# Using digital healthcare to improve lung cancer outcomes

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#### **Disclosures**

- Advisory boards and educational talks
  - Astra Zeneca
  - GSK

- Consultancy
  - Axana

#### **Overview**

- 3 use cases of AI in clinical and academic practice
  - Use case 1
     Al solutions in imaging
  - Use case 2
     Al solutions in MDT and audit
  - Use case 3
     Al solutions in research



### AI solutions in imaging

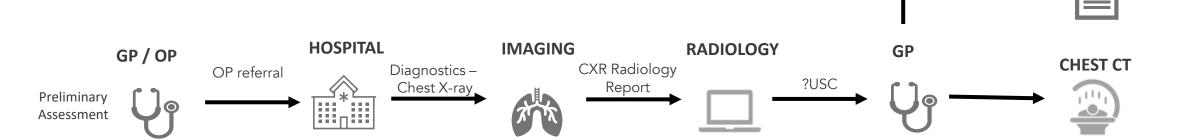
Use case 1

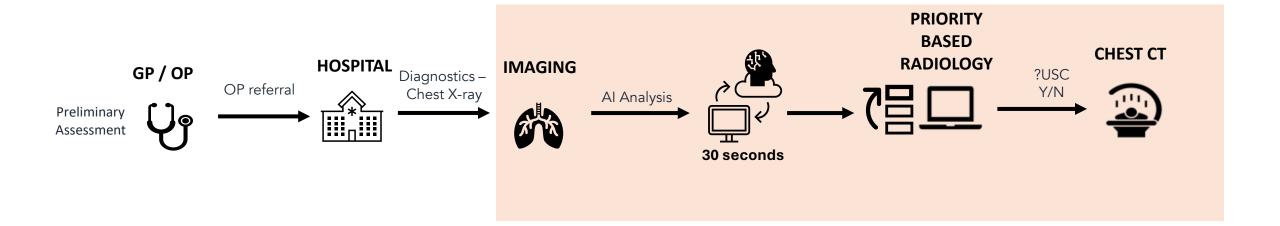


#### Radiograph Accelerated Detection and Identification of Cancer in the Lung (RADICAL)



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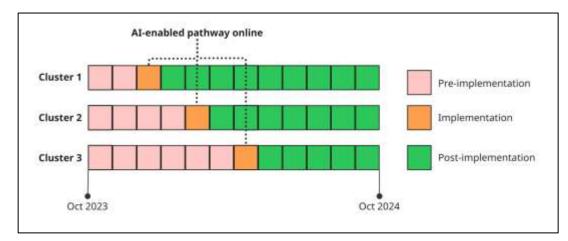


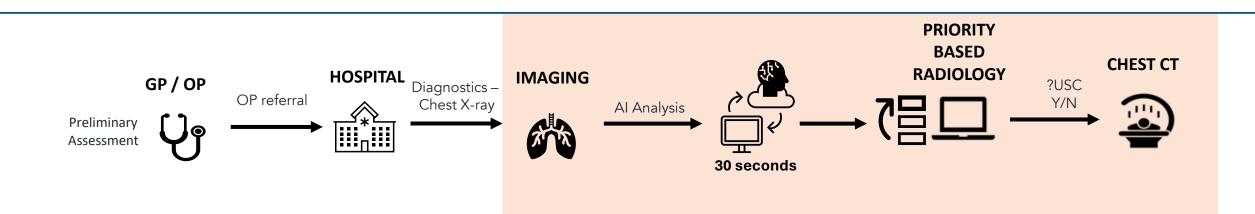


#### Al in imaging: RADICAL

#### Prospective evaluation

- Stepped-wedge design
  - 9 hospitals separated into 3 clusters
    - North, South and Clyde
  - Implementation periods to allow for technical integration
- 87,893 x-rays from GP and outpatient clinic service over 12 months
  - October 2023 to October 2024





Is it cost-effective?

Health economics team for evaluation of cost-effectiveness

Is it effective at reducing time to CXR report for images showing USC?

Clinically linked outcomes

Is the new pathway acceptable to patients and staff?

Qualitative research team conducting interviews on staff and service-users



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Is it safe?

Capturing rates of false negative

How does it impact patient treatment and radiological workflows

Does an AI-enabled pathway integrate with human systems?

