

# Clinical Data Mining

"If we knew what it was we were doing, it wouldn't be called research."

- Albert Einstein

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# **Clinical Data Mining Goals**

- **Query for Clinical Conditions**
- **Extract Related Information**
- **Knowledge Discovery**

# **Clinical Data Mining Challenges**

- **Various data sources**
- **Limited Structure**
- **Imbedded Ontology**

# **Clinical Data Mining Processes**

- **Digital format for all pertinent data**
- **Create structure**
  - **Obtain coded information**
  - **Natural Language Understanding**
- **Create a widely accessible repository**

# Query for Clinical Conditions

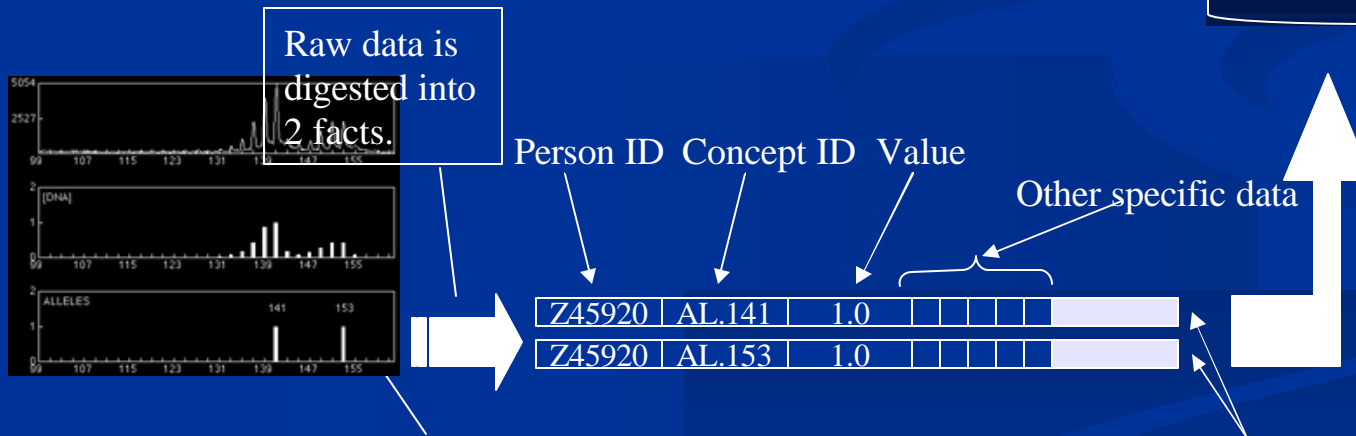
# Research Patient Data Registry

Query construction in web tool



De-identified  
Data  
Warehouse

Research data is digested into facts that can be queried with patient data



raw data goes into the RPDR as an encrypted object

# **Research Patient Data Repository**

- **1.8 million MGH & BWH patients**
- **480 million diagnoses, medications, procedures, laboratories, with patient demographic & visit info**
- **Authorized use by 750 faculty status users.**
- **Researcher can construct complex independent queries**
- **Pilot of radiology image display**
- **Currently no radiology query capability**

# Integrating Radiology Queries

- **Radiology Reports**
- **Radiology Images**
- **Challenge ? No Structure!**



# Creating Structure

- 2 million patient demographics
- 6 million radiology interpretations
- 150 million radiology images

Current Data Load: 100 TB

# LEXIMER

## Lexicon Mediated Entropy Reduction

- Radiology Language Understanding
- Lexicon Based Hierarchical Decision Trees
  - Trained to remove report noise, thus retain signal
    - Where Signal =  $F_T$  and  $R_T$  (defined through trained lexicon)
  - Lexicon trained by heuristics for CT and MRI
  - Expanded to all of radiology by modality training sets
    - Training stop point - 95% accuracy
  - Currently the HDTs contain 4,132 nodes

# LEXIMER

**Create an automated method to detect:**

**$F_T$**  - The observation of a positive finding

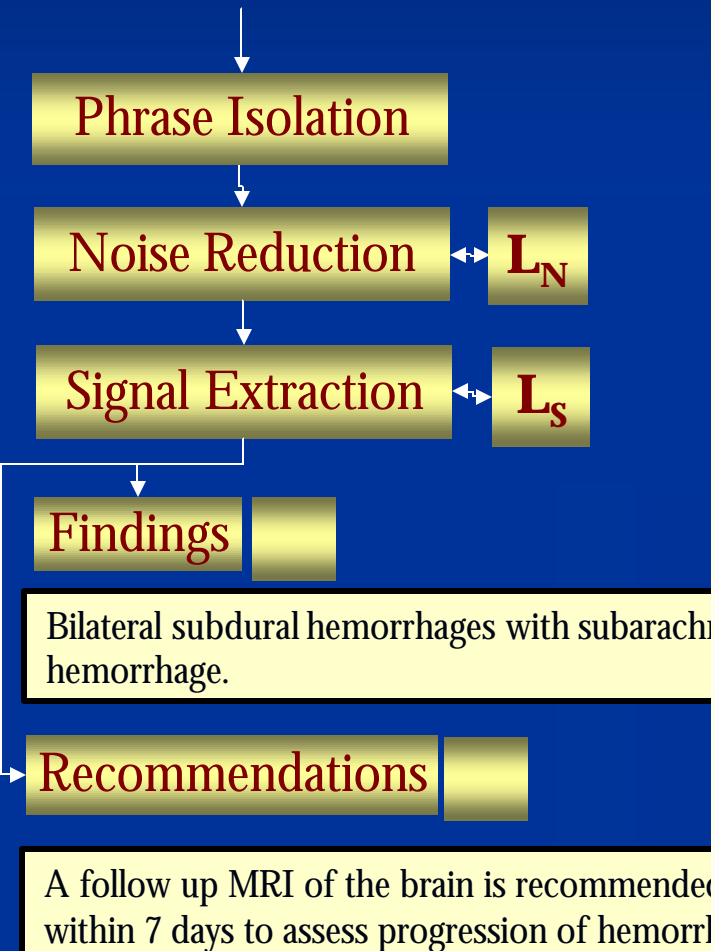
**$R_T$**  - A recommendation that further imaging be performed

**Yield** =  $F_T$  Exams / Total Exams

**Recommendation Rate** =  $R_T$  Exams / Total Exams

# Radiology Report Understanding

## ~ LEXIMER ~



This study is reviewed with Dr Smith. Standard protocol was used to obtain an MRI of the brain with MRA of the circle of Willis and DWI imaging.

