

# Advancing Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: The Temerty Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research and Education in Medicine (T-CAIREM)

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# Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: The Canadian Landscape

## Data Assets



## Collaboration



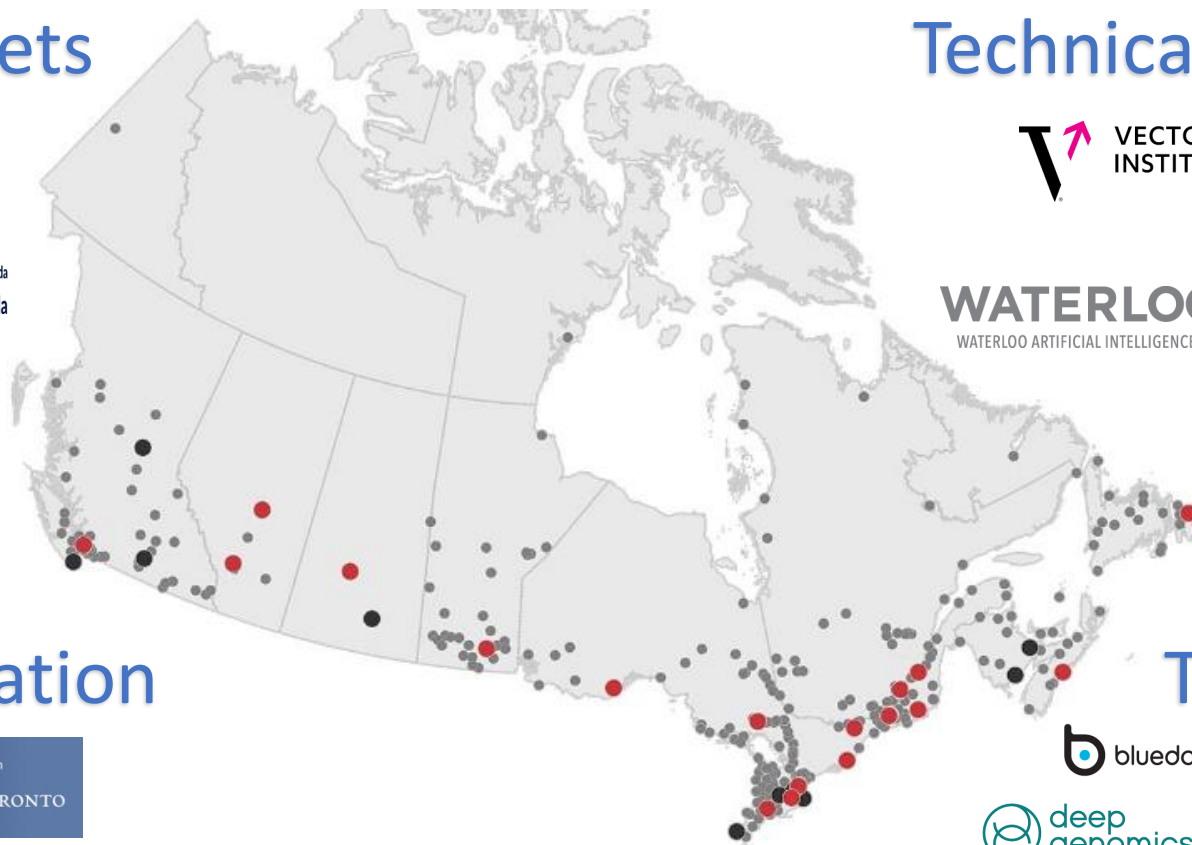
## Technical Expertise



## Translation



**SIGNAL 1**



## AI can predict

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY

# Artificial intelligence helps predict health

Study by UAlberta researchers uses machine learning to identify schizophrenia from brain scans  
Andrew Lyle - 28 January 2019

The boundaries of artificial intelligence techniques are continually being advanced to improve our ability to interpret complex medical imaging results and diagnose diseases. And now, a new tool developed by University of Alberta researchers diagnoses schizophrenia from patient brain scans—a diagnosis that has historically relied on subjective data of patient experiences, rather than data from scans.

