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# NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING: ESEMPIO APPLICATIVO

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# DA DOCUMENTO NON STRUTTURATO...



EXAMPLE 1 – Medical report at enrollment visit

**Piacenza, Nov 12, 2015**

**Case History.** Mr. John Doe complains having difficulty in hearing in both ears since 10 years ago when he had a car accident resulting in head injury. He suffers from diabetes type 2, hypertension and arteriosclerosis. He reports tinnitus in both ears since last 2 years. He was diagnosed with Meniere. No family history of hearing loss.

Mr. Doe denies ear pain, ear fullness and balance problems.

## **Evaluation.**

Otoscopic inspection: normal bilaterally

Immittance: type A bilaterally

Pure tone audiometry: bilateral sensorineural hearing loss at 2000-8000 Hz, moderate at right ear, profound at left ear.

Speech audiometry: max intelligibility 100% at 60 dB right ear and 0% at 90 dB at left.

Word discrimination: 80%

Word recognition: 85%

Sound field speech audiometry in noise: max intelligibility 35%, S/N 5 dB.

CT scan: normal

MRI: normal

## **Psychometric Results**

Impact of tinnitus: THI score 76, grade 4

## **Conclusions**

Based on history and current exams, Mr. Doe has a bilateral sensorineural hearing loss of profound degree for the left ear with Meniere disease and tinnitus. It is recommended to have a cochlear implant at the left ear.

# ... A DOCUMENTO STRUTTURATO



Section	Sub-section	Coded concept	Auditory disorders axis (and sub-class)	Risk factor group
Medical history evidences	Presenting complaint(s)	[C1384666] Hearing impairment	Hearing disorder ()	-
	Significant diseases/illnesses/disorders/signs having still present relevance	[C0011860] Diabetes Mellitus, Non-Insulin-dependent	-	General medical conditions
		[C0020538] Hypertensive disease	-	General medical conditions
		[C0003850] Arteriosclerosis	-	Vascular disease
		[C0040264] Tinnitus	Hearing disorder ()	-
		[C0025281] Meniere Disease	Ear disorders (peripheral vertigo)	-
	Traumatic injuries	[C0744612] Head injury trauma	-	General medical conditions
Family history of HL	None	-	-	
Examinations – audiometric	Audiometric thresholds for tones	Date: 2015/11/12. Diagnostic procedure: [C2022139] Pure tone threshold audiogram. Type of HL: [C0018784] Sensorineural Hearing Loss (disorder). Laterality: [C0238767] Bilateral. HL degree right ear: [C0205081] Moderate (severity modifier). HL degree left ear: [C0439808] Profound. Range of frequencies (Hz): 2000/8000.	Hearing disorder (hearing loss)	-

- È possibile effettuare analisi su testi non strutturati?
- È possibile estrarre informazione anche se il testo non è codificato/standardizzato?



## TECNICHE DI NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

Esempio: <http://linguistic-annotation-tool.italianlp.it>



# I PASSI PRINCIPALI DEL NLP

## SENTENCE TOKENIZER

- Identificazione dei confini delle frasi (token)
- Può considerare parole (congiunzioni), spazi, o segni di punteggiatura

## PART OF SPEECH (POS) TAGGER

- Definizione della categoria grammaticale (nome, verbo, etc)

