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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH: INNOVATIONS, CHALLENGES, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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Learning Objectives

Understand AI Fundamentals

- Define Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Deep Learning, Generative AI.
- Learn how these technologies are being applied within clinical research.

Critically Evaluate Research

- Examine key studies and data on demonstrating the effects of implanting AI in clinical research.
- Discuss both successes and limitations of AI in trials.

Introduction to AI in Clinical Research

Q: Who here has worked with AI tools before?

 Midjourney

 ChatGPT

 Hugging Face

 DALL-E 2

 stability.ai

 Bard

 NovelAI

 CapCut

 Google AI

 Bing

 OpenAI

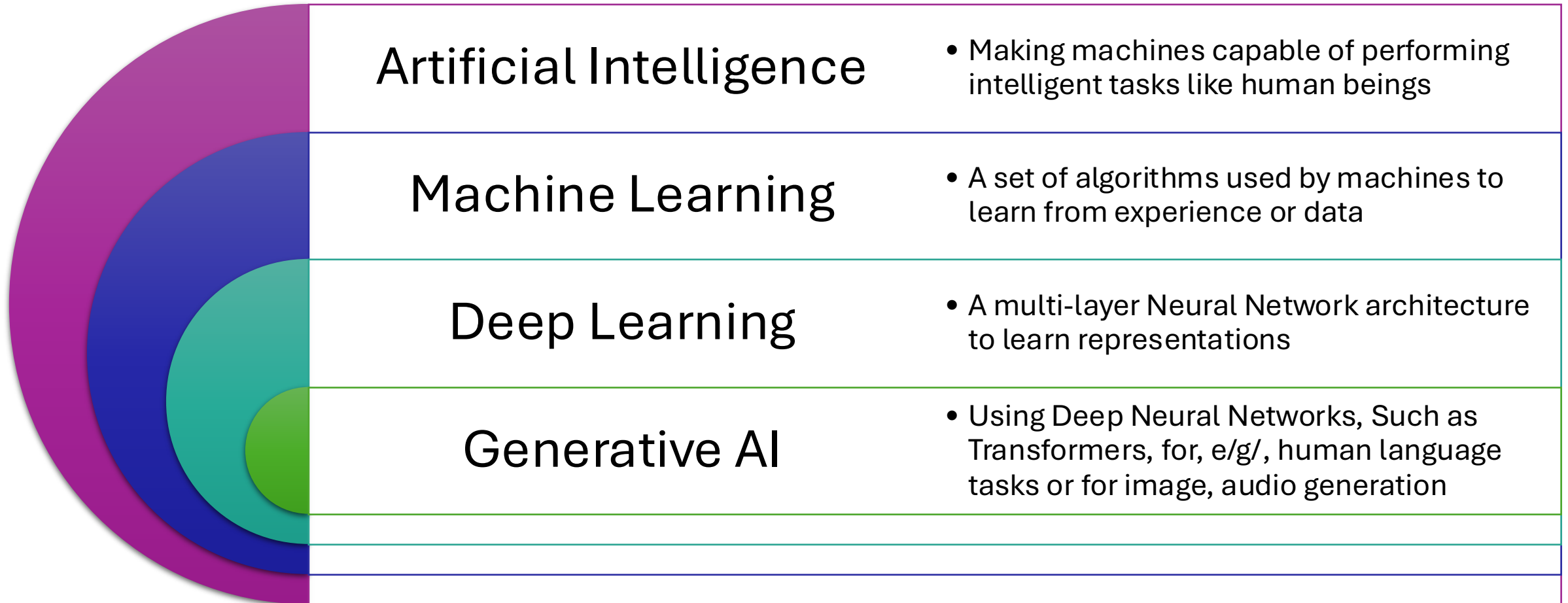
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What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?



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🧠 Basic AI – Rule-Based Logic

- Follows pre-programmed commands
- No learning or adaptation

“Hey Siri, what’s the weather today?”

📊 Machine Learning (ML) – Learns from Data

- Improves with repeated use
- Recognizes patterns and preferences

“Hey Siri, call my wife.” (Learns who “my wife” is over time)

🧠 Deep Learning (DL) – Understands Context

- Mimics how the human brain works
- Handles complex speech and intent

“Hey Siri, remind me to take my meds when I get home.”

🌟 Generative AI – Creates Responses

- Generates dynamic, human-like replies
- Future Siri: personalized conversations & planning

“Hey Siri, help me plan a 7-day trip to Japan under \$2,000.”



