



# A Review of ML-Driven Esophageal Disease Diagnosis and Predictive Treatment Forecasting: Transforming Healthcare with Machine Learning

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**Abstract:** An innovative platform created to transform the identification and treatment of esophageal conditions by medical practitioners is the AI-Driven Esophageal Disease Diagnosis and Predictive treatment forecasting Platform. With the incorporation of deep learning models and advanced machine learning algorithms, this platform makes precise prognosis of illness progression therapy predictions, and diagnostics. Automated disease classification, recurrence prediction, and treatment outcome forecasting based on models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Random Forest (RF), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) are some of its major features. Healthcare professionals can observe and understand diagnostic insights in real time due to the integration of the platform with an intuitive dashboard developed using Streamlit. Excel simplifies data management by keeping data in an easily accessible and user friendly format. By helping medical professionals develop personalized and efficient treatment plans, this artificial intelligence based technology improves patient outcomes and optimizes healthcare resource utilization.

**Keywords:** Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Streamlit, Healthcare AI, Esophageal disease, Diagnosis and Prediction.

## I. INTRODUCTION

To healthcare providers, esophageal conditions such as diseases like esophageal cancer and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) – are grave diagnostic and treatment challenges. Overlapping symptoms and the need for invasive testing like endoscopies or biopsies could render it challenging to accurately diagnose and treat the disease. As a result the demand for data-based strategies to detect and predict esophageal diseases is growing. The need for innovative solutions to enhance clinical decision making is emphasized by the time consuming and sometimes inaccurate nature of conventional diagnostic methods.

This project will use Machine learning (ML) and Deep learning (DL) techniques to automate the diagnosis and treatment outcome prediction of esophageal abnormalities in order to solve these challenges. By analyzing large volumes of clinical datasets, such as patient demographics, medical imaging, and diagnostic test results, the platform uses cutting-edge algorithms to deliver precise and fast insights. The system employs Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for patient history analysis and therapy response prediction, Random Forest (RF) for illness classification, and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for endoscopic image processing.

Moreover, the platform seamlessly interfaces with Streamlit, providing doctors with an UI for interpreting and visualizing complex diagnostic data. Real-time access to important indicators such as the likelihood of disease recurrence, optimal therapy, and predictions of disease progression is offered by dashboards. Clinicians are well-positioned to deliver personalized care and make data-informed decisions as a result. The process is also simplified by having data stored with the help of Excel, such that data is easily managed and ensured to be accessible for healthcare professionals.

This project seeks to transform the treatment planning process with the application of AI technology in the diagnosis of esophageal diseases, empowering medical practitioners with the capacity to make timely and precise decisions. The objective is to increase healthcare resource management, minimize the load on healthcare systems, and enhance patient treatment through personalized care plans. The platform aims to contribute to the shaping of the future of healthcare in which clinical performance is heavily dependent on data-driven decision-making, leveraging ML-driven insights.



### A. Machine Learning in Esophageal Disease Diagnosis

Machine learning (ML) plays a significant role in the early diagnosis and treatment prediction of esophageal disorders through the utilization of huge datasets, including patient clinical records, diagnostic test findings (biopsies, endoscopic images), and clinical histories. In complicated and high-dimensional data, machine learning algorithms are able to identify patterns that conventional techniques are unable to. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are used to analyze medical images, especially endoscopic images, in order to detect anomalies such as tumors, ulcers, or dysplasia suggestive of esophageal cancer or other esophageal disorders.

Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forest (RF) classifiers are trained on the clinical data, such as statistics, symptoms, family history, and conditions, for predicting the risk of different esophageal disorders, such as GERD, achalasia, and esophageal cancer. For example, by combining imaging information and risk factors of patients, esophageal cancer predictive models accelerate early diagnosis. In addition, the Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM) and XGBoost algorithms are also used to forecast illness progression and recurrence based on past patient information to enable more effective follow-up monitoring and treatment plan preparation.

