

# Advances in NLP for Clinical Documentation Improvement

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# Learning Objectives

At the completion of this program, the learner will be able to:

- describe the steps taken by an NLP processor to identify medical concepts in notes from an EMR
- differentiate between structured and unstructured content in an EMR, and identify the major coding systems that can be used to structure and standardize medical information
- assess the limitations of the information content and organization in their own organization's medical records
- formulate the potential benefits and limitations in applying NLP to the specific EMR-based challenges in their organization

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## *Five Things to Know about Jon...*



Jon Elion, M.D., FACC

- 1. Medical Computing:** Since 1969
- 2. Clinical:** Duke-trained cardiologist
- 3. Academic:** Clinical Associate Professor at Brown
- 4. Administration:** Hospital Boards, Foundation and Finance Committees
- 5. Commercial:** Medical software since 1994. Now Chief Innovation Officer of ChartWise Medical Systems (Computer-Assisted Clinical Documentation Improvement)



# My First Experiments with NLP

- Implemented Apache's cTAKES (clinical **T**ext **A**nalysis **K**nowledge **E**xtraction **S**ystem) NLP engine
- Input the note *"The patient has shortness of breath"*
- The system concluded that:
  - ✓ The patient had shortness (i.e., was "vertically challenged")
  - ✓ The patient was breathing
- The problem: The system had not been trained with a medical vocabulary to know that "shortness of breath" was a single term, aka "dyspnea"

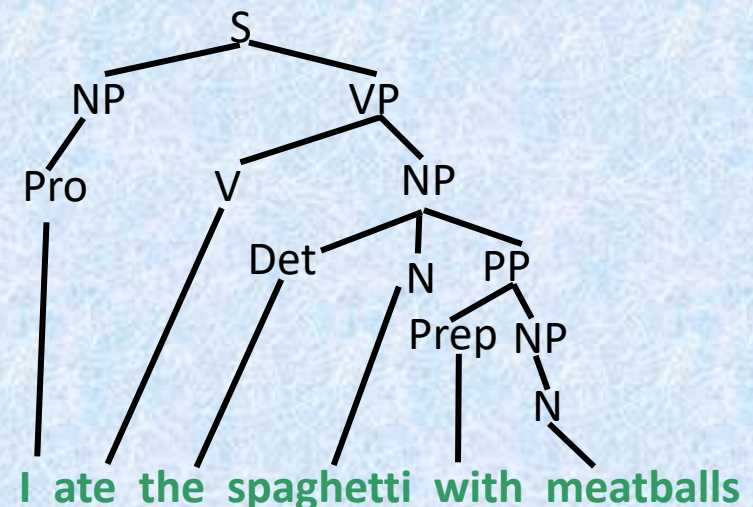
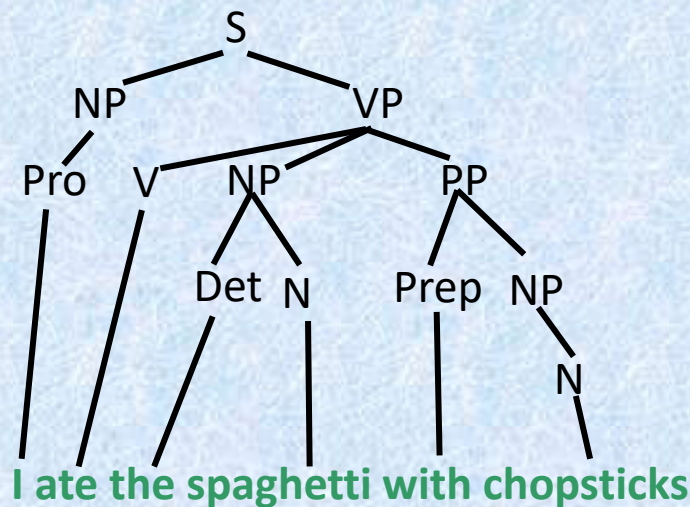
# Google's Cloud Natural Language

✓ Dependency   ✓ Parse Label   ✓ Part of Speech   ✓ Lemma   ✓ Morphology

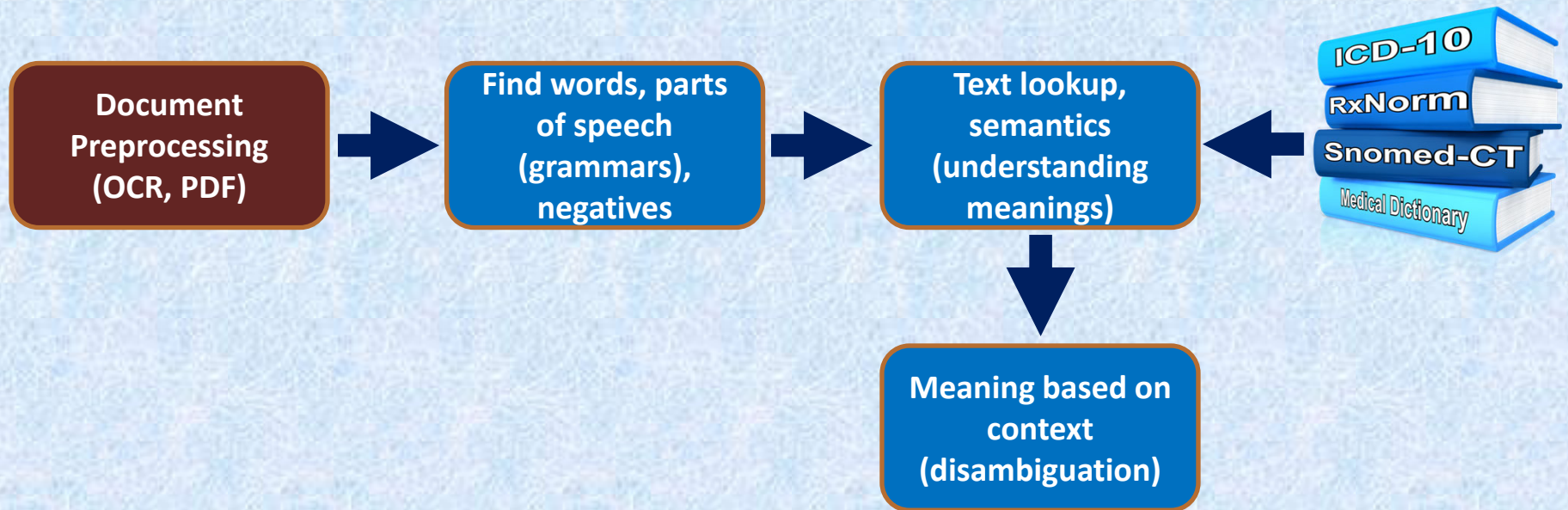
det	nsubj	root	dobj	prep	pobj	p
The	patient	has	shortness	of	breath	.
DET	NOUN	VERB	NOUN	ADP	NOUN	PUNCT
	number=SINGULAR	mood=INDICATIVE number=SINGULAR person=THIRD tense=PRESENT	number=SINGULAR		number=SINGULAR	

# What is Natural Language Processing?

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a way for computers to analyze, understand, and derive meaning from human language in a smart and useful way.