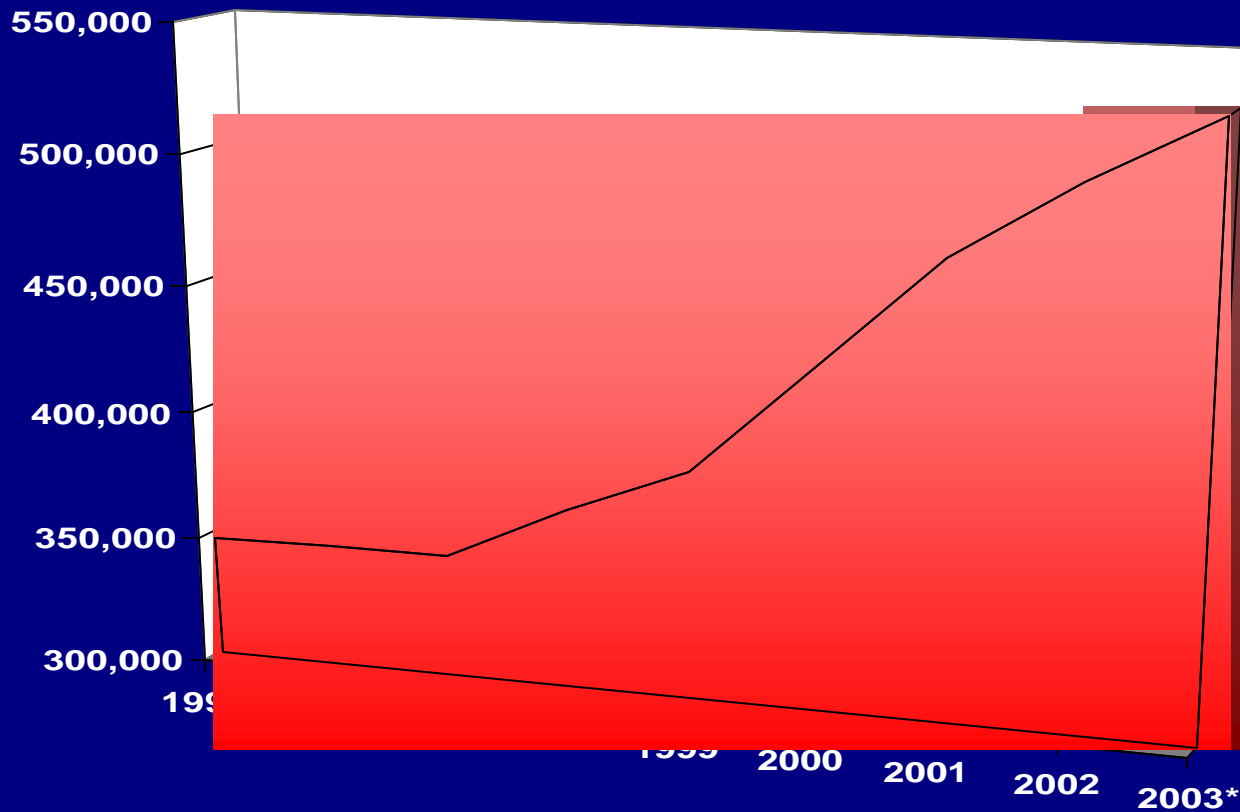
Dizziness and recurrent syncope. Please evaluate the posterior circulation. Comparison is to a CT of the head performed 3 September 99. Comparison is also to a CT performed the day after the MRI on 5 September 1909. Bilateral subdural hemorrhages are present. The right sided subdural hemorrhage appears improved when compared to the prior CT. It has a component extending further posteriorly than appreciated on the CT, appearing to involve the occipital lobe on the right side. The left subdural hemorrhage is worse than it appeared on the initial CT. There is extensive subarachnoid hemorrhage better appreciated on MRI than on CT.

There is no evidence of tentorial subdural hematoma. The subsequent CT did show such a bleed, this must have occurred in the interval between studies. DWI imaging of the brain parenchyma is normal in appearance. There is no evidence of acute infarction. The circle of Willis was imaged with particular attention to the posterior circulation. The right vertebral artery appears prominent. The posterior circulation appears entirely normal. Because imaging was centered on the posterior circulation, the MCA's are not completely evaluated. The ventricular system and CSF spaces do not show evidence of abnormal dilation. The visualized extracranial structures are normal in appearance.

Impression. No evidence of acute infarction on diffusion weighted imaging. Bilateral subdural hemorrhages with subarachnoid hemorrhage. The posterior circulation appears entirely normal. A follow up MRI of the brain is recommended within 7 days to assess progression of hemorrhage.

