

# Deep Learning Solutions for Classifying Patients on Opioid Use

S118: Detecting and Examining Patterns in Data: Applications for Combating Opioid Abuse and Adverse Events

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# Opioid Epidemic

- Opioids: Painkiller with high usage
  - 7% adults in US took opioids in last 30 days

- Opioid epidemic: “A public health emergency”

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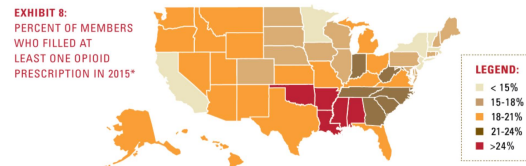
- PERCENT OF MEMBERS WHO FILLED AT LEAST ONE OPIOID PRESCRIPTION IN 2015\*

- Important questions

- What are the factors that contribute to opioid use?
  - Medical-related factors? Patient information?
- What kind of patients will suffer from opioid misuse?
  - Accurate prediction and proper intervention?

<https://www.bcbs.com/the-health-of-america/reports/americas-opioid-epidemic-and-its-ef>

- Prediction and intervention at early stage?



## The Opioid Epidemic in the U.S.

In 2015... **12.5 million**  
People misused prescription opioids<sup>1</sup>



**2.1 million**  
People misused prescription opioids for the first time<sup>1</sup>



**33,091**  
People died from overdosing on opioids<sup>2</sup>



**2 million**  
People had prescription opioid use disorder<sup>3</sup>



**15,281**  
Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids<sup>4</sup>



**828,000**  
People used heroin<sup>5</sup>



**9,580**  
Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids<sup>6</sup>



**135,000**  
People used heroin for the first time<sup>7</sup>



**12,989**  
Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin<sup>8</sup>



**\$78.5 billion**  
In economic costs (2013 data)<sup>9</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup> 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (SAMHSA); <sup>2</sup> MMWR, 2016; 65(30-31):1445-1452 (CDC); <sup>3</sup> Prescription Opioid Data (CDC); <sup>4</sup> Heroin Overdose Data (CDC); <sup>5</sup> Synthetic Opioid Data (CDC); <sup>6</sup> The Economic Burden of Prescription Opioid Overdose, Abuse, and Dependence in the United States, 2013; <sup>7</sup> Florence CS, Zhou C, Luu F, Xu L. Med Care. 2016; 54(4):1070-1076.

<https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/about-the-epidemic/index.html>

# Opioid Usage Study

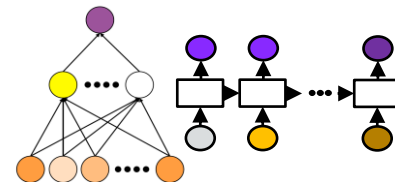
- Existing work on opioid usage study
  - [Hooten et al., 2015; Clarke et al., 2014; Thielke et al., 2017; etc]
- Data: Large-scale temporal EHR data from multiple chart tables (e.g., data graphs, multiple graphs, use history)
- Task: Classifying dependent users, making early prediction, identifying factors
- Method: Powerful and scalable deep learning & model investigations



Large-scale Temporal EHR Data



Several Simulated Settings  
(e.g., Early Prediction, Hidden Factor Finding)

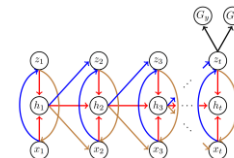
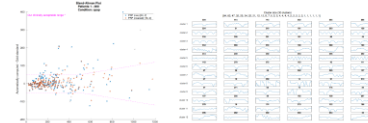
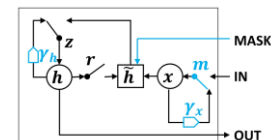
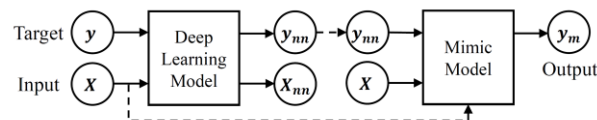
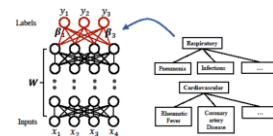


Deep Learning Models

Deep learning for opioid usage study is promising!