# Typical Components of Medical NLP





# FYI: Disambiguation

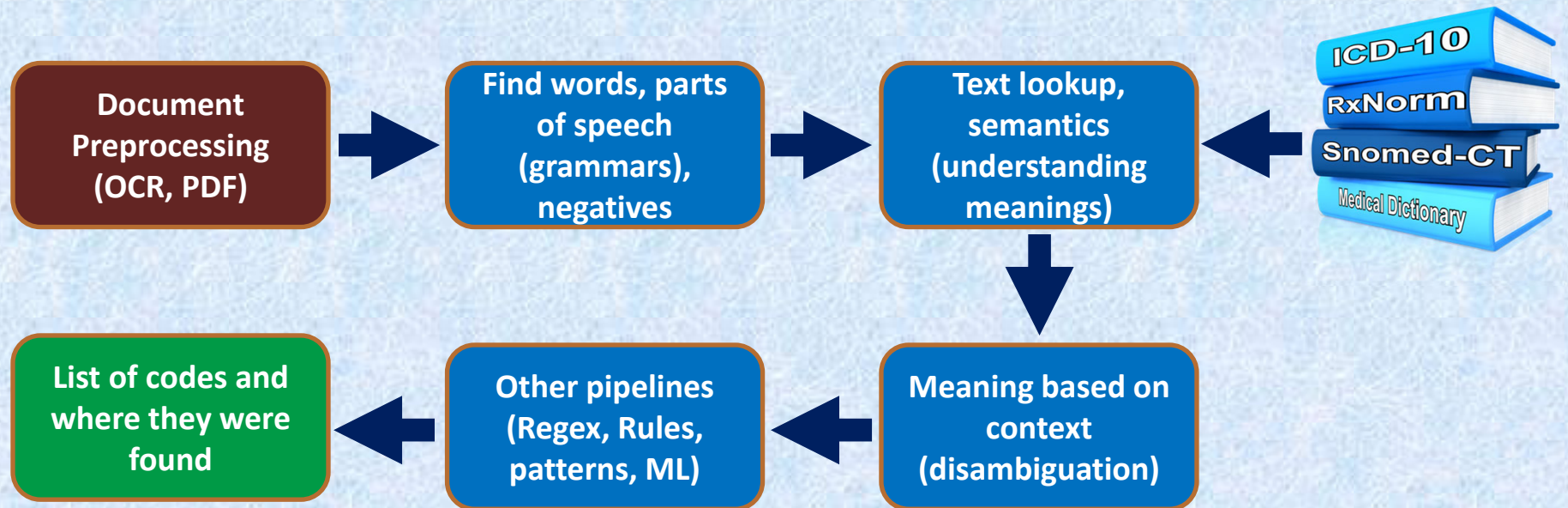
The meaning of “Glucose” depends on the context:

- Test (Glucose Tolerance Test)
- Procedure (Glucose finger stick)
- Test equipment (glucose meter)
- Ingredient (for example in IV infusions)
- Lab finding (from a variety of sites)
- Diagnosis (many)

# FYI: Disambiguation

- The meaning of “Acute Kidney Injury” is different in a motor vehicle accident than it is in a Nephrology Consult
- “LTG” might mean “**L**ong-**T**erm **G**oals” in a Physical Therapy note, but “**L**ow **T**ension **G**laucoma” in an Ophthalmology note
- Word-Sense Disambiguation:
  - Paul McCartney likes sea bass
  - Paul McCartney wrote the song’s bass line
  - Paul McCartney plays the bass guitar

# Typical Components of Medical NLP



# FYI: Acronyms Galore

- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- Natural Language Understanding (NLU)
- Clinical Language Understanding (CLU)
- Language Understanding Intelligent Services (LUIS)
- Google Cloud AutoML Natural Language
- Computer-Assisted Coding (CAC)

# FYI: Code Sets Used for Medical Notes

## For Computer-Assisted Coding (CAC):

- **ICD10-CM:** ICD10 Clinical Modifications (Diagnoses)
- **ICD10-PCS:** ICD10 Procedure Codes

## For Complete Set of Clinical Findings:

- **SNOMED:** Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine: Symptoms, physical exam, labs, image results, meds, diagnoses, procedures
- **RxNorm:** A normalized naming system for drugs
- **LOINC:** Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (observations, lab and imaging results)

# Putting “Medical NLP” to Work

- Signs – Physical Exam Findings (SNOMED)
- Patient Symptoms (SNOMED)
- Medications and dosages (RxNorm, SNOMED)
- Lab and imaging results (LOINC, SNOMED)
- Diagnoses (ICD10-CM, SNOMED)
- Procedures (ICD10-PCS, SNOMED)

# Common Medical Terminologies

- **SNOMED: Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine**
- **ICD10: International Classification of Disease (World Health organization)**
- **LOINC: Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes**
- **RxNorm: Clinical Drugs (National Library of Medicine)**
- **CPT: Current Procedural Terminology (American Medical Association)**
- **HCPCS: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (CMS), extends CPT**
- **MeSH: Medical Subject Headings (National Library of Medicine)**
- **MedDRA: Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities**
- **NCI: National Cancer Institute**
- **UNII: Unique Ingredient Identifier (FDA)**
- **NDDF: National Drug Data File**
- **RadLex: Radiology Lexicon**

