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## **The Selection of Early Warning Scores**

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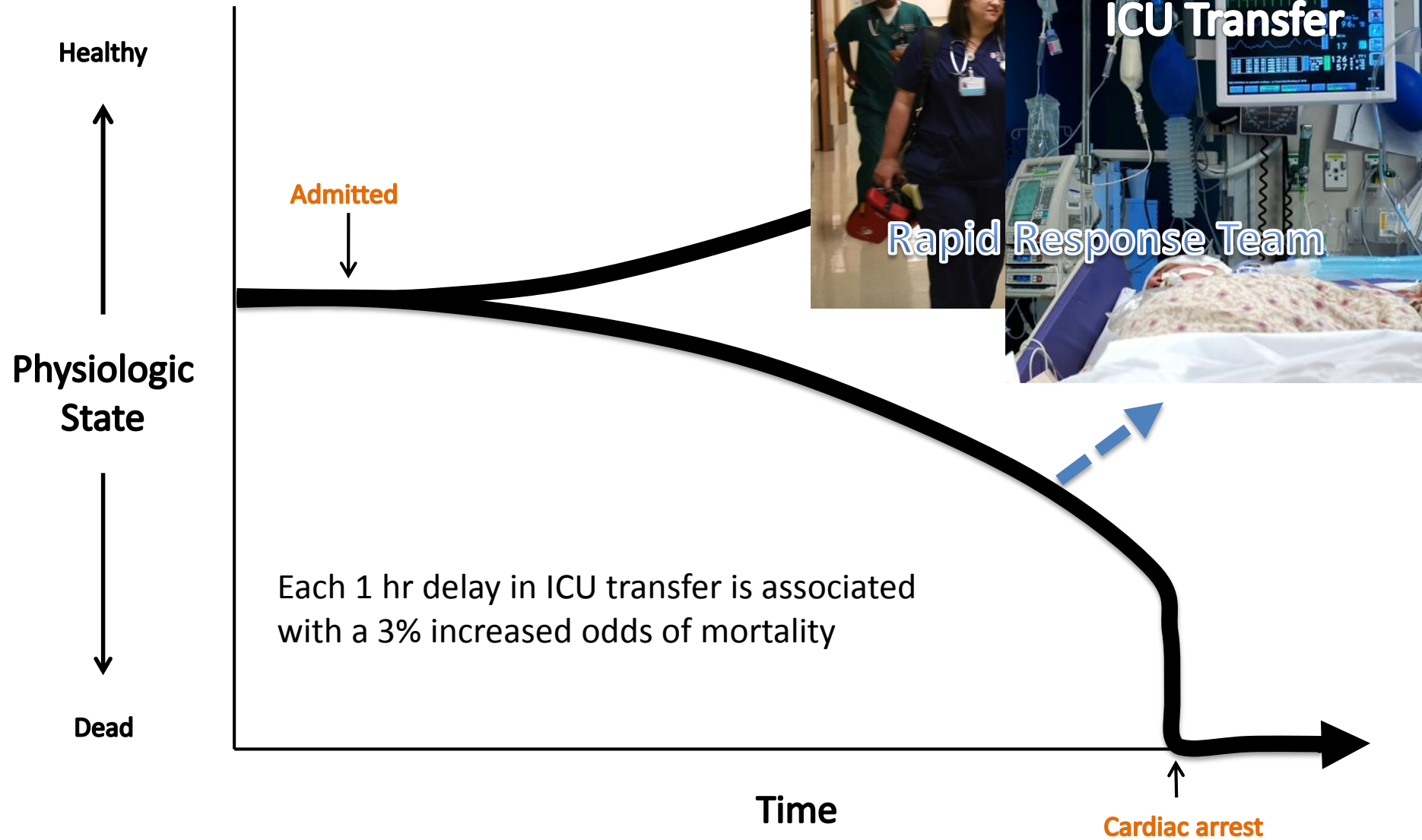
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# Hospitalization Time Course



# Traditional RRT calling criteria

**Call if any of these criteria are met:**

Threatened airway\*

Respiratory rate <5

Respiratory rate >36

Heart rate <40

Heart rate >140

Systolic Blood Pressure <90

Drop in Glasgow Coma Scale >2

Prolonged seizure activity\*



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# Traditional Statistics: Baseball v. Healthcare



## Kris Bryant

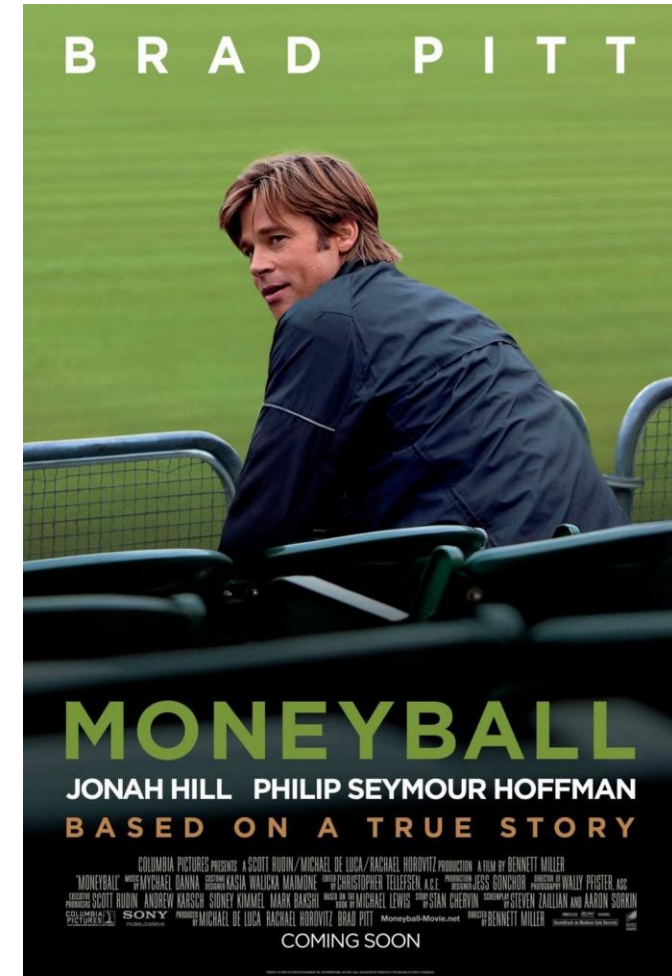
#17 3B | Bats: R, Throws: R | Chicago Cubs

Birth Date	Janua	2016 Season			
Birthplace	Las V				
Experience	1 year	AVG	HR	RBI	OBP
College	San D	.292	39	102	.385
Ht/Wt	6-5, 2				



# Rethinking baseball statistics

<b>CALIBER OF PLAYER</b>	<b>WINS ABOVE REPLACEMENT</b>
BENCH GUY	0-1 WAR
ROLE PLAYER	1-2 WAR
SOLID STARTER	2-3 WAR
ABOVE-AVERAGE	3-4 WAR
ALL-STAR	4-5 WAR
SUPERSTAR	5-6 WAR
MVP	6+ WAR



# Modified Early Warning Score (MEWS)

Score	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
Respiratory rate (RPM)	—	≤ 8	—	9-14	15-20	21-29	≥ 30
Heart rate (BPM)	—	≤ 40	41-50	51-100	101-110	111-129	≥ 130
Systolic BP	≤ 70	71-80	81-100	101-199		≥ 200	
Temperature (°C)	—	≤35	—	35.0-38.4	—	>38.5	—
AVPU	—	—	—	Alert	React to Voice	React to Pain	Unresp



# National Early Warning Score (NEWS)

PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
Respiration Rate	≤8		9 - 11	12 - 20		21 - 24	≥25
Oxygen Saturations	≤91	92 - 93	94 - 95	≥96			
Any Supplemental Oxygen		Yes		No			
Temperature	≤35.0		35.1 - 36.0	36.1 - 38.0	38.1 - 39.0	≥39.1	
Systolic BP	≤90	91 - 100	101 - 110	111 - 219			≥220
Heart Rate	≤40		41 - 50	51 - 90	91 - 110	111 - 130	≥131
Level of Consciousness				A			V, P, or U



**But health care has moved into the digital age**



## Running a paper-based tool on a computer is like ...



# Harnessing big data analytics for IHCA prevention



# Introduction of eCART™ – linear logistic regression

Prior ICU stay (1 = Yes, 0 = No)	1.37
Heart rate (beats/min)	0.03
Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	-0.02
Respiratory rate (breaths/min)	0.14
Oxygen saturation (%)	0.07
Temperature (°C)	-0.31
Mental status (alert, responsive to voice, responsive to pain, unresponsive)	0.43
On room air (1 = Yes, 0 = No)	-0.64
Age (yr)	0.03
Blood urea nitrogen (mg/dL)	0.01
Anion gap (mEq/L)	0.13
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	-0.17
Platelet count (K/ $\mu$ L)	-0.002
Potassium (mEq/L)	0.17
WBC count (K/ $\mu$ L)	0.01



## eCART™ 2

- Cubic spline logistic regression
- Utilizes 33 EHR variables: vitals, labs, demographics
- Derived and validated in >250,000 patients from five hospitals