# Deep Learning for Health Care

- Deep Computational Phenotyping
  - [Che et al., KDD 2015]
- Interpretable Deep Models
  - [Che et al., AMIA 2016]
- Deep Models for EHRs with Missing Values
  - [Che et al., arXiv 2016]
- Anomaly Detection
  - [Nilanon et al., CinC 2016]
- Variational Adversarial Deep Domain Adaptation
  - [Purushotham et al., ICLR 2016]



- Data source: Rochester Epidemiology Project (REP)
  - > 140,000 people
  - Covered 98.7% of the population in Olmsted County, MN
  - > 50 years of history
- Two classification tasks
  - Predict whether an opioid user will become a **long-term** user or **short-term** user
  - Predict if a long-term opioid user will be **opioid-dependent**
  - Identify factors and indicators in these two tasks
- Preliminary study [Hooten et al., 2015]
  - Same data source, ~300 patients, 1-year record, characteristics exploration



# Data Processing – Cohort Selection

- Obtain outpatient drug prescriptions
  - Mayo Clinic & Olmsted Medical Center
  - Study period: Jan 1th, 2003 to March 31, 2016
  - Define analgesic prescriptions by RxNorm 2016 version
    - NDF-RT class code [C8834 \(Opioid Analgesics\)](#), or
    - Ingredient code [10689 \(Tramadol\)](#) or [352362 \(Acetaminophen/Tramadol\)](#)
  - Handle duplicated prescription data
    - Only keep the last prescription if the same drug is prescribed within 30 mins
- Determine cohorts
  - With authorization on the use of medical records
  - Ensure clean label
    - Exclude patients with prescriptions 6 months prior to first prescriptions within study period
  - **N = 102,166 patients**

# Data Processing – Group Identification

- Label all patients into 3 groups
  - Short-term user (**ST**) and Long-term user (**LT**)
    - Similar definition used by the CONSORT study
    - Long-term user:
      - Episodes of opioid prescriptions >90 days, and
      - With >120 days supply or with >10 prescriptions
  - Opioid-dependent user (**OD**)
    - Subset of LT patients
    - Identified by the diagnosis of "opioid dependence" from their problem lists by Mayo NLP group
    - *Not all OD patients are explicitly diagnosed.*
  - Data characteristics matches preliminary studies

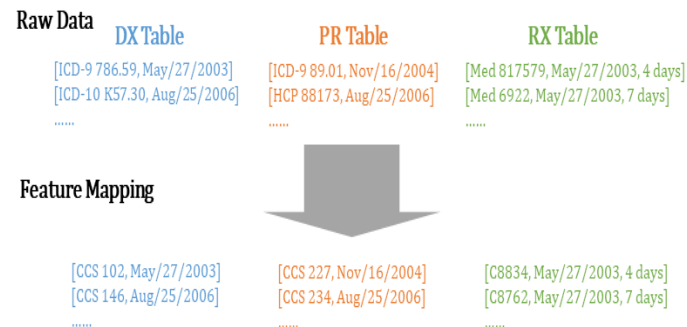
Short-Term (ST)		Long-Term (LT)		Opioid-Dependent (OD)	
#	%	#	%	#	% of LT
80,596	78.89%	21,570	21.11%	749	3.47%



# Method – Feature Extraction

- Features from 3 chart tables
  - Diagnosis records (**DX**): ICD-9, ICD-10, HICDA code ⇒ **CCS code**
  - Procedure and service records (**PR**): ICD-9, ICD-10, CPT/HCPCS code ⇒ **CCS code**
  - Prescription records (**RX**): RxNorm ingredient code ⇒ **NDF-RT class code**
  - Features to use: *time step, code, and duration (for RX only)*.
- **Feature mapping** is required
  - Raw code records are sparse
  - Coding system are different for different time/sites

Table	DX	PR	RX
# of records	56,229,157	46,386,740	8,102,477
# of raw codes	43,438	18,984	2,460
# of mapped codes	284	245	307



# Method – Handling Temporal Data

- Make extracted features suitable for models
- **1-of-K (one-hot) encoding**
  - Convert each record into a fixed-length vector of size D
  - A prescription of *m* days is converted to  $[0, \dots, m, \dots, 0]$
- **Temporal sum-pooling** *Get fixed-length input*
  - Sum up all records of one patient into a vector of size D
  - Data can be used in any model
- **Temporal segmentation** *Keep temporal info*
  - Take sum-pooling for every year and stack them into a matrix
  - Data matrix is of size T x D, where T may be different
  - Data can be used in RNN model

[CCS 102, May/27/2003]  
[CCS 146, Aug/25/2006]  
.....

