# Applications of machine learning *in healthcare in Brazil*

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Is it possible to predict who is going to die and from which disease?

One of the oldest questions in epidemiology, since the classic mortality tables from John Graunt (1662).



Solvable problem:

Promissing results with small data (ML tutorial recently published).

Access to a large longitudinal study (over 10 years of follow-up).





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Predict < 30 days QALY for 777 cancer patients in ICUs.

- 27 variables.
- Six machine learning algorithms: artificial neural networks, decision trees, regular and penalized logistic regression, random forests, gradient boosted trees.



Support:



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## **Surprising results**

It is possible to predict with decent performance which patients will have less than 30 quality-adjusted days of life (AUC 0.82 for neural networks, gradient boosted trees e random forests).



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Published in *Epidemiology* 

It is hard to identify good public health policies in Brazil: socioeconomic factors are very important. Objective

-Predict life expectancy at birth for each Brazilian municipality without using any health data (only socioeconomic and demographic).

-Identify overachievers – what are they doing differently in healthcare?

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#### **Results:**

Our algorithms predict very well life expectancy at birth in Brazil.

But there are a few *overachievers* and *underachievers*.

-What are they doing differently?

- Overachievers invest more in primary care.

- Underachievers invest more in secondary healthcare.

# Current studies in my lab:

- Mortality prediction for patients with yellow fever.
- PTSD prediction after a natural disaster.
- Gestational age prediction.
- Prediction of adverse results in medical exams.
- Cognitive decline prediction for elderly patients.
- Hotspots of anomalous cancer incidences in Brazil.

# Center For Artificial Intelligence (C<sup>4</sup>AI)

World-class center on AI (largest in Brazil) at the University of São Paulo (USP).

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Three main áreas:

- Oil and gas
- Agribusiness
- Health

Headquarters: InovaUSP







# Thank you!

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