# eCART 2™ – cubic spline logistic regression

Variable	Cut-off	Coeff	Cut-off	Coeff	Cut-off	Coeff
Age, years	18-40	0.042	>40	0.014		
Number of ICU stays	0-1	0.193	>1	0.112		
Respiratory rate, breaths per minute	≤20	-0.042	>20	0.109		
Heart rate, beats per minute	≤49	-0.044	50-100	0.014	>100	0.037
Systolic blood pressure, mm Hg	≤100	-0.034				
Diastolic blood pressure, mm Hg	≤49	-0.060				
Temperature, degrees Celsius	≤35.5	-0.850				
Pulse pressure index	≤0.249	3.030				
Oxygen saturation, %	≤92	-0.050				
Mental status (AVPU)	Voice	0.734				
Sodium, mEq/L	≤133	-0.038				
Potassium, mEq/L	≤3.4	-0.264				
Bicarbonate, mEq/L	≤22	-0.043				
Anion gap, mEq/L	≤12	0.062				
BUN, mg/dL	≤40	0.017	>40	-0.001		
Creatinine, mg/dL	≤1.4	0	>1.4	-0.024		
BUN-creatinine ratio	linear	0.002				
Glucose, mg/dL	≤59	-0.019	60-199	0.003	>199	-0.001
Calcium, mg/L	≤8	-0.146	>8	0		
WBC, K/μL	≤11	0.058	>11	0.002		
Hemoglobin, g/dL	≤13.4	-0.028	13.5-16	0	>16	0.291
Platelets, K/μL	≤149	-0.003	150-350	0	>350	-0.001
Total protein, g/dL	linear	0.059				
Albumin, g/dL	≤3.4	-0.113	3.5-4.4	-0.156	>4.4	0
Total bilirubin, mg/dL	≤1.9	0.237	>1.9	0.001		
AST, U/L	≤37	0.003	>37	0.0003		
Alkaline phosphatase, U/L	≤120	0.0001	>120	-0.0004		

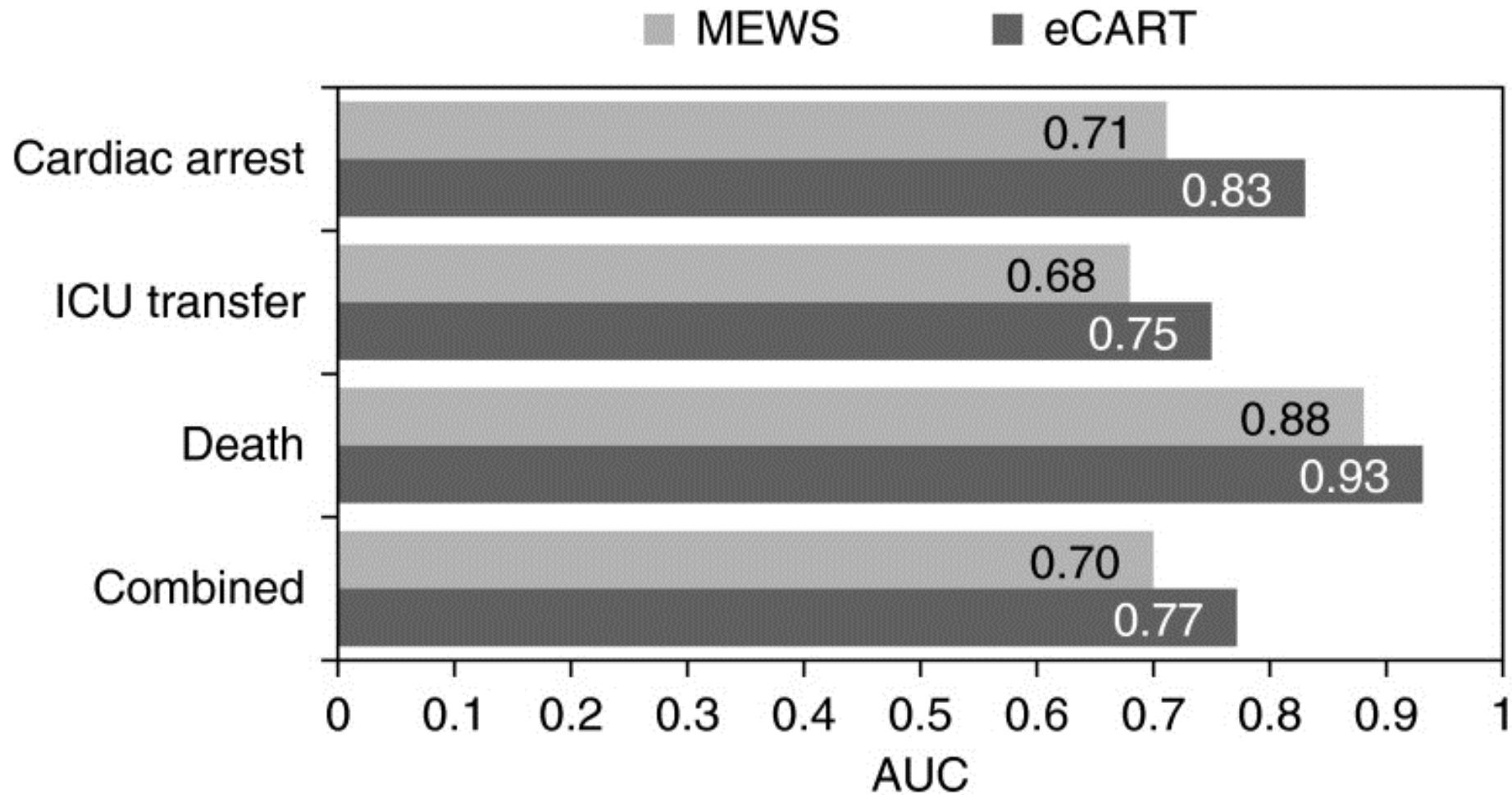


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n=269,999 admission from five hospitals