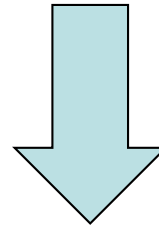
## PARSER

- Identificazione delle relazioni grammaticali tra le parti identificate

# SENTENCE TOKENIZER



**OCULAR COMPLICATIONS OF MYASTENIA GRAVIS.**

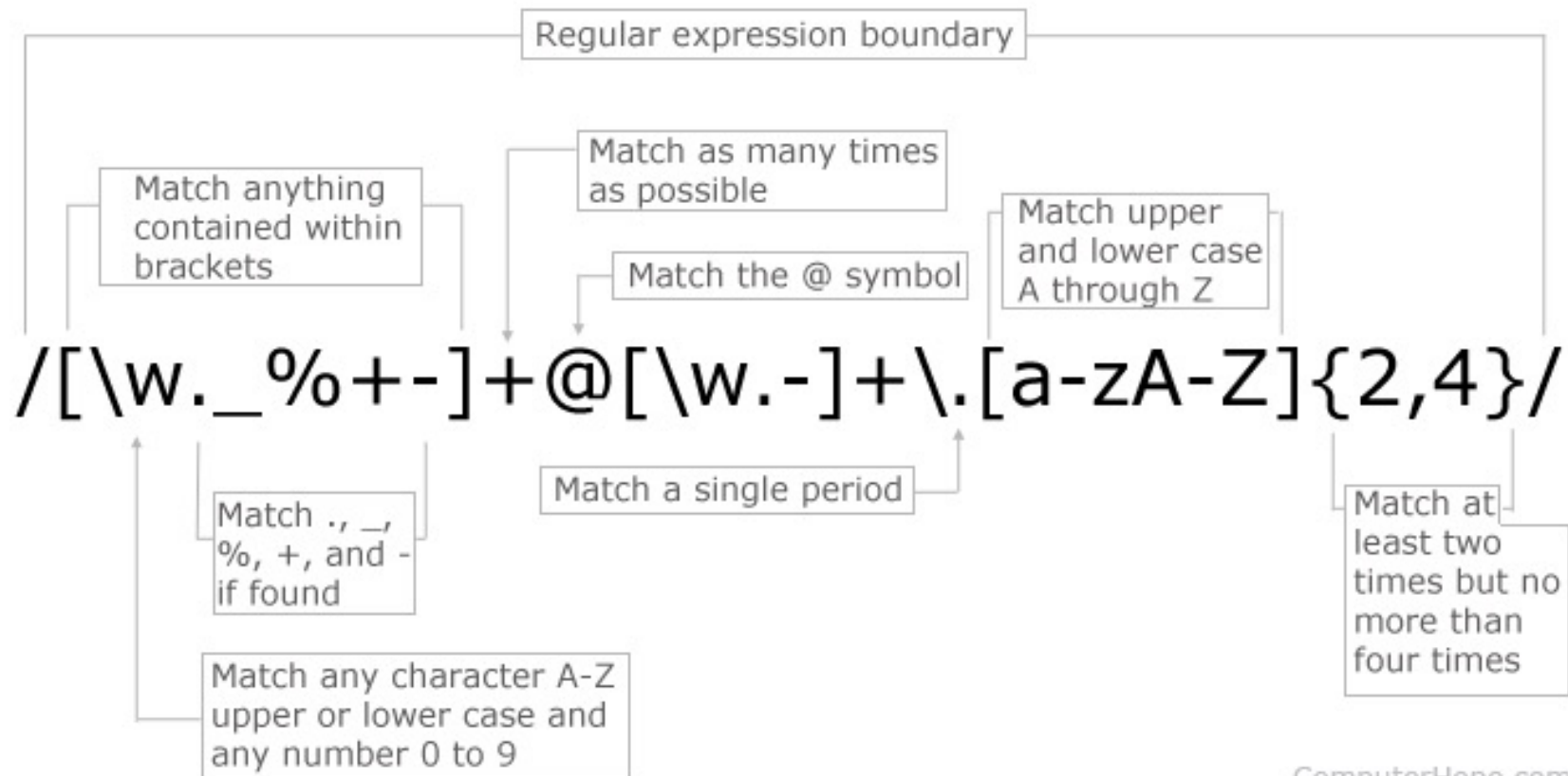


**OCULAR** **COMPLICATIONS** **OF** **MYASTENIA** **GRAVIS** **.**



# REGULAR EXPRESSIONS

## Regular Expression E-mail Matching Example



ComputerHope.com

<https://regex101.com/>

# EHR EXAMPLE: MONICA LATTE



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<https://www.ahrq.gov/ncepcr/tools/pf-handbook/mod8-app-b-monica-latte.html>

## Review of Systems

**General:** denies fatigue, malaise, fever, weight loss

**Eyes:** denies blurring, diplopia, irritation, discharge

**Ear/Nose/Throat:** denies ear pain or discharge, nasal obstruction or discharge, sore throat

**Cardiovascular:** denies chest pain, palpitations, paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea, orthopnea, edema  
**Respiratory:** denies coughing, wheezing, dyspnea, hemoptysis

**Gastrointestinal:** denies abdominal pain, dysphagia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation

**Genitourinary:** denies hematuria, frequency, urgency, dysuria, discharge, impotence, incontinence

**Musculoskeletal:** denies back pain, joint swelling, joint stiffness, joint pain

**Skin:** denies rashes, itching, lumps, sores, lesions, color change

**Neurologic:** denies syncope, seizures, transient paralysis, weakness, paresthesias

**Psychiatric:** denies depression, anxiety, mental disturbance, difficulty sleeping, suicidal ideation, hallucinations, paranoia

**Endocrine:** denies polyuria, polydipsia, polyphagia, weight change, heat or cold intolerance

**Heme/Lymphatic:** denies easy or excessive bruising, history of blood transfusions, anemia, bleeding disorders, adenopathy, chills, sweats

**Allergic/Immunologic:** denies urticaria, hay fever, frequent UTIs; denies HIV high risk behaviors



# PART OF SPEECH TAGGER



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- Project Gutenberg
- Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA)
- ...