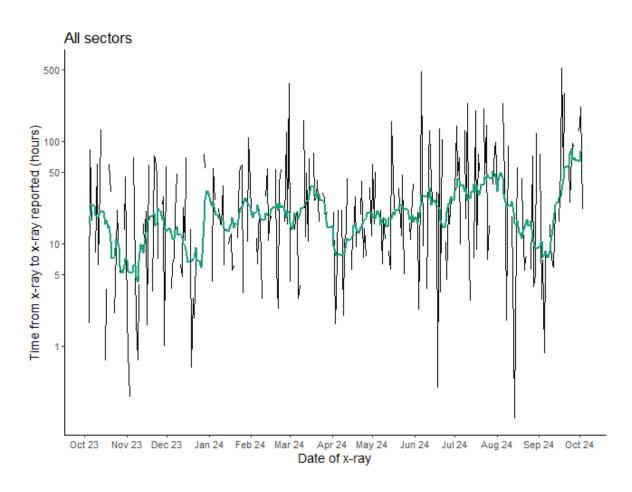


How does the model perform in our patient cohort?

Retrospective technical evaluation

#### Prospective evaluation - Primary outcome

Sector	Median time from CXR acquisition to CXR reporting for <b>USC by radiologist</b> images (hrs)	
	Pre-implementation (n)	Post-implementation (n)
Clyde	<b>3.7</b> (39)	<b>49.1</b> (274)
North	<b>22.9</b> (110)	<b>83.6</b> (230)
South	<b>73.1</b> (151)	<b>5.1</b> (272)



#### Feature selection

#### 1. 5 baseline features

- Radiologist consensus
- Mass, nodule, cavity, hilar enlargement and mediastinal widening

#### 2. Optimised expert model

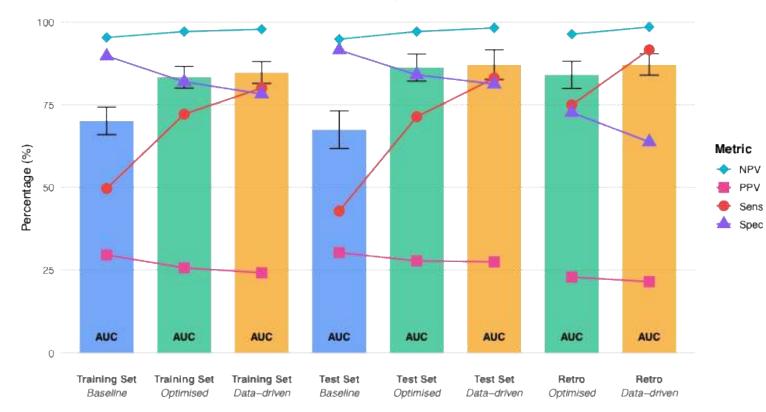
Same 5 features, weighting based on contribution

#### 3. Data driven model

• Full features set, weighting based on contribution

#### **Model Performance Metrics Across Datasets**

AUC shown as bars with 95% CI; Sens, Spec, PPV, and NPV shown as points at Youden threshold



#### Lessons from RADICAL

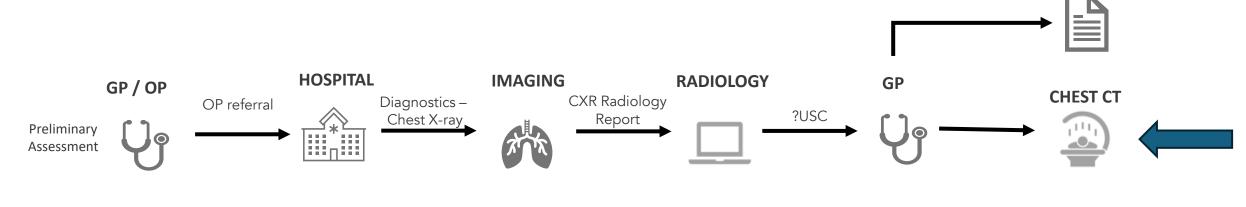
- Real world deployment and research into AI solutions is messy
- Adoption of AI solutions are dependent in human interaction and contribution
- Optimisation of algorithm in specific populations and scenarios may markedly improve performance

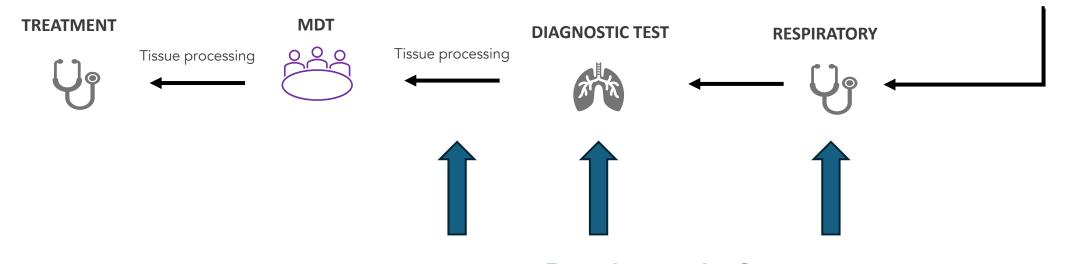
Software/AI solutions in MDT, tracking and lung audit