# Motivation

**MGH Annual Radiology Exam Volume**  
1995 to 2003\*

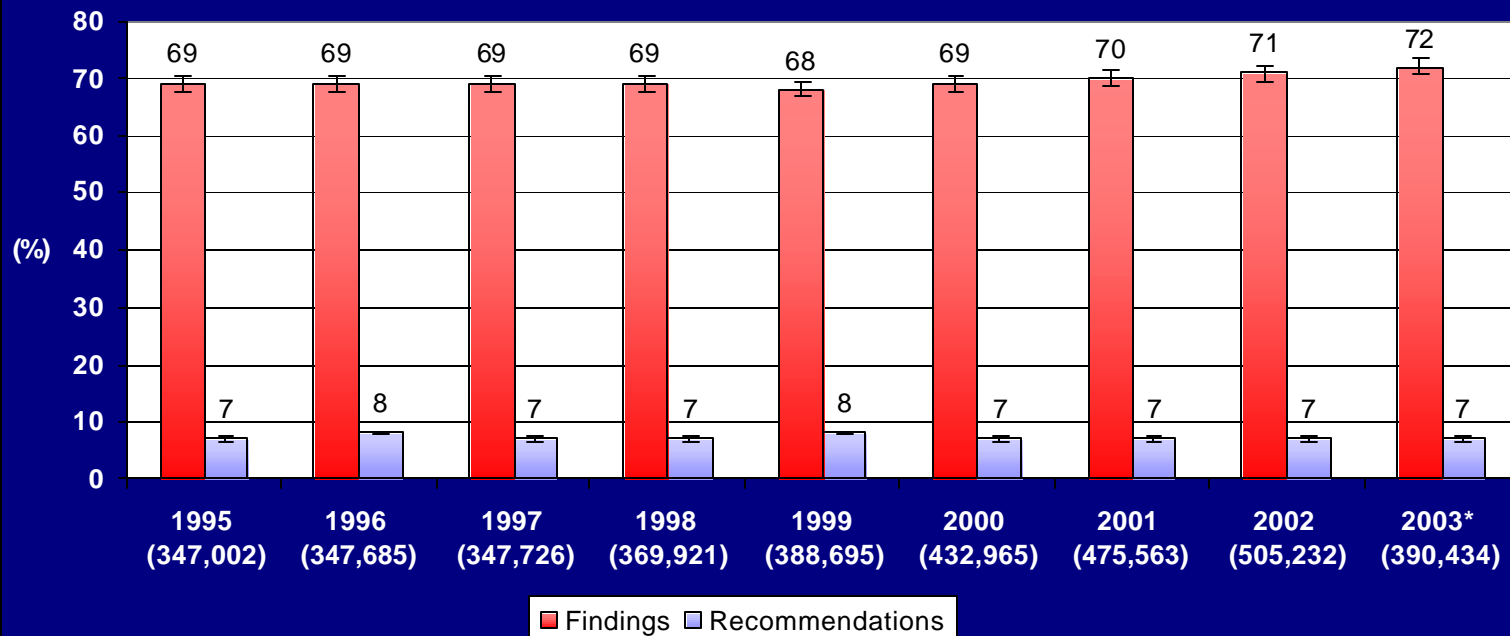


# Applications

## Annual Trends

### 1995 - 2003 Exam Analysis

3,605,223 reports, 12.4 hours



# Modality Analysis

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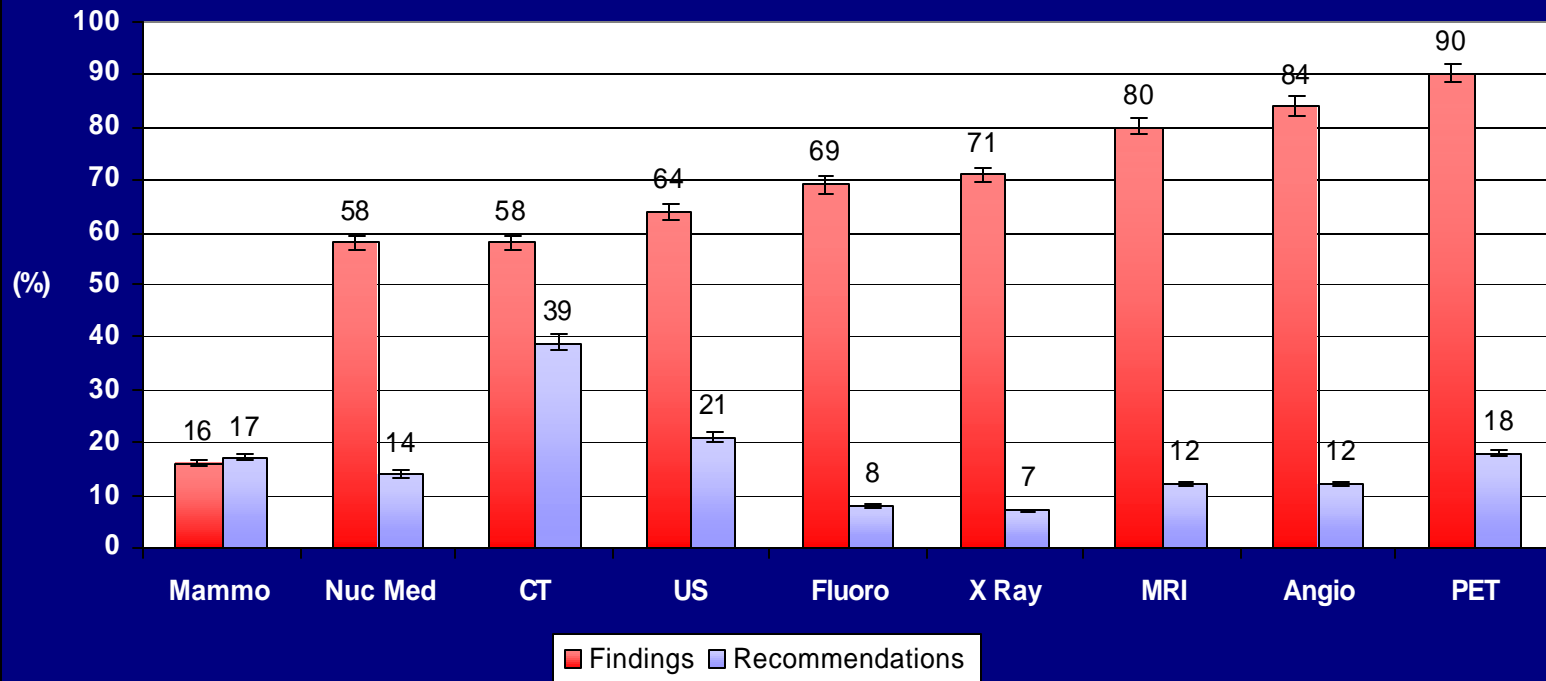
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# Applications

## Modality Analysis

### Modality F<sub>T</sub> & R<sub>T</sub> Analysis

1,070 Reports, 24 Seconds





# **Extraction of Related Information**

# **Extract Practice Pattern Inconsistencies**

- **Ordering practices and yield of all referring physicians**
- **Recommendation practices of all interpreting radiologists**
- **Provide online access to individual and group level statistics**

