

APP Fellowship Program

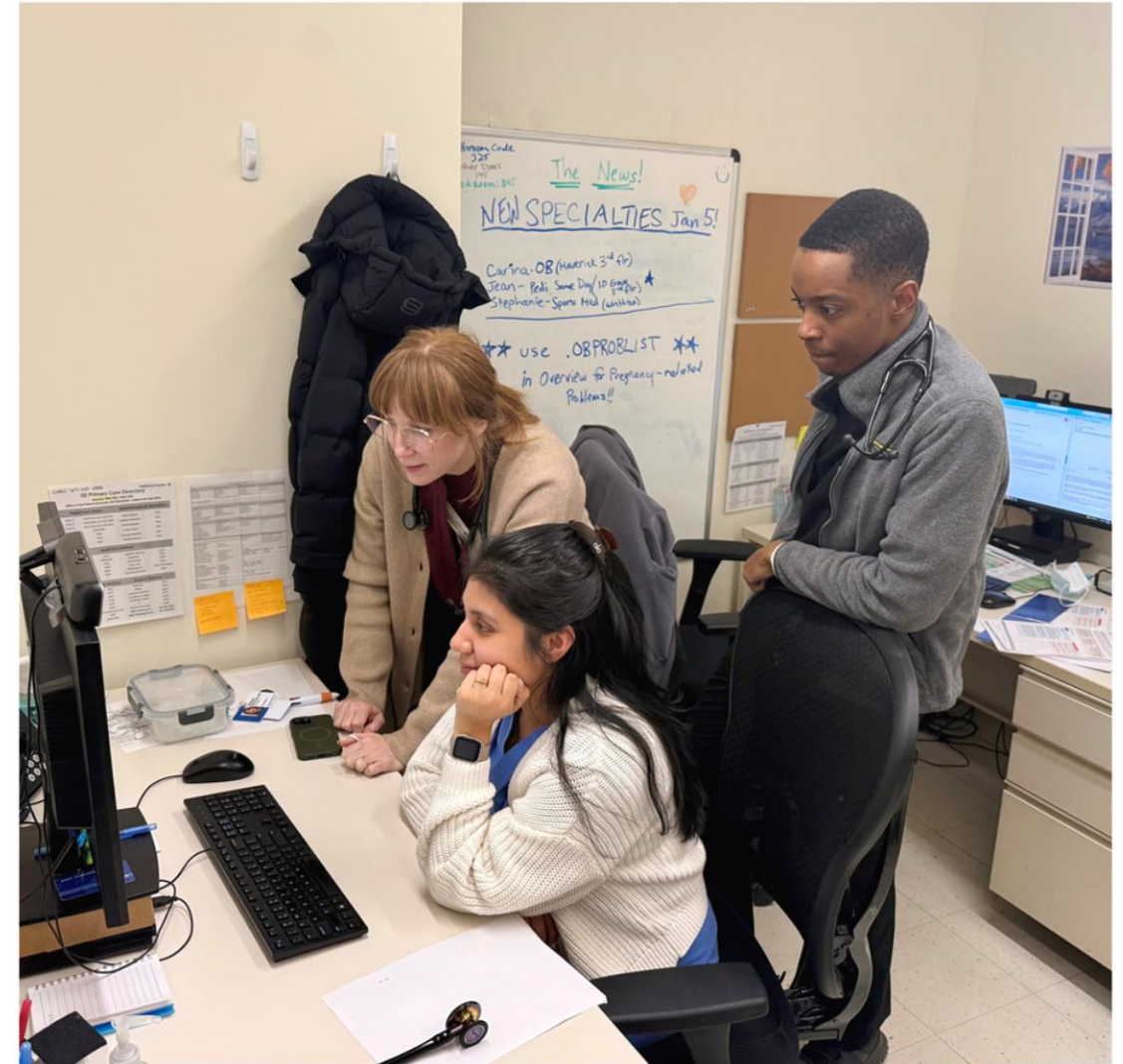
Artificial Intelligence

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July 13, 2026

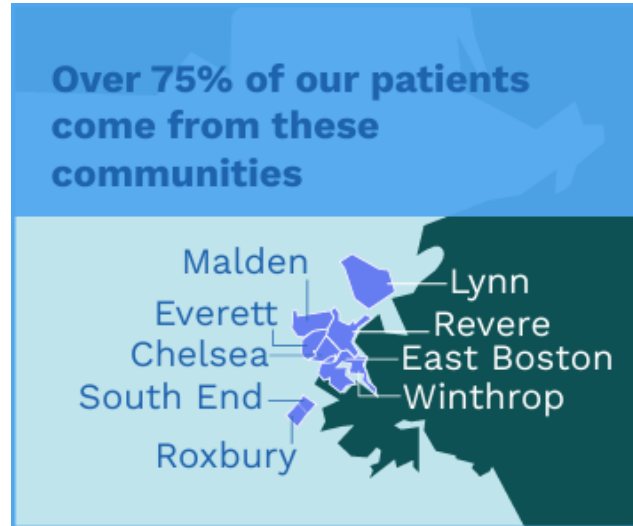


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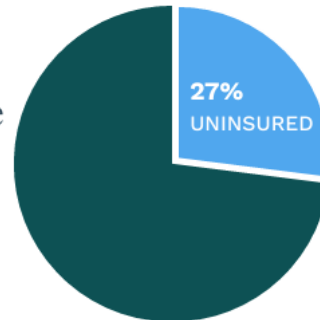


Who We Are

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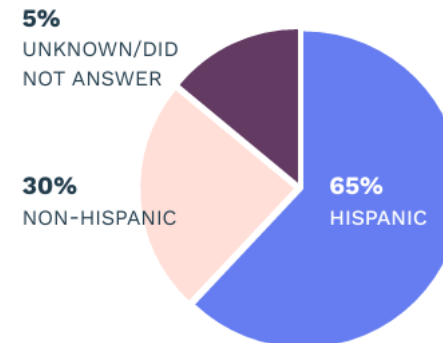


INSURANCE
27% of patients are uninsured.



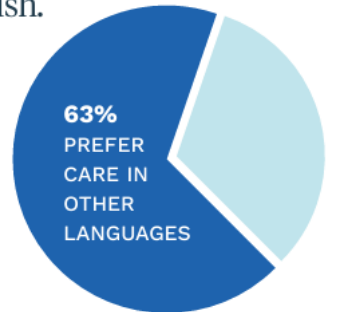
We provide care to the largest number of Health Safety Net patients in the state—a largely undocumented population who are under or uninsured.

ETHNICITY
65% identify as Hispanic/Latino.



LANGUAGE
63% prefer care in a language other than English.

We are the second largest provider of medical translations in the state.



Who We Are

#1

- 24-month program
- Year-one accredited since 2023
- Full-scope training in Specialties, Procedures, Leadership, Prenatal care, and Primary care throughout the lifespan.



We are accredited by the
Consortium for Advanced
Practice Providers.

Who We Are

Mission:

Increase the competence, confidence, and job satisfaction of new graduate family medicine NPs and PAs.

#1

Prepare future leaders in community health.



Who We Are

#1

- Fully-precepted clinic 28 hrs/wk
- Didactics
- Specialty rotations
- Mentoring

Year 1 fellows (left to right)
Stephanie Ramirez NP
Jean Poulard, NP
Carina Ashkar, DNP



Who We Are

Year 2 fellows

#1

**Shannon MacDonald, NP (left)
& Sharon Guerra DNP (right)**

- Independent clinic
- Mentor & Mentee
- Leadership training (lead QI project, PAP tracker)



Who We Are

#1

- **Informatics** is first Specialty
- All fellows obtain Epic SmartUser Badge
- Director is Clinical Informaticist



AI in Clinical Decision Support

September 2024

Open Evidence

#2

January 2025

Ask AVO

Similar to Open Evidence but incorporates info from your patient's chart.

Ask a clinical question or differential diagnoses.