# UMLS: One Ontology to Rule Them All



**Unified  
Medical  
Language  
System**



# UMLS English Language Terminologies (Partial)

AI/RHEUM	FDA	NANDA-I Taxonomy
Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus	FDB MedKnowledge	National Drug File
Alternative Billing Concepts	Foundational Model of Anatomy	National Uniform Claims - Health Care Provider Taxonomy
Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System	Gene Ontology	NCBI Taxonomy
Authorized Osteopathic Thesaurus	Geopolitical Entities, Names & Codes (GENC) Standard Ed. 1	NCI (multiple)
Beth Israel Problem List	Global Align. of Immun.Safety Assessment in Pregnancy	NCPDP Terminology
BioCarta online maps of molecular pathways, adapted for NCI	Glossary of Clinical Epidemiologic Terms	Neuronames Brain Hierarchy
Biomedical Research Integrated Domain Group Model	Gold Standard Drug Database	NICHD Terminology
Cancer Research Center of Hawaii Nutrition Terminology	HCPCS - Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System	Nursing Interventions Classification
Cancer Therapy Eval Program - Simple Disease Classification	HL7	Nursing Outcomes Classification
CDISC Terminology	HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee	Omaha System
CDT	Human Phenotype Ontology	Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man
Chemical Biology and Drug Development Vocabulary	ICD-10 Procedure Coding System	Patient Care Data Set
Clinical Care Classification	ICPC	Perioperative Nursing Data Set
Clinical Classifications Software	ICPC2E	Pharmacy Practice Activity Classification
Clinical Concepts by R A Miller	International Classification for Nursing Practice	Physician Data Query
Clinical Problem Statements	International Classification of Functioning, Disability & Health	Prostate Imaging Reporting and Data System Terms
Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium	International Classification of Primary Care, 2nd Edition	Psychological Index Terms
Clinical Trials Reporting Program Terms	International Conference on Harmonization Terms	Quick Medical Reference
Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events 5.0	International Neonatal Consortium	Read Codes
Congenital Mental Retardation Syndromes	Jackson Laboratories Mouse Terminology, adapted for NCI	Registry Nomenclature Information System
Consumer Health Vocabulary	KEGG Pathway Database Terms	RXNORM
Content Archive Resource Exchange Lexicon	Library of Congress Subject Headings	SNOMED CT
COSTAR	LOINC	Source of Payment Typology
COSTART	Manufacturers of Vaccines	Standard Product Nomenclature
CPT - Current Procedural Terminology	MEDCIN	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Terms
CRISP Thesaurus	MedDRA	UltraSTAR
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Ed	Medical Entities Dictionary	UMDNS
Digital Anatomist	Medication Reference Terminology	Unified Code for Units of Measure
DICOM Digital Imaging Communications in Medicine Terms	MedlinePlus Health Topics	USP Compendial Nomenclature
Diseases Database	MeSH	USP Model Guidelines
DrugBank	Metathesaurus CMS Formulary Reference File	Vaccines Administered
DXplain	Micromedex	WHOART
European Dir. for Quality of Medicines & Healthcare Terms	Multum	Zebrafish Model Organism Database Terms

# FYI: Lexicon vs. Taxonomy vs. Ontology

- **Lexicon** is the vocabulary of a branch of knowledge (like Radiology's RadLex)
- **Taxonomy** is usually only a hierarchy of concepts (i.e. the only relation is parent/child). It prescribes structure and terminology (ICD10 is a taxonomy)
- **Ontology** (like UMLS) identifies and distinguishes concepts and their relationships (*X is\_married\_to Y; or A contains B; or C is\_ingredient\_in D, etc.*)

# FYI: Pre-Coordinated vs. Post-Coordinated

## Pre-Coordinated:

- RxNorm #200809 Furosemide 40 MG Oral Tablet [Lasix]

## Post-Coordinated (all terms are needed):

- Ingredient: Furosemide
- Dosage Form: Oral Tablet
- Dose: 40
- Unit of measure: milligrams



