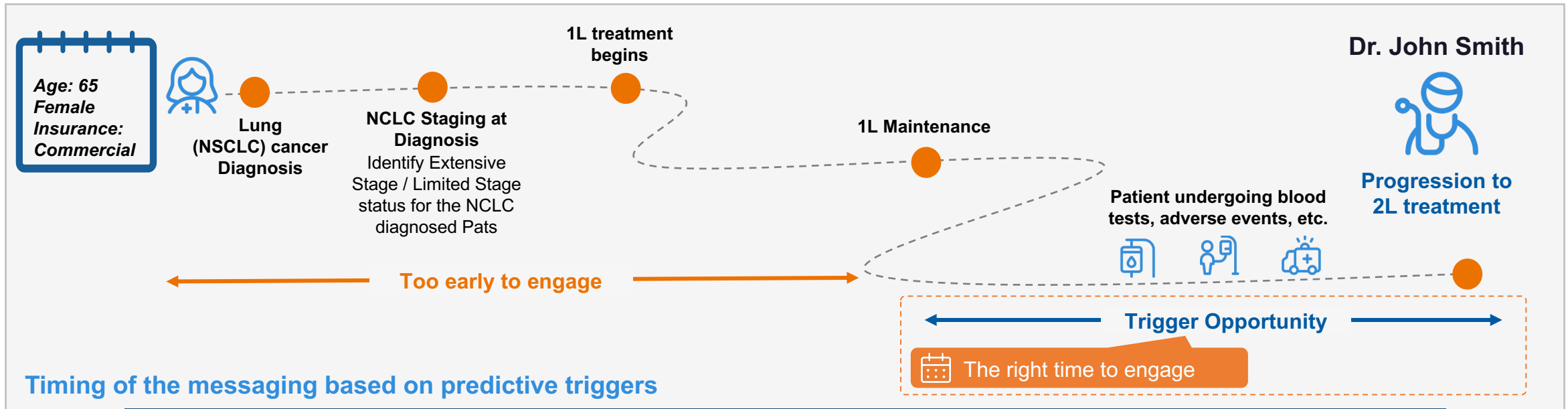
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The token limit for the GPT-4 API is 8K, we employed a token tracker to limit the prompt size to get the relevant output. We explored various LLMs such as Llama2, Vicuna, GPT 3.5 Turbo etc. GPT4 outperformed all the LLMs.



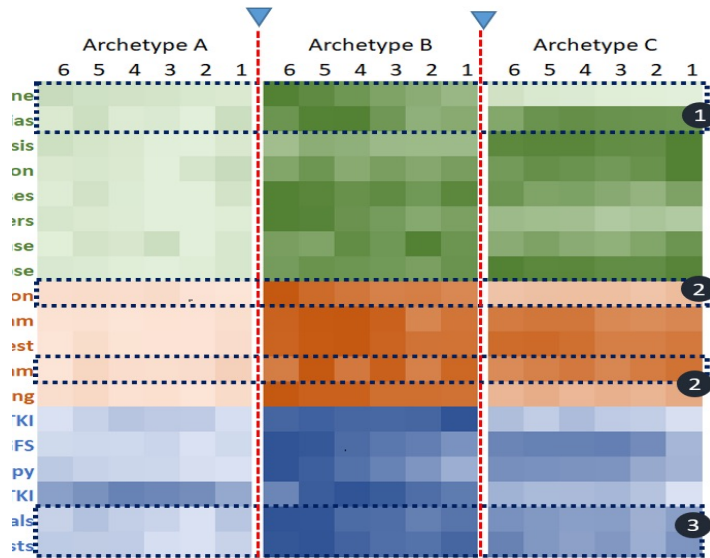
# The fifth step involves strategic rollout of alerts to field teams