Clinical Decision Support- Sept 2024

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what is positive ulnar variance?

OpenEvidence®

#2

Positive ulnar variance refers to a condition in which the **distal articular surface of the ulna extends more distally (is longer) than the articular surface of the distal radius** at the wrist joint. It is measured on wrist radiographs, typically using a posteroanterior (PA) view, and is expressed in millimeters relative to the distal radial articular surface. Sports Health + 1

Normal anatomy and measurement: Ulnar variance describes the relative length relationship between the distal radius and ulna. When the ulna and radius are at the same level, this is termed "neutral" variance. When the ulna is shorter, it is "negative" ulnar variance. When the ulna is longer (projects more distally), it is "positive" ulnar variance. In asymptomatic populations, the mean ulnar variance is approximately **-1.6 mm**, with about **15% of individuals having positive ulnar variance**. Acta Radiologica

Causes: Positive ulnar variance may be congenital, acquired from a malunited distal radius fracture (which effectively shortens the radius), or develop in athletes — particularly gymnasts — due to repetitive loading causing premature physeal arrest of the distal radius. American Jour... TFCC foveal

Clinical Decision Support

OpenEvidence®

#2

positive ulnar variance in adult on xray after fall

Analyzed query, searched for evidence x2 ▾

Positive ulnar variance on wrist radiograph after a fall in an adult most commonly indicates **radial shortening from a distal radius fracture** (the most common forearm fracture from a fall on an outstretched hand). ⓘ AFP It is critical to distinguish whether the positive ulnar variance is acquired (post-traumatic) or pre-existing (constitutional/idiopathic), as this determines the clinical significance and management.

AI for Ambient Listening

December 2024

#3

- Abridge Scribe Pilot at Neighborhealth
- Small group of providers, including APP Fellowship Director

Constipation, unspecified constipation type

No alarm features today (no hematochezia, anemia, weight loss, change in caliber), so routine bloodwork, imaging, or colonoscopy are not indicated.

Patient Education:

-Increase Fiber intake

Fiber helps make your stool softer and easier to pass. Aim for 25 to 35 grams per day. Fruits: prunes, kiwifruit, apples, pears, berries

Vegetables: broccoli, carrots, green beans

Whole grains: oat bran, whole wheat bread, brown rice

Beans, lentils, and nuts

-Increase fiber slowly — about 5 grams more per week — to avoid bloating and gas.

-Drink Plenty of Fluids

Water is best. Aim for 6 to 8 glasses per day. Drinking more fluids works best when combined with eating more fiber.

-Stay Active

Regular physical activity, such as walking 20 to 30 minutes most days, can help keep your bowels moving.

-Develop a Toilet Routine

Try sitting on the toilet at the same time each day, especially after meals, when your body naturally wants to move the bowels.

WOW!
I'm good!

A.I. HALLUCINATIONS

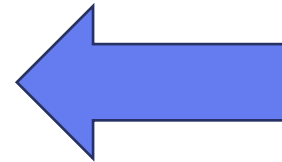
Subjective:

- 44-year-old female presents with 2–3 days of rhinorrhea, sore throat with itchiness, nonproductive cough, and itchy/watery eyes.

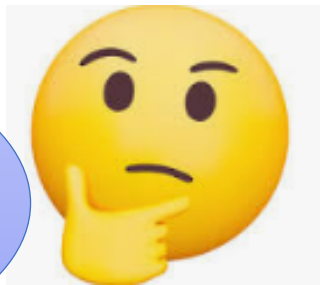
Denies fever, chills, dyspnea, wheeze.