Use case 2

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#### **Tracking: Lung cancer pathway**





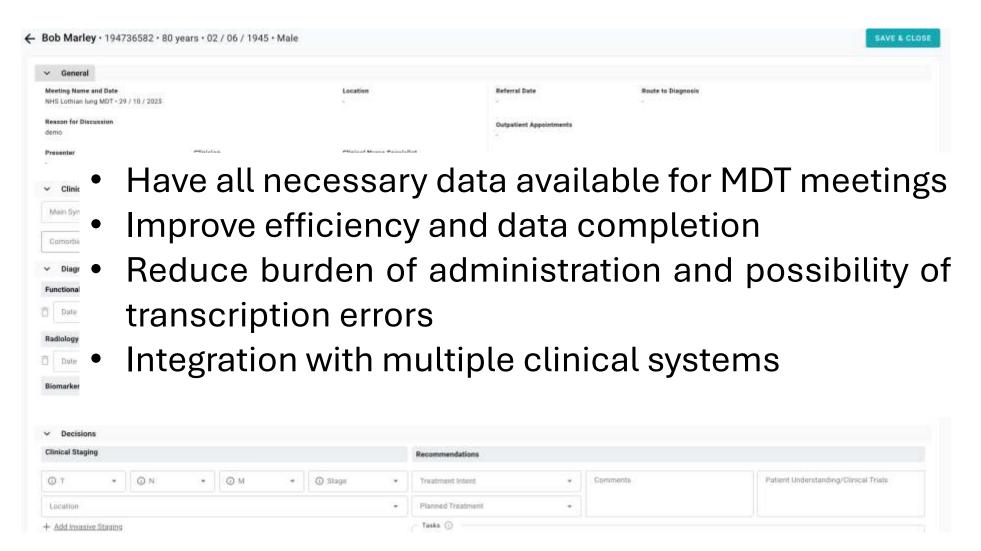
Bottlenecks?

#### Multiple data sources

- Patient tracking pathways
  - 28/31/62 day pathways
  - Manually derived
- Lung audit
  - Drawing multiple data fields from a variety of EPRs
  - Manually derived
- Heterogenous MDT software
  - An MS Excel spreadsheet
  - Manually derived, fields incomplete
  - Contains much of the information for tracking and lung audit

