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Can artificial intelligence solve the radiologist workforce crisis?



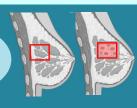
Figure one – 69% of radiologists have high levels of emotional exhaustion (Abdolell, 2020).

- When women attend mammograms, the decision to recall women is based on radiologists' opinions.
- Currently, there is a growing shortage of radiologists which is subjecting 4000 women to the risk of overdiagnosis from false recalls (Taylor-Phillips et al., 2022).

Mammography intelligence assessment - reader (MIA-R) is an artificial intelligence CE-marked computer-aided detection (AI-CAD) technology which aids radiologists in breast cancer detection. (Kheiron Medical, n.d.).

MIA-R

MIA-R was given retrospective mammograms with cancerous and benign breast lesions. MIA-R analysed mammograms through deep learning – a form of machine learning (Kheiron Medical, n.d.).





Machine learning is a technology becoming more efficient without being programmed by humans. MIAR uses deep learning which is composed of neural networks that try to recreate the stimulus of a human brain (Nichols et al., 2018).

Once deployed MIA-R analyses digital mammograms for lesions and provides suggestions to radiologists on whether to recall or not (Kheiron Medical, n.d.).









90.6% Specificity

Previous research calculated that mammograms analysed by MIA had a 90.6% specificity compared to the 88.6% specificity of radiologists (Hickman et al., 2021).

Evaluation

Multi-disciplinary team (MDT) will be essential when teaching radiologists about MIA-R.



To ensure GDPR Radiologists must gain informed consent from patients for their data to be stored. (Rigby, 2019).



MIA-R requires large data storage, hospitals that cannot meet the requirements will not have access. (Hickman et al., 2021).

MIA-R is supporting radiologists in detecting breast cancer - reducing false recalls. MIA-R is promising, however, MIA-R is still susceptible to errors, therefore must be used in conjunction with radiologists instead of as a replacement (Ethics and governance of artificial intelligence for health, 2021).

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