$D_{DX} = 284$  features

[CCS 227, Nov/16/2004]  
[CCS 234, Aug/25/2006]  
.....

$D_{PR} = 245$  features

[C8834, May/27/2003, 4 days]  
[C8762, May/27/2003, 7 days]  
.....

$D_{RX} = 307$  features

1-of-K Coding +  
Temporal Segmentation



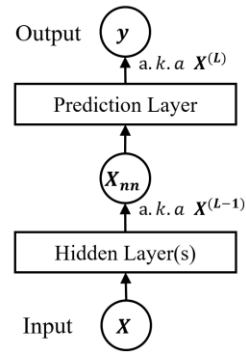
A matrix of size  $T_{\text{seg}} \times (D_{DX} + D_{PR} + D_{RX})$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 1, 4, 0, \dots, 7, 0 \\ 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 1, \dots, 2, 0, 0, \dots, 2, 0 \end{bmatrix}$

# Method – Deep Learning Predictive Models

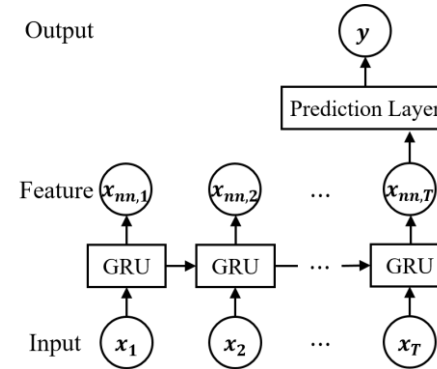
- Two different deep learning models

DNN: Multilayer feedforward network



$$x^{(l)} = f(W^{(l)}x^{(l-1)} + b^{(l)})$$
$$y = x^{(L)}$$

RNN: Recurrent neural network with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)



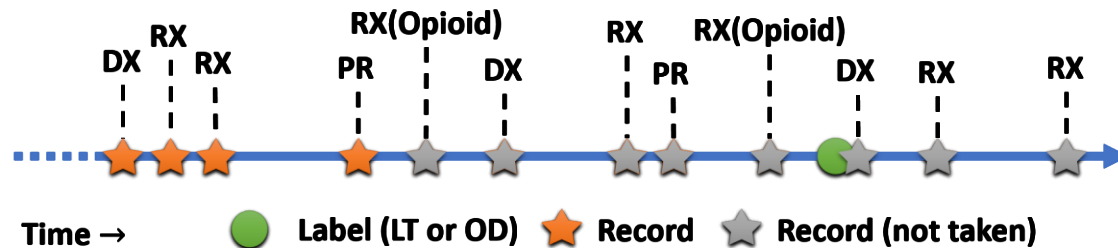
$$c_t, h_t = f(x_{t-1}, h_{t-1}, c_{t-1})$$
$$x_{nn,t} = c_t \quad y = \sigma(Wx_{nn,T} + b)$$

# Method – Other Baselines

- Three commonly used models are compared
  - Logistic Regression (LR)
  - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
  - Random Forest (RF)
- Implementation details
  - L1 penalty is applied in LR and SVM with hyperparameter tuning
  - Default setting of RF is used to avoid overfitting
  - Implemented in Python with scikit-learn package
- Can train and test efficiently on a desktop (no need for GPU!)

Model	DNN	RNN	LR	SVM	RF
Model Size (KB)	1,878	9,320	21	23	2,282

# Discussion – Experiment Settings



- Three simulated settings

- **Setting A:** Take all medical records **before the labeling time**

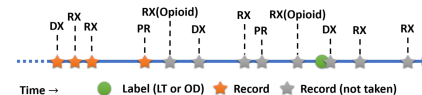
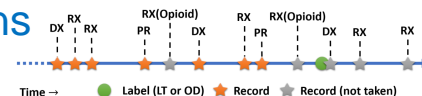
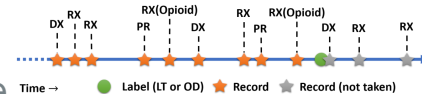
- Ideal case with most input features and best prediction performance

