

AI News Digest

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WEEKLY DIGEST: CLINICAL & HEALTH PRACTICE

AI Revolutionizes Healthcare with Precision Medicine Advances

Recent breakthroughs in AI are transforming healthcare, enabling more precise and personalized medical treatments. From minimally invasive surgeries to cardiac care and air pollution forecasting, AI is being leveraged to improve patient outcomes and save lives. The integration of AI in healthcare is also highlighting the need for upskilling and reskilling, particularly among older adults. As AI continues to advance, it is crucial to address the skills gap and ensure that healthcare professionals are equipped to harness the full potential of these technologies.

KEY FINDINGS

- ✓ Researchers have developed an AI technique called xvr that accurately and rapidly matches X-rays captured during surgery with a patient's preoperative 3D medical scan.
- ✓ The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is utilizing open-source AI tools to rapidly model children's hearts, aiming to improve care for those with congenital heart disease.
- ✓ Existing threat assessments for AI in biological research primarily focus on viruses and bacteria, overlooking microeukaryotes, such as protists and fungi, which pose significant risks to human, animal, and plant health.

IMPLICATIONS

- The increasing use of AI in healthcare will require significant investments in upskilling and reskilling, particularly among healthcare professionals.
- As AI continues to advance, it is crucial to address the potential risks and threats associated with its use in biological research.
- The integration of AI in healthcare has the potential to revolutionize patient care, but it also raises important questions about data privacy and security.

Key Metrics: 85% of employers plan to prioritize upskilling by 2030.; 77% of employers plan to upskill or reskill existing employees in response to AI.; 48% of workers agree they have access to AI training.; 2-3 square kilometers: the resolution of the UK-wide pollution model generated by NVIDIA's Earth-2 AI model.; 5 minutes: the time it takes for the AI model to adapt to each patient.

1. New AI technique could make minimally invasive surgeries safer and more precise

Category: Research

Departments: Computer Science, Nursing

Topics: Healthcare AI, Medical Image Matching, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Real-time X-ray Analysis

Impact Score: 26.0

Rubric Scores

Research Relevance: 5

Educational Value: 4

Innovation / Novelty: 5

Practical Impact: 5

Interdisciplinary Potential: 4

Ethical / Policy Implications: 3

Researchers developed a technique called xvr that accurately and rapidly matches X-rays captured during surgery with a patient's preoperative 3D medical scan. The AI model, which adapts to each patient in about five minutes, automatically matches X-rays with 3D scans in seconds with sub-millimeter precision. Xvr outperformed existing AI methods by an order of magnitude across various patients, body parts, and medical procedures. This system could make it easier for clinicians to precisely pilot minimally invasive surgical tools, leading to faster and safer procedures.

<https://news.mit.edu/2026/new-ai-technique-could-make-minimally-invasive-surgeries-safer-more-precise-0916>

2. University of Manchester Uses NVIDIA Earth-2 to Forecast Air Pollution Across the UK

Category: Research

Departments: Computer Science, Public Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Nursing

Topics: Environmental AI, Edge AI, AI for Healthcare, Spatio-Temporal Forecasting, Air Quality Modeling

Impact Score: 23.0

Rubric Scores

Research Relevance: 4

Educational Value: 4

Innovation / Novelty: 3

Practical Impact: 5

Interdisciplinary Potential: 4

Ethical / Policy Implications: 3

Researchers used NVIDIA's Earth-2 AI model to generate a detailed, UK-wide pollution model at a resolution of 2-3 square kilometers, trained on a year's worth of UK pollution data simulated at hourly intervals. The model was trained on the UK's national AI supercomputer, Isambard-AI, in just two days and can now run on a single NVIDIA DGX Spark personal AI supercomputer. The model enables time-dependent forecasts that directly use air quality observations and has potential applications in healthcare, such as proactive air quality insights for patients with respiratory conditions. The team is exploring pairing the air pollution model with edge AI devices to ingest real-time air quality data and drive real-time decision making.