Apple Intelligence

AI Integrations & Applications

AI in Healthcare & Clinical Research

Why AI is Important in Clinical Research

- Reduces trial costs & time.
- Improves patient recruitment & retention.
- Enhances data accuracy.
- Speeds up drug development.

Examples of AI in Healthcare

- AI-driven imaging for cancer detection.
- AI-powered personalized treatment plans.



AI in the Clinical Trial Life Cycle



AI in Study Design & Optimization



Predictive Analytics Models



Forecast trial feasibility and success rates



NLP (Natural Language Processing)



Scan past protocols & FDA letters to spot design risks



Simulation Algorithms



Run virtual trials using synthetic patient data



ML-Based Site Selection

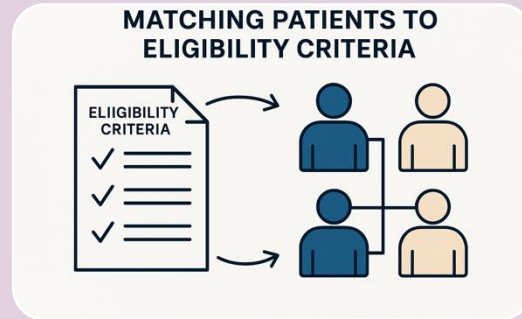


Identify top-performing sites based on historical data

AI in Patient Recruitment & Retention



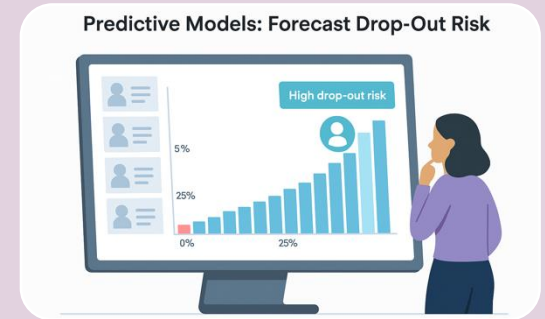
Machine Learning Algorithms:
Screen EHR & claims data



NLP Models:
Extract eligibility criteria & match patients



Conversational AI & Chatbots:
Engage patients, explain studies

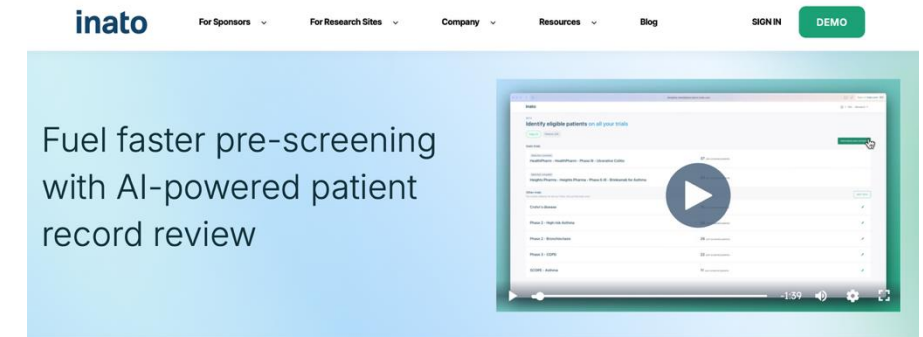


Predictive Models:
Forecast drop-out risk

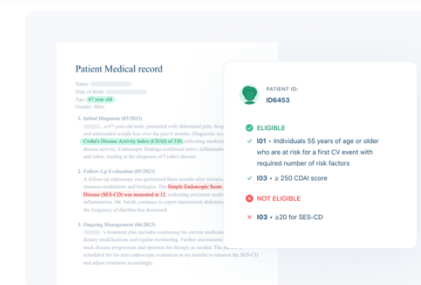
Case Study #1: AI-Powered Pre-Screening (Inato)

AI-Powered Patient Pre-Screening *Inato Platform, 2025*

- **Objective:**
Simplify & accelerate patient pre-screening at research sites
- **Approach:**
AI analyzes patient PDFs & eligibility criteria. Results delivered in minutes
- **Results:**
Pre-screening time reduced by 50–90%. Improved operational efficiency
- **Key Takeaway:**
AI tools can ease recruitment burdens at the site level



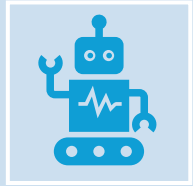
Faster Review each patient in minutes	Compliant HIPAA compliant	Free No cost to sites
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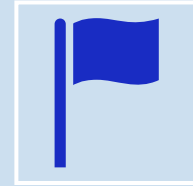
Accelerate patient record assessment from hours to minutes

Upload patient records as PDFs. In minutes, get a redacted and assessed record ready for review. Early users shared it **reduced pre-screening time by over 50%**.