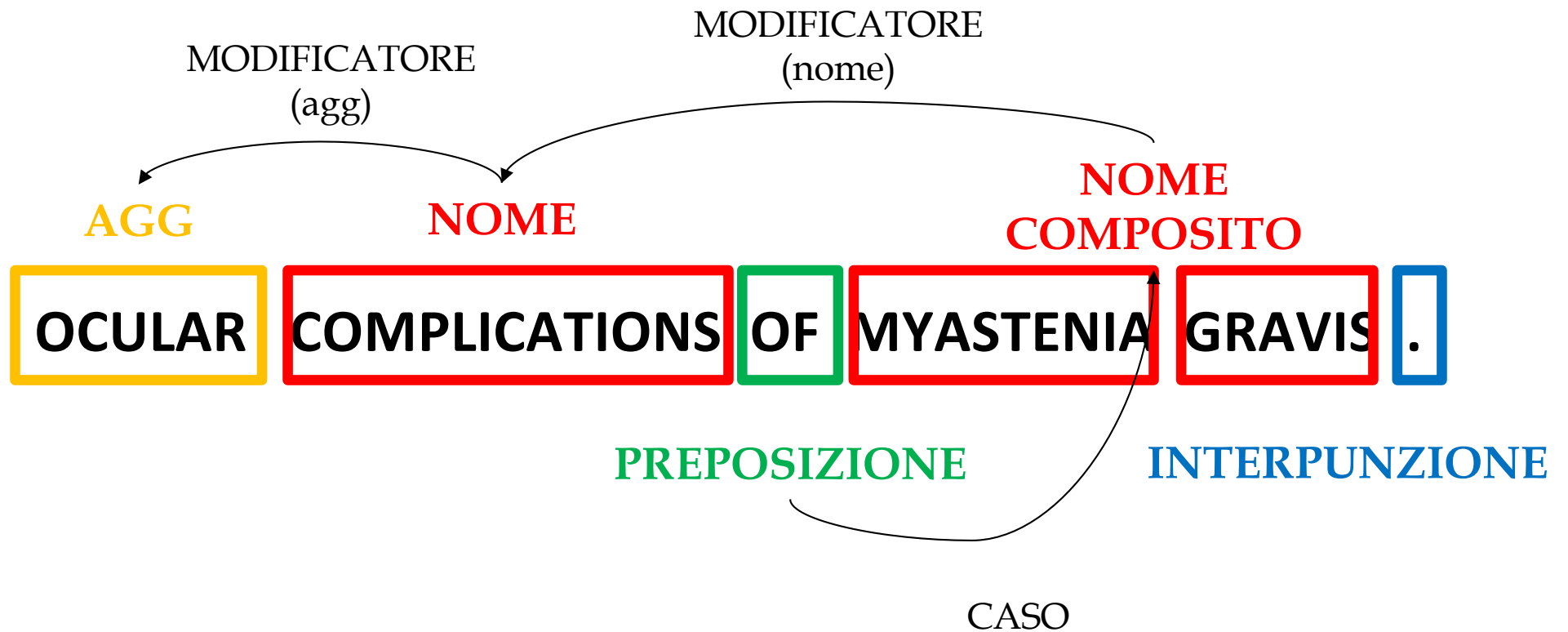
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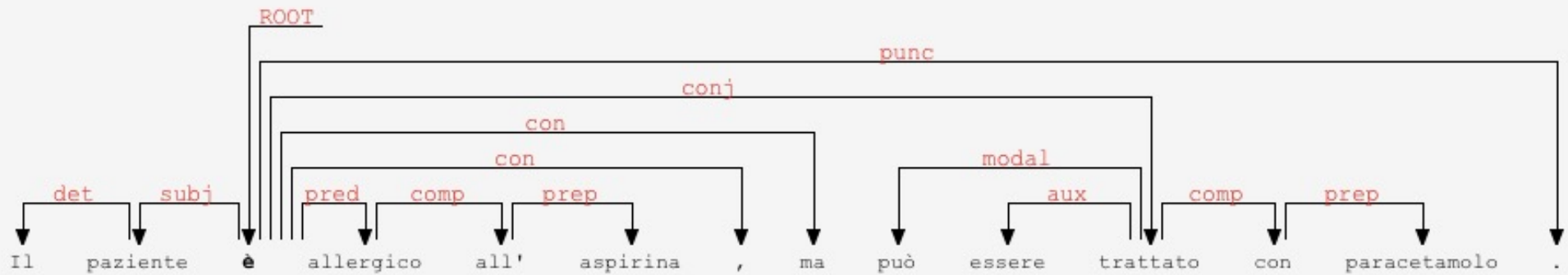
# PARSER





# ESEMPIO

Il paziente è allergico all'aspirina, ma può essere trattato con paracetamolo.