<https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/uk-air-pollution-research-earth-2/>

3. Heart of the Matter: How a Major Children's Hospital Uses Open Source NVIDIA AI for Cardiac Care

Category: Applications

Departments: Nursing, Computer Science

Topics: Healthcare AI, Personalized Modeling, Open Source AI, Cardiac Care AI

Impact Score: 18.0

Rubric Scores

Research Relevance: 2

Educational Value: 3

Innovation / Novelty: 3

Practical Impact: 4

Interdisciplinary Potential: 4

Ethical / Policy Implications: 2

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is utilizing open-source AI tools to rapidly model children's hearts, aiming to improve care for those with congenital heart disease. This approach enables personalized modeling, which is crucial due to the unique nature of each congenital heart defect. By creating precise models, surgeons can better plan procedures and select suitable devices for each child's specific anatomy. The goal is to enhance the safety and precision of care for children with congenital heart defects.

<https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/childrens-hospital-open-source-ai-cardiac-care/>

4. Incorporating Microeukaryotes into Biosecurity

Category: Research

Departments: Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Public Health Sciences, Nursing

Topics: AI Ethics & Safety, Biological Threat Assessment, Microeukaryote Risk Mitigation, AI Benchmarking for Biosecurity

Impact Score: 18.0

Rubric Scores

Research Relevance: 3

Educational Value: 3

Innovation / Novelty: 2

Practical Impact: 3

Interdisciplinary Potential: 4

Ethical / Policy Implications: 3

Existing threat assessments for AI in biological research primarily focus on viruses and bacteria, overlooking microeukaryotes, such as protists and fungi, which pose significant risks to human, animal, and plant health. Microeukaryotes have complex biology, including diverse life cycles and interactions with multiple hosts and vectors, which may not be well represented by current AI safeguards. To address this gap, researchers recommend expanding existing benchmarks to test AI models' response to risks associated with microeukaryotic agents and incorporating real-world biological evidence for more comprehensive evaluations. This effort aims to account for a broader range of biological agents and their distinctive risk profiles as AI capabilities advance across complex biological systems.

<https://blog.latch.bio/p/incorporating-microeukaryotes-into>

5. Want to Close the Skills Gap? Bring Learning Closer to Work

Category: Business

Departments: Educational Leadership, Engineering Education & Leadership, Computer Science, Industrial, Manufacturing & Systems Engineering, Occupational Therapy

Topics: Enterprise AI, AI Skills Development, Upskilling Strategies

Impact Score: 14.0

Rubric Scores

Research Relevance: 1

Educational Value: 3

Innovation / Novelty: 1

Practical Impact: 4

Interdisciplinary Potential: 3

Ethical / Policy Implications: 2

Employers plan to upskill workers to address the skills gap, with 85% prioritizing upskilling by 2030 and 77% planning to upskill or reskill existing employees in response to AI. However, many employees lack access to AI training, with only 48% of workers agreeing that their organization provides sufficient time for AI skills development. Upskilling is more effective when learning is integrated with work, and employers and higher education should create pathways that combine technical and durable skills with on-the-job application. The skills gap persists despite employer intent to upskill, with 63% of employers citing it as a major obstacle to transformation.

<https://campustechnology.com/articles/2026/09/15/want-to-close-the-skills-gap-bring-learning-closer-to-work.aspx>

6. Helping older adults use AI in everyday life

Category: Education

Departments: Educational Leadership, Computer Science, Occupational Therapy, Public Health Sciences, Social Work

Topics: Consumer AI, AI Literacy for Seniors, Safe AI Interaction, Chatbot Accessibility

Impact Score: 12.0

Rubric Scores

Research Relevance: 0

Educational Value: 3

Innovation / Novelty: 1

Practical Impact: 4

Interdisciplinary Potential: 2

Ethical / Policy Implications: 2

OpenAI Academy and Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP are hosting the Older Adults AI Skills Jam, a free in-person learning experience to help older adults use ChatGPT confidently and safely. The program aims to build practical AI skills and promote online safety, including spotting scams and evaluating suspicious messages. Data shows that ChatGPT usage among people 55+ grew from 6% to nearly 10% in a year, with tens of millions of times a week seeking help evaluating suspicious content. The AI Skills Jam will take place in 10 US communities with local organizations supporting older adults.

<https://openai.com/index/helping-older-adults-use-ai-in-everyday-life>