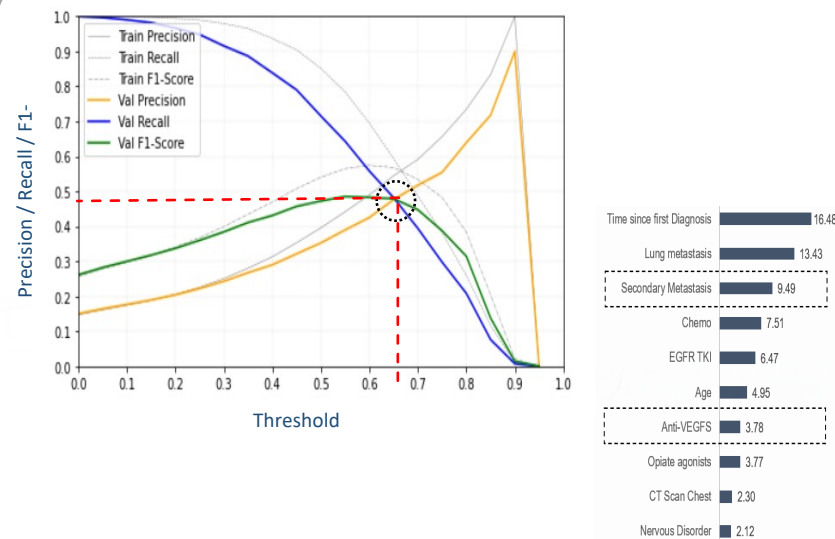
# Previewing Outcomes: Identifying patients likely to initiate IO treatment in the next 3 months and generating contextual field alerts using LLM



## Patient Archotyping



## Patient Identification and pathway based drivers



## LLM Based alert generation



**Dr. XYZ's** patients are frequently diagnosed with secondary malignant neoplasms of the brain, showing a potential shift in their health challenges. Alongside, they maintain a consistent chemotherapy regimen and opiate use. Given their reliance on medical imaging, IO treatment can be a pivotal solution. It can potentially streamline their care, reducing the need for frequent scans and addressing pain management.



**Dr. ABC's** patients are displaying an increased preference for EGFR TKI treatments and adrenal agents, indicating varied therapeutic approaches. Respiratory concerns persist, and while neoplasm diagnoses fluctuate, the varied drug use underscores their evolving needs. IO treatments can provide a comprehensive solution, catering to both respiratory and diverse therapeutic requirements.



**Dr. DEF's** patients consistently show signs of secondary malignant neoplasms, emphasizing a complex health trajectory. Their frequent medical scans and preference for pain-relief treatments, paired with occasional use of adrenal agents, indicate diverse medical interventions. IO treatments can offer a holistic approach, potentially reducing their scan frequency and addressing varied health challenges.



Identifying the variation of patient journey by creating Archetypes and finding the events that drive a patient to IO treatment



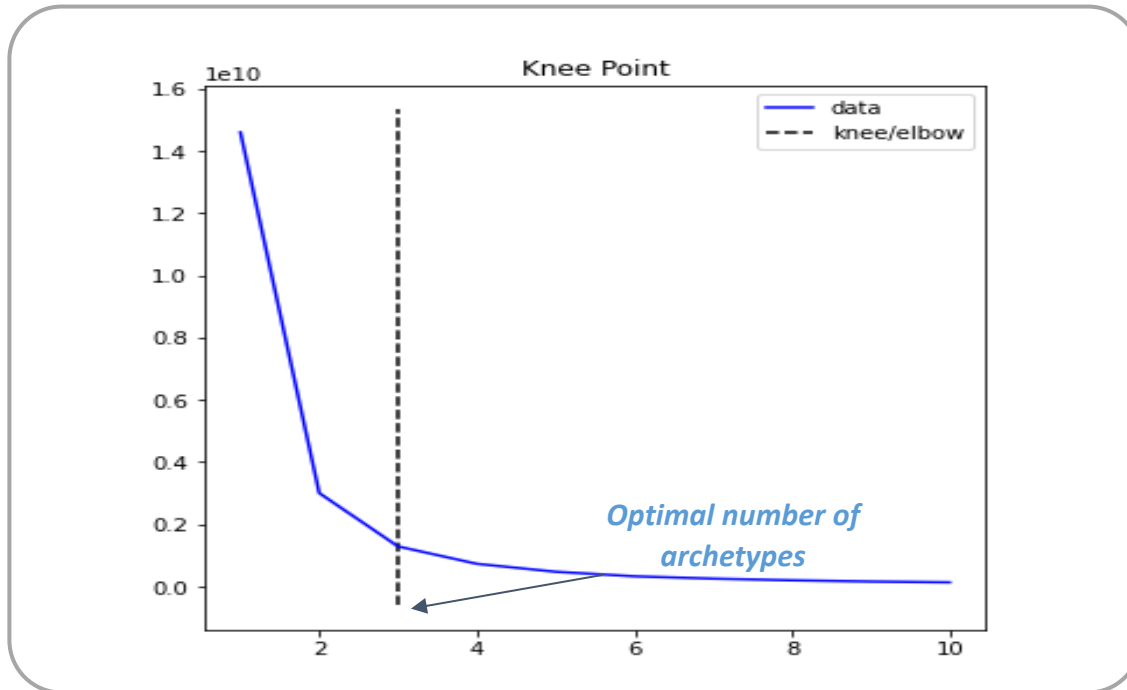
Determine the ideal threshold for achieving balanced performance in the patient identification ML Model