Diagnostics:

- **Point-of-care Rapid strep A: Positive**



**Did this
happen?**



AI for Ambient Listening

March 2025

- Y2 fellows may **OPT IN** to use Abridge
- Y1 fellows- NOT approved



#3

Why not Year 1s? Need to develop:

- Good note writing skills (to recognize a complete note)
- Reliable to proofread (and delete any 'hallucinations' in the note!)
- Honest (delete any embellishments not done by provider)
- Confident (admit mistakes)

AI for Ambient Listening

March 2025 – March 2026

#3



**Provider
Feedback**



AI for Ambient Listening

March 2026

- All Y1 fellows start using AvoMD (6 months into Year 1)
- **Not OPT IN**

#3

Who is using Ambient now?
EVERYONE

- Those with poor note writing skills
- Struggling to keep up with documentation



AI for Ambient Listening

Our mission statement:

Job satisfaction...

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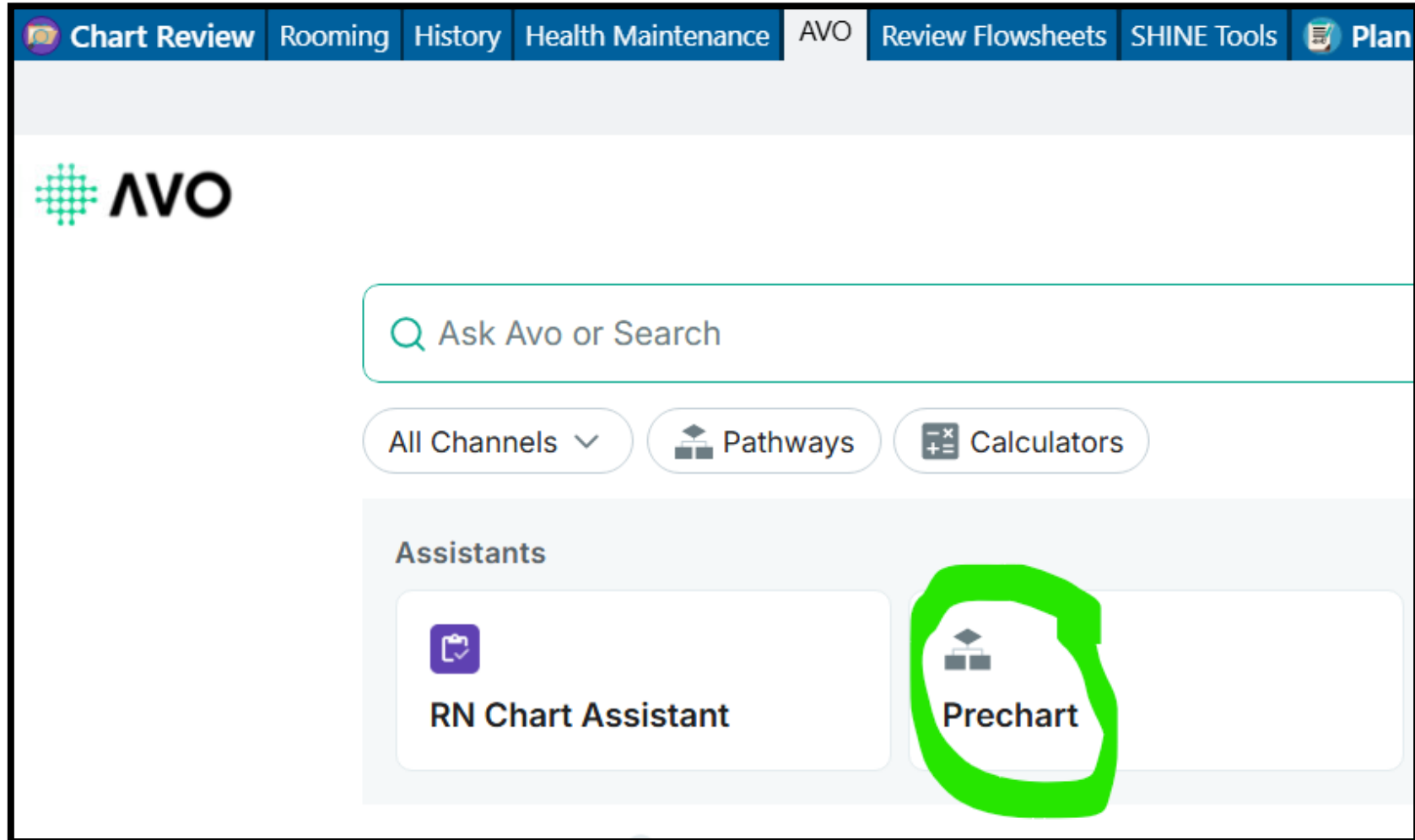
"Since I started using AVO to help during visits and able to focus more on my patients instead of worrying about documentation with my notes, I've noticed that I'm much more present."