# DAL NLP ALL'INFORMATION EXTRACTION



## Named Entity Recognition

- Categorizzazione dei sostantivi (persona, sostanza, entità geografica, ...)
- Es: Adam Smith lavora alla NASA → Adam Smith = persona, NASA = azienda

## Semantic Role Recognition

- Riconoscimento del ruolo semantico
- Es: Adam Smith sta alzando la mano → Adam = agent; la mano=parte del corpo; alzare = azione

## Entity Relation Recognition

- Identificazione delle relazioni tra le entità
- Es: Adam Smith lavora alla NASA → Adam Smith = persona, lavora per = relazione, NASA = azienda

## Timex and Time Line Recognition

- Riconoscimento delle espressioni temporali
- Es: oggi, domani, settimana scorsa, 11 maggio, etc

## Word Sense Disambiguation

- Discriminazione degli omografi
- Es: Il bambino mangia la pesca vs Il bambino pesca la trota

## Negation Detection Identification

- Comprensione della negazione
- Es: il paziente non presenta segni di infarto → infarto = assente

# IL VALORE DEL TESTO LIBERO



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## Real world evidence in cardiovascular medicine: ensuring data validity in electronic health record-based studies

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### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** With growing availability of digital health data and technology, health-related studies are increasingly augmented or implemented using real world data (RWD). Recent federal initiatives promote the use of RWD to make clinical assertions that influence regulatory decision-making. Our objective was to determine whether traditional real world evidence (RWE) techniques in cardiovascular medicine achieve accuracy sufficient for credible clinical assertions, also known as “regulatory-grade” RWE.

**Design:** Retrospective observational study using electronic health records (EHR), 2010–2016.

**Methods:** A predefined set of clinical concepts was extracted from EHR structured (EHR-S) and unstructured (EHR-U) data using traditional query techniques and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, respectively. Performance was evaluated against manually annotated cohorts using standard metrics. Accuracy was compared to pre-defined criteria for regulatory-grade. Differences in accuracy were compared using Chi-square test.

**Results:** The dataset included 10 840 clinical notes. Individual concept occurrence ranged from 194 for coronary artery bypass graft to 4502 for diabetes mellitus. In EHR-S, average recall and precision were 51.7% and 98.3%, respectively and 95.5% and 95.3% in EHR-U, respectively. For each clinical concept, EHR-S accuracy was below regulatory-grade, while EHR-U met or exceeded criteria, with the exception of medications.

**Conclusions:** Identifying an appropriate RWE approach is dependent on cohorts studied and accuracy required. In this study, recall varied greatly between EHR-S and EHR-U. Overall, EHR-S did not meet regulatory grade criteria, while EHR-U did. These results suggest that recall should be routinely measured in EHR-based studies intended for regulatory use. Furthermore, advanced data and technologies may be required to achieve regulatory grade results.

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scientific papers published

New journals



INCREASED KNOWLEDGE ?



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- **Start the research** (state-of-the-art evaluation/review)
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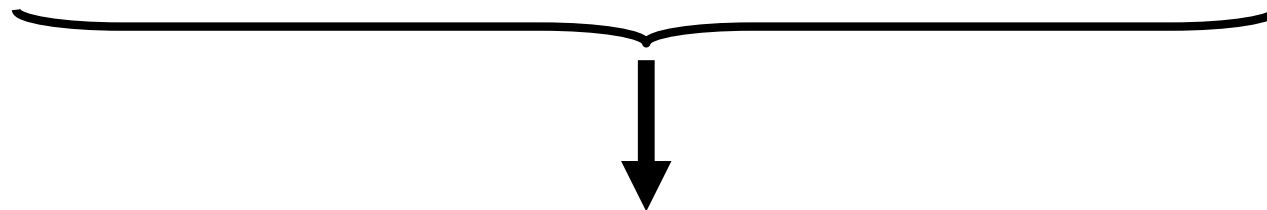


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# EXAMPLES (1/2)