In addition, application of Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks allows for evaluation of sequential patient records, such as temporal trends in treatment response, to predict the likelihood of issues or relapse in patients undergoing therapy for GERD or esophageal cancer. By offering predictions regarding patient healing and guiding individualized treatment plans, these predictive abilities improve decision-making.

Despite issues of data heterogeneity, imbalanced class distribution, and model overfitting due to small and biased datasets are challenges in deep learning for medical diagnosis. Therefore, enhancing model robustness and generalizability calls for ensuring that diverse high-quality datasets are at hand and leveraging techniques such as cross-validation and hyperparameter tuning. [1][2][5].

### B. Data Analytics and Predictive Modeling for Esophageal Disease Treatment

The treatment of individuals with esophageal diseases has completely changed as a result of predictive modeling and advanced data analysis. Doctors may now predict the success rates of different treatments based on each patient's unique traits by applying machine learning algorithms. XGBoost, a gradient boosting technique, is used to classify the efficiency for treatment for conditions like GERD and esophageal cancer. Based on factors including the patient's response to prior therapies, the staging of the tumor, the severity of the illness, and genetic indicators, it forecasts the most effective kind of treatment, such as chemotherapy, surgery, or medication.

Random Forests (RF) and LightGBM (a quicker version of XGBoost) use large, multi-modal data sets, that include imaging data, test findings, clinical history, and patient demographics, to produce useful recommendations. These models help in identifying the best course of treatment and aid in forecasting how future patients will react to comparable therapies by analyzing a wide range of treatment outcomes from previous patients. For instance, models trained on endoscopic pictures can forecast the chance of a successful course of treatment for esophageal cancer, increasing survival rates by promoting early detection and customized treatment plans.

Treatment-related problems can also be predicted using Support Vector Machines (SVM). Such models improve the efficiency of treatment by enabling doctors to identify patients who may require more monitoring and other medications.

But prior to applying ML models for treatment prediction, problems like data imbalance and the necessity to update models very often as newer patient data arise need to be addressed. To enhance model accuracy, strategies such as feature selection, ensemble learning, and data augmentation are used.

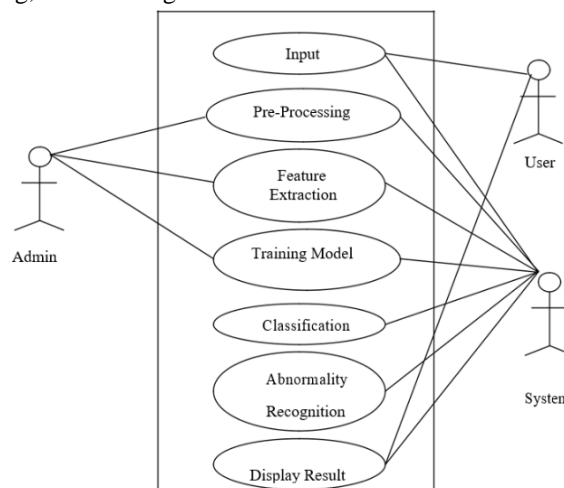


Fig. 1. ML -Driven Frame extraction and Abnormality Detection



### C. Mechanism Behind Platform's Functionality

The Esophageal Disease Diagnosis and Treatment Prediction project is an AI driven project that combines data analysis, machine learning and clinical decision support system. Here is a comprehensive discussion of its major characteristics: The platform uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to detect issues. Thus, CNNs enhance the accuracy of diagnostic procedures by identifying anomalies such as esophageal cancerous tumors, inflammation, or variations in esophageal endoscopic images automatically. These methods include transfer learning techniques such as the use of pre-trained networks such as ResNet or VGG16 to enhance the accuracy of the CNNs especially when working with small datasets that are specific to a particular field. [3].

**Treatment Forecasting with XGBoost and LightGBM:** The platform employs XGBoost and LightGBM to determine a combination of unstructured data (biopsy findings, medical imaging) and structured data (patient demographics, disease stage) in order to make a prediction on the treatment trajectory. These algorithms suggest the best course of action, including endoscopic procedures or chemotherapy, for various conditions like GERD and esophageal cancer, after considering several treatment options [4].