#### Optimising lung cancer MDT NextGen MDT/patient pathway solution







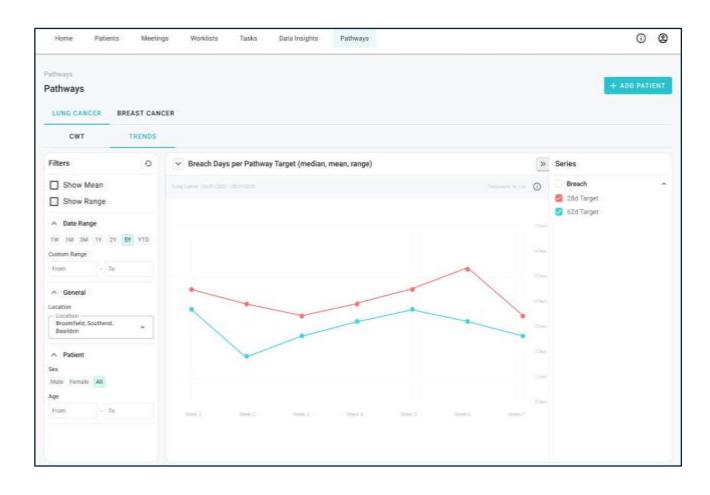




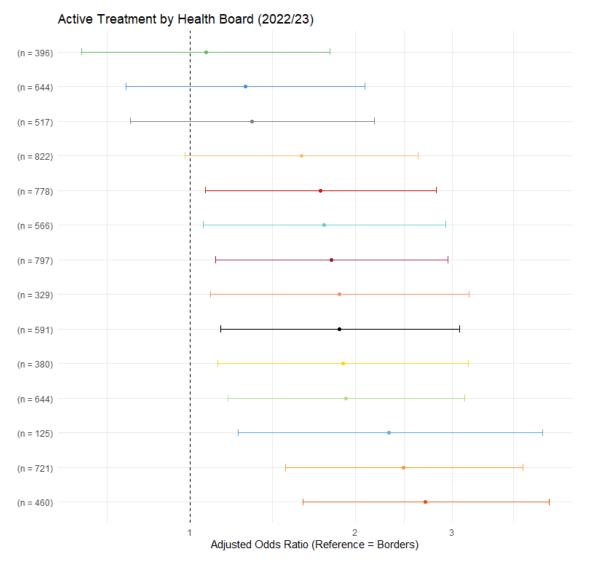


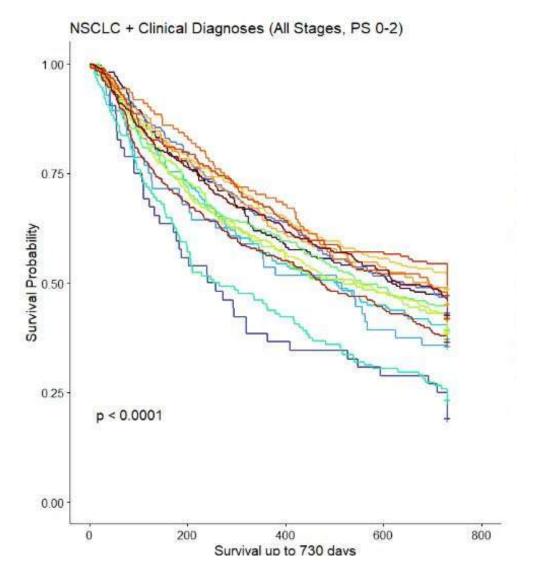


- automated Accurate and patient tracking to determine bottlenecks
- Improve collection data locally, regionally and nationally
- Automatically generate real time statistics about MDT throughput and performance
- Innovation Al driven staging using radiology reports, extracting data from clinic letters for MDT form



## Lung audit and MDT Increasing complexity = Treatment variability and survival





#### Al solutions in research – multi-omics

Use case 3





UKRI funded Living lab exemplar project

- Primary objective to establish a multimodal dataset comprising of pseudonymised unconsented NHS data suitable for radiogenomic research
- 1000 surgically resected lung cancer patients
- 620 stage 3 patients treated with radical RT



Blyth - Resp



Le Quesne - Path



Cowell - Radiology



Jamieson - Spatial



Yuan - Computer science



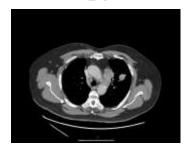
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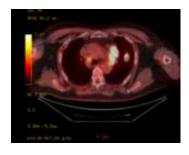
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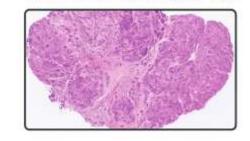
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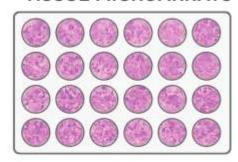
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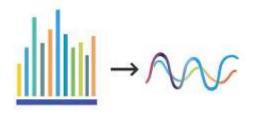
WHOLE SLIDE IMAGES



**TISSUE MICROARRAYS** 



TRANSCRIPTOMICS



**GENETICS** 

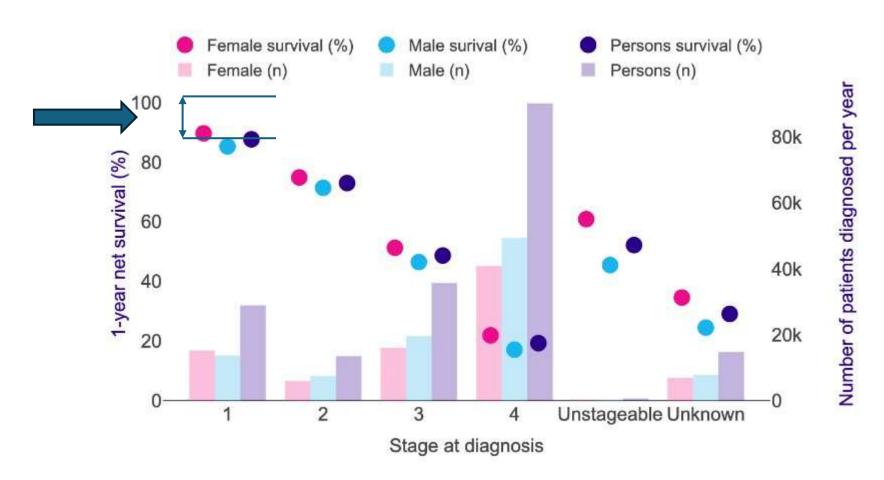




#### Radiogenomics project

- Data housed on TRE
- Working with academic and commercial collaborators including Canon Medical
- Data is available for other researchers to apply for access to answer research questions via a Data Access Board