Churpek, AJRCCM 2014

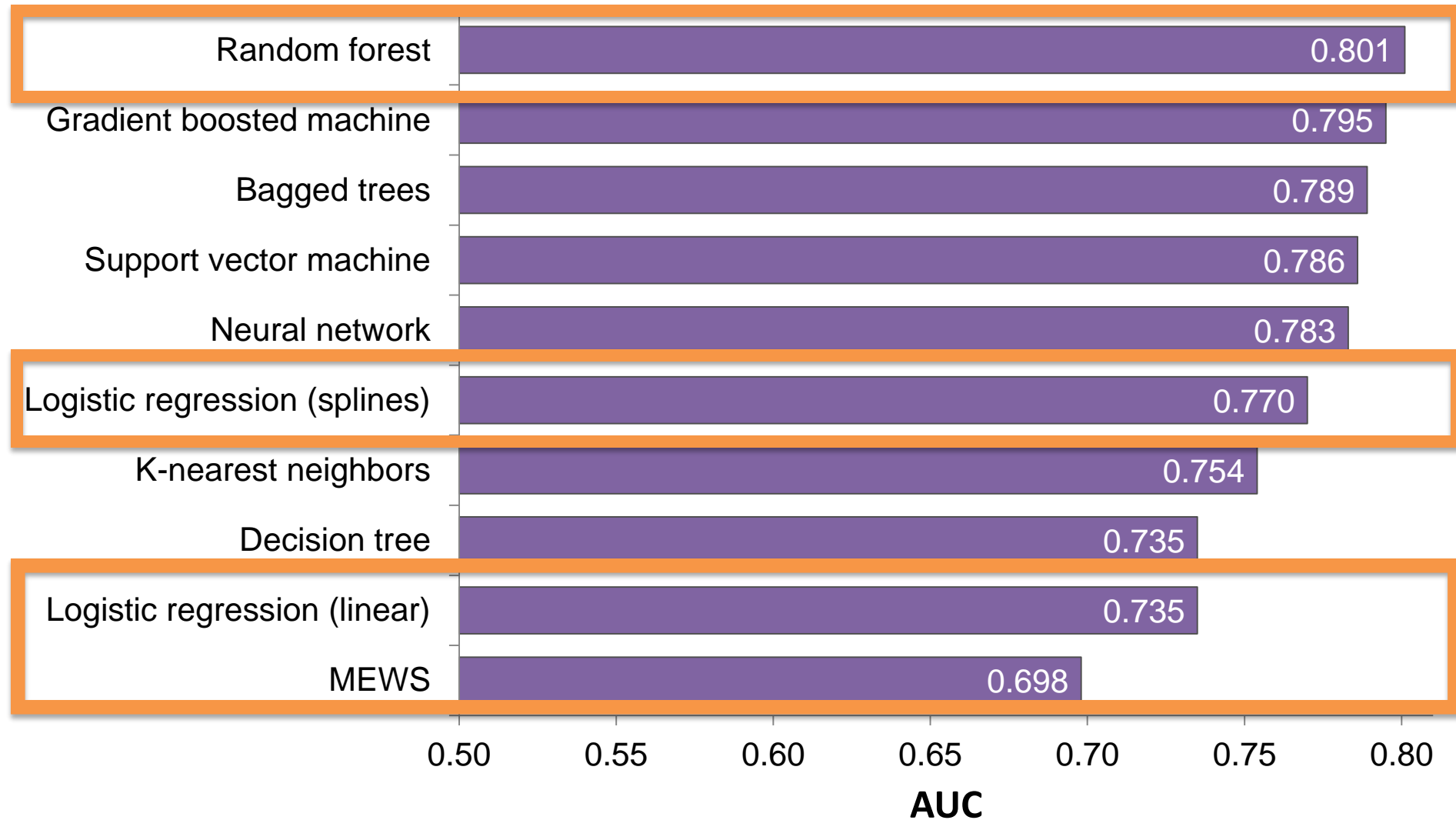
## Accuracy: eCART vs MEWS



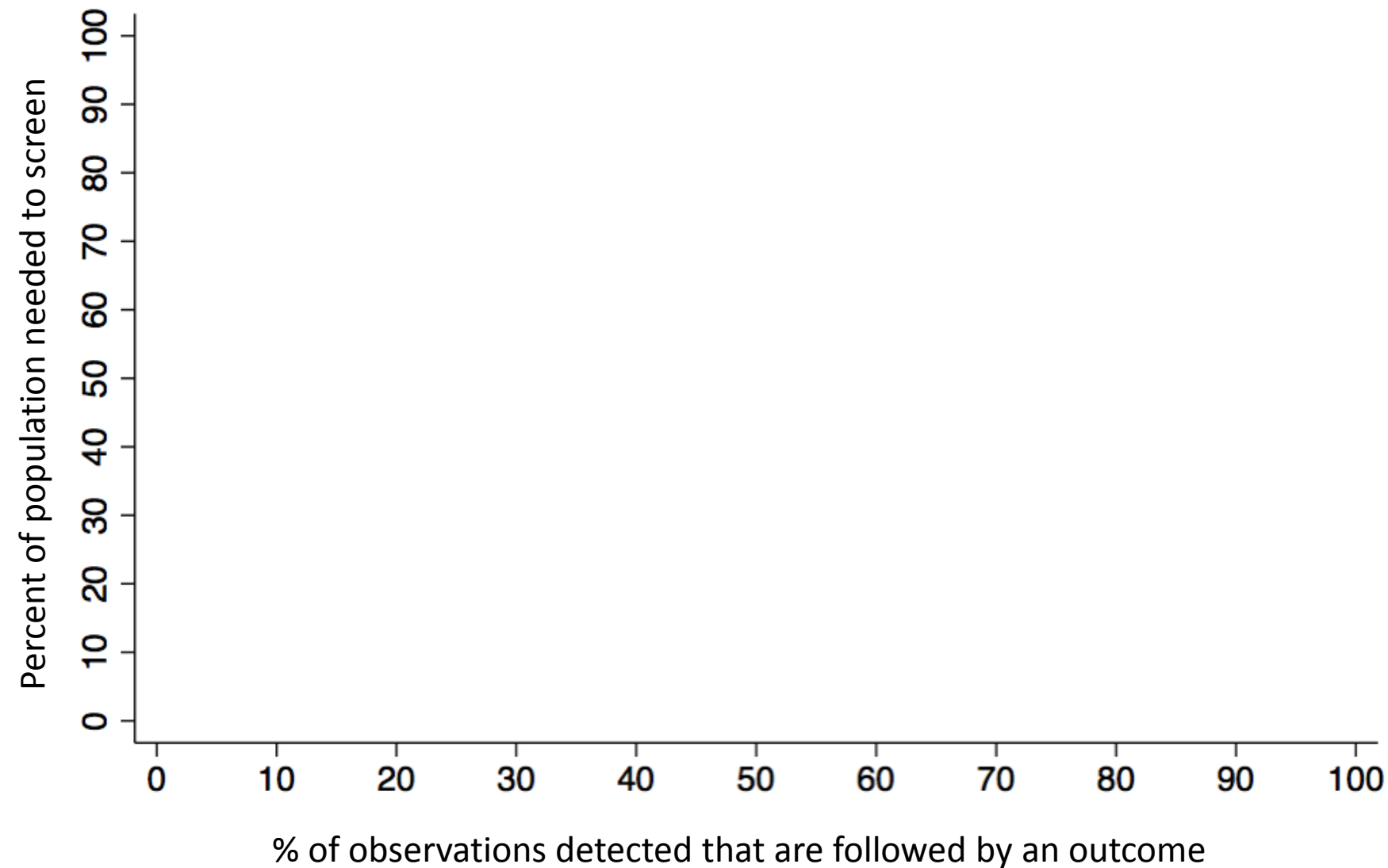
# Challenge: \$1,000,000 to improve rental suggestions



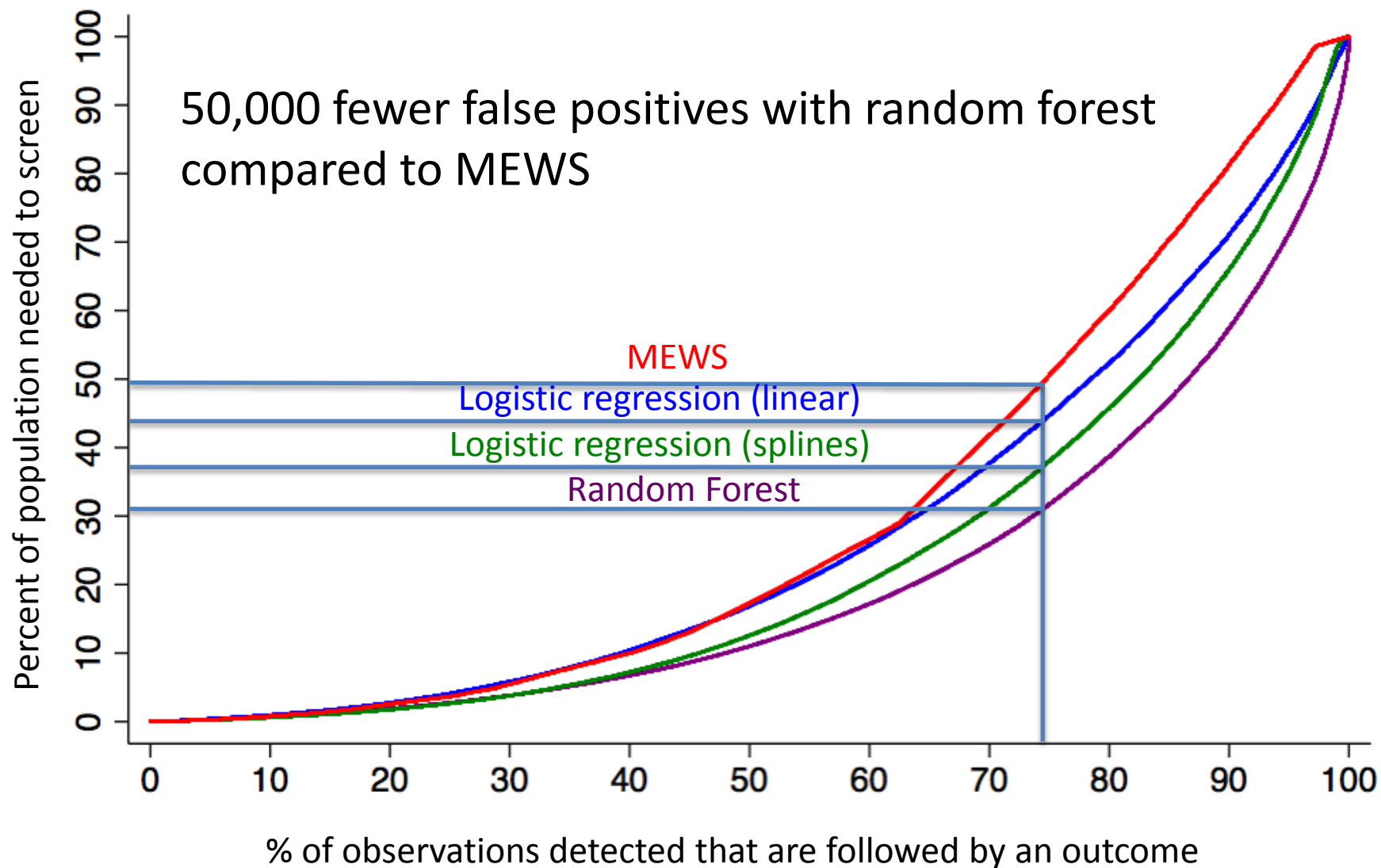
# Machine learning models are more accurate