# Practice Pattern Analysis

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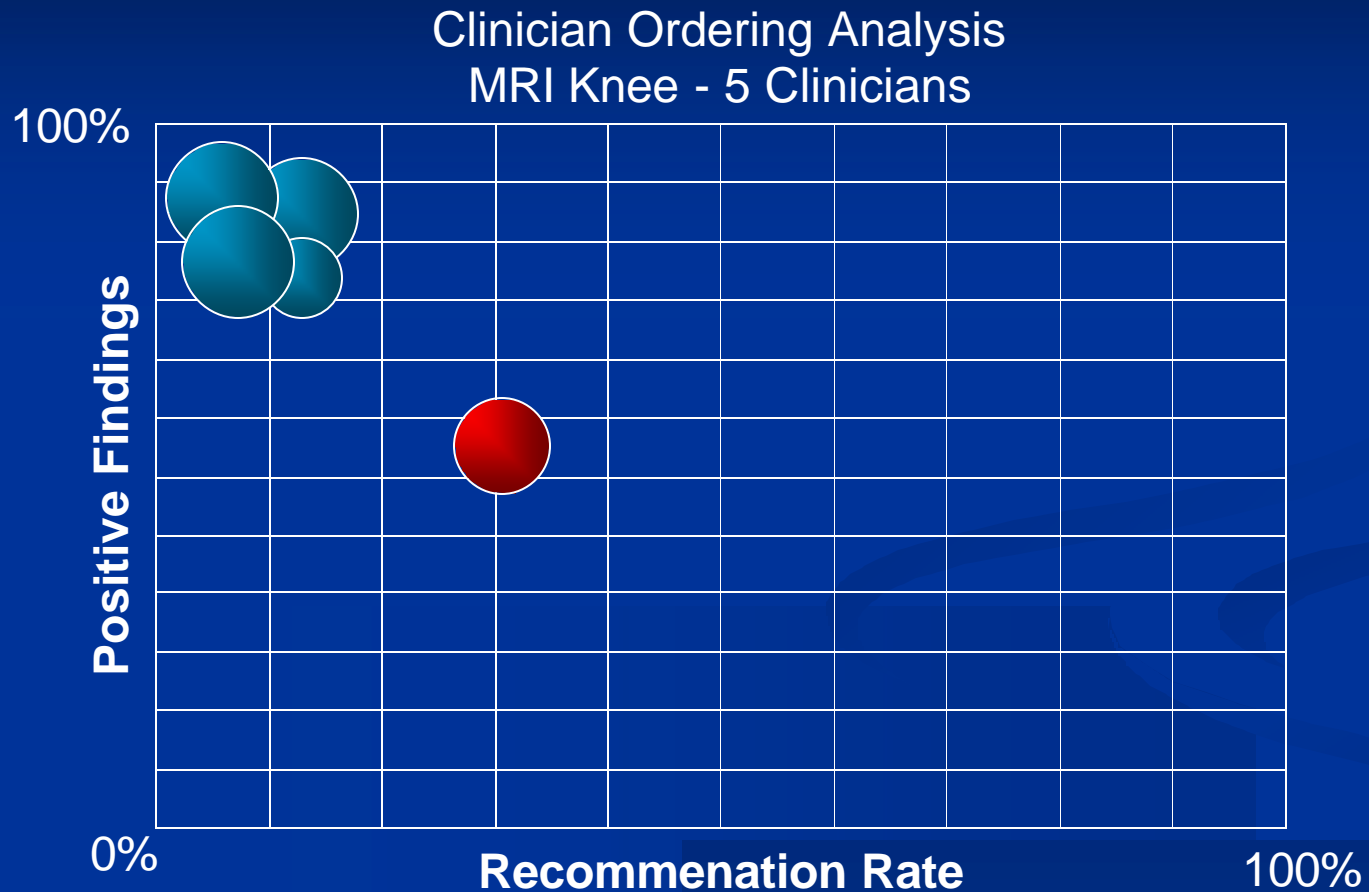
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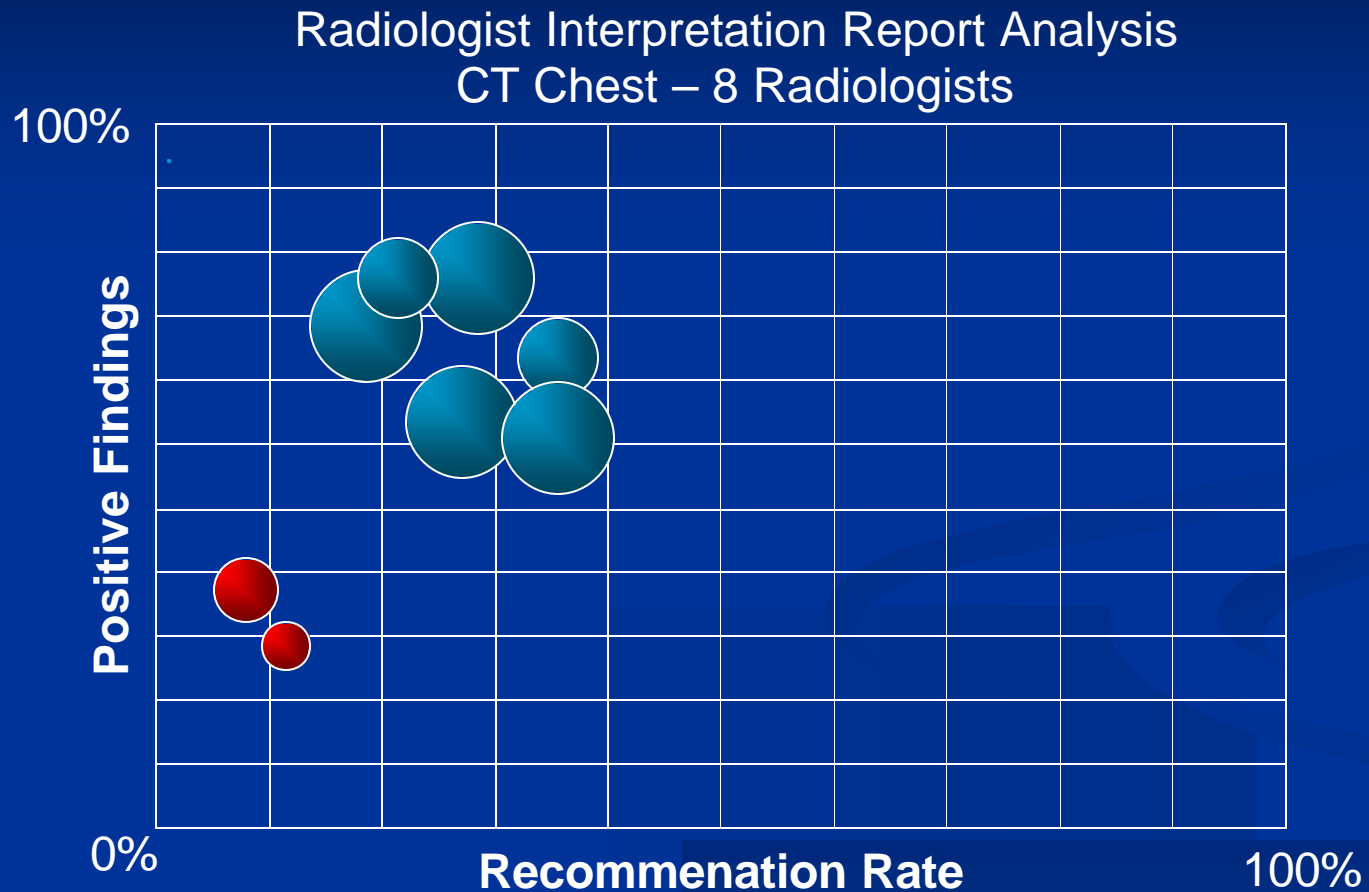
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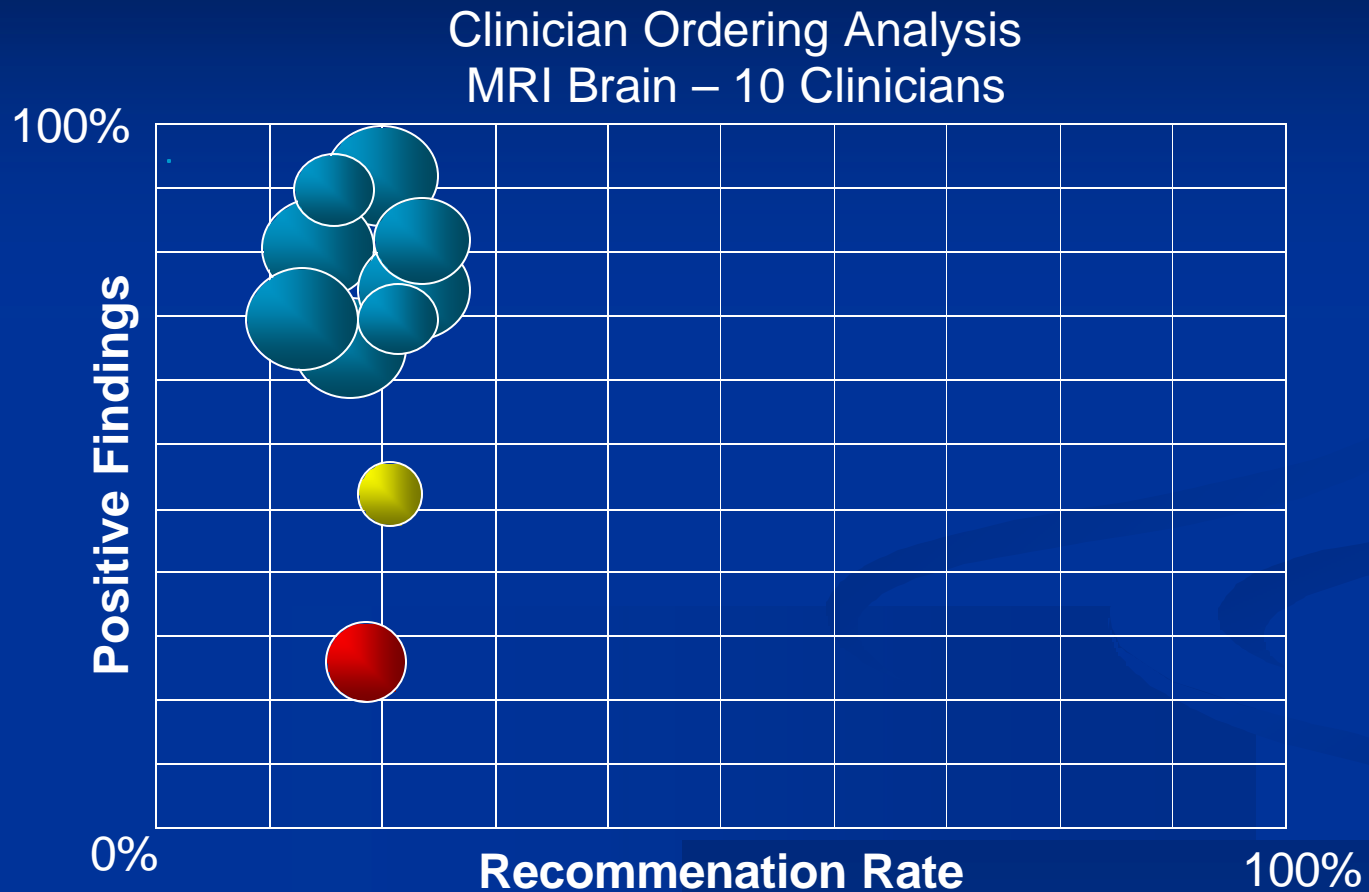
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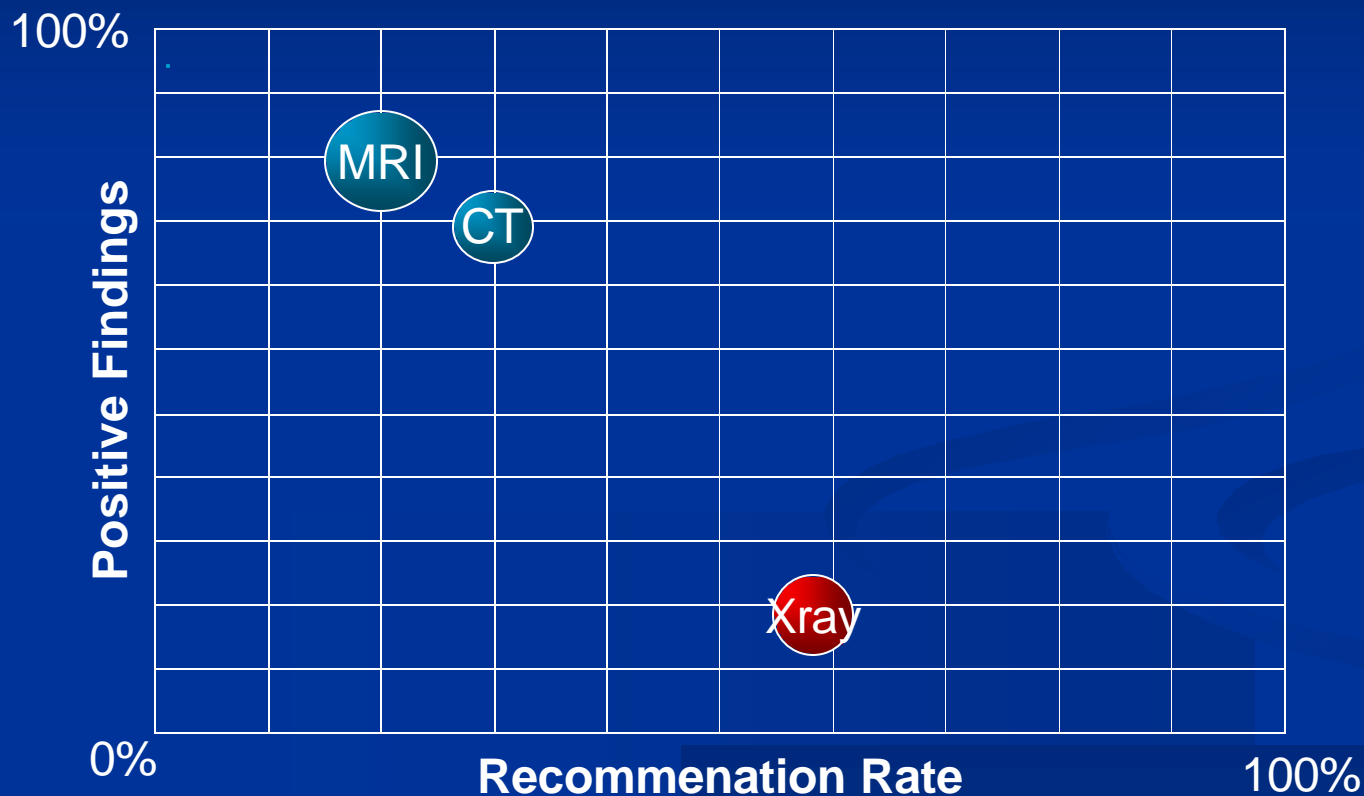