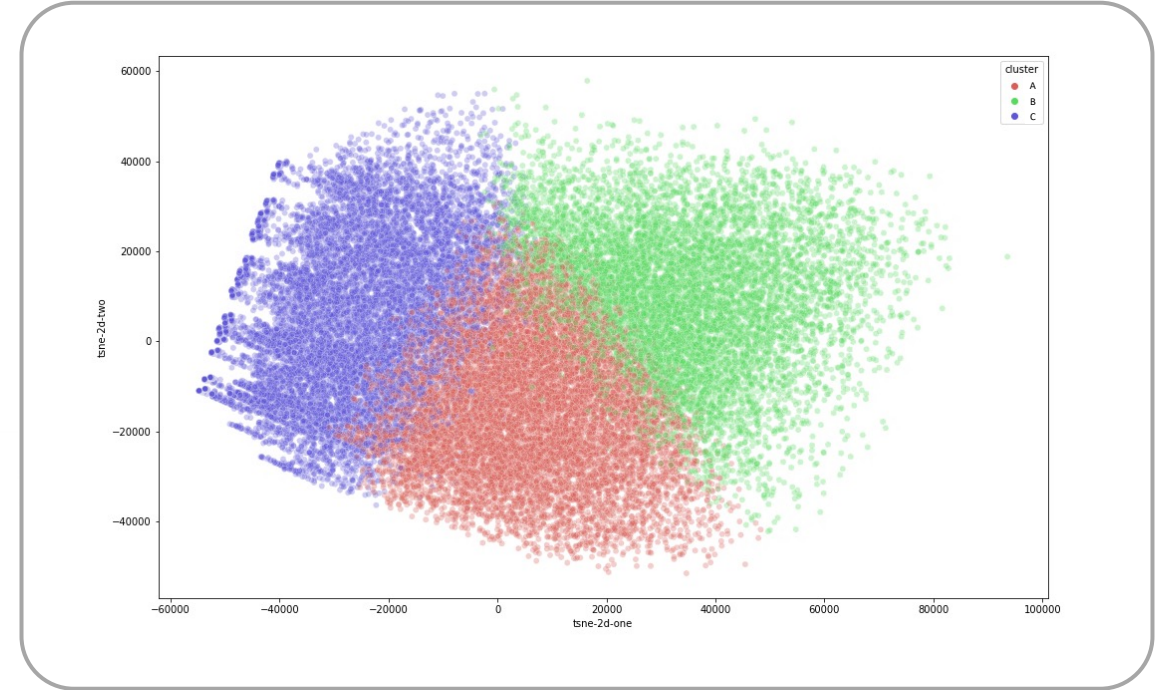
Leverage the patient vector and archetypes data with a finetuned LLM model to generate field alerts

**To develop a scalable, evidence-based system for generating AI-driven predictive alerts for the field team**

# We identified three distinct archetypes of NSCLC patients, based on their journey and characteristics



Knee plot was used to identify the optimal number of patient archetypes determined using K-Means algorithm