# Model accuracy comparisons



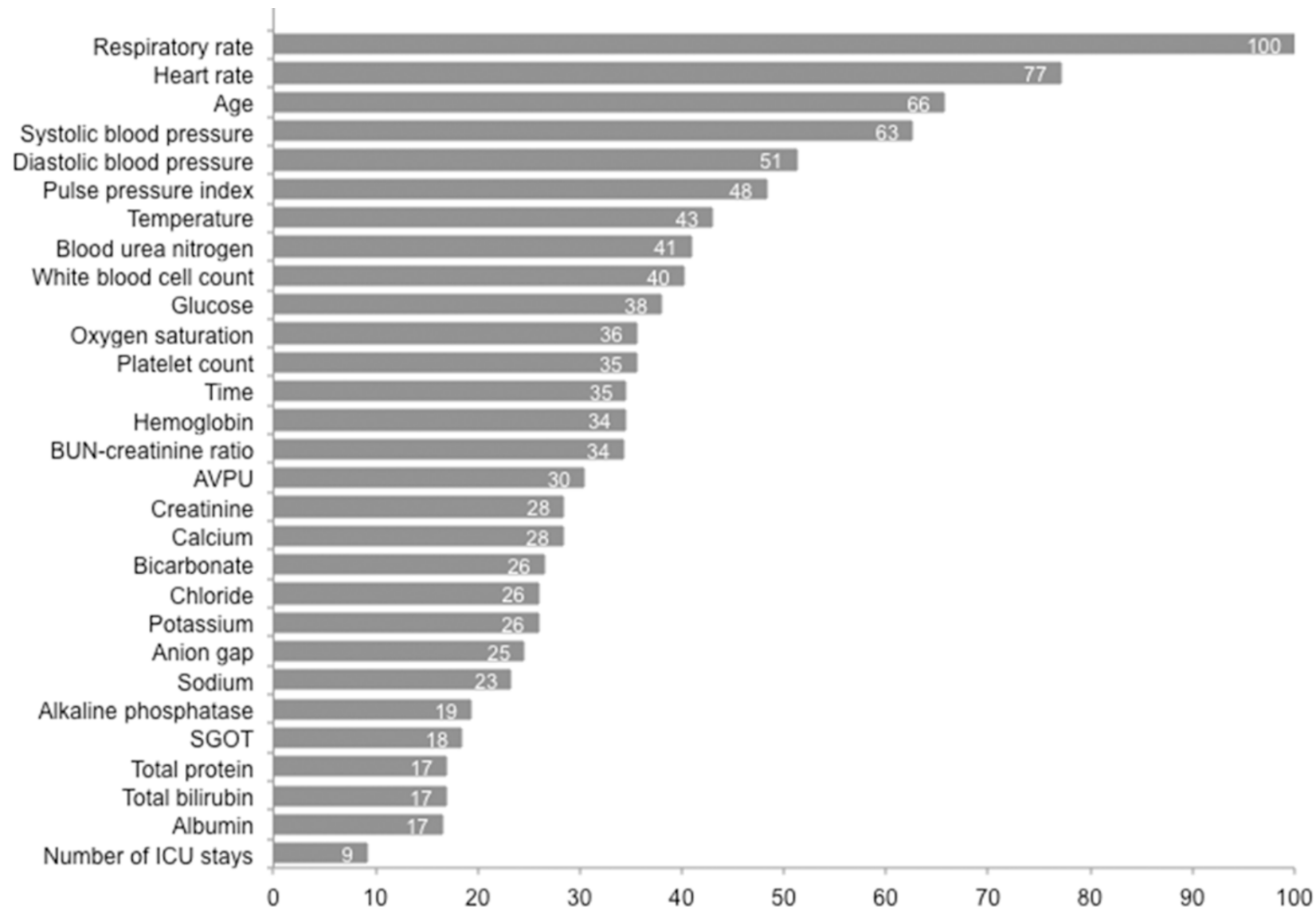
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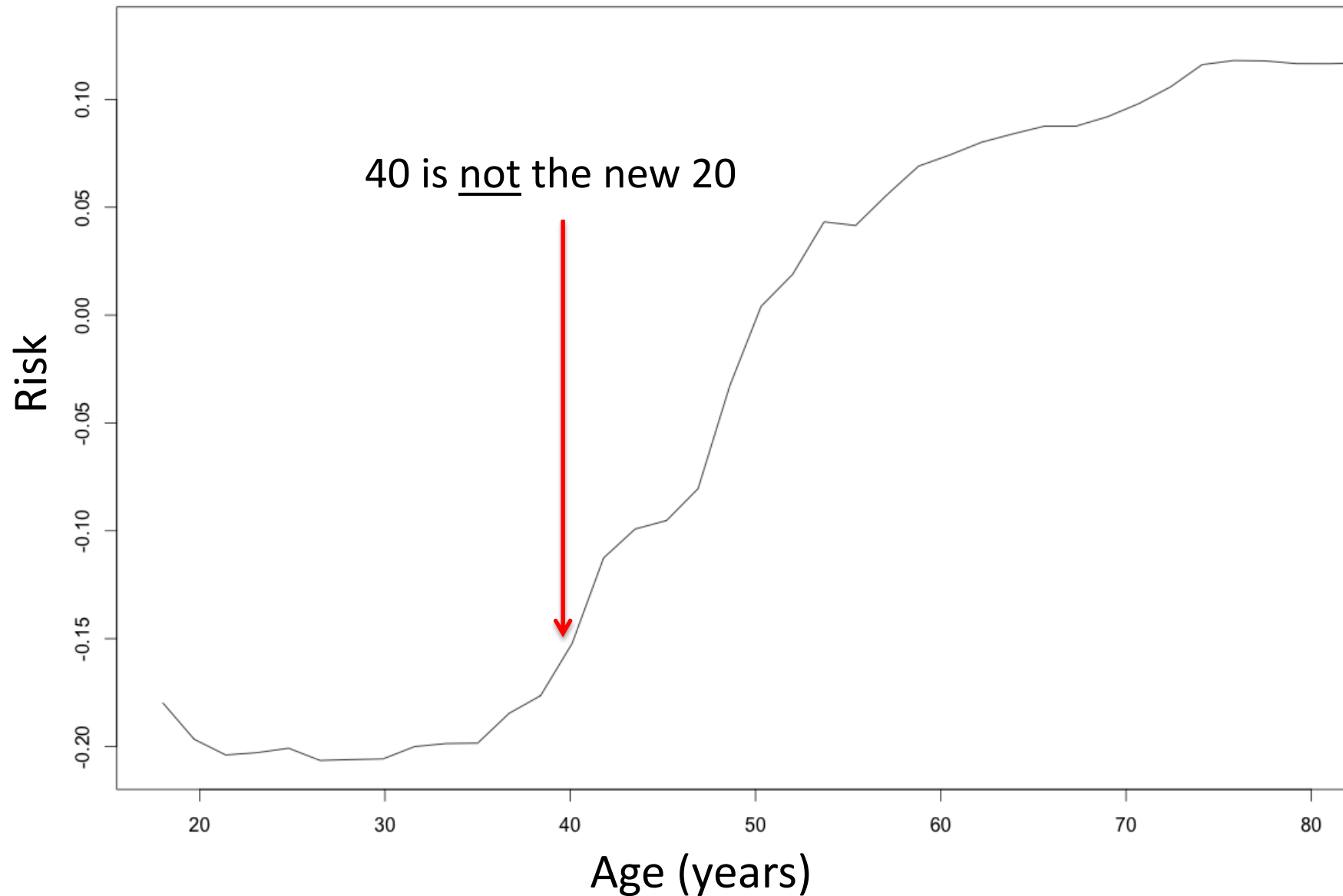
## 50,000 Fewer False Alarms With Random Forest over MEWS



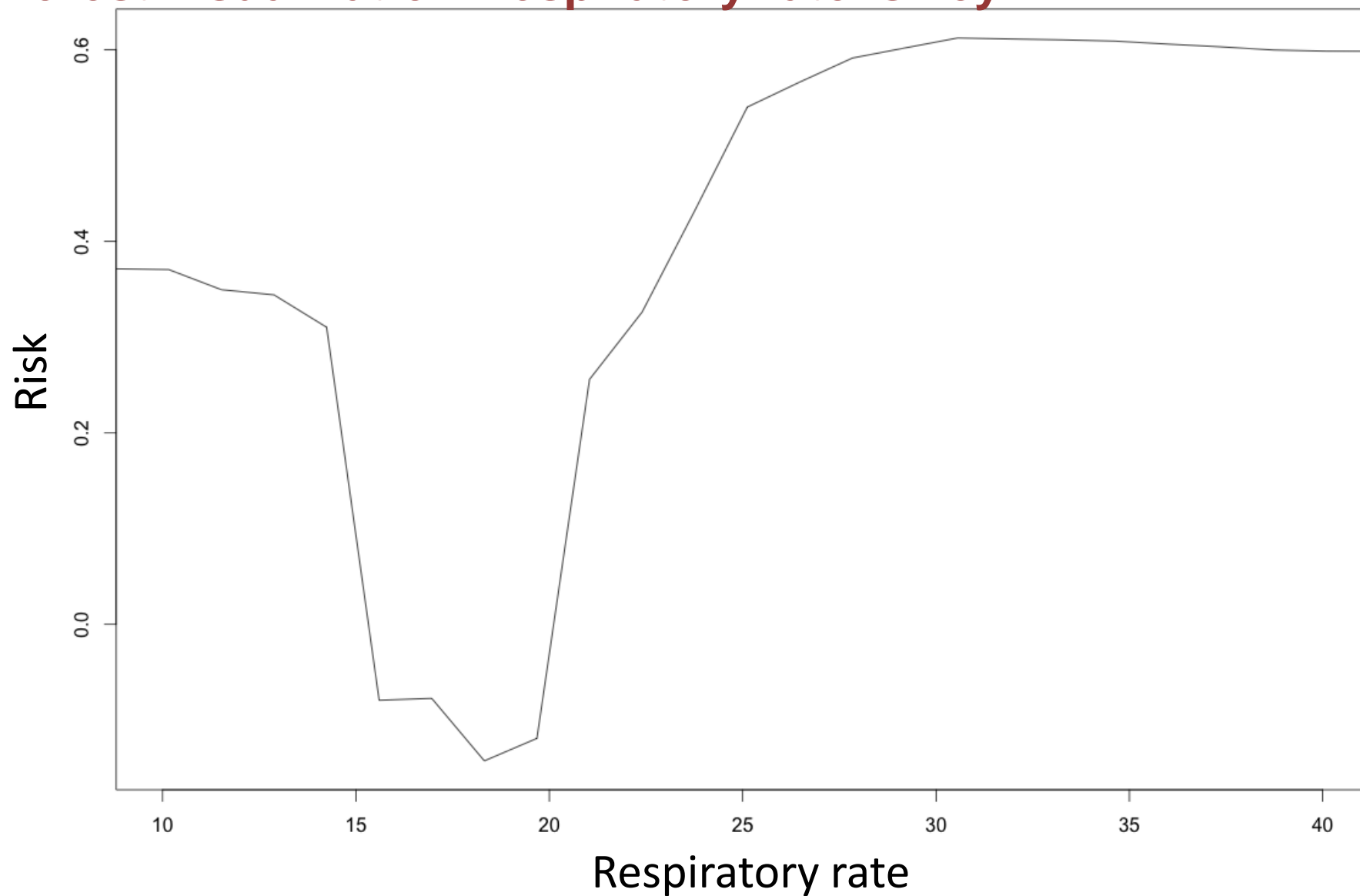
# Variable importance in the random forest model