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Medline	Tutte	Dal 1966	4592 riviste	Settimanale	Gratuito
Embase (Excerpta medica)	Tutte (settore farmaceutico)	Dal 1974	4168 riviste	Settimanale	Pagamento
Pascal Biomed	Tutte	Dal 1973	6885 riviste	Settimanale (online)	Pagamento
Cochrane Library	Tutte (in modo parziale)	-	Tende alla esaustività	Trimestrale	Pagamento
Best Evidence	Tutte (in modo parziale)	Dal: 1991( ACPJC) 1995 (EBM)	ACP JC EBM	Annuale	Pagamento

# EXAMPLES (2/2)



ALCUNE BANCHE DI BIBLIOGRAFIA DI BIOMEDICINA SPECIALISTICA					
Nome	Aree coperte	Copertura temporale	Numero documenti	Frequenza di aggiornamento	Accesso
Aidslines	Aids	Dal 1980	186000	Settimanale	Gratuito
Cancerlit	Oncologia	Dal 1966	1.5 mln	Mensile	Gratuito
Bioethicsline	Etica medica	Dal 1973	60000	Bimensile	Gratuito
Toxline	Tossicologia	Dal 1965	2.6 mln	Mensile	Gratuito
HealthStar	Servizi e gestione sanitaria	Dal 1975	3.1 mln	Settimanale	Gratuito
BDSP	Salute pubblica	Dal 1970	214828	-	Pagamento
PsychINFO	Psicologia	Dal 1967	1.6 mln	Mensile	Pagamento
Allyed & Complementary Medicine	Medicine parallele	Dal 1985	103600	Mensile	Pagamento
Belit	bioetica	-	150000	-	Gratuito



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WebBioBank: A new platform for integrating clinical forms and shared neurosignal analyses to support multi-centre studies in Parkinson's Disease



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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** The web-based systems available for multi-centre clinical trials do not combine clinical data collection (Electronic Health Records, EHRs) with signal processing storage and analysis tools. However, in pathophysiological research, the correlation between clinical data and signals is crucial for uncovering the underlying neurophysiological mechanisms. A specific example is the investigation of the mechanisms of action for Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) used for Parkinson's Disease (PD); the neurosignals recorded from the DBS target structure and clinical data must be investigated.

**Objective:** The aim of this study is the development and testing of a new system dedicated to a multi-centre study of Parkinson's Disease that integrates biosignal analysis tools and data collection in a shared and secure environment.

**Methods:** We designed a web-based platform (WebBioBank) for managing the clinical data and biosignals of PD patients treated with DBS in different clinical research centres. Homogeneous data collection was ensured in the different centres (Operative Units, OUs). The anonymity of the data was preserved using unique identifiers associated with patients (ID BAC). The patients' personal details and their equivalent ID BACs were archived inside the corresponding OU and were not uploaded on the web-based platform; data sharing occurred using the ID BACs. The system allowed researchers to upload different signal processing functions (in a .dll extension) onto the web-based platform and to combine them to define dedicated algorithms.

**Results:** Four clinical research centres used WebBioBank for 1 year. The clinical data from 58 patients treated using DBS were managed, and 186 biosignals were uploaded and classified into 4 categories based on the treatment (pharmacological and/or electrical). The user's satisfaction mean score exceeded the satisfaction threshold.

**Conclusions:** WebBioBank enabled anonymous data sharing for a clinical study conducted at multiple centres and demonstrated the capabilities of the signal processing chain configuration as well as its effectiveness and efficiency for integrating the neurophysiological results with clinical data in multi-centre studies, which will allow the future collection of homogeneous data in large cohorts of patients.

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# THE PEER-REVIEW PROCESS (1)

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Sara Renata Francesca Marceglia, Ph.D. (Reviewer 3)	<a href="#">Major Revision</a>	(None)
(Reviewer 4)	<a href="#">Reject</a>	(None)

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# THE PEER-REVIEW PROCESS (2)



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## Revision 1

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<b>Comments to Author:</b>	<p>The paper "A Novel Dual Calibration Confocal Imaging for Microwave Early Breast Tumor detection in MR Images Based Model" describes a dual calibration technique for microwave breast tumour detection. The model is based on 3D breast MR images and uses a uniformly spaced moving antenna array. The method is described in details and the simulation model is valuable. Also, the figures are informative and well presented in the text.</p> <p>I have two major critiques related to the manuscript:</p> <p>1- the language needs a deep revision from a native English speaker. There are many grammar and syntax mistakes (e.g., in the highlights, "Confocal algorithm use ..." should be "The confocal algorithm uses..."; in the introduction "Mammography and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) are most common" should be "Mammography and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) are the most common").</p> <p>2- even though the authors describe the available literature on the current state of the art of artefact removal techniques, they do not explain why the proposed methodology differs from the others and how it contributes to overcome the current limitations. Despite the detailed "Methods" and "Results" sections, the manuscript completely lacks the discussion of the results in the light of the current state-of-the-art. The "Conclusions" just provide a summary of the results and do not contextualize the authors' findings.</p>			