Two-dimensional t-SNE plot helped with **visual confirmation of the clear separation of patients** into these three clusters

Data Source : SHS Claims Data

# Profiling of the archetypes revealed key differences in comorbidity burden, treatment history and diagnostic tests

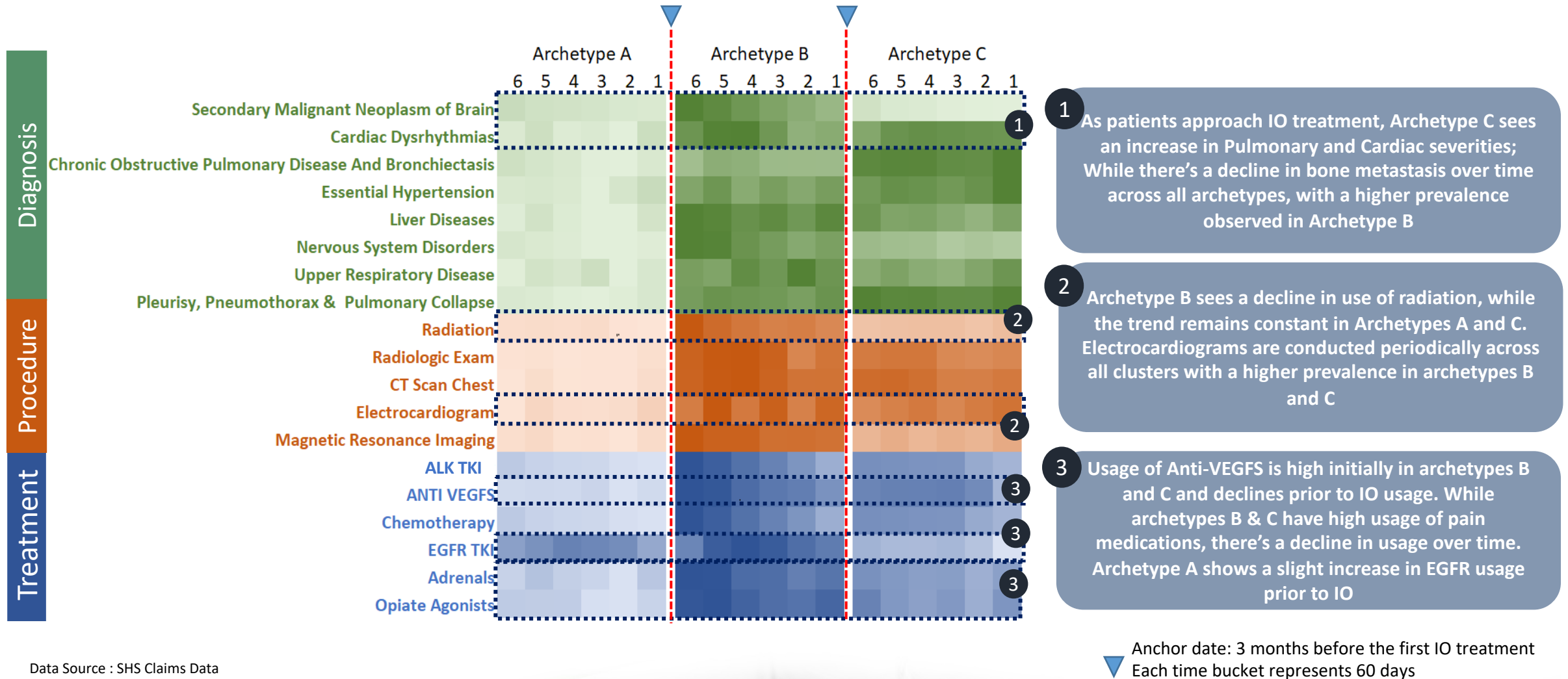
		Archetype A		Archetype B		Archetype C	
		Overall 100%	Low severity, early-stage patients with fewer treatments 51%	Metastatic, severe, high comorbidity burden patients with multiple prior treatments 15%	Moderately severe patients with respiratory and hypertension complications 34%		
			Patients are diagnosed early, show fewer health complications, and low chemo usage	Patients diagnosed in advanced stage with high comorbidity burden and undergone multiple treatments, require strong management for pain and discomfort	Patients show moderate comorbidity burden and are reliant on pain medications. They suffer from high respiratory and hypertensive complications		
Patient Characteristics	Age	63	63	59	64		
	% IO Treatment	27%	21%	41%	32%		
	% Metastatic	45%	29%	98%	45%		
	Unique number of Drugs	4.01	3.61	4.56	4.38		
	CCI Score*	8.36	4.81	16.15	10.24		
Treatment	Chemo	34%	22%	56%	42%		
	ANTI-VEGFS	6%	3%	11%	8%		
	ALK-TKI	3%	4%	2%	3%		
	Adrenals	53%	46%	68%	56%		
	EGFR TKI	16%	16%	18%	17%		
	Opiate Agonists	55%	48%	67%	61%		
Diagnosis	Brain metastasis	19%	12%	61%	11%		
	Lower Respiratory Disorders	58%	29%	81%	90%		
	Essential Hypertension	41%	25%	51%	60%		
	Nervous System Disorders	34%	16%	70%	46%		
Procedure	CT Scan Chest	50%	19%	82%	81%		
	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	32%	11%	71%	45%		
	Radiologic Examination	31%	8%	61%	51%		