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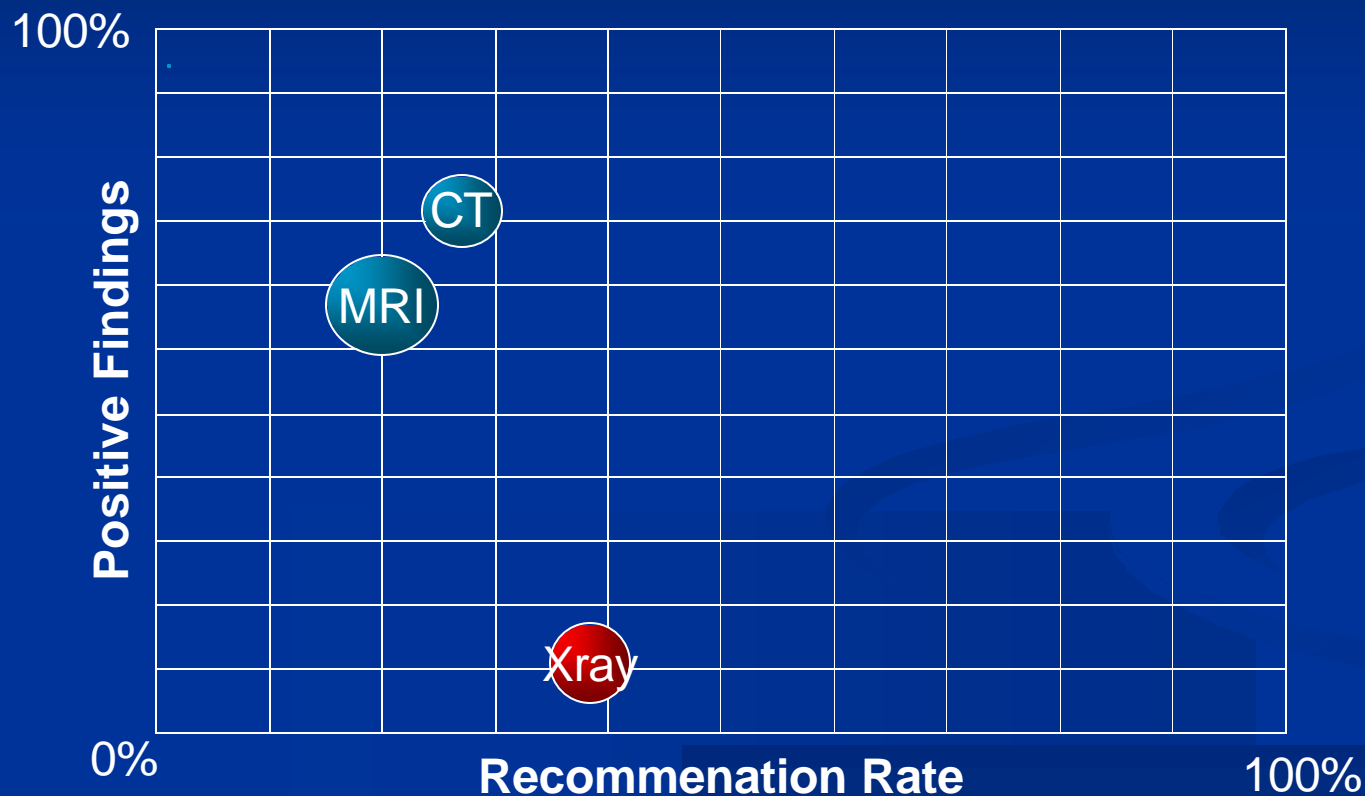
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Thunderclap Headaches ? Head Imaging Analysis  
males over 40 years old