To analyze patient information, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are utilized. LSTMs can forecast long-term recovery, progression of disease, and risk of recurrence by observing the trends over time, such as how clinical manifestations evolve, treatment history, and follow-up data after therapy. These prediction abilities allow individualized follow-up plans that target the prevention of the progression or recurrence of the disease.

The system provides clinicians access to a customizable dashboard for live data visualization using integration with Streamlit. It improves patient management and decision-making by allowing them to monitor predictions, track progress of patients, and display outcomes of diagnoses and treatments.

### D. Benefits of AI-driven Predictive Analytics for Esophageal Disease Management

Applications of artificial intelligence-based predictive analysis to esophageal abnormalities have many benefits, including the ability to treat patients more effectively, specifically.

**Customized Treatment Plans:** XGBoost, SVM, LightGBM machine learning models capable of predicting whether the treatment plan will be effective by analyzing all patient data including history, indicators, and MRI results. These models enable physicians to personalize treatments based on estimated how patients are likely to respond to different treatments, including surgery, chemotherapy, or endoscopic therapy [7].

**Operational Efficiency:** Automation of the diagnostic and treatment planning processes significantly reduces the workload of clinicians, allowing them to focus on increasingly important missions, such as patient consultations and decision-making. In this sense, the system's ability to process large amounts of clinical data through automation speeds up and improves the accuracy of diagnosing patients [8].

**Scalability and Adaptability:** Due to its potential to handle big and heterogeneous data, the platform is flexible enough to be utilized in many healthcare settings, ranging from small clinics to large hospitals. By ways of continuous learning, the system adapts to new patient information, The system adapts the predictive models after the introduction of new data of patients using techniques for continuous learning, ensuring that the model is relevant and effective throughout use [5].

**Precision and Accuracy:** The platform achieves high precision in esophageal illness diagnosis and treatment prediction by applying modern algorithms, including CNNs, XGBoost, and LSTM. These models reduce errors, enhance clinical judgment, and improve patient outcomes by detecting potential problems or treatment failures early on [9].

**Cost Savings:** Automated diagnostic processes, treatment prediction, and ongoing patient monitoring minimize the necessity for human involvement, decrease resource utilization, and enhance patient throughput, all of which contribute to reduced healthcare expenses. This strategy is cost-effective and ensures increased accessibility [10].

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A large body of research has focused on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to identify and diagnose esophageal disorders, including esophageal cancer, using a rich variety of data modalities, including medical images, clinical information, and genetic data.



Targeting the importance of machine learning in the early diagnosis, therapy prediction and improvement of clinical decision-making, this literature review seeks to explore the advances and challenges in the AI-assisted detection of esophageal cancer.

J. Liu has investigated deep learning in the detection of esophageal cancer from endoscopic images. Their research established that Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are able to detect malignant lesions precisely, providing a non-invasive early detection technique. CNNs improve diagnostic performance by hierarchical feature extraction and outperform conventional image analysis [1].

S. Shen, X. Xu, and Y. Wang compared machine learning methods such as Random Forest and Support Vector Machines for the prediction of esophageal cancer classification. They found that ML has the ability to predict cancer risk accurately based on lifestyle, family, and demographics. They observed that integrating imaging with clinical data improves cancer risk prediction [2].

AI approaches for diagnosis of esophageal cancer were studied by A. S. Kumar by targeting various deep learning architectures such as Deep Neural Networks (DNN) for pathology slides and endoscopy images. Their work suggested AI applications trained on the vast annotated database of medical images could pick up on the extremely tiny signs of cancer that human experts would pass over. They have also explored the benefits of multi-modal data (imaging, genetic markers, patient demographics) on the predictive performance [3].