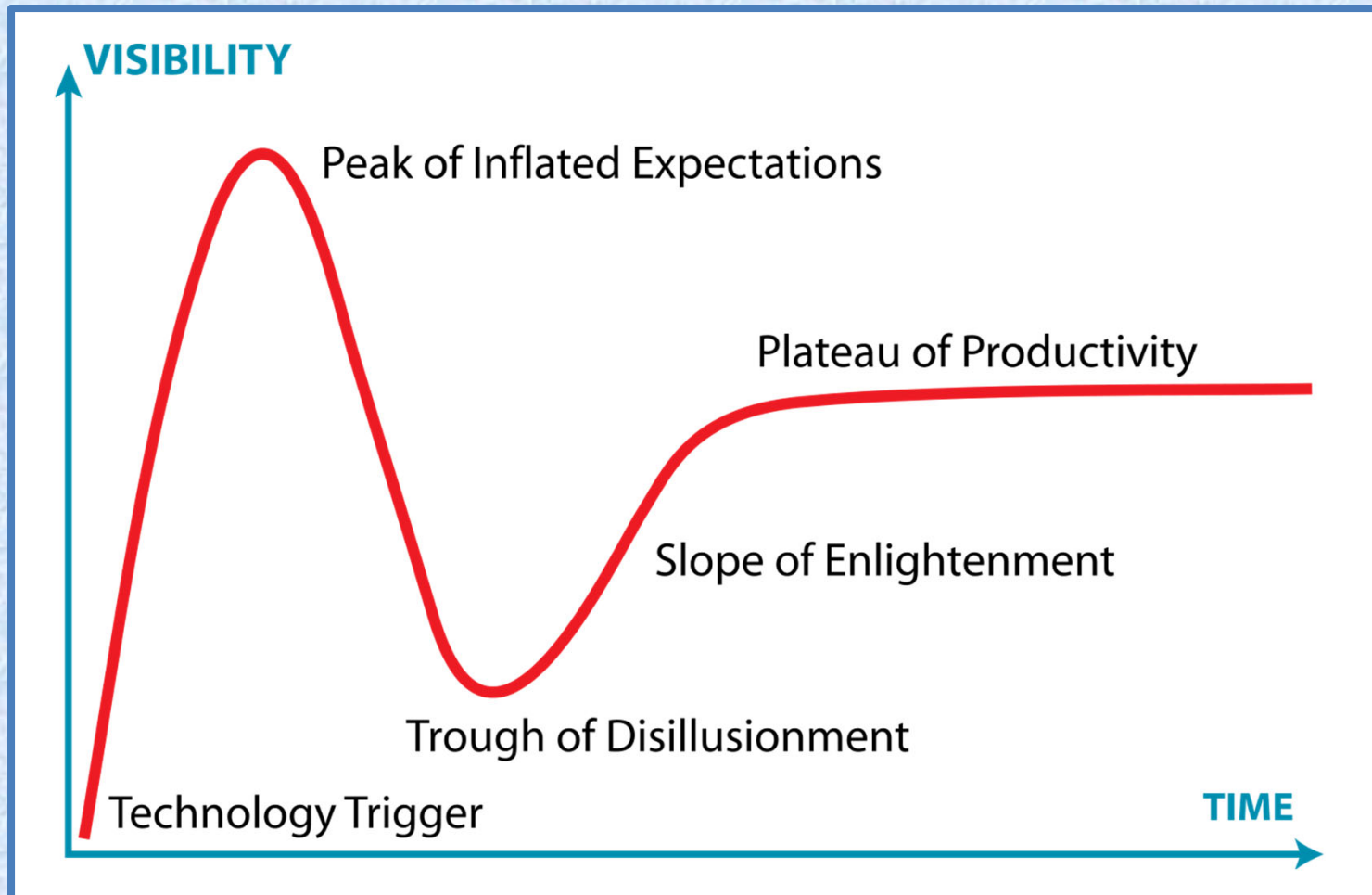


# Implementing NLP

- You *always* need a workflow that reviews the codes found (and, verifies, adds, deletes changes them)
- Identify all the sources and formats of all textual clinical data (more than just the EMR!)
- Work with Medical Informatics (“Terminologist,” either vendor-based or in-house) to improve the NLP results
- Study the timeliness of the results that is needed, and design information flows to meet these goals



# Emerging Technologies: Gartner Hype Cycle





# Over-Inflated Expectations?

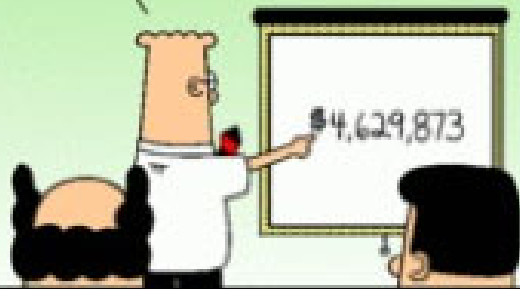
A healthcare/data news site made the following claims about NLP:

- helps doctors spend more time with patients
- extracts and interprets data accurately
- increases patient awareness and involvement
- helps to deliver evidence-based care
- improves care coordination
- helps staff collect all critical data quickly and accurately
- spots errors in documentation and makes suggestions
- increases revenues

# FYI: Accuracy and Precision

- **Precision:** the percentage of the codes the system picks up that are correct versus incorrect
- **Accuracy:** the percentage of findings that the NLP system automatically finds versus how many it was “supposed” to find. Human review is considered the gold (albeit tarnished) standard

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY  
ACCURATE NUMBERS  
SO I JUST MADE UP  
THIS ONE.



STUDIES HAVE SHOWN  
THAT ACCURATE  
NUMBERS AREN'T ANY  
MORE USEFUL THAN THE  
ONES YOU MAKE UP.



HOW  
MANY  
STUDIES  
SHOWED  
THAT?

EIGHTY-  
SEVEN.



# Limitations of NLP

- NLP is a tool, not a solution
- NLP is not perfect – you *always* need a workflow that reviews the codes found
- NLP is strongest when fine-tuned to a narrow focus
- Finding and connecting to all sources of clinical data can be time-consuming and complex
- End-users (such as production coders) may get easily frustrated, especially with the imperfections







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**MEDICAL RECORDS THAT GUIDE AND TEACH—WEED**

**SPECIAL ARTICLE**

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**MEDICAL RECORDS THAT GUIDE AND TEACH**

**LAWRENCE L. WEED, M.D.**

Weed, L.L. Medical Records That Guide and Teach.  
New Engl. J. Med, 278:593-600 and 652-657, 1968

# Problem-Oriented Medical Record (POMR)

- Dr. Lawrence Weed pioneered the Problem-Oriented Medical Record, forever changing the way physicians wrote and used medical documentation.
- In his landmark 1968 essay in the New England Journal of Medicine, he wrote:

*At present the physician has to read the entire record ... and then sort the data in his mind if he is to know all the patient's difficulties and the extent to which each has been analyzed ... He and others using the record lose their way, and problems get neglected, missed entirely or treated out of context...*



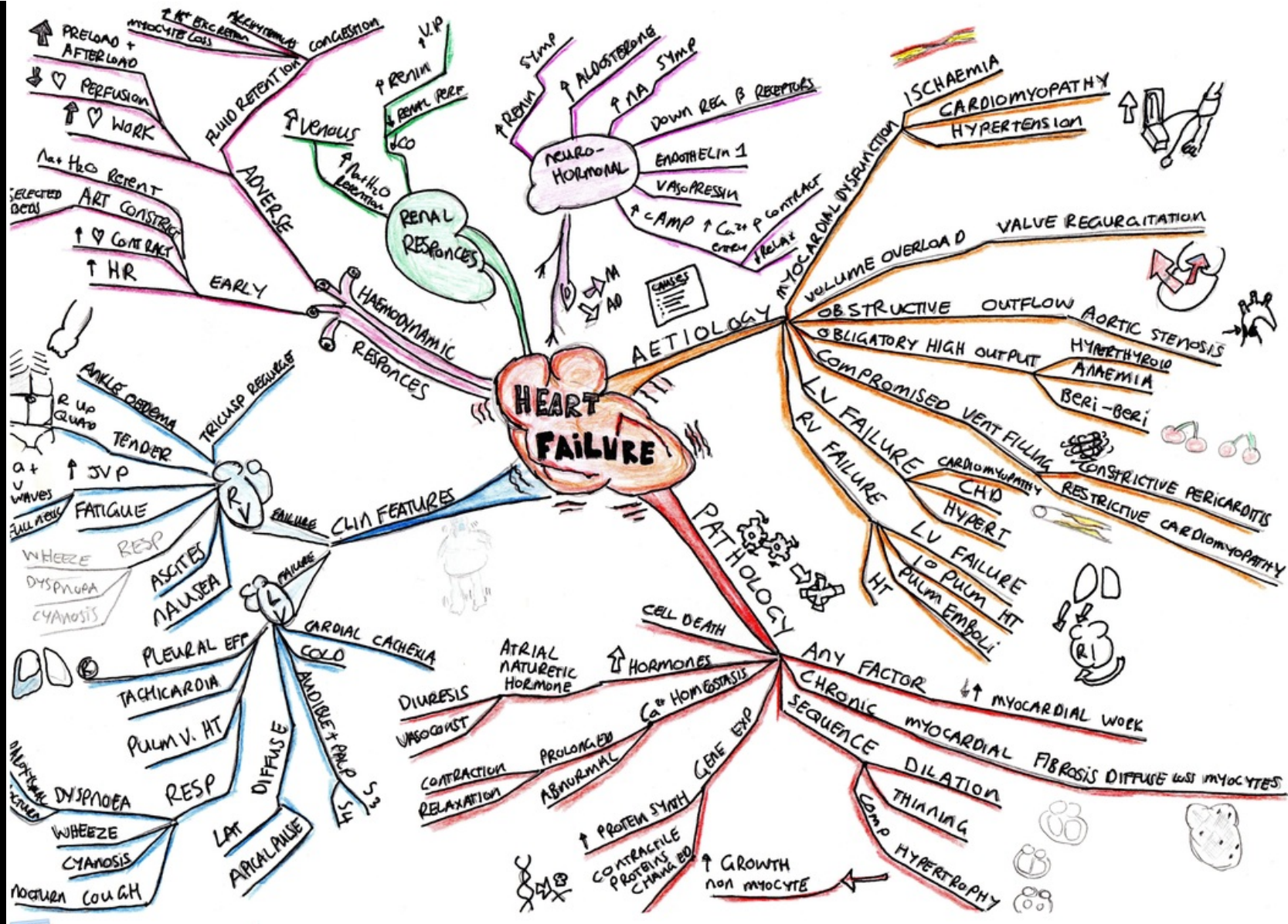
# Problem-Oriented Medical Record (POMR)