# THE DECISION LETTER

22-Feb-2015

Dear Dr. Marceglio:

Manuscript ID ACI-2014-12-RA-0115 entitled "A Standards-Based Architecture Proposal for Integrating Patient mHealth Apps to Electronic Health Record Systems" which you submitted to the Applied Clinical Informatics, has been reviewed. The comments of the reviewer(s) and Associate Editor (if applicable) are included at the bottom of this letter.

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Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

Reviewer: 1

Comments to the Author

In reading this, I had several considerations.

The communication between the mobile application and EHR are encrypted and deidentified, using only a patient ID (which I assume is random). Does the mobile application itself include the patient's name, physician's name, etc.? If someone were to find the mobile device, then easy deduction can allow one to discover the patient's name and medical condition. I know your paper says you do not store health information on the device, but this was left a little unclear to me. Does the application have password or TouchID validation to abate this? Additionally, at what point is the information re-identified, and how is this done? It seems that the logical place would be on the EMR side, but this is not apparent in the paper.

Since no health information is stored on the mobile device, how does this contribute to patient health information tracking? Would these data (which are stored in the multiple repositories, per Figure 2A/B) then be accessible to the mobile platform for longitudinal tracking? As it stands, communication looks to be only one-way in terms of this.

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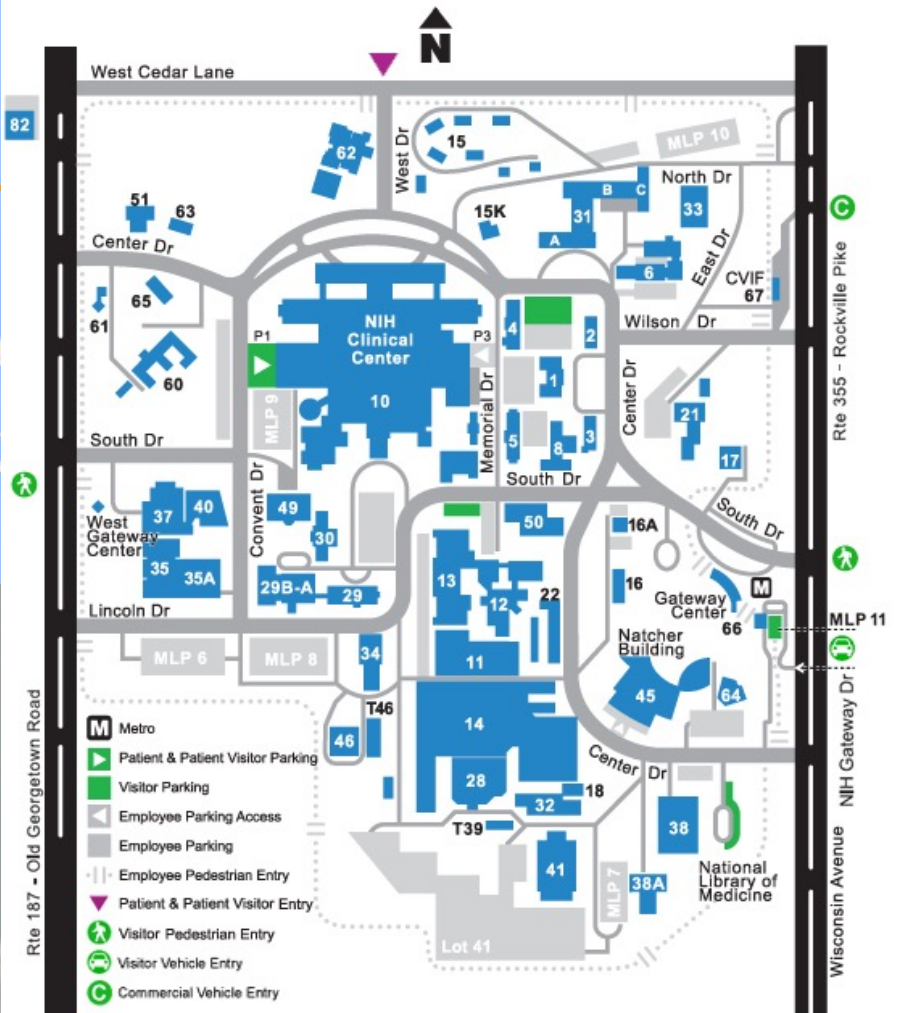
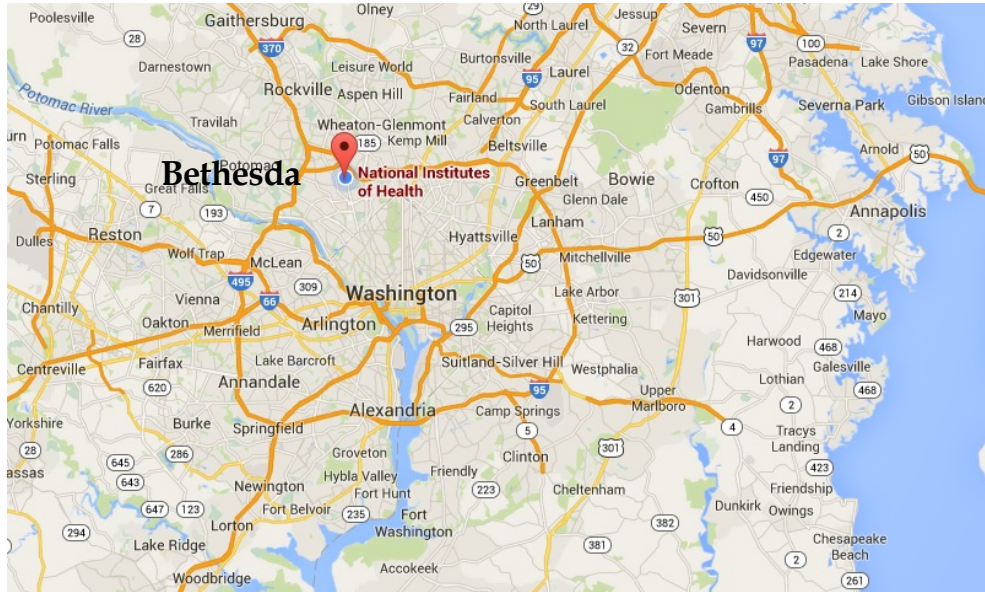
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- The article is retrieved as citation (not “full text”)
- US National Library of Medicine (NLM, [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov))
- Free access
- 74% papers in English
- 40% of the journals are published in the US