Lung cancer one-year net survival by stage, with incidence by stage (all data: adults diagnosed 2013-2017, followed up to 2018)





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#### Al in Research



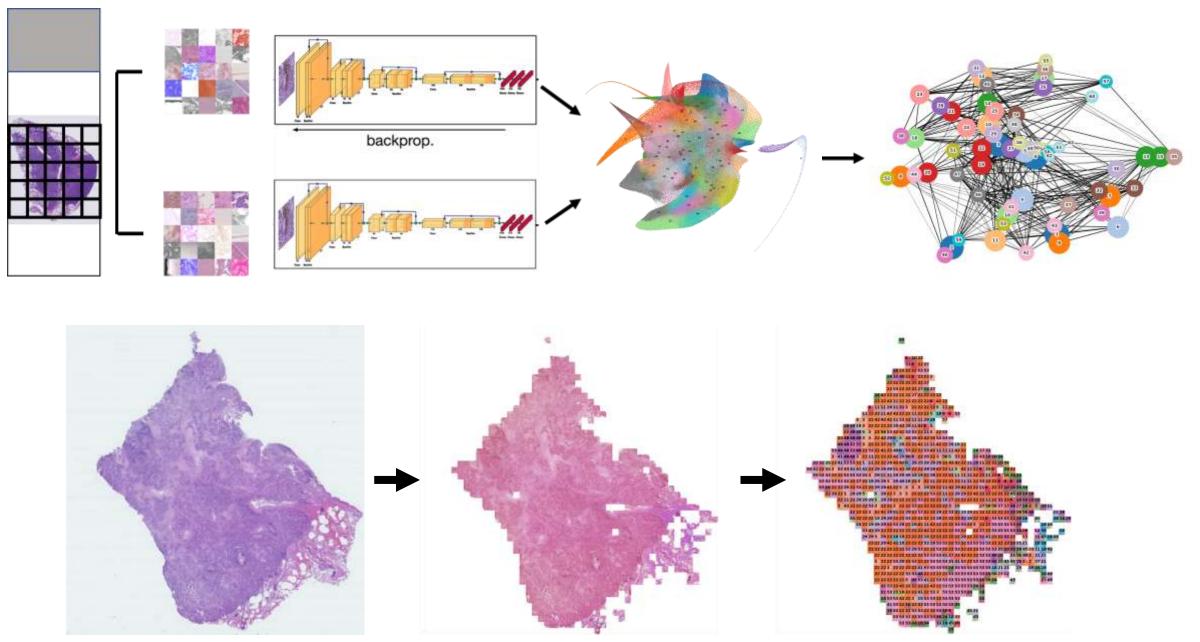
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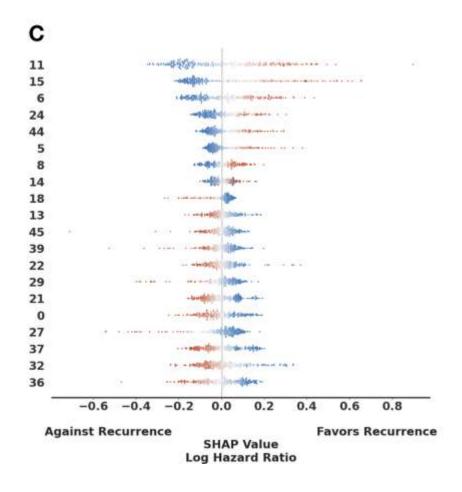


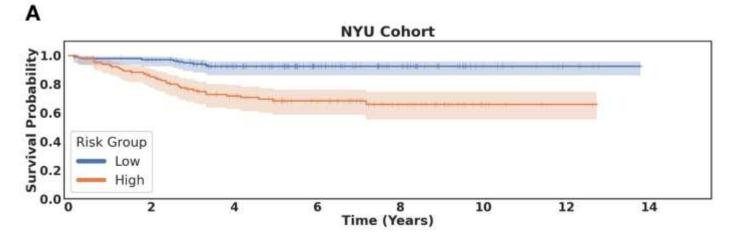
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# Mapping the landscape of histomorphological cancer phenotypes using self-supervised learning on unannotated pathology slides

#### Al in Research







#### Summary

Use case 1: AI solutions in imaging

- Al:human interaction is crucial
- Al solutions require optimisation depending on deploying environment

Use case 2: AI solutions in MDT, tracking and audit

- Well designed software can improve efficiency
- Well curated data can aid pathway optimisation and MDT outcome review in real time

Use case 3: Al solutions in research

 Al can recognise patterns in routinely collected data that can help select patients for more personalised investigation and treatment