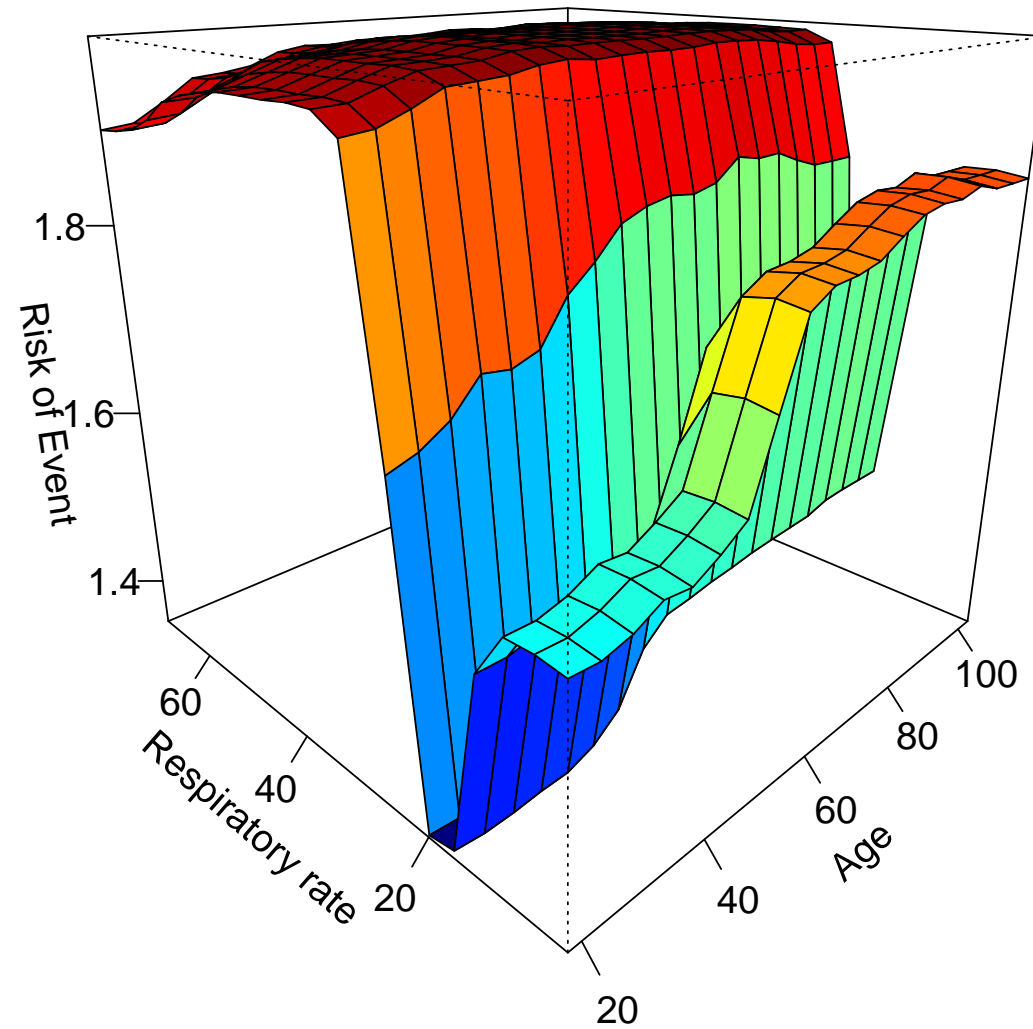
# Random forest visualization: Getting old is bad



## Random forest visualization: respiratory rate is key



# Random forest visualization: predictors interaction





# Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS) criteria

**Body temperature:**  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$

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**Heart rate:**  $>90$  beats per minute

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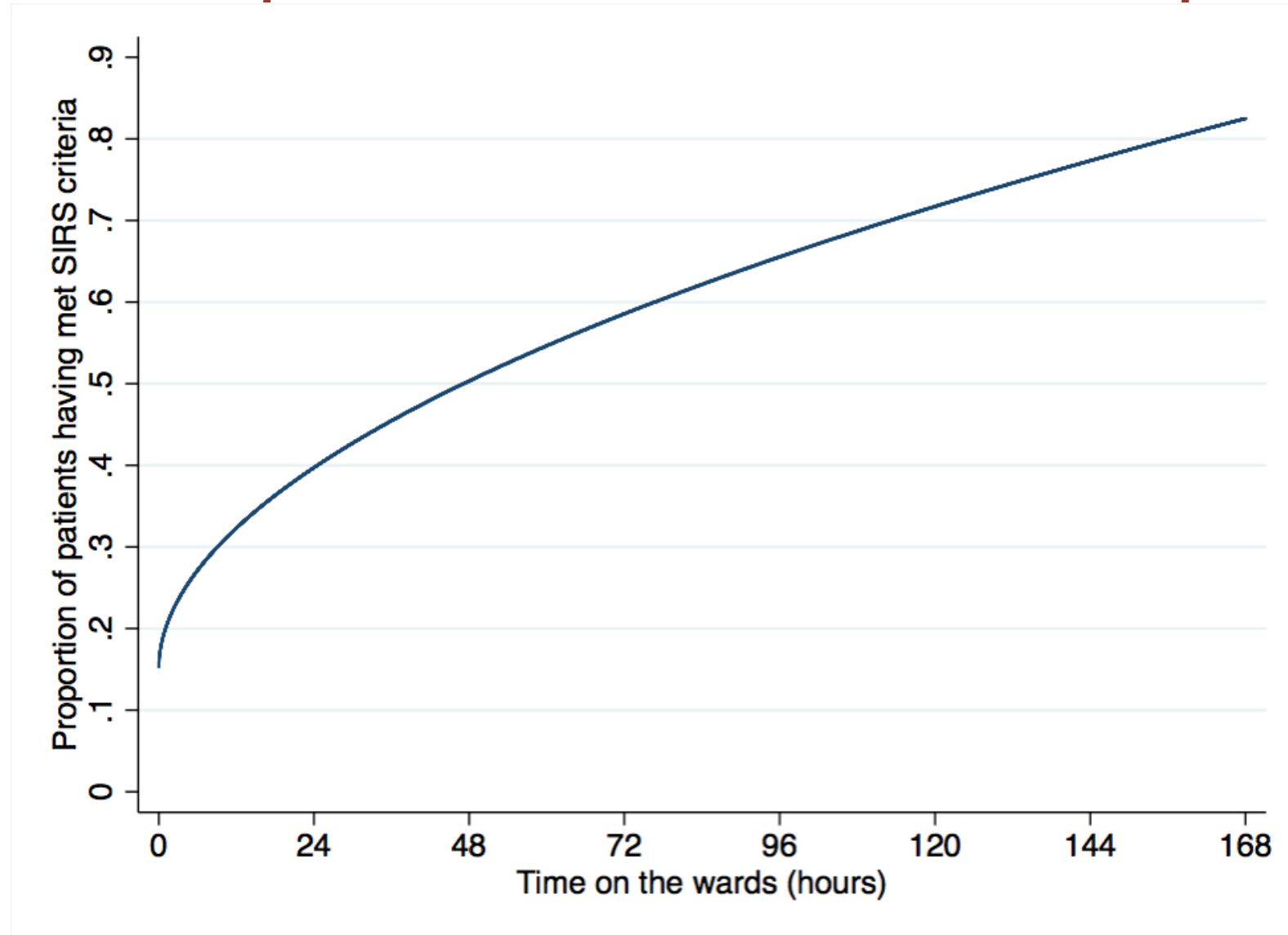
**Tachypnea:** manifested by a respiratory rate  $>20$  breaths per minute or a  $\text{PaCO}_2$  of  $<32$  mmHg