- **Setting B:** same as Setting A, **excluding analgesics prescriptions**

- Try to find hidden indicators / factors

- **Setting C:** Take all medical records **before the first opioid prescription**

- Demonstrate early prediction capacity

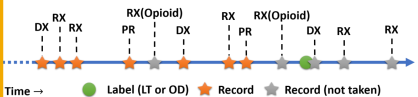


# Discussion – ST-LT Results

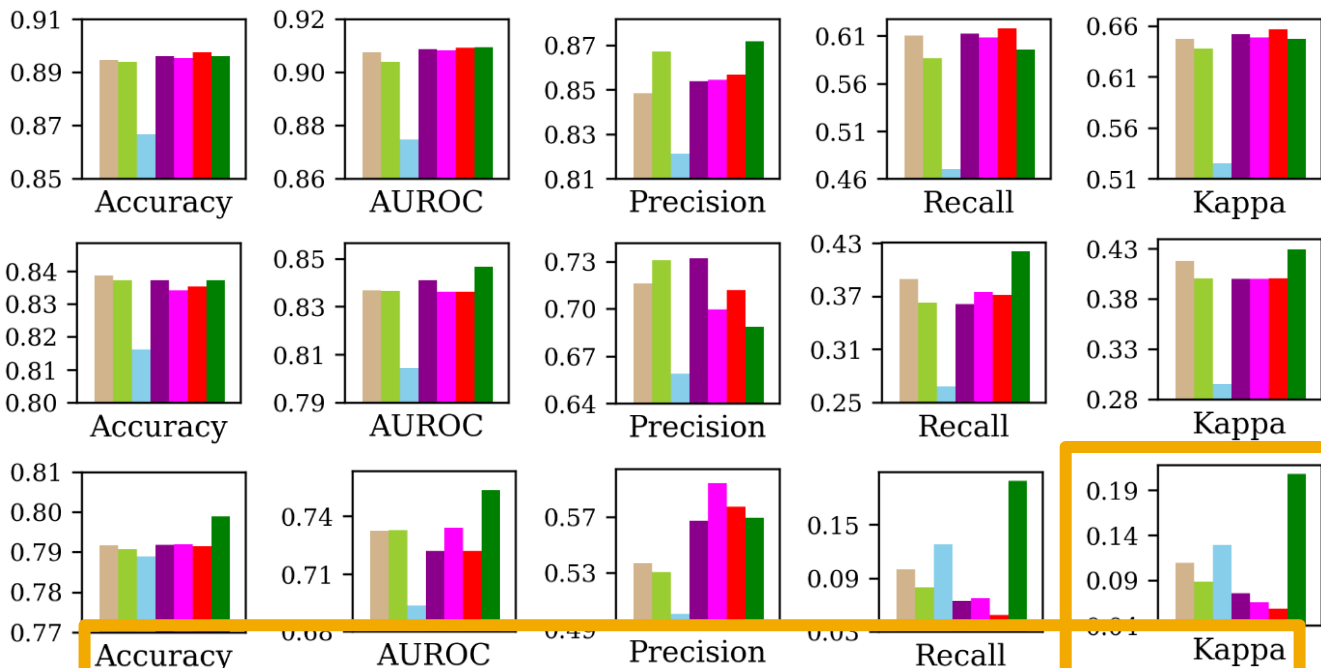
## Setting A



## Setting B

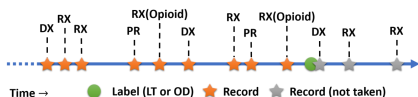


## Setting C

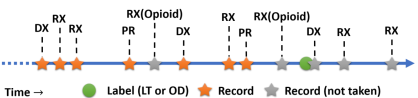


# Discussion – LT-OD Results

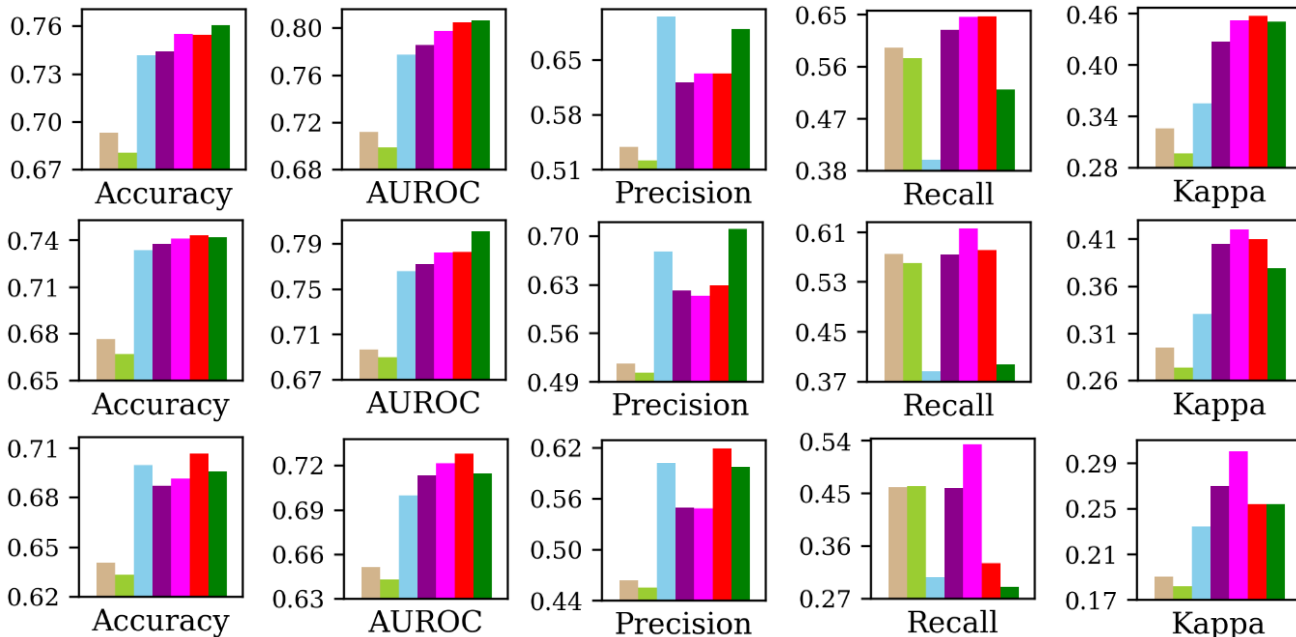
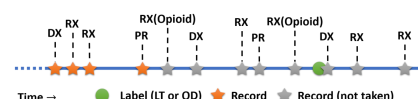
## Setting A



## Setting B



## Setting C



- Equation of prediction results in DNN

$$y = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{(L)} f^{(L-1)}(\dots \mathbf{W}^{(2)} f^{(1)}(\mathbf{W}^{(1)} x + b^{(1)}) + b^{(2)} \dots) + b^{(L)})$$

- Estimation on input feature importance in DNN

$$I = \mathbf{W}^{(L-1)} B n^{(L-1)} \left( \dots \mathbf{W}^{(2)} B n^{(2)} (\mathbf{W}^{(1)} B n^{(1)}) \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times D}$$

- $d$ -th number in  $I$  is the importance score for  $d$ -th input feature
- Absolute value indicates the strength
- Sign indicates whether it's positively or negatively relevant
- This is only a rough estimation, without considering
  - Feature dependencies in data
  - Bias term and non-linearity in models