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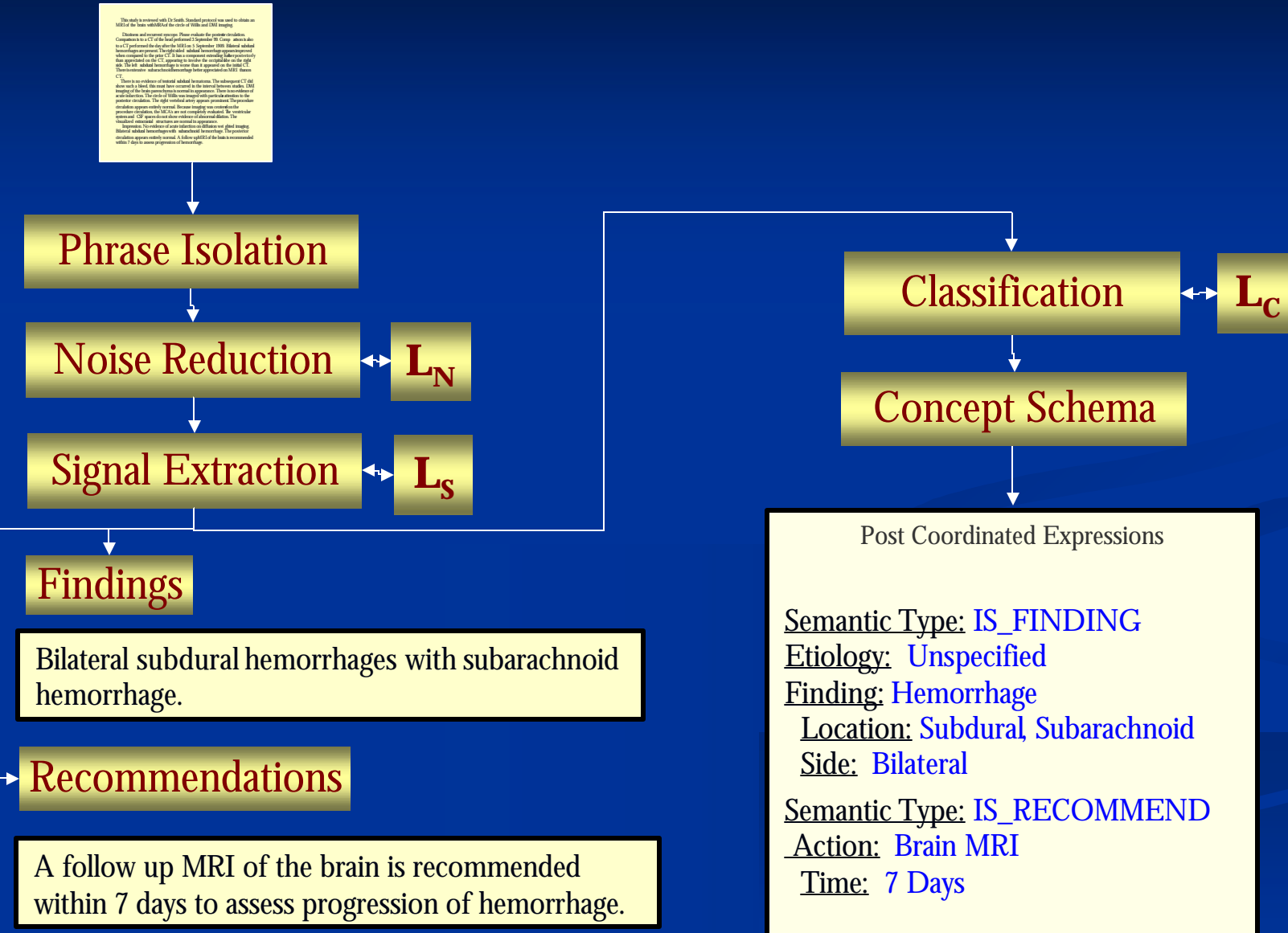
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# Signal Classification

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# Extraction of Related Information

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**Patient Data**

**IMPRESSION:**  
Heterogeneous mass centered within the right thalamus and upper brain stem with extension into the right lateral ventricle. It demonstrates patchy enhancement and contains both solid, cystic, and hemorrhagic components with mass effect upon the quadrigeminal plate, nucleus tecti, tectal herniation, and right lateral ventricular distortion. The differential diagnosis for this constellation of findings includes a pilocytic astrocytoma, ependymoma, PNET, or an unusual choroid plexus tumor, although the latter is less likely.

This study was reviewed with Dr. Schaefer. CLINICAL INDICATIONS: Asymptomatic. TECHNIQUE AND

**FINDINGS:**  
MRI of the brain was performed according to standard departmental protocol utilizing sagittal T1, axial T1, fast spin echo T2, Flair, and diffusion weighted imaging along with post contrast sagittal, axial, and coronal images. No prior studies are available for comparison. There is a large mass centered within the right thalamus, upper brain stem and right lateral ventricle. It is heterogeneous in appearance and is partly T1 bright and T2 dark. It has both solid and cystic components with an area of T1 hyperintensity with the intraventricular cystic component that likely represents hemorrhage. There is no significant transtentorial edema. Post contrast images demonstrate patchy enhancement. There is mass effect on the quadrigeminal plate with apparent compression of the central aqueduct. There is a component within the body and isthmus of the right lateral ventricle with distortion of the septal leaflet. There is midline shift approximately 1 cm to the left as well as tectal herniation with some mass effect on the brain stem. Spectroscopy demonstrates a choline to creatine ratio that is less than one which is consistent with a low grade neoplasm. The visualized paranasal sinuses and orbits are unremarkable. There is a right cerebellar venous anomaly. The flow voids of the major intracranial vessels are patent. The visualized extracranial structures, within the limits of technique, are not otherwise remarkable.

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**IMPRESSION:**

Large heterogeneous mass, with peripheral nodular enhancement, in the left frontal lobe crossing the genu of the corpus callosum to involve the right frontal lobe with areas of subacute hemorrhage most likely GEM. Addendum: Addendum added to associate 3D reconstructions billed under accession #S324231

This examination was reviewed with Dr. Ketonec. Examination: Contrast enhanced MRI of the brain dated 9/20/01. Technical: Sagittal and axial T1, pre and post contrast and axial FLAIR, fast spin echo T2, diffusion weighted images and three plane post contrast T1 weighted images of brain. In addition to multi voxel MR spectroscopy. There are no previous examinations available for comparison.

**FINDINGS:**

There is a large heterogeneous mass in the left frontal lobe which crosses the genu of the corpus callosum to involve the right frontal lobe. On pre contrast images, regions of T1 shortening is noted in particular around the region of evidence consistent with hemorrhagic products. There is mass effect on the frontal horns of the lateral ventricles. There are few signal voids in the periphery of this mass, may represent calcification versus blood vessels. Following administration of contrast material, there is thick nodular irregular enhancement. There is central region of necrosis. There are scattered white matter hyperintensities in the deep and periventricular distribution most consistent with chronic microangiopathic disease. MR spectroscopy is limited by poor baseline, there appears to be an elevated lipid peak.

**EPENDYMOMA**

= in majority benign slow-growing neoplasm of mature well-differentiated ependymal cells lining the ventricles

**Incidence:** most commonly in children; 5-9% of all primary CNS neoplasms; 15% of posterior fossa tumors in children; 65% of spinal intramedullary gliomas

**Histo:** benign aggregates of ependymocytes in form of perivascular pseudorosettes, may have papillary pattern (difficult DDX from [choroid plexus papilloma](#))

**Age:** (a) supratentorial: at any age (atrium / foramen of Monro)

(b) posterior fossa: <10 years, age peaks at 5 and 34 years; MF = 0.8:1

**Associated with:** [neurofibromatosis](#) • [increased intracranial pressure](#) (90%)

**Location:** (a) infratentorial: floor of 4th ventricle (70% of all intracranial ependymomas) (b) supratentorial: frontal > parietal > temporo-parietal / juxtaventricular region (uncommonly intraventricular), lateral ventricle, 3rd ventricle (c) conus (40-65% of all spinal intramedullary gliomas)

**in children:** infratentorial in 70%, supratentorial in 30%

✓ small cystic areas in 15-50% (central necrosis) ✓ fine punctate multifocal calcifications (25-50%) ✓ intratumoral hemorrhage (10%) ✓ frequently grows into brain parenchyma extending to cortical surface (particularly in frontal + parietal lobes) ✓ may invaginate into ventricles

✓ expansion frequently through foramen of Luschka into cerebellopontine angle (15%) or through foramen of Magendie caudally into cisterna magna (up to 60%)

**(CHARACTERISTIC)** ✓ direct invasion of brainstem / cerebellum (30-40%) ✓ insinuation around blood vessels + cranial nerves ✓ communicating [hydrocephalus](#) (100%) secondary to protein exudate elaborated by tumor clogging resorption pathways