-Carina Ashkar, Year 1 fellow



AI for Pre-Charting- May 2025

#4



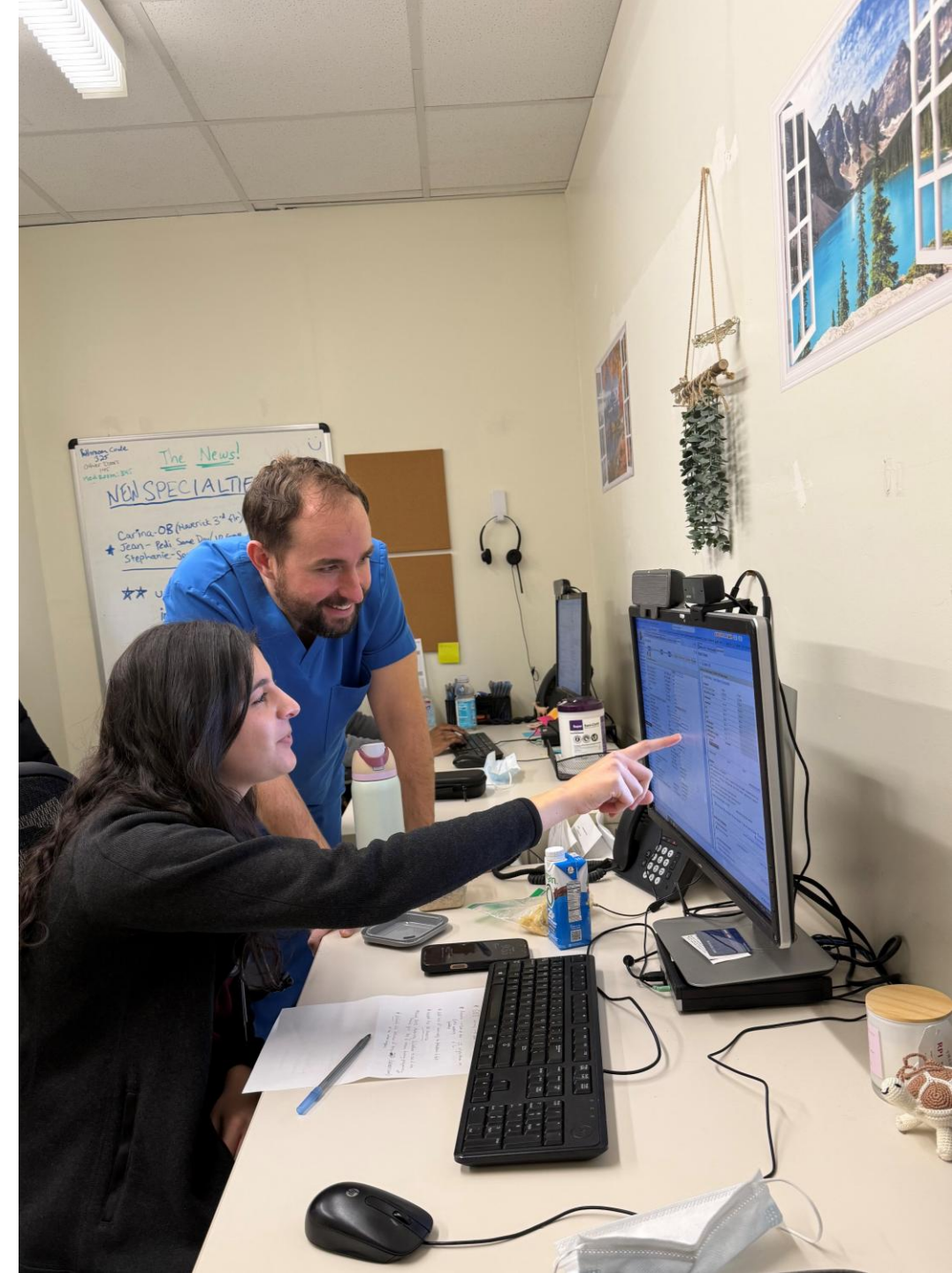
AI for Pre-Charting

Hospital Follow-up appt

Never met patient before.