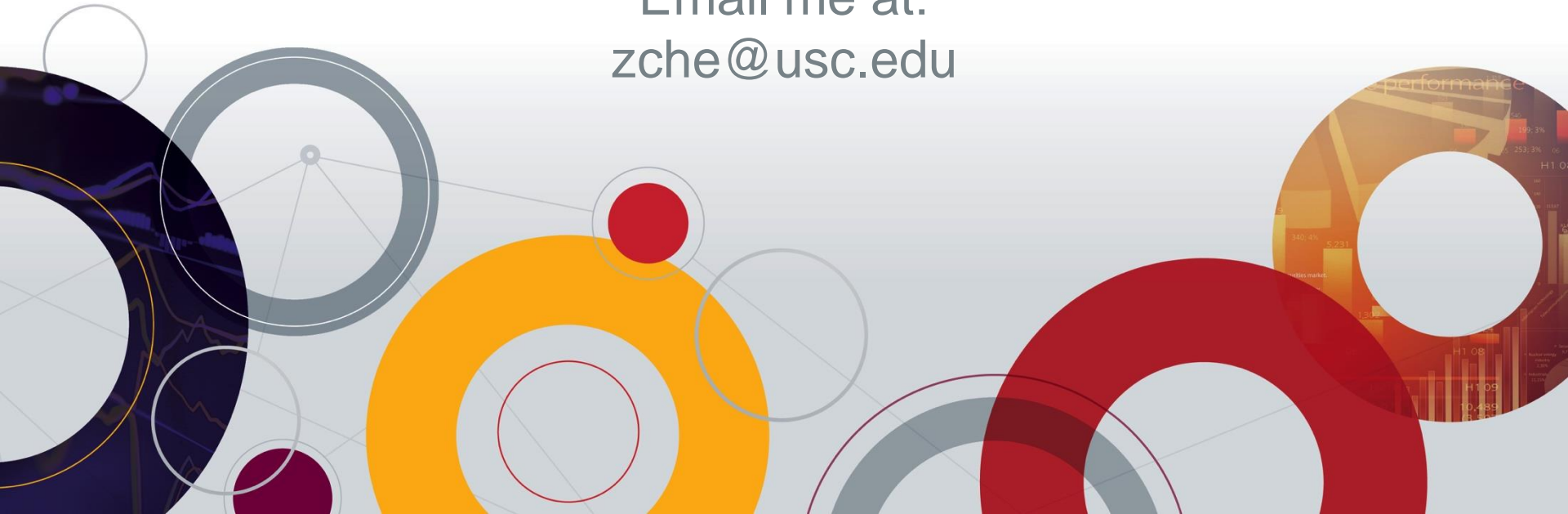
# Discussion – Feature Investigation Results

Table / Code		Features for <b>ST-LT</b> Task	<i>I</i>	Table / Code		Features for <b>LT-OD</b> Task	<i>I</i>
RX	C8834	Opioid Analgesics	0.2287	RX	C8834	Opioid Analgesics	0.7784
RX	C8890	Amphetamine-like Stimulants	0.0843	DX	CCS 661	Substance-related Disorders	0.6186
RX	C8838	Non-opioid Analgesics	0.0802	PR	CCS 182	Mammography	0.3481
PR	CCS 227	Other Diagnostic Procedures	0.0272	DX	CCS 663	Substance Abuse/Mental Health History	0.3248
DX	CCS 258	Other Screening	0.0218	DX	CCS 258	Other Screening	0.2948
RX	C4859	Salicylates, Antirheumatic	0.0204	PR	CCS 228	Prophylactic Vaccinations/Inoculations	0.2796
DX	CCS 203	Osteoarthritis	0.0185	DX	CCS 651	Anxiety Disorders	0.2785
DX	CCS 205	Spondylosis	0.0179	RX	C8864	Anticonvulsants	0.2626
DX	CCS 98	Essential Hypertension	0.0126	RX	C8860	Benzodiazepine Derivatives	0.2382

- Summary
  - A deep learning solution for opioid use study with promising results
  - Showcase of applying deep learning models in practical clinical studies with large-scale data
- Future work
  - Handle incomplete data and noisy features / labels
  - Incorporate numerical and unstructured data
  - Further investigate important indicators / factors
  - Capture temporal evolutions of opioid users and help prescription making
- Contact
  - Mayo NLP Group, Medical Informatics
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# Thank you!

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- **RxNorm:** US-specific terminology in medicine that contains all medications available on US market
- **CONSORT:** Consortium to Study Opioid Risks and Trends, supported by the National Institute of Drug Abuse
- **ICD-9/10:** International Classification of Diseases, 9th/10th version
- **HICDA:** Hospital International Classification of Diseases Adapted (Mayo adaptation of ICD-8)
- **CPT/HCPCS:** Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System based on Current Procedural Terminology
- **CCS:** Clinical Classifications Software, a uniform and standardized coding system based on ICD-9 into a smaller number of clinically meaningful categories
- **NDF-RT:** National Drug File - Reference Terminology
- **Bn:** Batch normalization, a technique used in deep learning by normalizing the activations of neural network layer at each batch.