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PubMed Overview

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**What's the Difference Between MEDLINE<sup>®</sup> and PubMed<sup>®</sup>?**

# MEDLINE/PUBMED



- MEDLINE®
- National Library of Medicine® (NLM®) journal citation database.
- Started in the 1960s, it now provides over 21 million references to biomedical and life sciences journal articles back to 1946.
- MEDLINE includes citations from over 5,600 scholarly journals published around the world.
- Publishers submit journals to an NIH-chartered advisory committee, the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC), which reviews and recommends journals for MEDLINE.
- The MEDLINE database is directly searchable from NLM as a subset of the PubMed® database as well as through other numerous search services that license the data.

# PUBMED



- Has been available since 1996 (now 23 mln references)
- Include the MEDLINE database plus the following types of citations:
  - In-process citations, which provide records for articles before those records go through quality control and are indexed with MeSH or converted to out-of-scope status.
  - Citations to articles that are out-of-scope from certain MEDLINE journals (general science and general chemistry journals)
  - "Ahead of Print" citations .
  - Citations that precede the date that a journal was selected for MEDLINE indexing and Pre-1966 citations.
  - Citations to some additional life sciences journals that submit full text to PMC<sup>®</sup> (PubMed Central<sup>®</sup>) and receive a qualitative review by NLM.
  - Citations to author manuscripts of articles published by NIH-funded researchers and Citations for the majority of books available on the NCBI Bookshelf .



## PUBMED CENTRAL (PMC)

- Launched in 2000
- Free archive for full-text biomedical and life sciences journal articles.
- Repository for journal literature deposited by participating publishers, as well as for author manuscripts that have been submitted in compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy and similar policies of other research funding agencies.
- Although free access is a requirement for PMC deposit, publishers and individual authors may continue to hold copyright on the material in PMC and publishers can delay the release of their material in PMC for a short period after publication.
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## MeSH

MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) is the NLM controlled vocabulary thesaurus used for indexing articles for PubMed.