*At present no system is available whereby a medical teacher or member of an accrediting agency can take a patient's record at random, select one of the patient's problems, see all the data pertinent to that problem in sequence and immediately ascertain whether current medical standards are being applied.*

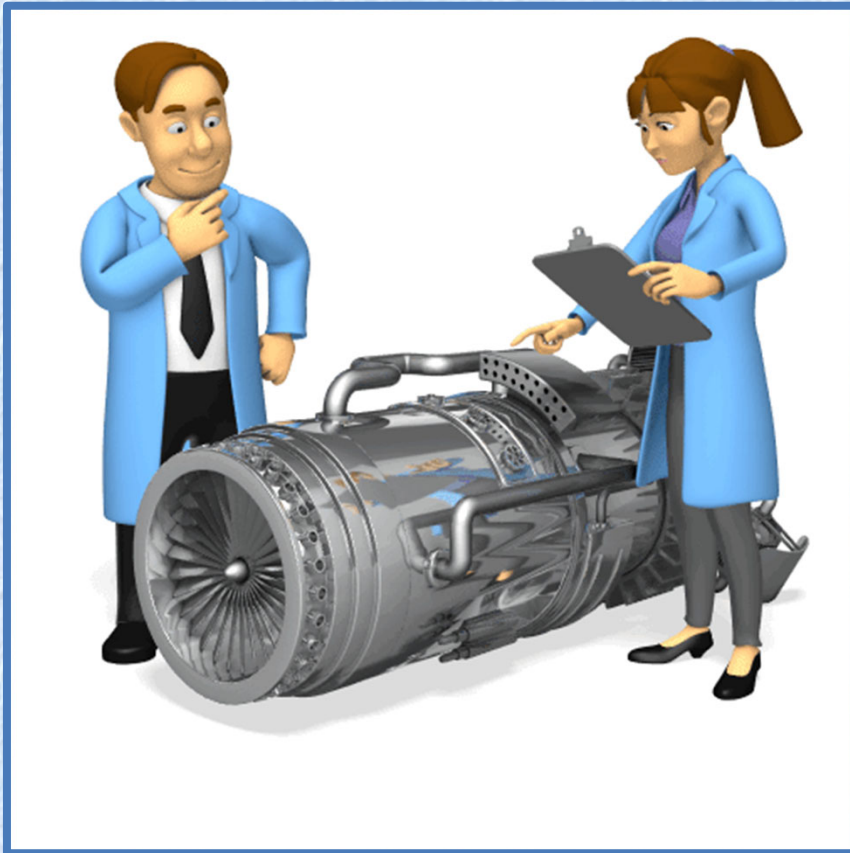
***It took over 50 years to get there, but...***

# Topic-Oriented Navigation: The Problem

- “Note Bloat” has made it difficult for clinicians and others to do a true problem-oriented chart review
- Reviewing NLP (and CAC) findings can be burdensome
- CDI staff and other chart reviewers have massive amounts of information to sift through
- Denials based on “Clinical Validation” are on the rise
- Coders are challenged to find the evidence to support codes



# Engine Parts: Topics, Concepts & Findings



The basic NLP “engine” needs to be super-charged with:

- ✓ Findings
- ✓ Concepts
- ✓ Topics

# Topics, Concepts and Findings

**Findings:** The coded equivalent of text strings that describe signs, symptoms, lab and imaging results, medications, diagnoses and procedures. Examples:

- Acute Myocardial Infarction, unspecified (ICD10-CM I21.9)
- Pressure ulcer of right lower back stage 3 (ICD10-CM L89.133)
- Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea (SNOMED 55442000)
- Furosemide 40 MG Oral Tablet [Lasix] (RxNorm 200809)
- **Serum sodium level normal (SNOMED 166692000)**
- **Sodium [Moles/volume] in Serum or Plasma (LOINC 2951-2)**

# Topics, Concepts and Findings

**Concepts:** A collection of Findings that all pertain to a specific medical concept describing signs, symptoms, lab and imaging results, medications, diagnoses and procedures. For example, the concept EDEMA could include:

- ✓ Anasarca (SNOMED 442433009)
- ✓ Peripheral edema (SNOMED 271809000)
- ✓ Ankle edema (SNOMED 26237000)
- ✓ Pitting edema (SNOMED 284521000)
- ✓ No edema present (SNOMED 161980004)
- ✓ Edema, generalized (SNOMED 271808008)
- ✓ 2+ pitting edema (SNOMED 421605005 )

# Concept for the Diagnosis of CHF

- I11.0 Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
- I13.0 Hypertensive heart & chronic kidney disease with heart failure & stage 1-4 CKD
- I13.2 Hypertensive heart & chronic kidney disease with heart failure & stage 5 CKD or ESRD
- I50.9 Heart failure, unspecified
- I50.20 Unspecified systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.21 Acute systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.22 Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.23 Acute on chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.30 Unspecified diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.31 Acute diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.32 Chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.33 Acute on chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.40 Unspecified combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.41 Acute combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.42 Chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.43 Acute on chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure

