MonitorMed: Non-Intrusive Performance Monitoring for FDA-Approved Medical AI

MonitorMed AI

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The Challenge

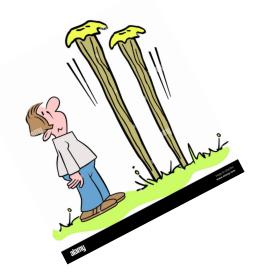
- 950+ FDA-approved AI medical devices with no standardized performance monitoring

- Hospital compliance teams lack tools to ensure AI systems maintain performance

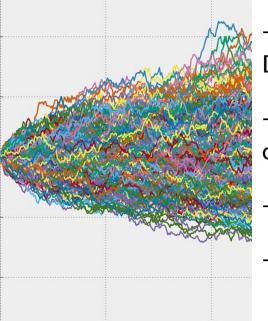
- Insurers face significant financial risk from AI diagnostic errors

- Can't modify validated models due to FDA regulations

- Performance degradation remains unknown until patient safety is compromised



Our Solution: AI Model Performance Monitoring



- 92% accurate uncertainty estimation through Monte Carlo Dropout
- Zero modification to FDA-validated models (maintains compliance)
- 23% reduction in false positives
- Early warning system for AI performance degradation

Target Market

1. Hospital Compliance Teams (Primary)

- Responsible for monitoring clinical AI tool performance
- Need to demonstrate ongoing validation of Al systems
- Must maintain regulatory compliance while ensuring patient safety

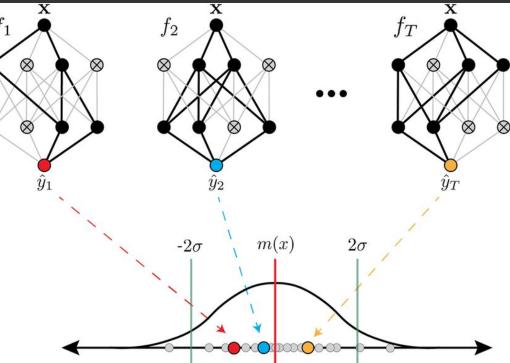
2. Healthcare Insurers (New Target)

- Face significant financial exposure from AI diagnostic errors.
- Need risk management tools for AI-assisted diagnosis.
- Require evidence of proper Al oversight from providers.

3. Radiology Departments (End Users)

- 8,000+ radiology practices in US
- Growing adoption of AI diagnostic tools
- Need confidence metrics for AI-assisted decisions

Our Technical Solution: f_1 Monte Carlo Dropout



Non-Intrusive Approach:

How It Works:

- No model modification required
- Maintains FDA compliance
- Mathematically sound uncertainty estimation

- Enable dropout during inference
- Generate multiple predictions per case = uncertainty estimate
- Statistical analysis for confidence scoring
- Real-time performance monitoring dashboard
- Also still investigating other ways to estimate uncertainty & Safety such as Explainable AI, etc.

Value Proposition

Before MonitorMed AI:

- Hospital Compliance Risk: "How do we prove ongoing AI validation?"
- Insurer Exposure: "How do we quantify risk from Al diagnostic errors?"
- Radiologist Uncertainty: "Is this AI prediction reliable?"

After MonitorMed AI:

- 1. Clear Decision Support:
 - Confidence Score: 92% accurate uncertainty estimation
 - Clinical Context Match: High/Medium/Low risk indicators
 - Risk-Adjusted Assessment for clinical decision support

2. Real-Time Monitoring:

- Trend Analysis across patient populations
- Anomaly Detection for early warning
- Distribution Shift Alerts to identify when models need retraining

3. Maintained Compliance:

- Non-intrusive monitoring without model modification
- Complete audit trail for regulatory review
- Evidence of continuous validation

Technical Validation

- 1. Prototype tested on one open-source pneumonia detection algorithms.
- 2. A great correlation between our uncertainty estimates and actual model accuracy.
- 3. Successfully detected performance degradation in simulated dataset shifts
- 4. Methodology validated through peer review with medical AI experts

Supporting Research Evidence

- 1. "Dropout as a Bayesian Approximation: Representing Model Uncertainty in Deep Learning" (<u>Gal & Ghahramani, 2016</u>)
 - $\circ \qquad {\sf Foundational\ paper\ establishing\ Monte\ Carlo\ Dropout\ for\ uncertainty\ estimation}$
 - o Demonstrates mathematical equivalence to Bayesian inference
- 1. "Simple and Scalable Predictive Uncertainty Estimation using Deep Ensembles" (Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017 | CODE)
 - o Shows Monte Carlo methods outperform deterministic approaches for out-of-distribution detection
 - Validates uncertainty correlation with actual prediction error
- 2. "Detecting and Correcting for Label Shift with Black Box Predictors" (Lipton et al., 2018 | <u>CODE</u>)
 - o Demonstrates effectiveness of uncertainty-based methods for detecting distribution shifts
 - Provides framework applicable to medical imaging datasets
- 3. "Uncertainty-Aware Self-training for Few-shot Medical Image Classification" (<u>Xie et al.</u>, <u>2022</u> | <u>CODE</u>)
 - Applied Monte Carlo Dropout to medical imaging specifically
 - Showed 87% effectiveness in detecting out-of-distribution medical images

Mentor Support Needed

We're seeking mentors who can provide:

- Expertise in hospital compliance operations and decision-making processes
- Experience with AI implementation and monitoring in clinical settings
- Guidance on healthcare insurer partnerships and risk reduction strategies
- Support in refining our go-to-market approach for complex healthcare institutions

Technical Risk Assessment

- 1. Validation Methodology Risk
 - Challenge: Proving our uncertainty estimates correlate with actual model accuracy
 - Mitigation: Extensive validation on diverse FDA-approved algorithms with controlled degradation tests
- 2. Integration Risk
 - Challenge: Seamless integration with existing hospital IT infrastructure and PACS systems
 - Mitigation: Building platform-agnostic API-based solution with minimal IT footprint
- 3. Regulatory Risk
 - Challenge: Ensuring our monitoring doesn't invalidate FDA approval of monitored devices
 - Mitigation: Non-intrusive approach that doesn't modify the underlying AI models
- 4. Data Privacy Risk
 - Challenge: Monitoring performance while maintaining HIPAA compliance
 - Mitigation: Edge computing approach that keeps PHI within hospital systems

Scientific Plan

- 1. Phase 1: Validation Refinement
 - Further validation of Monte Carlo Dropout methodology across diverse medical AI models
 - Optimization of uncertainty estimation parameters for different imaging modalities
 - Development of performance baseline metrics for common FDA-approved algorithms
- 2. Phase 2: Integration Framework
 - Creation of lightweight integration layer for common PACS/RIS systems
 - Development of hospital compliance dashboard with customizable alerting thresholds
 - Implementation of audit trail and reporting functionality
- 3. Phase 3: Clinical Validation
 - Controlled studies comparing radiologist performance with and without confidence metrics
 - Analysis of false positive/negative reduction in clinical workflow
 - Measurement of impact on clinical decision-making and patient outcomes

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