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**White blood cell count:**  $>12,000/\text{mm}^3$  or  $<4,000/\text{mm}^3$ , or the presence of  $>10\%$  immature neutrophils



## Most ward patients meets SIRS criteria at some point

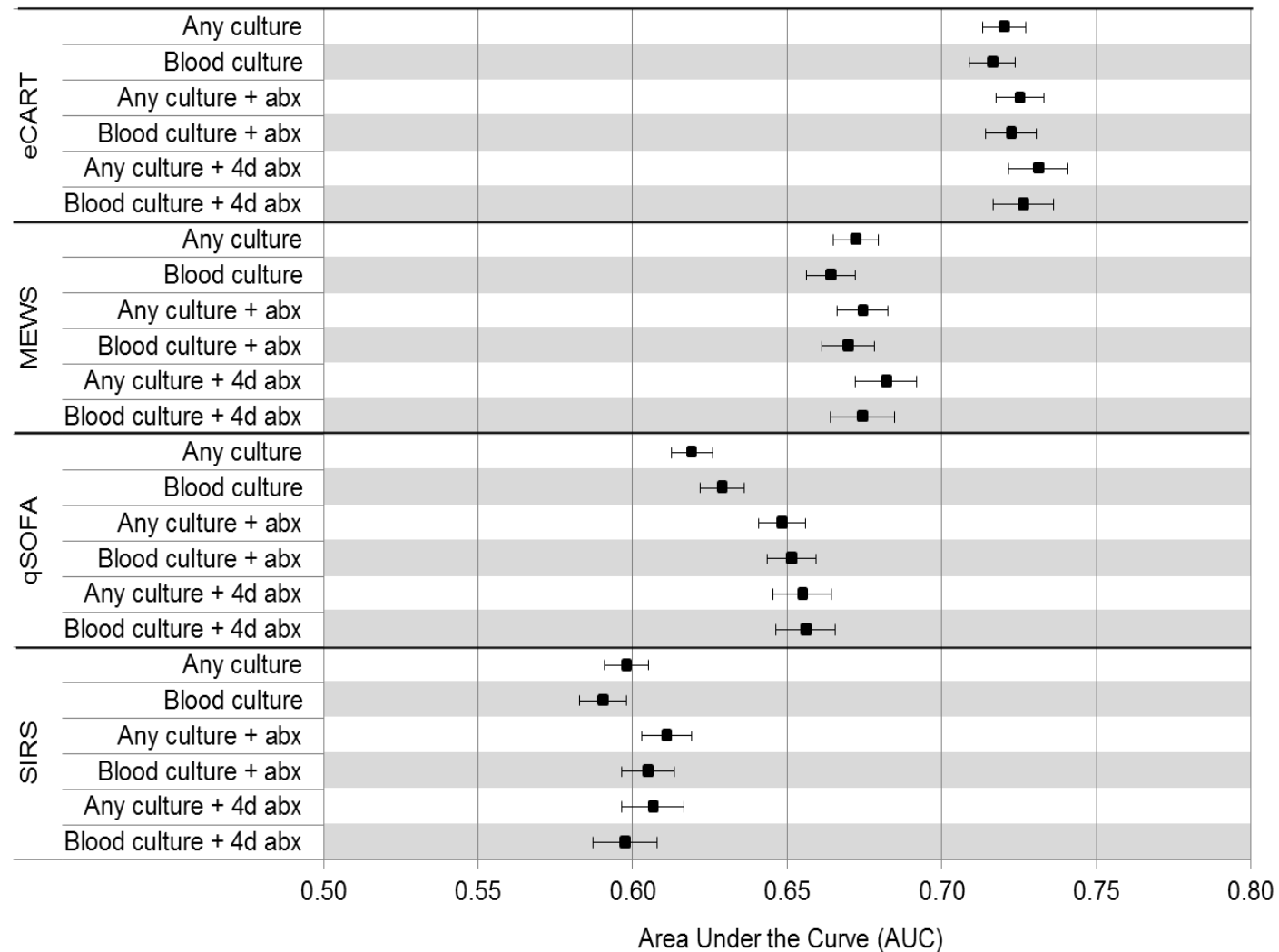


More specific than SIRS but less sensitive

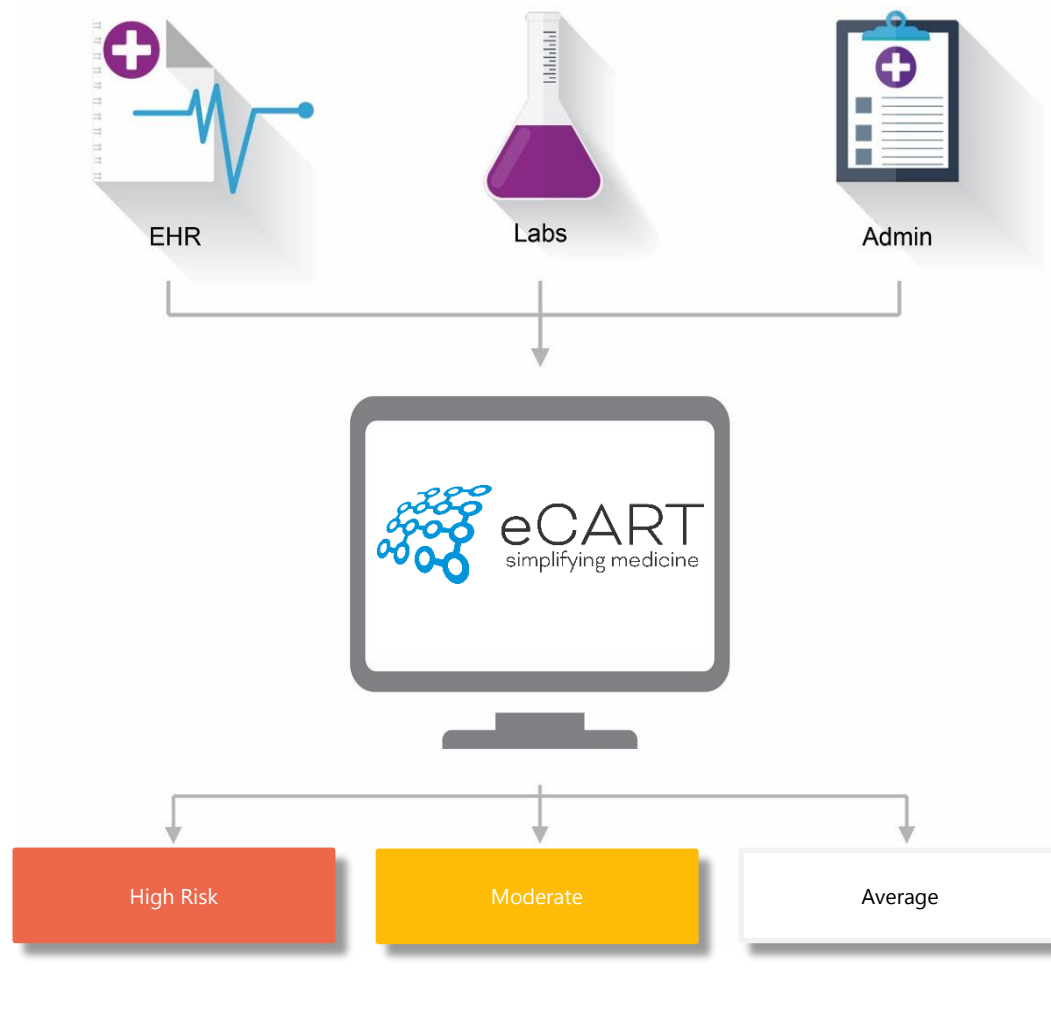
qSOFA



# When infection is suspected: eCART>MEWS>qSOFA>SIRS



# Real-time data-driven decision support in action



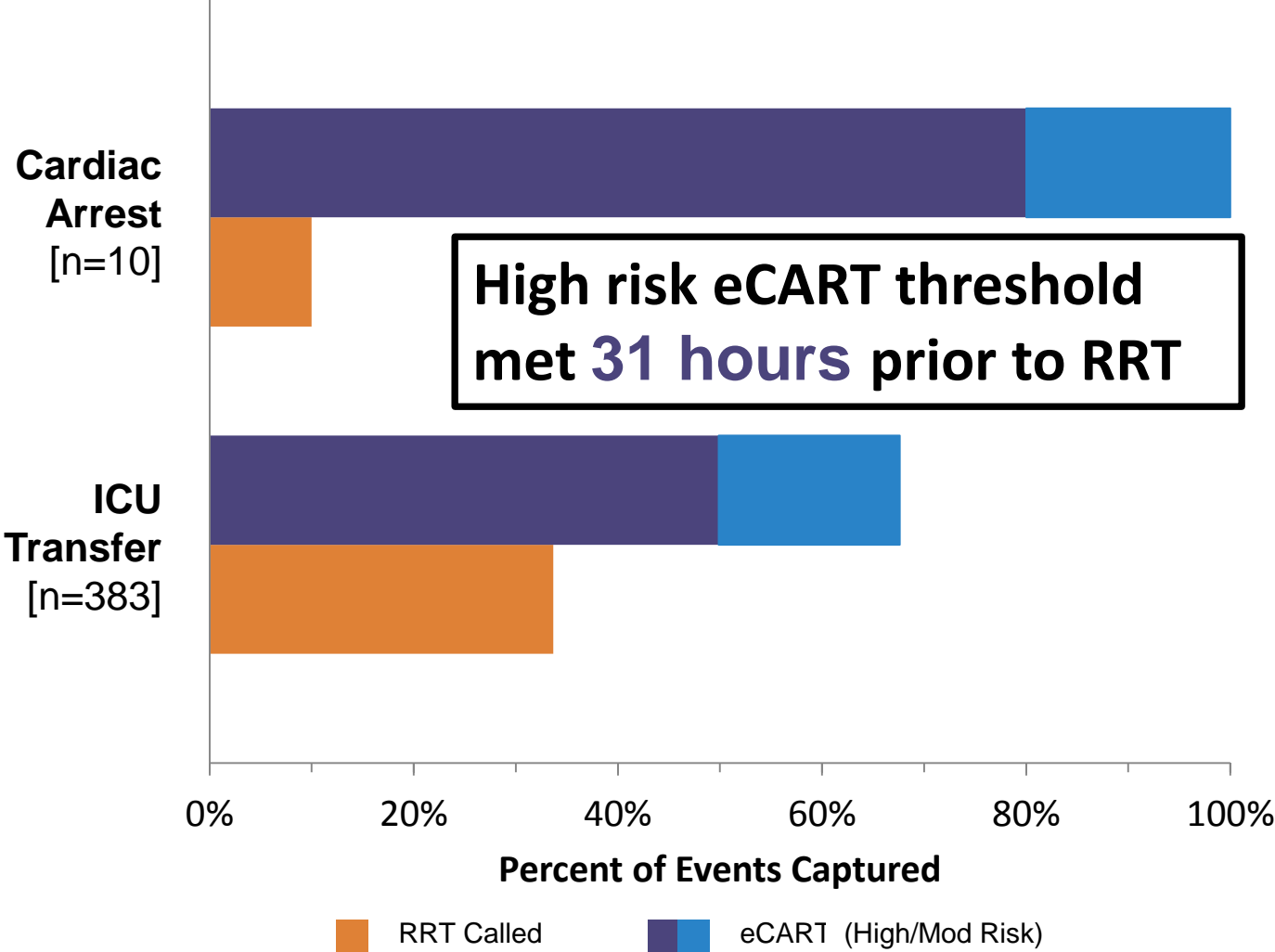