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**ON  
BEYOND  
ZEBRA!**

**By Dr. Seuss....**

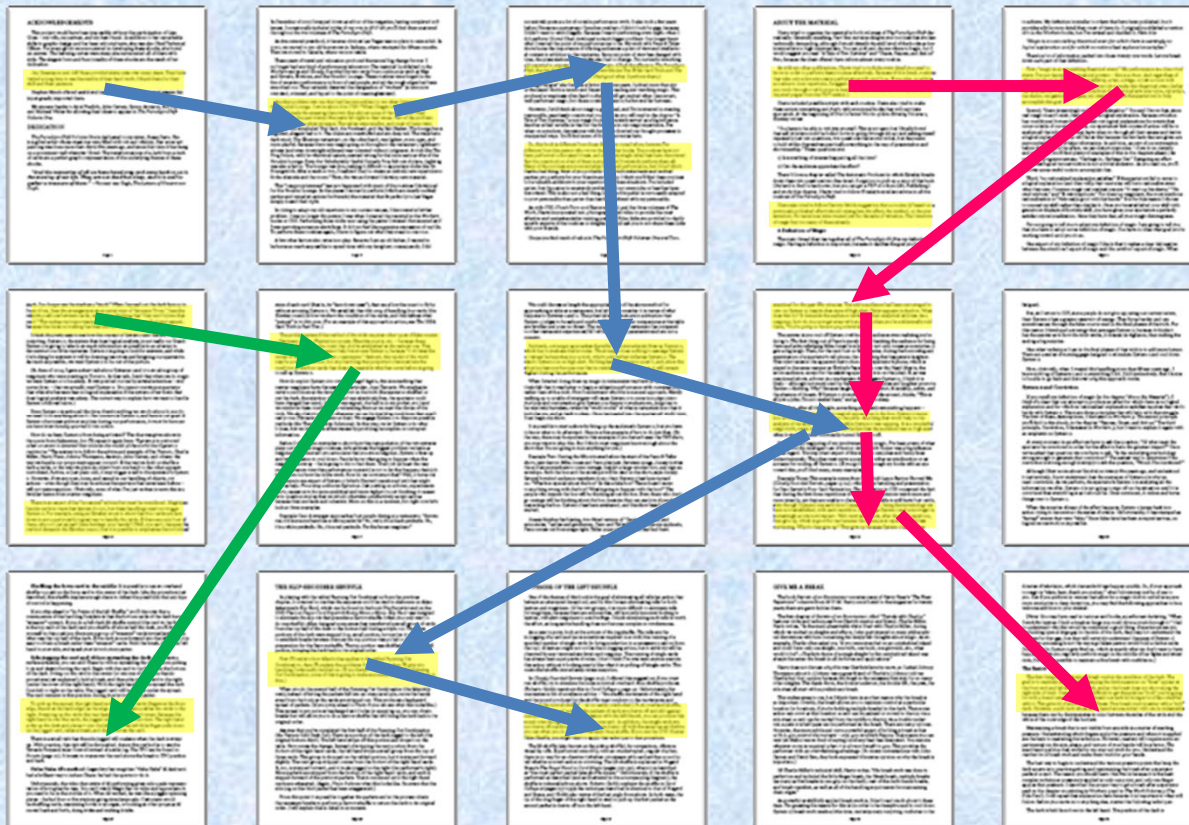


# Topics, Concepts and Findings

**Topics:** A collection concepts that together describe a clinical Topic or Problem. For example, the topic CHF might include these Concepts:

- ✓ Chest x-ray
- ✓ Actual diagnosis of Congestive Heart Failure
- ✓ Blood Markers (BNP, pro-BNP, Galectin-3)
- ✓ Diuretics
- ✓ Dyspnea (paroxysmal nocturnal, on exertion or orthopnea)
- ✓ Edema and Ascites
- ✓ Ejection Fraction
- ✓ Neck veins and Jugular Venous Distension
- ✓ Rales

# Topic-Oriented Navigation



- All Clinical notes analyzed by advanced NLP
- Findings identified (“Note Points”): signs, symptoms, labs, meds, diagnoses, procedures.
- A Path is a sequence of Note Points that navigate through a Topic, Concept or Finding
- Each Topic, Concept and Finding has its own Path

# FYI: Concept: Diuretics

RxNorm 1006894 Hydrochlorothiazide / Sotalol

RxNorm 1006959 dehydrosanol / Triamterene

RxNorm 1006960 Mefruside / Reserpine

RxNorm 1006994 piretanide / Ramipril

RxNorm 1007001 Mefruside / Nifedipine

RxNorm 1007003 Acebutolol / Mefruside

RxNorm 1007010 Methyclothiazide / Triamterene

RxNorm 1007083 Diltiazem / Hydrochlorothiazide

RxNorm 1007225 Triamterene / Xipamide

RxNorm 1007236 cyclothiazide / Triamterene

RxNorm 1007340 Chlorthalidone / Metoprolol

RxNorm 1007360 Hydrochlorothiazide / Pindolol

RxNorm 1007699 Clopamide / Reserpine

RxNorm 1007929 Hydrochlorothiazide / Triamterene / Verapamil

RxNorm 1008043 conivaptan / Glucose...

# Topic: Congestive Heart Failure

- Congestive Heart Failure
- Diuretics
- Orthopnea
- Nocturnal Dyspnea
- Shortness of breath
- Dyspnea on exertion
- Fatigue
- Ascites
- Anasarca
- Pitting edema
- Jugular veins
- Elevated BNP
- Inputs and Outputs
- Daily weights
- ECG
- Holter monitor
- Stress test
- Cardiac catheterization
- Cardiac angiography
- Cardiac MRI
- Low-salt diet
- Restricted fluid intake
- ACE
- aldosterone antagonists
- ARB
- beta blockers
- digoxin
- isosorbide dinitrate
- hydralazine
- AICD
- CRT
- LVAD
- Dialysis
- Peripheral edema
- Pulmonary râles
- BNP
- BUN
- Creatinine
- Galectin-3, ST2
- Serum potassium
- Serum sodium
- Electrocardiogram
- Chest x-ray
- Echocardiogram
- Ejection fraction

[Previous](#)[Next](#)[Report](#)RecordID: Date:  By Topic  By Concept  By Finding

NEURO: Pt opens eyes to voice/stimuli and follows simple commands. +MAE noted. Cough/gag intact. +PERRLA noted. Pt medicated with ativan 1 mg x2 for anxiety with +effect.

CV: Monitor shows AF with occ pvc noted. Remains on lopressor, captopril and NTP. No c/o CP or discomfort. Remains on Heparin gtt...<sup>2145</sup> PTT ^ and gtt off x1hr and resumed @ 500 unit/hr. 0400 lab work sent and pending (will adjust gtt if needed). CVP 15-20. Weak palpable pulses bilat.

