Data Analytic Models and Insights in Adaptive Treatment of Chronic Depression

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Abstract: This talk will feature research at the UW Healthcare Analytics Lab using advanced analytics to design predictive and optimization models to adaptively monitor and treat chronically depressed patients. Mitigating depression has become a national health priority as it affects 1 out of 10 adults in the U.S. Prognostic-based monitoring that stratifies patients’ disease risk and adaptively allocates resources to high-risk patients may improve overall health outcomes. Our objective is to translate data into solutions regarding who should be monitored and treated at the appropriate time, and study how cost-effective these adaptive strategies could be.

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