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\* CCI: The Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI) score is a quantitative measure that assesses the burden of comorbid medical conditions in a patient



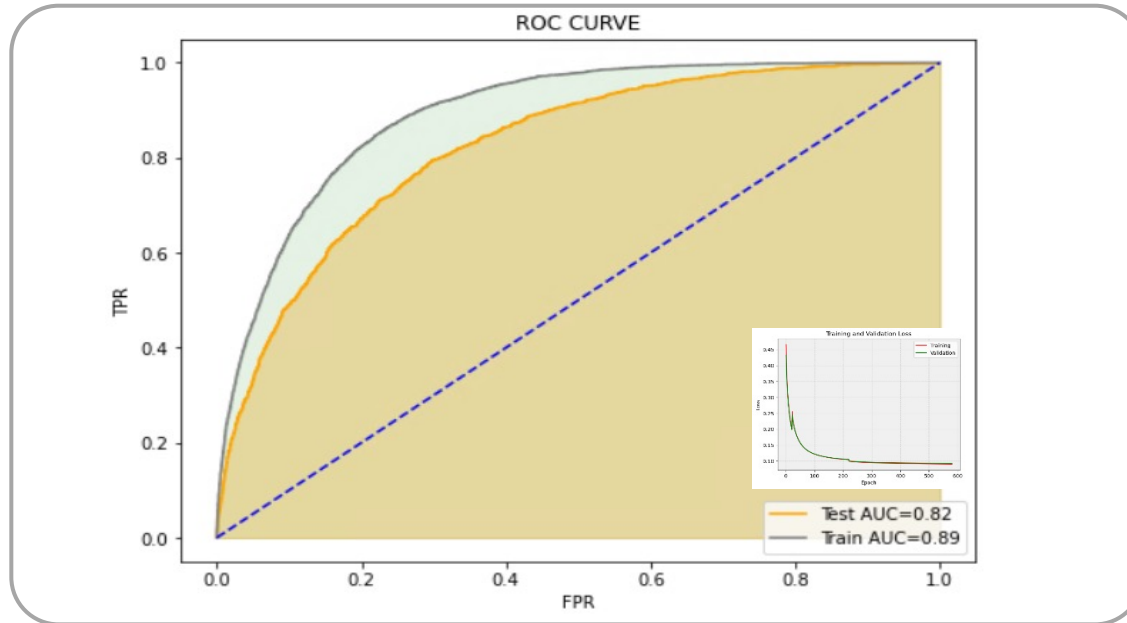
# Longitudinal Analysis showed some interesting patterns in journeys across the archetypes