**CT:** ✓ sharply margined multilobulated iso- / slightly hyperdense 4th ventricular mass ✓ thin well-defined low-attenuation halo (distended effaced 4th ventricle) ✓ heterogeneous / moderately uniform enhancement of solid portions (80%)

**MR:** ✓ low to intermediate heterogeneous signal intensity on T1WI ✓ hypointense tumor margins on T1WI + T2WI in 64% ( hemosiderin deposits ) ✓ foci of high-signal intensity on T2WI (= necrotic areas / cysts) + low signal intensity (= calcification / hemorrhage) ✓ fluid-fluid level within cysts ✓ homogeneous Gd-DTPA enhancement of tumor

**Cx:** subarachnoid dissemination via CSF (rare) (DDx: malignant ependymoma, ependymblastoma)

**Rx:** surgery (difficult to resect due to adherence to surrounding brain) + radiation (partially radiosensitive) + chemotherapy

**DDx of cerebellar ependymoma:** (1) [Astrocytoma](#) (hypodense, displaces 4th ventricle from midline, cystic lucency, intramedullary) (2) [Medulloblastoma](#) (hyperdense, calcifications in only 10%) (3) Trapped 4th ventricle (no contrast enhancement)

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**Classification Of Primary CNS Tumors**

<b>A. TUMORS OF BRAIN AND MENINGES</b>			
1. <a href="#">Astrocytoma</a> ( <a href="#">astrocytoma</a> grades I - II)	2. <a href="#">Glioblastoma</a> ( <a href="#">astrocytoma</a> grades III - IV)	(a) <a href="#">Gliomas</a>	<a href="#">Astrocytoma</a> (50%)
Paraganglia	1. <a href="#">Ependymoma</a>	2. <a href="#">Choroid plexus papilloma</a>	<a href="#">Choroid plexus papilloma</a>
Pituitary	1. <a href="#">Pituitary adenoma</a>	3. <a href="#">Pituitary adenoma</a>	<a href="#">Pituitary adenoma</a>
1. <a href="#">Pituitary adenoma</a>	2. <a href="#">Pituitary carcinoma</a>	(b) <a href="#">Meningeal</a>	<a href="#">Meningeal</a>
2. <a href="#">Neurofibroma</a>	(c) <a href="#">Miscellaneous</a>	1. <a href="#">Sarcoma</a>	2. <a href="#">Lipoma</a>
<b>B. TUMORS OF EXTRACRANIAL MENINGES</b>		(a) <a href="#">Craniopharyngioma</a>	(b) <a href="#">Colloid cyst</a>
1. <a href="#">Epidermoid</a>	2. <a href="#">Dermoid</a>	3. <a href="#">Teratoma</a>	(c) <a href="#">Teratoid tumor</a>

(c) Pituitary tumor

1. [Schwannoma](#)

(d) [Pituitary tumor](#)

1. [Schwannoma](#)

(e) Nerve sheath tumor

1. [Schwannoma](#)

2. [Hemangioblastoma](#)

3. [Teratoid tumor](#)

# Knowledge Discovery

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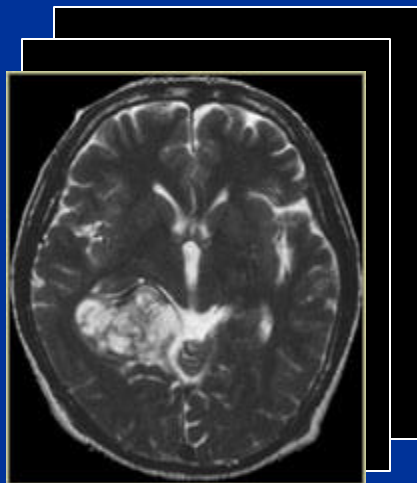
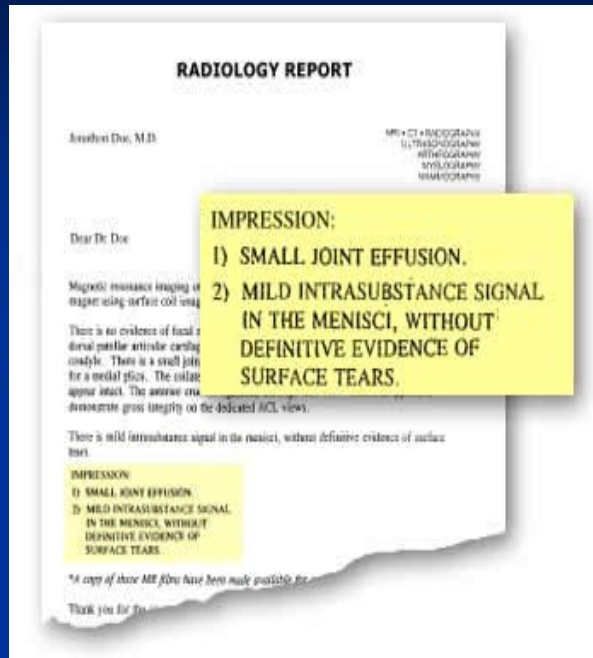
# Knowledge Management

- **No standards for existing knowledge**
- **Difficulties in representing knowledge**
- **Difficulties obtaining new knowledge**

# Ontology

- The hierarchical structuring of knowledge about things through sub-categorization according to their essential qualities.

# Create Structure



## ■ Classifying Interpreted Findings

- **LEXIMER (Lexicon Medicated Entropy Reduction)**
- **Codification - CPT, ICD-9, RADLEX, SNOMED**

## ■ Image Feature Extraction

### ■ **Modern CAD Applications**

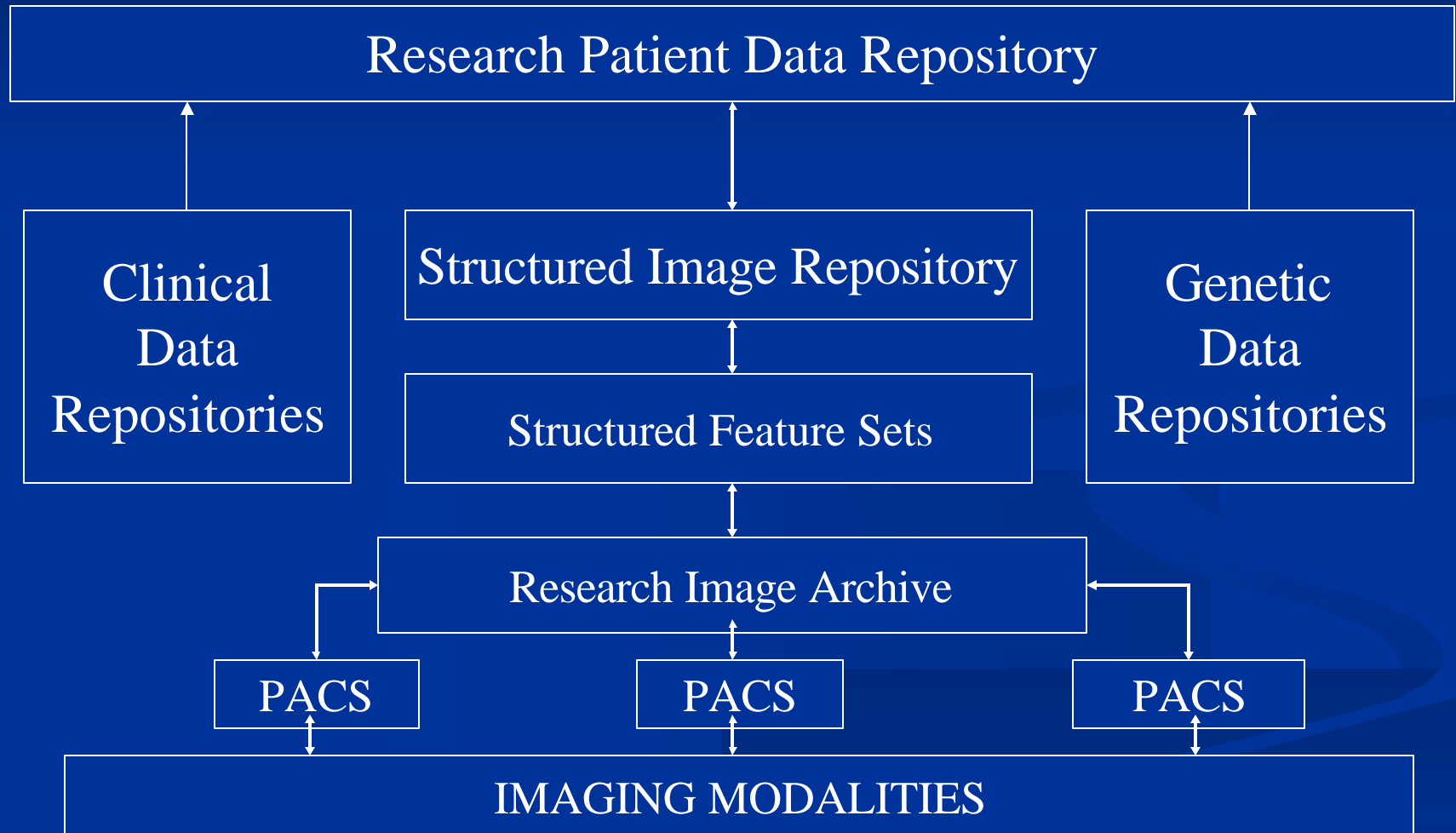
- **Digital Mammography**
  - **Micro-Calcification Detection**
- **CT Chest**
  - **Lung Nodule Detection**