AI in Data Collection & Monitoring



AI-Powered Remote Monitoring Systems:
Integrate data from wearables



ML-based Anomaly Detection: Flag protocol deviations in real time



NLP Tools: Clean & structure unstructured clinical data



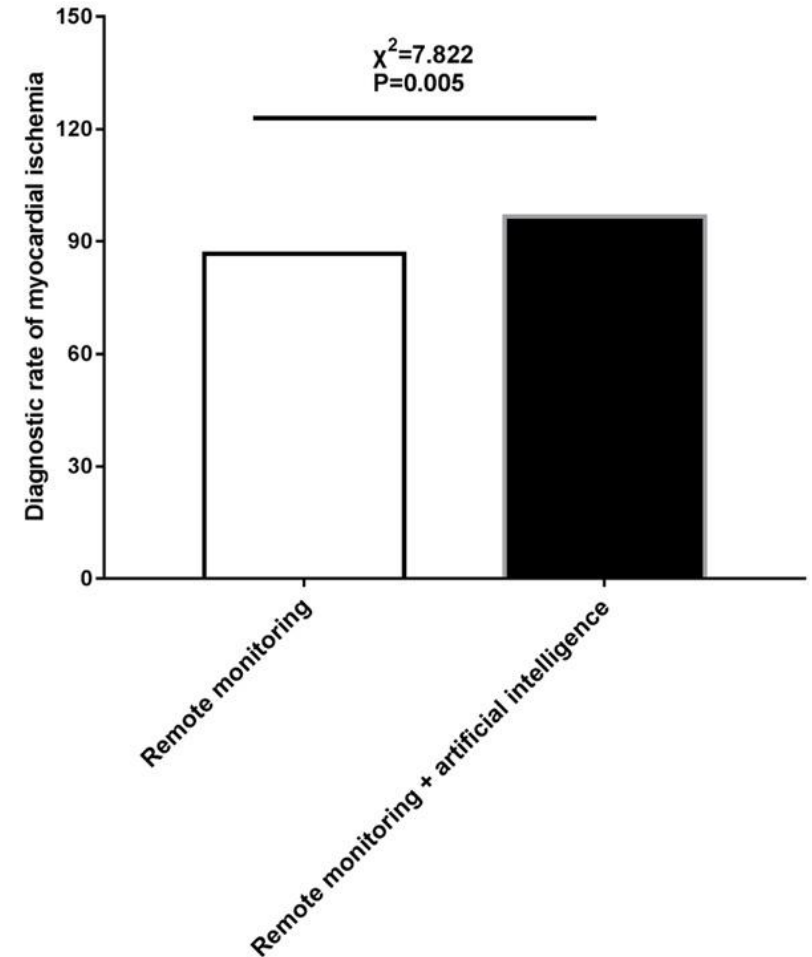
Computer Vision Algorithms: Analyze imaging data remotely

Case Study #2: AI-Enabled Remote Monitoring (Heart Failure Study)