RESP: LS initially with diffuse wheezes throughout, now with bibasilar crackles. Sxn for sm amts thick white secretions via ett and scant amts clear oral secretions. Returned to previous a/c settings to rest pt overnight. Plan for RSBI and SBT this am. ? to extubate this am.

GI: Abd soft and distended. +bs noted. +flatus. No stools this shift. Remains npo x meds. +NGT auscultation and bilious aspirates noted.

GU: Foley intact and patent draining pink-tinged/amber colored urine. Pink pad with sm leakage, however foley had been changed twice previous day (did not attempt 20 fr catheter <sup>2-17</sup> hematuria and ^PTT...will continue to monitor and replace once levels therapeutic).

SKIN: D+1 with no open areas noted.

HEME: Hct from last evening 30...am labs pending.

ENDO: Remains on fingersticks Q6hr with RISS coverage.

I-D: Afebrile. Remains on levofloxacin.

ACCESS: L radial aline with good waveform analysis, +csm and correlates with NIBP. R IJ TLC with sm amt old staining on dsq.

PSY-SOC: Dtr in to visit last evening and updated on status and plan of care. Pt remains full code on micu service.

NotePath: NotePoint: Code:

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Report

RecordID: 48758

Date: Dec 31, 2017

By Topic

**By Concept**

By Finding

Date of Birth: [\*\*2075-3-13\*\*] Sex: F

Service: MEDICINE

Allergies:

Altace

Attending:[\*\*First Name3 (LF) 689\*\*]

Chief Complaint: shortness of breath increased angina

Major Surgical or Invasive Procedure: central line placement

History of Present Illness:

Ms. [\*\*Known lastname \*\*] is a 74 year-old woman with a history of CAD s/p CABG in 10/84 with redo in 11/84, stent to left subclavian in [\*\*6-17\*\*] and repeat dx cath without intervention in [\*\*10-18\*\*], EF of 35% on echo in [\*\*2145\*\*], atrial fibrillation diagnosed in [\*\*2146\*\*] managed with rate control and anti-coagulation, hypertension, lipids and asthma/possible COPD (no PFT's noted in record/no smoking history) admitted now with SOB/unstable angina. The patient's current symptomatology began last friday [\*\*12-12\*\*] when she developed URI symptoms including nasal congestion and cough. Since then she has noted increased dyspnea, increased episodes of her anginal pain including at rest and cough productive of yellow/celery colored sputum. Dyspnea has increased to point where she has trouble with stairs now where recently she has not. Has dry cough at baseline attributed to Mavik, but her current cough is different. Has also had

Electrocardiogram and Holter Monitor

Weight (for following CHF)

Echocardiogram

Urine output

Rales

**PND, Orthopnea and DOE**

Edema and Ascites

Ejection Fraction

NotePath: Concept: Dyspnea

NotePoint: 5/7

Code: SNOMED 267036007

[Previous](#)[Next](#)[Report](#)RecordID: Date:  By Topic By Concept By Finding

nursing prog note events: pt's resp status worsening throughout night, breathing increasingly labored with bipap mask, **accessory muscle use** evident, abg's revealed worsening resp acidosis. pt electively intubated at 0215, placed on ac mode ventilation at that time. abg's followed, changes made to volumes, rate. at present acidosis improved, will continue to monitor closely.

neuro: alert, oriented x3 prior to intubation, moving x4. following commands. sedated with propofol drip, at present with very low rate d/t hypotension issues. opens eyes to voice, moving x4, very aware of ett, gag strong, cough fair. intermittently follows commands.

resp: #7.5 ett in place, 21/lip. ac mode ventilation, 40% 450x18, peep 5. overbreathing vent only with turning, stimulation. at rest, no spont. breaths noted. ls with exp wheezing to all fields, although improved from pre intubation. abg's improved over course of night, see flowsheet for trends. o2 sats 99-100%.

cv: initially tachycardic 100-120s, bp stable. lopressor iv started, rate improved, bp down to 100-110 syst. after intubation, pt became hypotensive initially, resolving with fluid bolus x2. when propofol drip started, bp cont to drop, at lowest 80s syst. micu team aware, 2 additional fluid boluses given with good results. at present bp 100-110 syst (pt baseline). hr improved as well, goal rate 90s. pt in afib, some ectope occas in form of pvc's. ppp bilat, weakly. feet warm. lytes wnl, no repletion needed. heparin drip stopped at 2400 d/t ptt 150. coags followed overnight, decision made to d/c heparin altogether at this time. inr >4.0 overnight. coumadin on hold.

gi/gu: foley cath replaced by prior **[\*\*Name8 (MD) \*\*]** rn d/t leaking. current catheter continues to leak. irrigated w/ 50cc NS with no evidence of clots. hematuria evident. note

Skin appearance normal

In care

Nickel

Prednisone

Heparin

Finding of albumin level

Bronchodilator

**Accessory respiratory muscles used**

Aortic bifurcation bypass graft

Acidosis

Ventilation, function

Oriented to person, time and place

Intubation

Sedated

Propofol

Low blood pressure

Cough

Hyperventilation

Oxygen measurement

Tachycardia

Lopressor

NotePath: NotePoint: Code:

# Clinical Validation Sample Report

## Clinical Validation: Congestive Heart Failure

### Evidence related to: PND, Orthopnea and DOE

#### Dyspnea (SNOMED 267036007) in note on Dec 21, 2017

...sent. She is on PSV of [\*\*5-21\*\*]% however, she may require increased support due to c/o subjective SOB...

#### Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea (SNOMED 55442000) in note on Dec 21, 2017

...n Gtt was stopped. Was kept on PS-5 and Peep-5, 40% with VT's 380-460, O2 sats 96-98%, RR-14-22 ABG PND. L/S clear to crackles @ bases. No swelling noted in mouth or tonque. ETT has + air leak. Swelling ...

#### Dyspnea (SNOMED 267036007) in note on Dec 23, 2017

...1530: 7.43/56/230. O2 flow turned down from 8L to 6L. LS remain clear. Pt. denies resp. distress or SOB. Sats 98-100%, rr 17-20. CV: HR 100s-120s, AF during and after extubation. Medicated with Lopressor...

#### Dyspnea (SNOMED 267036007) in note on Dec 31, 2017

...x: F Service: MEDICINE Allergies: Altace Attending:[\*\*First Name3 (LF) 689\*\*] Chief Complaint: shortness of breath, increased angina Major Surgical or Invasive Procedure: central line placement History of Presen...

