

# Real-time learning across multiple healthcare facilities for decision support in psychiatry

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**0. Clinical text**

Patient was admitted with severe anxiety. Today, they were less anxious and depressed. Their participation in ward activities did not improve, but they showed more self-confidence.

**1. Split sentences**

1. Patient was admitted with severe anxiety.  
2. Today, they were less anxious and depressed.  
3. Their participation in ward activities did not improve, but they showed more self-confidence.

**2. Detect themes**

1. Patient was admitted with severe **anxiety**.  
2. Today, they were less **anxious** and **depressed**.  
3. Their **participation** in ward activities did not improve, but they showed more **self-confidence**.

**3. Detect change**

1. Patient was admitted with severe anxiety.  
2. Today, they were **less** anxious and depressed.  
3. Their participation in ward activities did not **improve**, but they showed **more** self-confidence.

**4. Check context**

1. - (did not pass previous step, no further analysis)  
2. **Today**, they were less anxious and depressed.  
3. Their participation in ward activities did **not** improve, but they showed more self-confidence.

**5. Calculate score per sentence, per theme**

1. -  
2. Symptom reduction: -1 (anxious) x -1 (less) + -1 (depressed) x -1 (less) = +2  
3. General well-being: 1 (self-confidence) x 1 (improved) = +1

**Feature extraction**

- Feature extraction from routinely written clinical text with the goal of **pattern discovery** is one of the core activities of the PsyData team
- Tools: MedCAT, SpaCy, Prodigy (example on the left), PsyNLP (rule-based context detection)
- On the left: a pipeline designed for **extracting phrases** concerning one of four **treatment outcome** themes at the psychiatry department (Turner et al., 2022 [1])

**Pattern discovery**

- Bayesian networks:** causal discovery in tabular data
- Allow for integrating expert knowledge: network on the right based on systematic review, psychiatrists' input and UMCU data (Van der Does et al., 2023 [2]) and **especially apt for learning across multiple facilities**
- Other projects: (deep) supervised learning, clustering, ensemble methods

**Working toward real-time decision support**

**Goal: from validation studies to implementation in routine clinical care**

- First proof of concept: **predicting aggression** in collaboration with Parnassia Groep
- Requirements to move on from research stage (**ideas? Contact us!**):
  - High quality software applications
  - High quality data infrastructure between facilities
  - Data readiness of participants (FHIR)

**Learning across facilities**

- Federated learning: let algorithms visit data in separate locations and combine at central location. **Personal Health Train, Enabling Personalized Interventions framework** (figure below [4])
- Future goal: create **synthetic dataset** and/ or add **privacy preserving machine learning** to pipelines for faster and easier collaboration with external parties

**Valid, real-time inference**

- Traditional statistical techniques (p-value tests, standard confidence intervals) for inference and confirmatory research are **not valid** in a setting for continuous learning
- Developed **new algorithms** to perform **valid hypothesis tests** and estimate confidence intervals in real-time, across facilities
- Allows for **continuously tracking study progress** in a dashboard, to decide on best treatment as quickly as possible

Subgraph of the Bayesian network including all found predictors for remission of psychiatric pathology after electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), constructed with a combination of expert knowledge and UMCU data [2].

Above: example of what a dashboard could look like for following real-time confidence intervals in a stratified study setup (such as ANOVA or a CMH setup) [3]

Below: example of a data stream in random order that can be analysed in a stratified study setup: after each data block can recalculate the confidence interval and p-value

**The EPI framework [4]: tools and software to create a data infrastructure, regulatory constraints and federated learning algorithms to safely learn across multiple locations**

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