#4

- 63 year old
- Hosp admit x 1 week then Rehab
- Dizziness
- GI bleed, Hgb of 4.
- New infected ulceration of Below the Knee Amputation (2016).
- **32 Problems on Problem List**



AI for Pre-Charting



#4

1 | Active issues & plans



Patient recently hospitalized (1/20–2/2/2026) for GI bleed with severe anemia and new subacute ischemic stroke; now s/p rehab, seen by ID 3/10 with BKA stump clinically improved off antibiotics. Several discharge tasks remain without documented completion (Holter, thyroid US, lab follow-ups).

AI for Pre-Charting



#4

Issue	Assessment (as documented)	Existing plan
Recent subacute ischemic stroke (R precentral gyrus) with LUE weakness	MRI brain 1/27/2026: subacute infarct R precentral gyrus with petechial microhemorrhage; no LVO on MRA. Neuro exam during admit showed LUE weakness improving by discharge; OT/PT recommended SAR. Vitals during admit often hypertensive; discharge on ASA 81 mg and atorvastatin 80 mg. (Neurology notes 1/27/2026 12:09 PM; Family Med notes 1/30–2/2/2026)	• Continue ASA 81 mg and high-intensity statin; outpatient 30-day Holter for AF eval ⌚ (Katie McMillen, NP / Neurology, note 1/27/2026) • Normotensive BP goal; telemetry inpatient completed; outpatient stroke f/u scheduled 3/30/2026 ⌚

AI for Pre-Charting



Closing the Loop

#4

Thyroid lesion (1.5
cm, R lobe)
incidentally noted

Found on MRI C-spine/brachial
plexus 1/25/2026; no additional
eval documented. (MRI
1/25/2026; FM notes 1/26–
2/2/2026)

- Non-emergent
outpatient thyroid US ⌚
(FM Discharge
2/2/2026); no
order/result found

Geriatric Polypharmacy



#5

Geriatric Polypharmacy Optimizer

Verified: Thu, Mar 5, 2026 | Updated: Thu, Mar 12, 2026

Polypharmacy Optimizer uses 2023 Beers Criteria for geriatric patients to ensure optimal pharmacotherapy management.

Preferences

Entry

Collapse All

Your own observation and Individualized Goals

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If firm decisions have been made (e.g., OR scheduled for tomorrow), please note them—AI will honor. You may supplement EHR data with POC observations (e.g., Hx, pt convo, or other non-EHR info) to EHR