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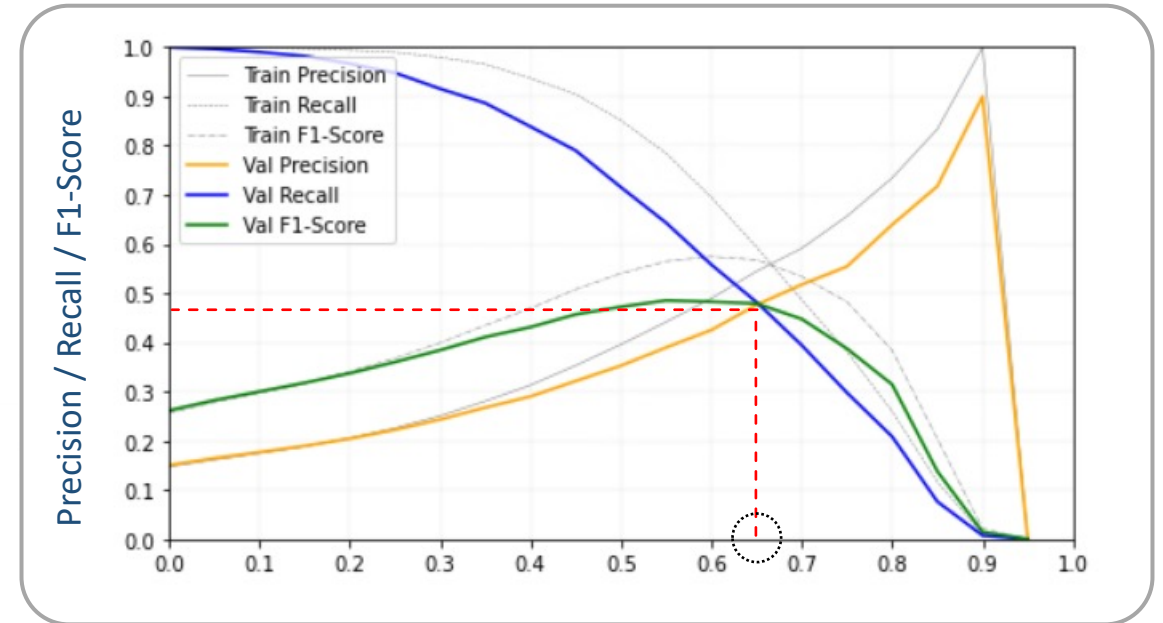
**We trained a prediction model for identifying patients likely to initiate IO treatments in next 3 months. The Model had an AUC score of ~89%**



A high **AUC score of 89%** across training and validation sets indicated that the model is robust



Identified **4.9k patients** who are likely to initiate IO treatment in next 3 months



Threshold was set at 0.65 to maintain a balance between recall (85%) and precision (40%)