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# GENERAL RESEARCH PRINCIPLES

- Definition of the research object
- Definition of the key concepts
- Definition of the type of reserach (free text or coded).
- Boolean operators **AND, OR, NOT** to link the research keywords
- Use of the “limits/constraints” →
  - Publication year
  - Type of paper
  - Paper language
  - Availability of the abstract
  - Free article



# HOW TO FIND THE “FULL TEXT”

## Full text links



## Full text links



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**Web-Based Telemonitoring and Delivery of Caregiver Support for Patients With Parkinson Disease After Deep Brain Stimulation: Protocol**

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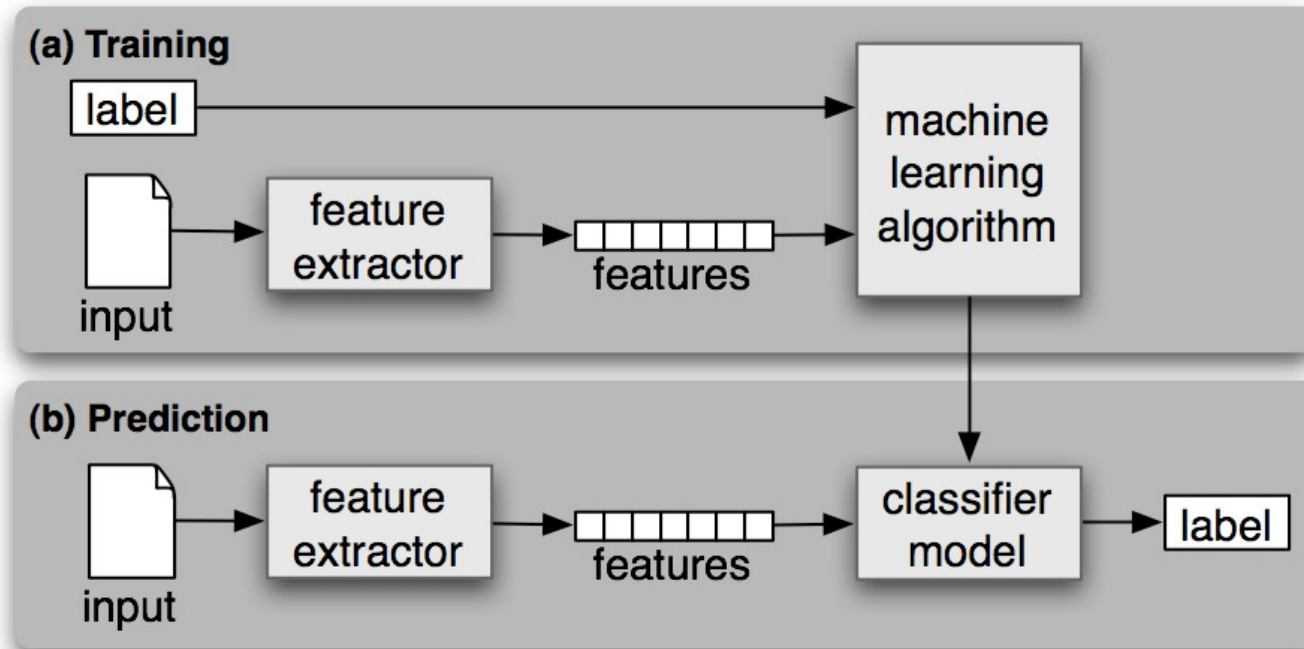
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# MACHINE LEARNING EXAMPLE



## NÄIVE BAYES CLASSIFIER

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} \quad y = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(y) \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i|y)$$



# MACHINE LEARNING EXAMPLE

```
from nltk.corpus import movie_reviews

# Total reviews
print (len(movie_reviews.fileids())) # Output: 2000

# Review categories
print (movie_reviews.categories()) # Output: [u'neg', u'pos']
```

[...]

```
print (classifier.show_most_informative_features(10))
'''
```

Output:

Most Informative Features

contains(outstanding) = True	pos : neg	=	14.7	: 1.0
contains(mulan) = True	pos : neg	=	7.8	: 1.0
contains(poorly) = True	neg : pos	=	7.7	: 1.0
contains(wonderfully) = True	pos : neg	=	7.5	: 1.0
contains(seagal) = True	neg : pos	=	6.5	: 1.0
contains(awful) = True	neg : pos	=	6.1	: 1.0
contains(wasted) = True	neg : pos	=	6.1	: 1.0
contains(waste) = True	neg : pos	=	5.6	: 1.0
contains(damon) = True	pos : neg	=	5.3	: 1.0
contains(flynt) = True	pos : neg	=	5.1	: 1.0

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