The study brought together campus expertise in two key areas: machine learning and psychiatry. Sunil Kalmady, lead author on the study and a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Alberta, explains the traditional difficulty in diagnosing this disease, and how machine learning was able to present a solution.

"Schizophrenia is characterized by constellation of symptoms that might co-occur in patients. Two individuals with the same diagnosis might still present different symptoms," said Kalmady. "This often leads to misdiagnosis. Machine learning in this case, is able to drive an evidence-based approach that looks at thousands of features in a brain scan to lead to an optimal prediction."

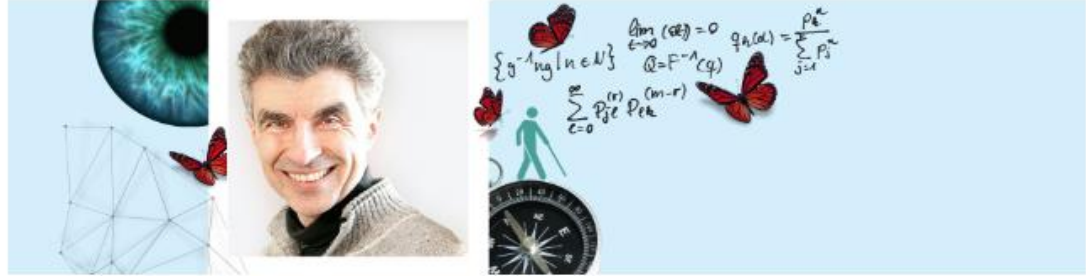
The result is EMPaSchiz (Ensemble algorithm with Multiple Parcellations for Schizophrenia prediction), a model that has been trained on scans from many patients diagnosed with schizophrenia.



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## The University of Montreal and of the world



## The University of Montréal and of artificial intelligence helping the blind

Yoshua Bengio

Intelligence is everywhere – even in everyday objects. The phenomenon is part of what we call artificial intelligence. In the near future, collaboration between Yoshua Bengio's team of researchers and HumanWare, a Drummondville company, will make it possible to design intelligent tools for the blind, based on advances in AI research here at Université de Montréal.

Simply put, artificial intelligence is a way of teaching computers to make the data they compile "speak." For blind people, a large quantity of images could be superimposed to create a sort of customized map, then converted into useful information to help them get around. Thanks to AI, it will be possible for the blind to "see" their surroundings.

Next-generation intelligent GPS devices will be able to indicate the locations of sidewalks, stoplights, buildings and the many obstacles that blind people encounter when moving about a city.



# Cancer and Mental Health

Prediction of Mental Health needs

UBC



A laparoscopic cholecystectomy surgery is shown. The main image is a dark laparoscopic view of the gallbladder, which is highlighted with a green and red overlay. The green area is at the top, and the red area is at the bottom. The background is dark, and the gallbladder is the central focus. The overlay is semi-transparent, allowing the underlying anatomy to be seen. The text 'Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

AI-guided surgery

UHN

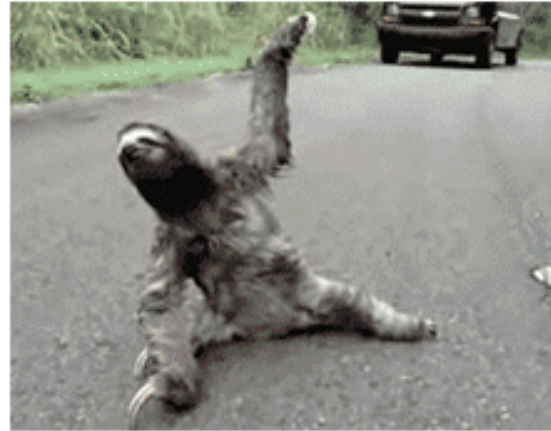


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# Translating Research Is Like Yoga...

Doing Yoga  
**Expectation:**      **Reality:**



# Research Does NOT Equal Practice

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

## Hundreds of AI tools have been built to catch covid. None of them helped.

Some have been used in hospitals, despite not being properly tested. But the pandemic could help make medical AI better.