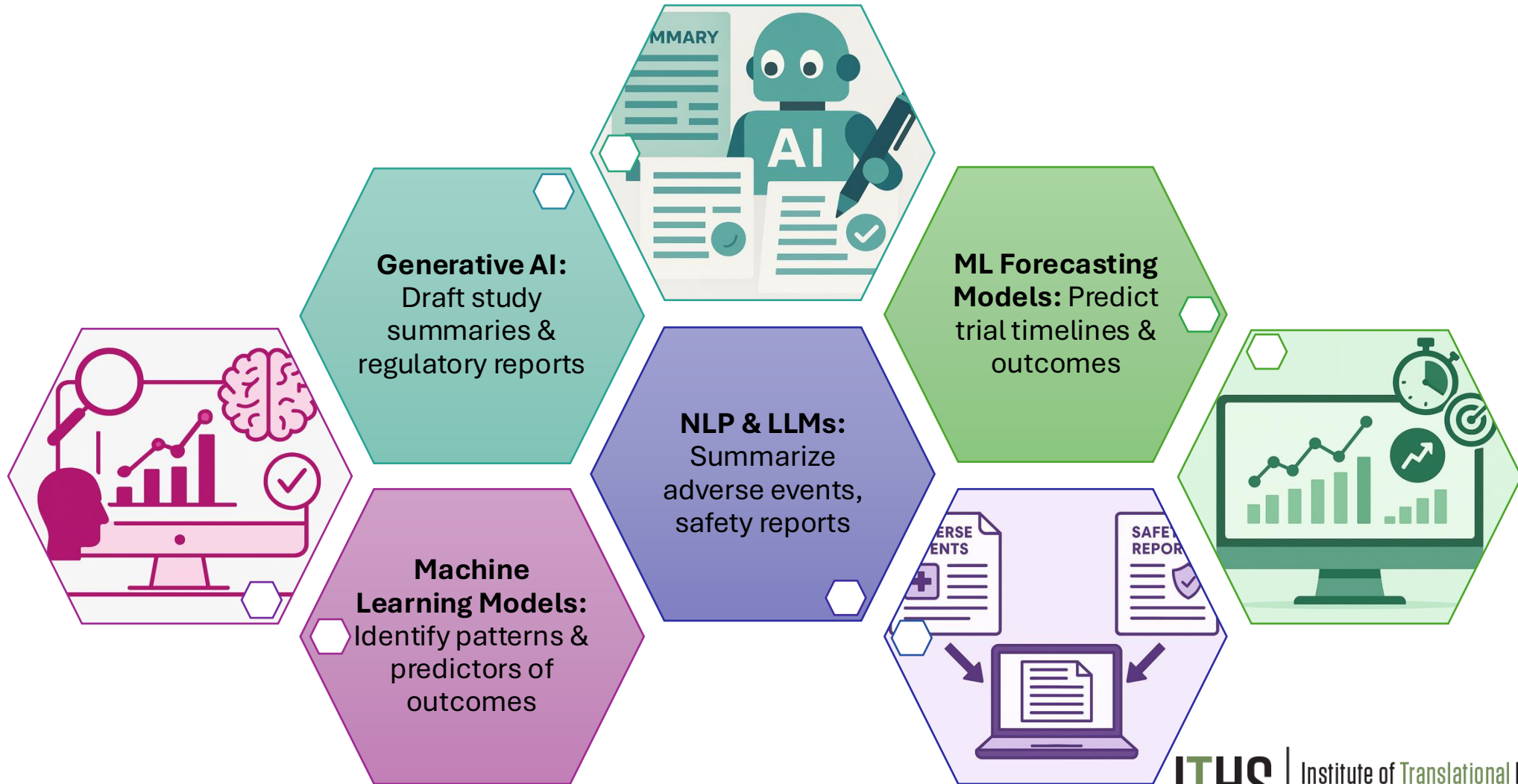
AI-Enabled Remote Cardiac Monitoring

Heart Failure Trial, 2021

- **Objective:**
Detect early signs of patient deterioration remotely
- **Approach:**
AI-driven ECG monitoring system
Continuous real-time analysis
- **Results:**
Detected cardiac anomalies before symptoms appeared
Enabled earlier clinical interventions
- **Key Takeaway:**
AI improves real-time patient monitoring & safety



AI in Data Analysis & Insights



Challenges & Ethical Considerations of AI in Clinical Research

Algorithmic Bias & Fairness

- Risk of underrepresentation of minority populations

Transparency & Explainability

- AI models often function as “black boxes”

Data Privacy & Security

- Sensitive patient data access & storage

Regulatory & Compliance Gaps

- FDA & EMA guidance still evolving

Model Validation & Generalizability

- Many studies based on small-scale, early-phase data

Future of AI in Clinical Research



The Key Players of AI in Clinical Research

Pharmaceutical & Biotech Companies

Pfizer, Novartis, Roche, Janssen investing in AI partnerships

Tech & AI Startups

Inato, TrialWire, Tempus, Deep 6 AI

Academic & Research Institutions

MIT, Stanford, NIH AI initiatives
Fred Hutch & Cancer AI Alliance (CAIA)

Regulatory Agencies & Consortia

FDA's AI in Drug Development Framework
EMA's AI Reflection Paper

Public-Private Collaborations

TransCelerate, CTTI, Alliance for AI in Healthcare

The Game Plan: Emerging Trends in AI & Clinical Trials



AI-Driven Adaptive Trial Designs

- Real-time protocol adjustments based on emerging data



Precision Medicine at Scale

- AI matches patients to therapies using genomics, biomarkers, and clinical profiles



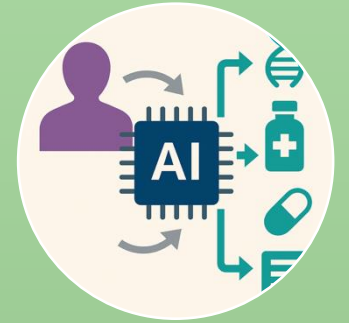
Deep Integration of Real-World Data (RWD)

- AI analyzes EHRs, claims, and wearable data to inform eligibility and endpoints



Enterprise-Scale Generative AI

- Drafting study documents, patient summaries & insights from structured/unstructured data



AI-Augmented Decision-Making

- AI-supported recommendations for dose selection, site choice, trial arms

The Path to Victory: What's Needed for Responsible AI Integration?