Are the medications on this patient's list safe for them?
↕ ↗

Submit

Geriatric Polypharmacy



73 year old

#5

Outpatient Medications	
acetaminophen (TYLENOL) 500 mg tablet ▾	Take 2 tablets by mouth every 8 hours as needed for pain
albuterol sulfate HFA (VENTOLIN HFA) 108 (90 Base) mcg/act inhaler ▾	INHALE 2 PUFFS EVERY 4 HOURS AS NEEDED FOR WHEEZING, SHORTNESS OF BREATH AND COUGH. CONTACT PROVIDER IF USING MORE THAN 2X WEEKLY
amlODIPine (NORVASC) 10 mg tablet ▾	Take 1 tablet by mouth 1 time a day
ammonium lactate 12% lotion ▾	Apply 1 Application to affected area 2 times a day
atorvastatin (LIPITOR) 40 mg tablet ▾	Take 1 tablet by mouth at bedtime
diclofenac sodium 1% gel ▾	Apply 2 g to affected area 3 times a day as needed (back pain)
DULoxetine DR 60 mg capsule ▾	Take 1 capsule by mouth 1 time a day
hydroCHLORothiazide 25 mg tablet ▾	Take 1 tablet by mouth 1 time a day
ibuprofen (MOTRIN) 200 mg tablet ▾	Take 2 tablets by mouth every 8 hours as needed for moderate pain
loratadine (CLARITIN) 10 mg tablet ▾	TAKE 1 TABLET BY MOUTH EVERY DAY
mirtazapine (REMERON) 7.5 mg tablet ▾	TAKE 1 TABLET BY MOUTH IN THE EVENING. IF ONE TABLET IS TOO STRONG, TAKE 0.5 TABLET
PEG 3350 17 g/SCOOP oral powder ▾	Take 17 g by mouth 1 time a day
polyvinyl alcohol 1.4% ophthalmic solution ▾	Instill 1 drop into both eyes 4 times a day
SENNA-TIME 8.6 MG tablet ▾	TAKE 2 TABLETS BY MOUTH 1 TIME A DAY AS NEEDED FOR CONSTIPATION

Geriatric Polypharmacy



#5

Potential Options

- De-emphasize oral ibuprofen PRN and preferentially use acetaminophen 1000 mg q8h PRN plus topical diclofenac gel for routine pain control ⓘ ✎ ✓ ✕
- If ibuprofen use is trending toward "chronic" (frequent/ongoing), add gastroprotection with a PPI or misoprostol while NSAID continues ⓘ ✎ ✓ ✕
- Reassess continued dual-antidepressant regimen (duloxetine 60 mg + mirtazapine 7.5 mg) in context of her recurrent falls/impaired mobility, aiming to minimize CNS-active exposure where feasible ⓘ ✎ ✓ ✕
- Check serum sodium after any initiation or dose change of duloxetine, mirtazapine, or HCTZ (and consider periodic Na surveillance if clinically concerned) ⓘ ✎ ✓ ✕

Current Initiatives: Gender Bias

6 months (2026) evaluation comments for
male-identifying fellow:

#6

- “He continues to impress me with his charting and **creation of documentation tools**, creating comprehensive and clear Smartphrases and templates.”
- “He was our **first fellow to try out Ambient listening** [this cohort]! He seeks out ways to improve processes and makes recommendations to improvement to IT”