By Will Douglas Heaven

July 30, 2021



## Our People:

**11,271** Staff

**5,773** Medical trainees and health professional learners

**1,503** Physicians

**1,195** Researchers, scientists, research staff and students

## Our Care:

**1,625,000+** Ambulatory visits each year

**172,000+** Emergency Department visits each year

**5,600+** Babies born at our sites each year

**357,000+** Inpatient visits each year

**54,341** Family Health Team patients rostered

**1,423** Total beds across our sites

AI is a Strategic Pillar



Dedicated Data Science Team



# Responsible Implementation of AI in Healthcare

## Some Considerations

Pre-  
Implementation

Bias Assessment



Ethics Assessment



Communication and  
Clinical Validation



External Validation and Explainability

Soft Launch

Silent Testing



Evaluation



Implementation  
and Post  
Implementation

Communication  
(Re-iterating Expectations)



Monitoring,  
Evaluation, and  
Maintenance





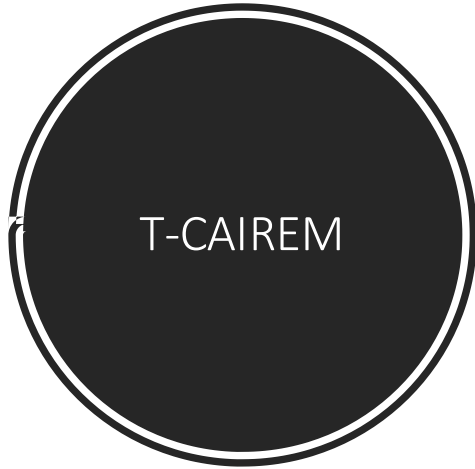
## CHARTwatch

> 20% reduction in  
unplanned mortality

# Breaking Down Silos

## The Temerty Family

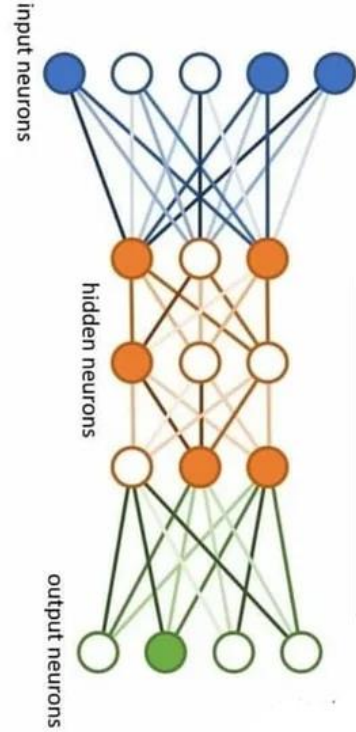




**THIS IS A NEURAL NETWORK.**

**IT MAKES MISTAKES.  
IT LEARNS FROM THEM.**

**BE LIKE A NEURAL NETWORK.**





# Background

- The Temerty Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research and Education in Medicine (T-CAIREM) at the University of Toronto
  - Supported by a generous donation from the Temerty family
  - Goal: Advance AI in medicine through multidisciplinary collaboration between relevant stakeholders such as healthcare providers, statisticians, computer scientists, engineers, and industry
- T-CAIREM: launched in October 2020
  - AI is a 'team sport' requiring multidisciplinary collaborations within and across organizations

# T-CAIREM by the Numbers

## Community



Over 1,500 members



Over 3,000 social media followers



24 Canadian university partners

## Research



Provided \$1.5M in research grants



Funded 12 research projects



More than 70 adjudicators

## Education



11 local experts and 10 international speakers



29 Trainee Rounds Presenters



73 paid internships

## Infrastructure



Over 55,000 de-identified patient health records



Over 150 users



5 public datasets

# T-CAIREM National AI in Medicine Network



- T-CAIREM is committed to growing its membership base to create mutually beneficial collaborations that lead to advancements in the study, education, and utilization of AI in medicine.
- 24 universities part of the T-CAIREM National Network
- T-CAIREM membership is now extended to faculty, researchers and students across Canadian Universities and their affiliate institutions:

<https://tcairem.utoronto.ca/join-us>

# T-CAIREM Membership

**The T-CAIREM Network  
is transforming health  
through Artificial  
Intelligence (AI)**



T-CAIREM's free membership is open to students, faculty, researchers, clinicians, and staff of more than 30 partner universities, research centres, and hospitals. Come & join us!