 Ethical & Regulatory Frameworks	FDA, EMA, and IRBs must align on AI use in trials
 Transparency & Explainability	Reduce “black box” risk in patient care and decision-making
 AI Literacy & Training	Equip CRCs, investigators, and ops teams with baseline AI understanding
 Cross-Sector Collaboration	Pharma, tech, academia, and regulators working together
 Robust Validation & Independent Evidence	Large-scale, diverse studies needed to prove effectiveness and equity

Key Takeaways & Final Thoughts

What We Learned Today:



AI is transforming clinical research operations

- From protocol design to patient recruitment, data monitoring & analysis



Real-world case studies show measurable benefits

- Improved recruitment efficiency & patient safety



Ethical & regulatory challenges remain

- Bias, transparency, privacy & compliance must be addressed



The future of AI in clinical research is collaborative

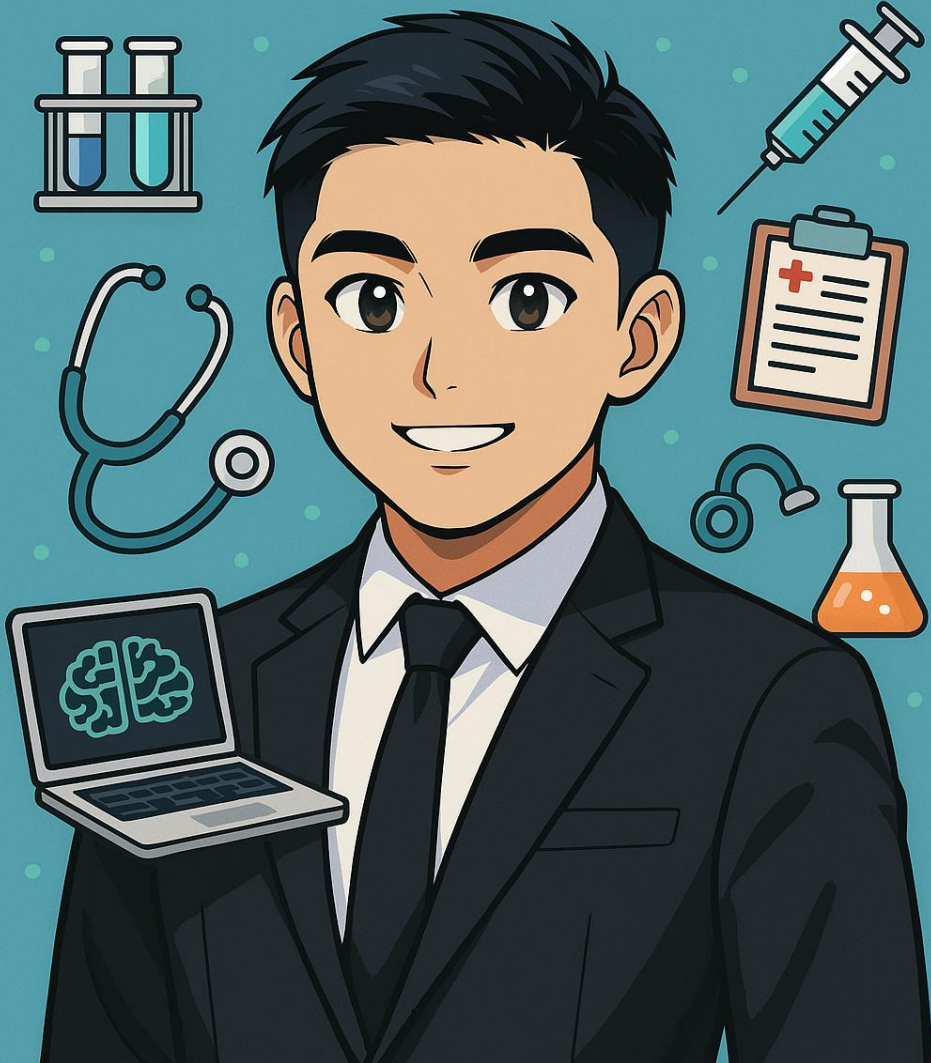
- Requires academia, industry, regulators & research professionals working together



Your role:

- Stay informed, ask critical questions, and engage responsibly with AI

ASK PatGPT



Thank You!

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