#### Dyspnea (SNOMED 267036007) in note on Dec 31, 2017

...she developed URI symptoms including nasal congestion and cough. Since then she has noted increased dyspnea, increased episodes of her anginal pain including at rest and cough productive of yellow/celery col...

#### Dyspnea (SNOMED 267036007) in note on Dec 31, 2017

...ove, history of CHF, depressed EF, hypertension, afib astham/COPD who presents now with increasing SOB and anginal episodes after URI last Friday. Cardiovascular: a)ischemia: Congestive heart failure...

## Evidence related to: Electrocardiogram and Holter Monitor

### Nonspecific ST-T abnormality on electrocardiogram (SNOMED 428750005) in note on Dec 17, 2017

...Atrial fibrillation Left axis deviation - left anterior fascicular block Septal and lateral ST-T wave changes - cannot exclude ischemia Since last ECG, T wave inversion in leads I,aVL has pronounced ...

### Nonspecific ST-T abnormality on electrocardiogram (SNOMED 428750005) in note on Dec 18, 2017

...Atrial fibrillation Left axis deviation - possible left anterior fascicular block Nonspecific ST-T wave changes Since pervious tracing, no significant change ...

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### Electrocardiogram unchanged compared to prior study (SNOMED 142018005) in note on Dec 19, 2017

... CV: HR 90-120 NSR/NST. RECEIVED 10MG IV LOPRESSOR W/ LITTLE EFFECT. STABLE BP, HTN WHEN BIPAP OFF. EKG UNCHANGED. RESP: PLACED ON BIPAP ON ARRIVAL W/ PS 10, SPEEP AND 40% FIO2. CONT IN RESP DISTRESS W/ DIFFUSE F...

### Nonspecific ST-T abnormality on electrocardiogram (SNOMED 428750005) in note on Dec 28, 2017

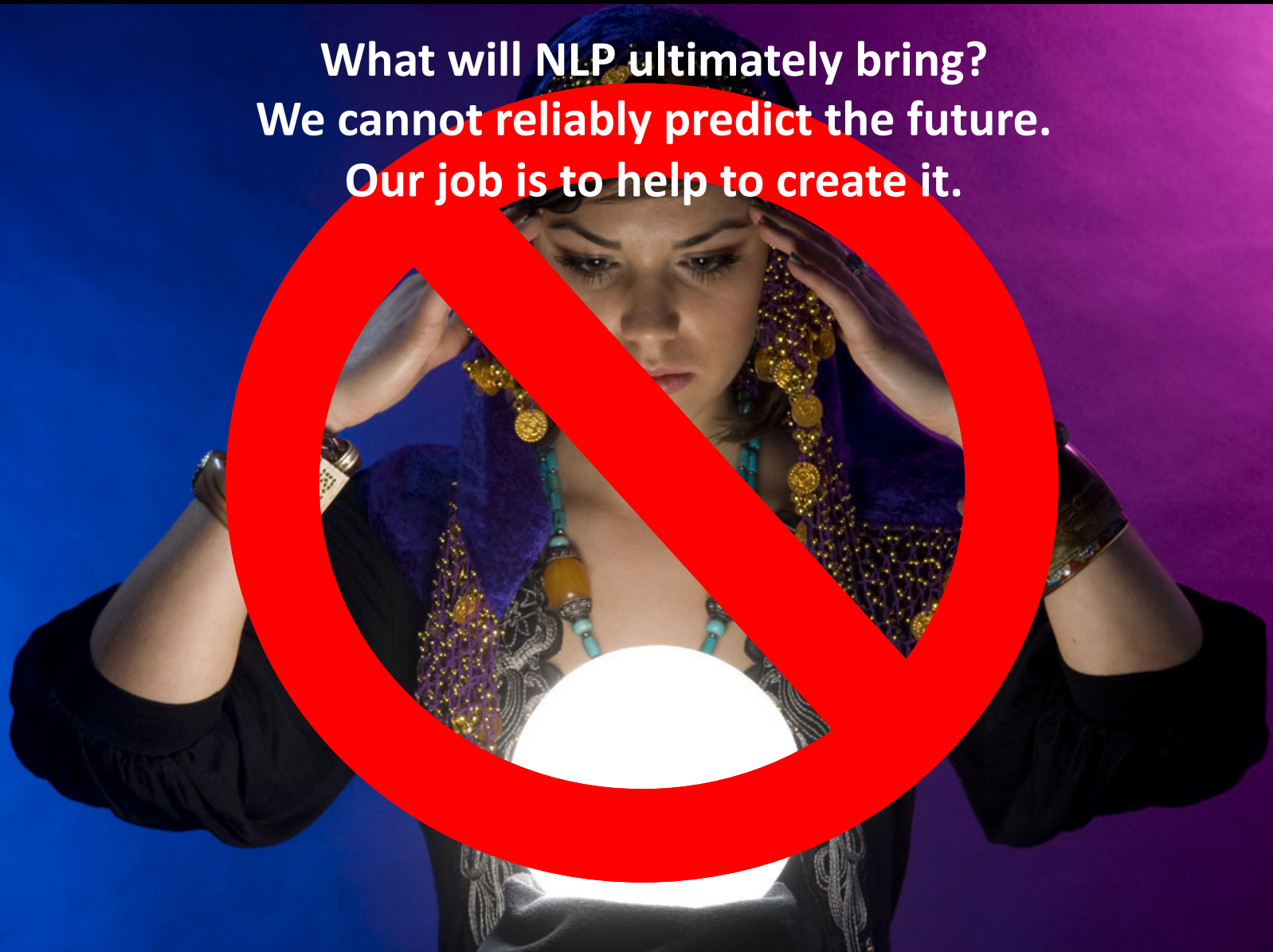
...I fibrillation. Left axis deviation - probable left anterior fascicular block. Diffuse non-specific ST-T wave abnormalities. Clinical correlation is suggested. Since the previous tracing of [\*\*2149-12-24\*\*] ventricular ect...



# Topic-Based Navigation: Benefits

- **Clinicians:** True problem-oriented chart review
- **Clinical Documentation Specialists:** Identify query opportunities:
  - ✓ Note Paths that don't include a provider
  - ✓ Path with Note Points in the previous year but not yet this year
  - ✓ Note Points corresponding to a Clinical Indicator in Query Library
  - ✓ Low "Clinical Validation Score" for Principal Diagnosis
- **Revenue Cycle and Denials Management:**
  - ✓ Identify the supporting data needed to challenge denials

**What will NLP ultimately bring?  
We cannot reliably predict the future.  
Our job is to help to create it.**



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