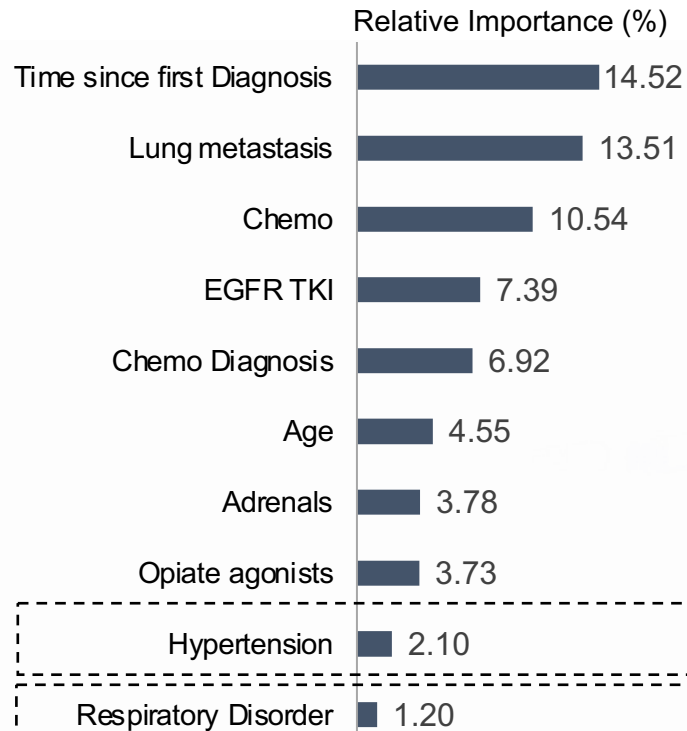


Generated triggers for **3.3k HCPs** managing these patients

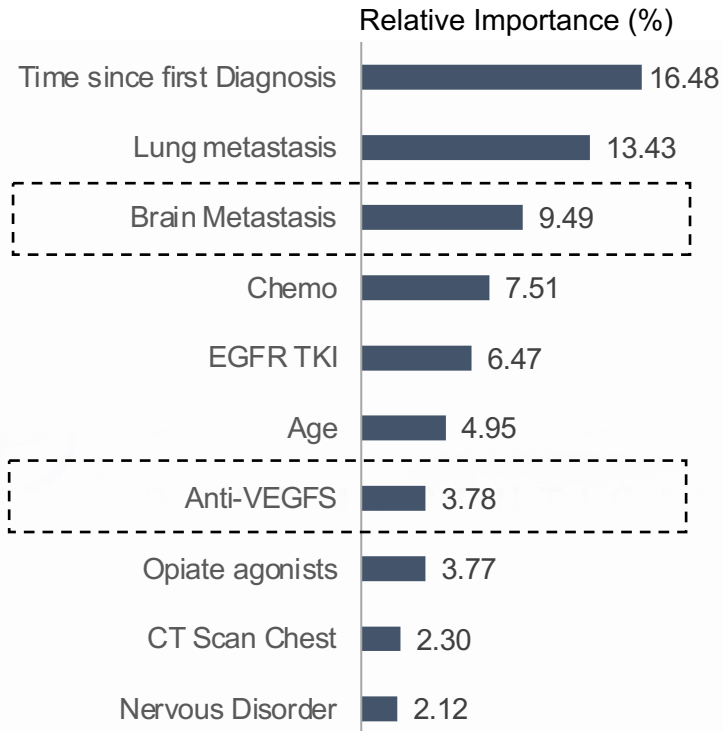
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# Factors driving IO initiation were analyzed across the patient archetypes