# The University of Chicago Medical Center

617 beds

28,726 inpatient admissions



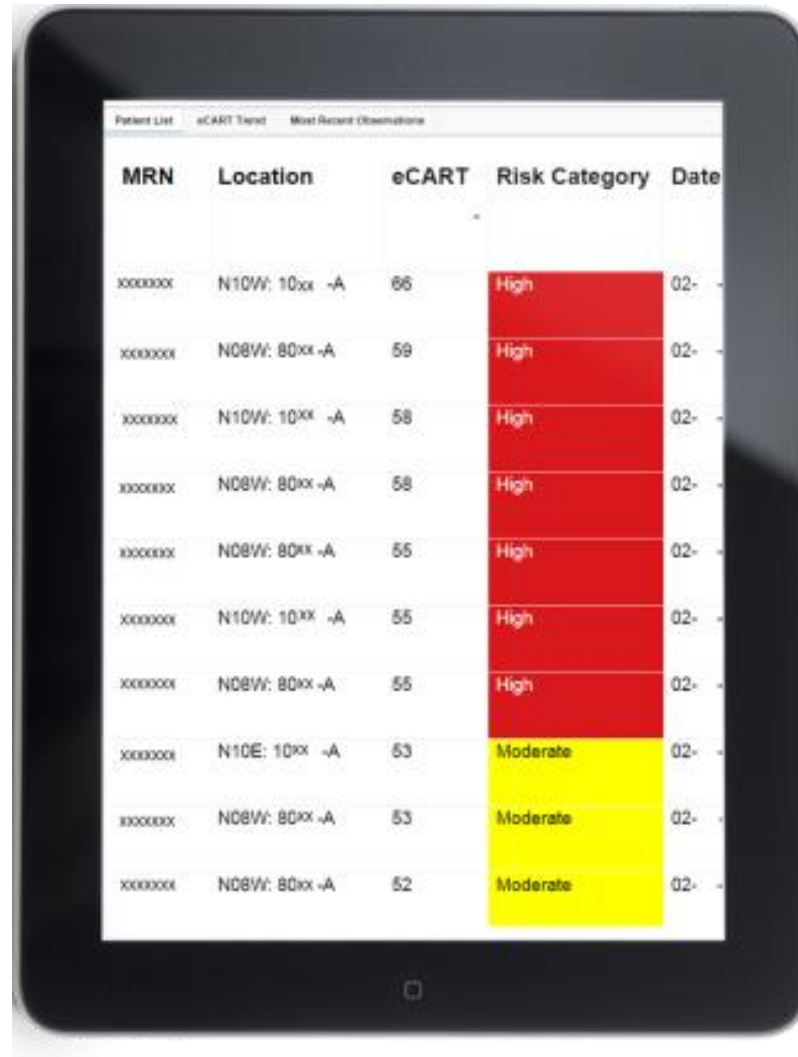
# Silent phase eCART implementation



Kang, CCM, 2016



# Custom implementation at the University of Chicago

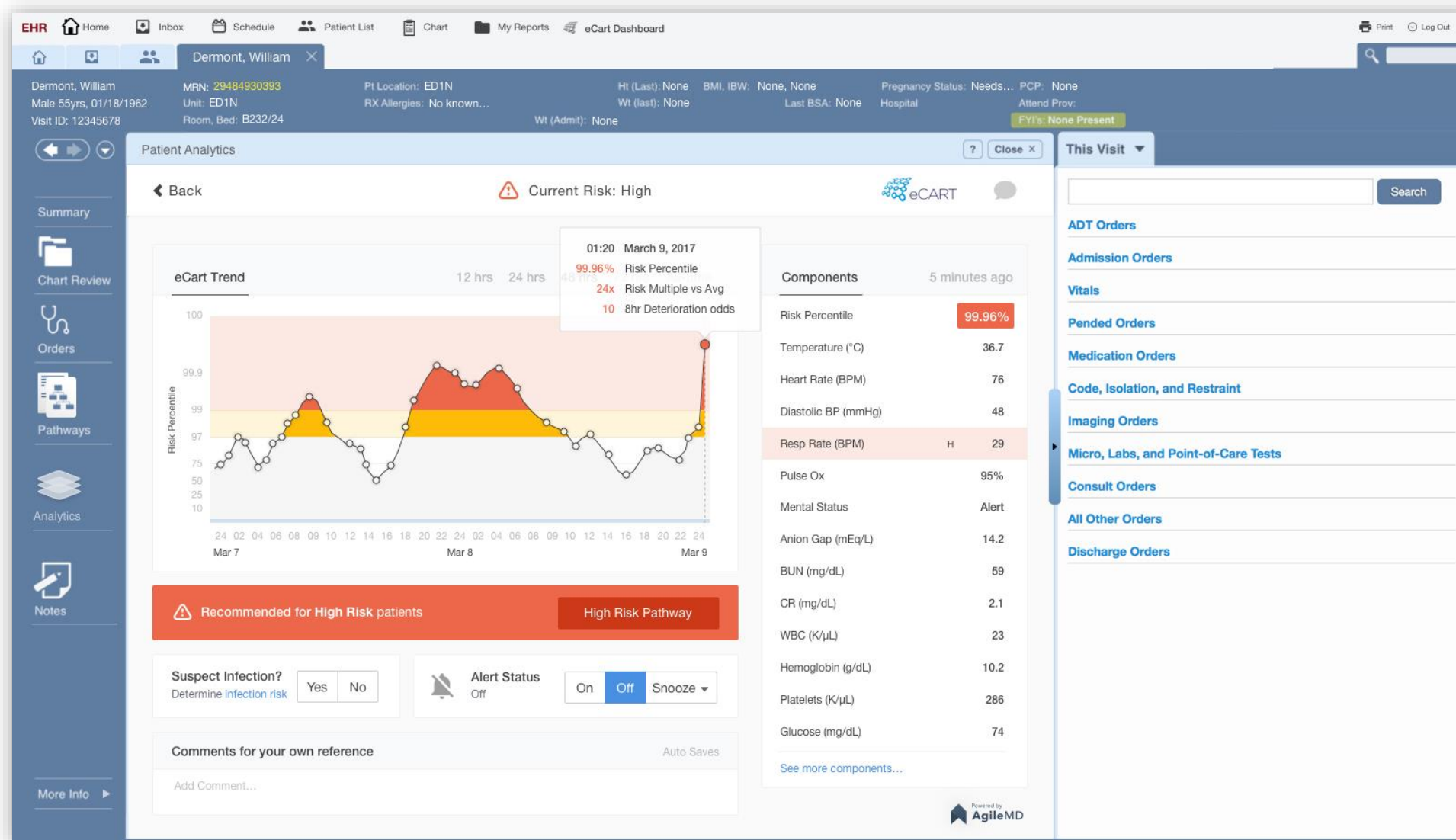


A tablet displaying a patient list application. The screen shows a table with columns for MRN, Location, eCART, Risk Category, and Date. The Risk Category column is color-coded: red for 'High' and yellow for 'Moderate'. The data is as follows:

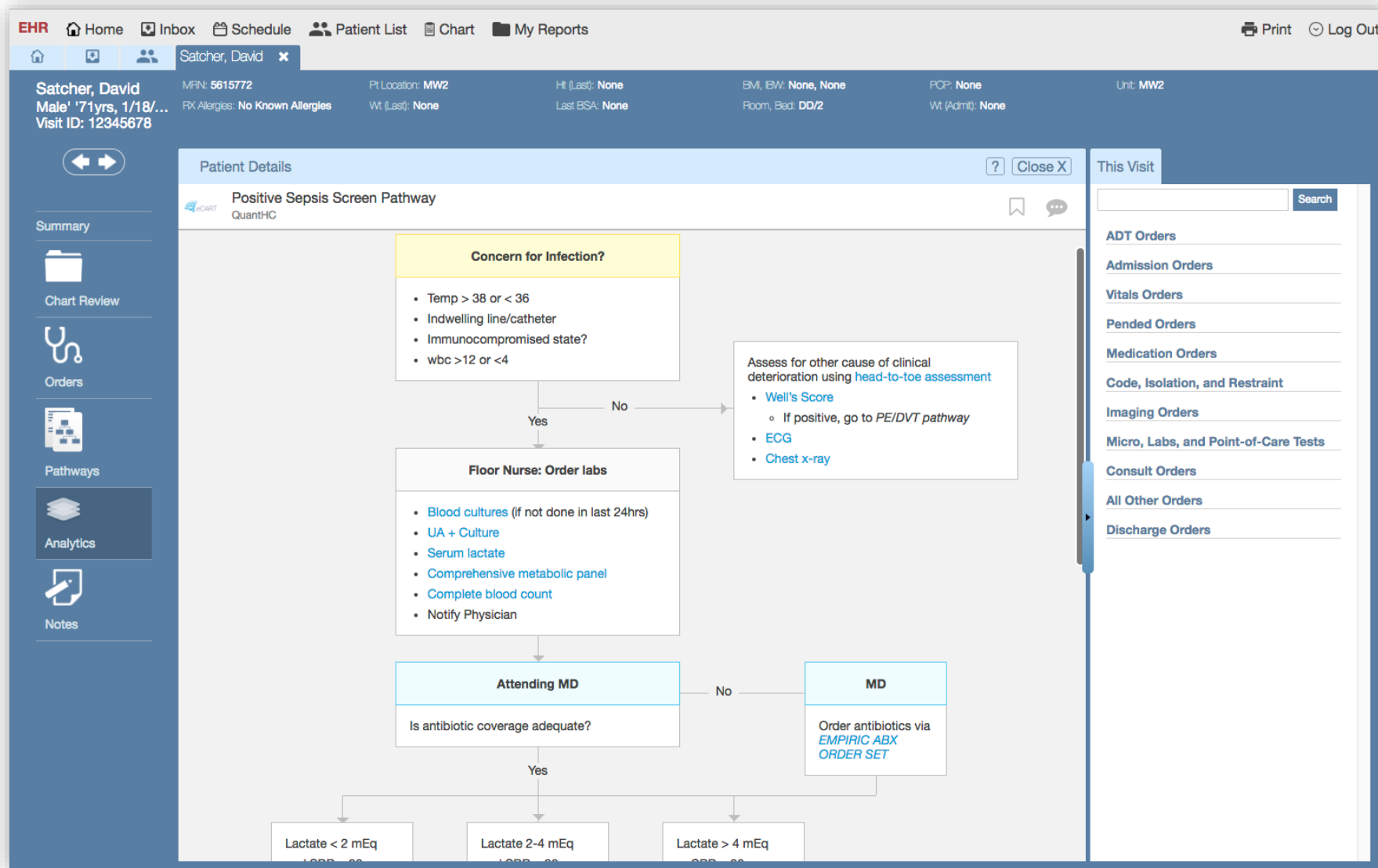
MRN	Location	eCART	Risk Category	Date
XXXXXXXX	N10W: 10xx -A	66	High	02-
XXXXXXXX	N08W: 80xx -A	59	High	02-
XXXXXXXX	N10W: 10xx -A	58	High	02-
XXXXXXXX	N08W: 80xx -A	58	High	02-
XXXXXXXX	N08W: 80xx -A	55	High	02-
XXXXXXXX	N10W: 10xx -A	55	High	02-
XXXXXXXX	N08W: 80xx -A	55	High	02-
XXXXXXXX	N10E: 10xx -A	53	Moderate	02-
XXXXXXXX	N08W: 80xx -A	53	Moderate	02-
XXXXXXXX	N08W: 80xx -A	52	Moderate	02-



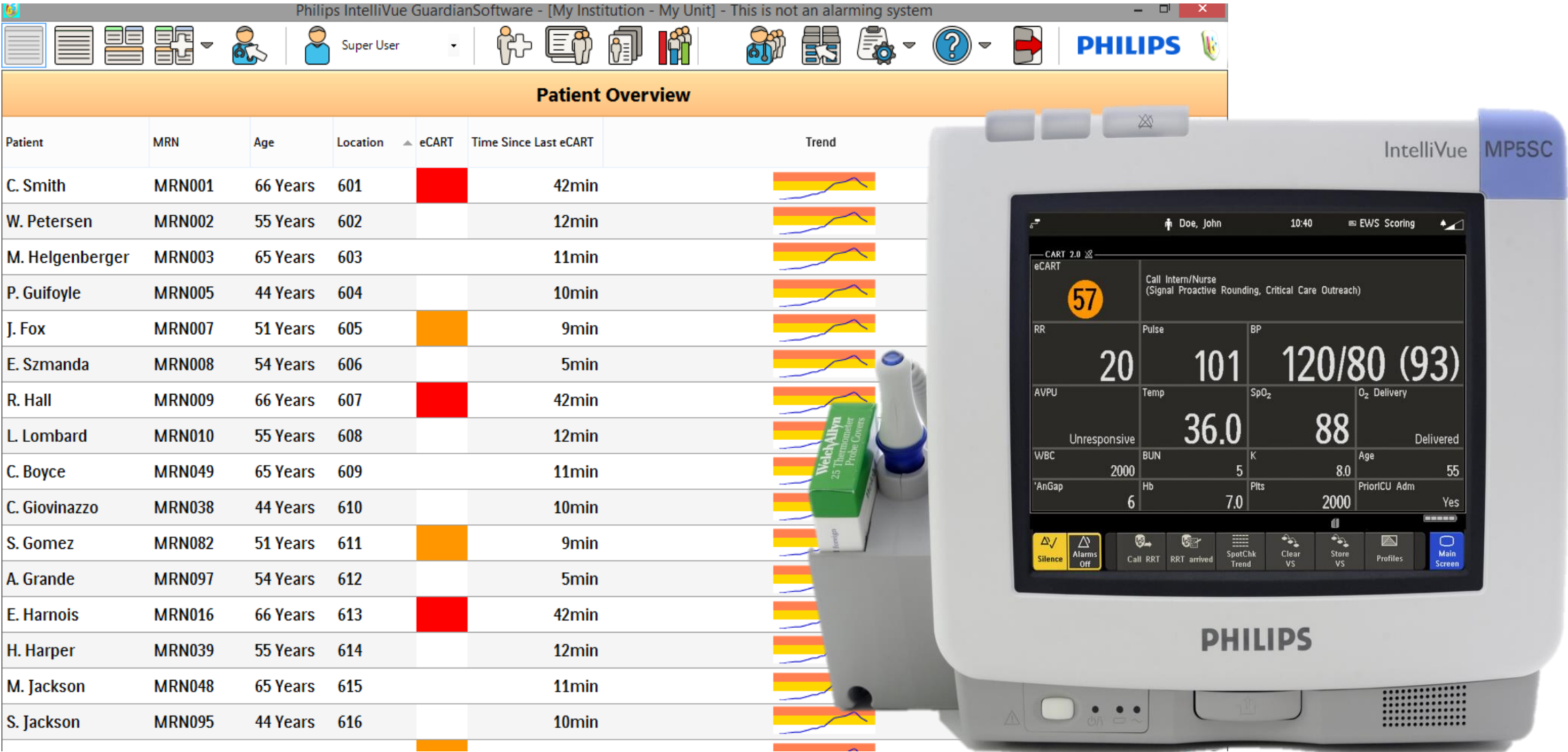
# eCART imbedded within the EHR



# Building in clinical decision support



# eCART Imbedded in the Philips Guardian Platform



## **Summary**

**Data-driven early warning scores outperform traditional expert consensus**

**Machine learning algorithms further improve detection and reduce false alarms**

**Pick the best early warning score you can and skip the sepsis screening tool**

**Imbed it into your workflow at the point of care**