Current Initiatives: Gender Bias

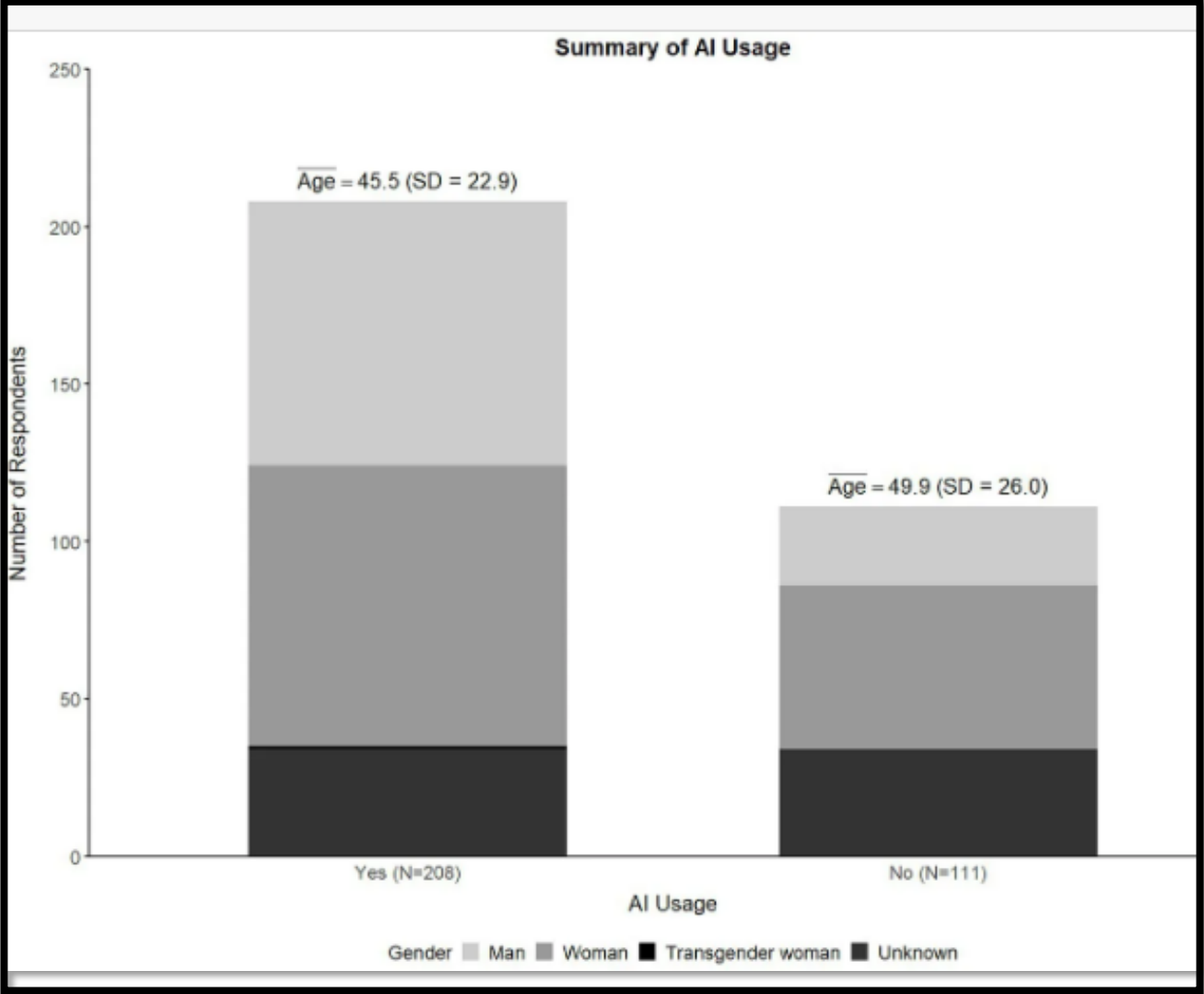
**6 months (2026) evaluation comments for the two
female-identifying APP fellows:**

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- “compassionate clinician”
- “humility”
- “calm”
- “kind”
- “a pleasure to work with”
- “positive attitude”

Current Initiatives: Equity in AI training

#4



“GenAI usage was reported higher among men (77.1%) compared to women (63.1%), with 36.9% of women reporting non-use, a noticeably higher proportion than the 22.9% of men. This difference was statistically significant ($\chi^2 (4) = 20.797, p < 0.001$). ”

Faria V, Goturi N, Dynak A, Talbert C, Pondelis N, Annoni M, Blease C, Holmes SA and Moulton EA (2025) Triadic relations in healthcare: surveying physicians’ perspectives on generative AI integration and its role on empathy, the placebo effect and patient care. Front. Psychol. 16:1612215. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2025.1612215

Current Initiatives: Equity in Training

#4

AI familiarity and hands-on experience consistently emerge as stronger predictors of AI acceptance.

Scipion C, Manchester MA, Federman A, Wang Y, Arias JJ. *Barriers to and facilitators of clinician acceptance and use of artificial intelligence in healthcare settings: A scoping review.* **BMJ Open.** 2025;15(4):e092624. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2024-092624.

Current Initiatives

#6

- **In Progress: Inclusion Survey** - How does Gender, Age, disability, race affect AI use and how can we decrease disparities through intentional trainings?
- **Next up: Epic Signal data** - where does each fellow spend the most time: Notes? Inbasket? Chart review?
- **Near future: Training Outcomes Workbooks** coming soon in Epic Signal to evaluate the effect of trainings.

Thank you

- Check out our website or email me any questions!
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