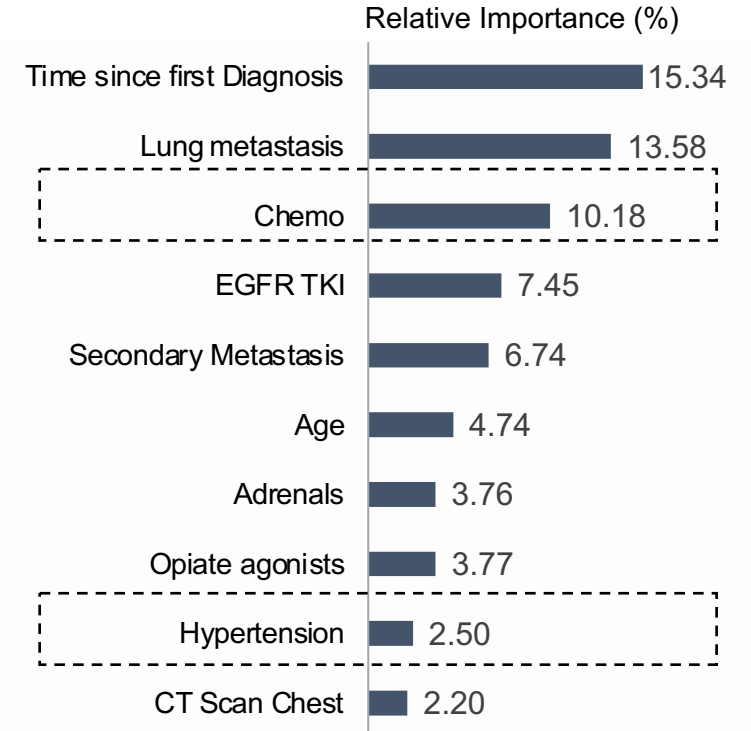
## Archetype A



## Archetype B



## Archetype C

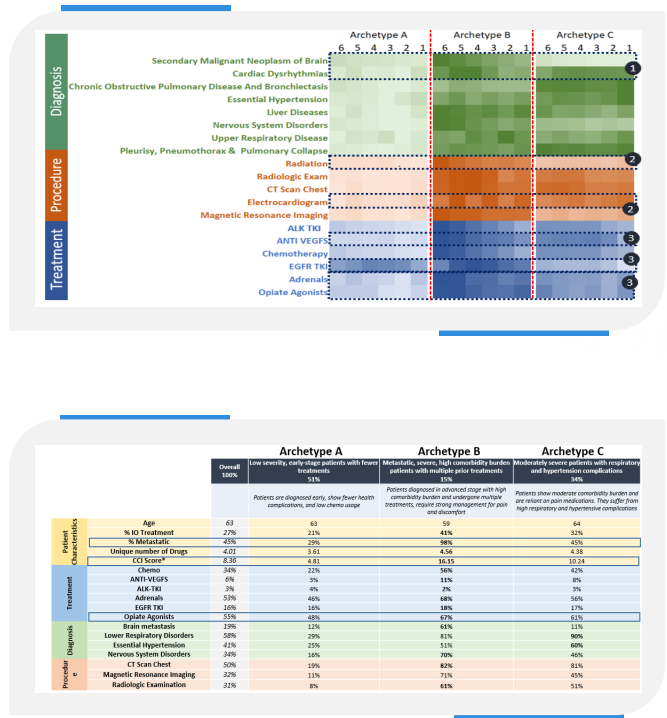


- Brain metastasis and prior utilization of Anti VEGFs exhibit increased significance in Archetype B, suggesting a higher likelihood of severe patients opting for IO treatments
- Presence of comorbidities emerged as an influencing factor for IO treatment within archetype A patients
- In the case of Archetype C, patients who initially received chemotherapy and demonstrated reduced reliance on chemotherapy over time are more likely to opt for IO treatments

Data Source : SHS Claims Data

# The message below was not generated by medical experts, but GPT-4!

The data is preprocessed and anonymized and converted to string format to be fed into the API



OpenAI GPT-4 API

*Dr. XYZ is managing patients who are likely to switch to IO therapies. These patients are usually **non-metastatic, managing well with fewer comorbidities, pain management medications and monitoring**, as seen with the lower use of opiate agonists and procedures like electrocardiograms and echocardiograms. **There has been an increase in hypertension and respiratory complications recently.***

These messages to field improves adoption and confidence in the alerts significantly

# Rep Alerts were tailored using LLM to contextualize the alerts for HCPs, based on the type of patient these HCPs were managing



## HCP: XYZ

- Med-Onc
- Primarily managing archetype A patients



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## HCP: ABC

- Med-Onc
- Primarily managing archetype C patients



**Dr. ABC** is managing patients who are likely to switch to IO therapies. These patients are metastatic, have high comorbidity burden, frequently encountering brain metastasis. Frequent diagnostic interventions like electrocardiogram, CT scans are common, along with a heavy reliance on Chemotherapy, opiate agonists, and anti-VEGFs.



## HCP: DEF

- Specialist
- Primarily managing archetype B patients



**Dr. DEF** is managing patients who are likely to switch to IO therapies. These patients with moderate medical complexity, are showing signs of hypertension and respiratory disorders. They engage moderately with procedures such as CT scans and have observed a decrease in chemo usage recently

# Future Enhancements



The current approach needs refinement for consistent, insightful results. LLMs can hallucinate; more research is needed to prevent this



We have tried using tabular information as inputs to LLM; Further research can be conducted to explore generating insights using multi-modal data (e.g., images of the bit plots and SHAP plots, instead of the tabular data)



Given limitations of the volume of inputs that can be fed to LLMs (i.e., # tokens), further investigation can be made towards pre-processing the input data to optimize the prompts



We still need some initial assessment of the alerts by a human expert to ensure stability of the system, further research can focus towards making the systems self-validating



Additional information about the HCP (e.g., papers published, recent conferences attended, social media, websites, etc.) can be layered on to add additional context and provide an exhaustive view for the rep



# Q&A