### ■ **Future Application Examples**

- **Brain CT, MRI**
  - **Sagittal asymmetry index, Tumor detection**
- **Cardiac MRI, US, NM**
  - **Myocardial wall thickness quantification, HCM**
- **Future Imaging Modalities**
  - **Molecular, Fusion, 3D Imaging**

## ■ Essential for knowledge discovery

# Clinical Data System Integration





# Imaging and Genetics

## ■ Genotype

- An individual's genetic composition.
- Identified by genetic analysis.

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## ■ Penetrance, Developmental and Environmental

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## ■ Phenotype

- The features of health and disease expressed throughout life.
- Can be identified, in large part, by medical imaging.

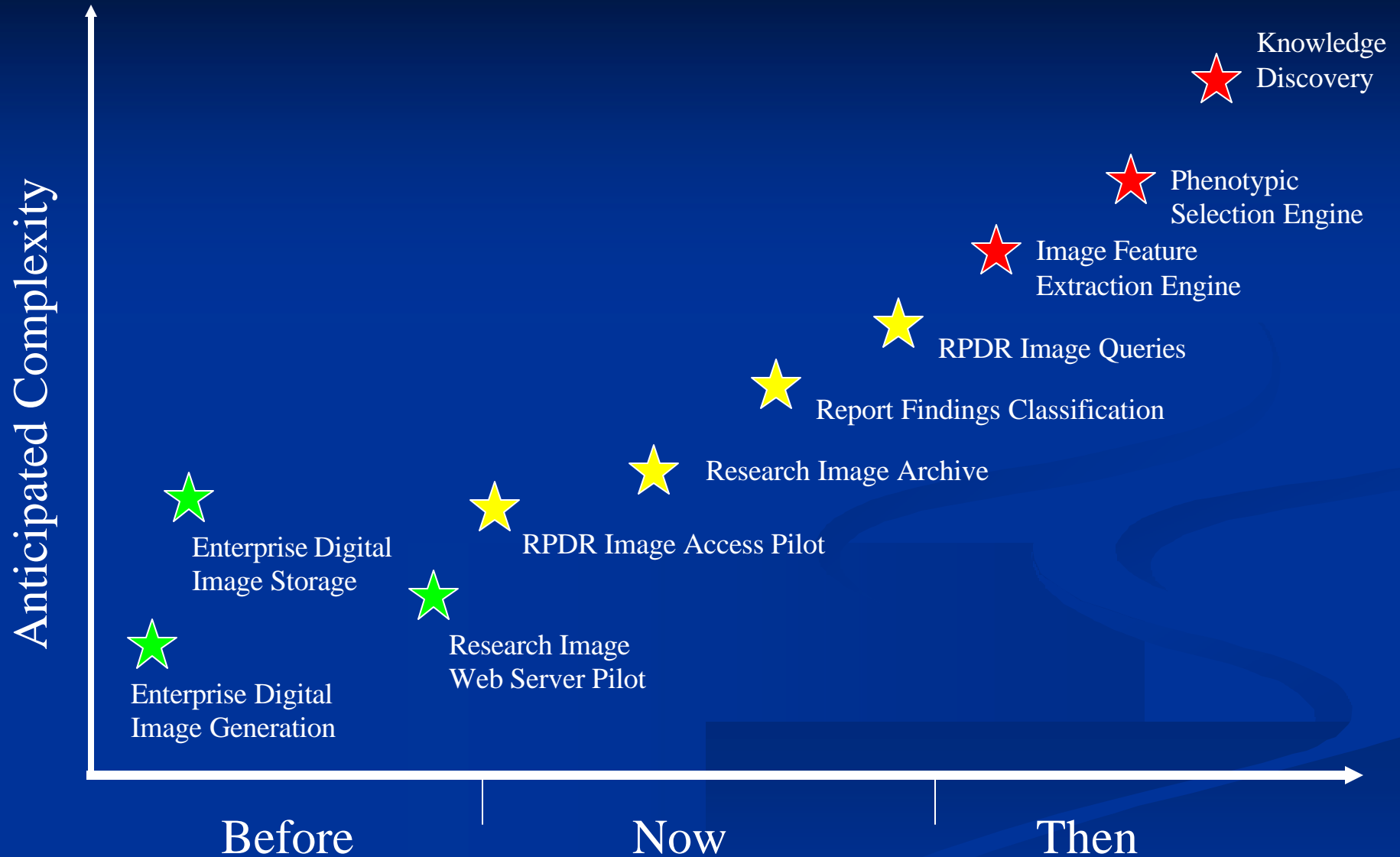
# Genetics 101

- **Allele**
  - One of at least two forms of any individual gene.
- **SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism)**
  - Small DNA regions that vary between individuals.
- It is these differences that represent underlying disease susceptibility and drug responsiveness.

# Disease Knowledge Discovery

- **Understand diseases in individuals via medical imaging**
  - Identify phenotypic expression suggestive of disease
  - Explore genetic analysis alternatives
    - Identify a potential genetic penetrance from allele or SNP
  - Evaluate therapy effectiveness
- **Understand diseases in individuals via genetic analysis**
  - Identify genotypic expression suggestive of disease
  - Classify the pathologic spectrum of expression states
    - Standard Imaging - Pathologic Anatomic and Physiologic States
    - Molecular Imaging – Specifically Targeted Expression States
  - Create specific imaging work-ups for genotypes
  - Evaluate therapy effectiveness
- **Discover new diseases in populations using genetic and image analysis**
  - Utilize extensive combinations of genotypic and phenotypic data
    - Perform clustering algorithms to identify classification possibilities
  - Map genetic states to possible phenotypic outcomes
  - Map phenotypic presentations to possible genetic states
  - Monitor therapy alternatives

# Summary Timeline



# Clinical Data Mining

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