[tcairem.utoronto.ca/join-us](https://tcairem.utoronto.ca/join-us)

**T-CAIREM Membership = 1124**

**University of Toronto = 966**

**McGill University = 55**

**McMaster University = 23**

**University of Manitoba = 15**

**University of British Columbia = 10**

**Others = 55**

**Help us grow our  
membership across  
Canada!**



# Member of Global AI in Medicine Community



**Winner of the 2022 AIMed  
Hospital/Institution  
of the Year Award**

T-CAIREM is a member of the global Alliance of Centres of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (ACAIM) alongside:



SHARON DISNEY LUND  
Medical Intelligence, Information,  
Investigation & Innovation Institute



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FOR MACHINE LEARNING**



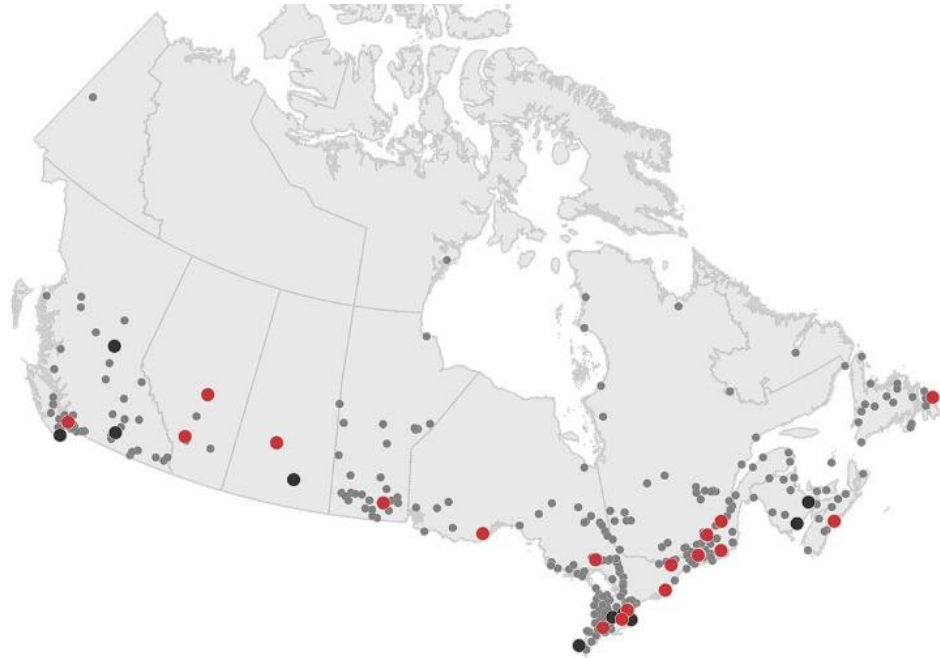
臺北醫學大學 校級人工智慧醫療研究中心  
TMU Research Center for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine



And **over 50 other AI in Medicine  
Centres** around the globe

# T-CAIREM Expansion

[www.tcairem.utoronto.ca](http://www.tcairem.utoronto.ca)



# International Partnerships



- **Co-operative research** between scholars through collaborative grants.
- **Visiting academic staff:** Speaker Series, lectures, and consultations.
- **Visiting students:**
  - Summer Research Studentships for undergraduate and professional degree students.
  - Fellowships for post-doctoral trainees.



# T-CAIREM 2024 Symposium

## **Multi-Modal Data and the Future of Health AI REGISTRATION OPEN!**

The T-CAIREM AI in Medicine Symposium takes place on **June 17**  
at the University of Toronto's Hart House.  
(This in-person event will also be streamed online.)



# Open Invitation to Join T-CAIREM