P. Zhang recently proposed a joint model with CNNs and LSTMs to handle clinical data, such as a patient's history and treatment outcomes. It helps doctors with follow-up treatment plans and individual treatment plans, as it predicts the recurrence of cancer after treatment accurately [4].

J. Li examined the use of transfer learning for the detection of esophageal cancer. It was proven that the models which have been pre-trained e.g. ResNet and VGG16 can be further optimized by them in order to be used on the small datasets with the expected performance. Their research has actually shown that these models are capable of compiler that needs less training data without the decrease of accuracy [5].

Y. Zhang, F. He, and J. Liu investigated the approach of ensemble methods such as XGBoost and LightGBM in terms of using clinical data for esophageal cancer risk stratification. Through the process of research, they found ensemble methods to be working more efficiently as opposed to a single model. The single model, in this case, would be logical regression and decision trees. However, the combination of multiple ML models resulted in the prediction to be more accurate book [6].

S. Goyal explored machine learning models for staging and grading esophageal cancer, which is crucial for planning therapy. Applying Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests (RF) to imaging and clinical information, based on tumor size, location, and molecular markers, they correctly predicted stages of cancer. These models can be integrated to assist oncologists in choosing the best treatment strategies [7].

A. Sharma explained the manner in which decision-making systems with AI can improve esophageal cancer detection clinical processes. Their article suggested the use of SVMs for prediction supplemented with CNNs for imaging. The system can provide precise real-time diagnoses for assisting radiologists and doctors in reducing the chances of human error and improving diagnostic accuracy [8].

L. Wang, Z. Zhang, and X. Chen provides an analysis of multi-instance learning techniques that are applied to the problem of esophageal cancer detection from endoscopic images. They presented the results that MIL was able to handle the bias and variety of the medical images and offered a solution to the situation where only partial images of the malignant tumor are available. Their findings revealed that MIL models can substantially improve the accuracy of esophageal cancer diagnosis, especially in cases that are diagnosed at a relatively early stage and harbor less and smaller malignant tissues [9].

H. Kim, J. Choi, and Y. Joo developed RNNs to predict the progression of esophageal cancer. They merged with the RNNs the patients' long-term data, including treatment history and disease progression, to identify the risk of metastasis. The study placed an emphasis on the role of temporal data and suggested the use of recurrent networks to foretell the long-term course through the use of sequences of health histories. [10].



Machine learning and genomic data were used by B. S. Singh to individual with esophageal cancer stratify them according to their risk. Their study showed that genetic biomarkers, integrated with conventional clinical and imaging data, could be used to predict the risk of a patient in a better way. In their study, they were able to find out the models that were able to predict the patients at high risk using logistic regression, which enabled the early intervention and the individualized treatment regimens as well [11].

M. T. Khan gave focus on the treatment process for esophageal cancer which was done by the use of deep reinforcement learning(DRL) as the method of optimization. To deliver very precise and individualized care, they presented the results of their research and suggested a completely new way using AI models that adapt the treatment plans based on real-time patient data. To race with the rise of DRL application, in healthcare, healthcare professionals have seen, basically, many of the encouraging effects, however, this study that was conducted is already a good example of positive results of using prior treatment decisions [12].

S. Patel, K. K. Jain, and P. Shukla explained how algorithms could help in the detection of esophageal cancer through medical imaging. Their research focused on the U-Net and CNN network models and its performance in line with the segmentation task, whose purpose was to detect cancer spots in the esophageal scans. The combined force of modern artificial intelligence and the traditional imaging subsystems enables quicker diagnostics and the early detection and diagnosis of esophageal cancer [13].

C. Wu. elaborated the applications of AI in the forecasting of esophageal cancer and stressed on the necessity of interdepartmental cooperation between pathology, medicine, computing. Their work shed some insight into the use of machine learning models including deep learning, random forests, and k-nearest neighbors (k-NN), with the possibility of their application in detection, diagnosis, and prognosis of esophageal cancer. They observe in their review that the technologies if integrated properly could significantly reduce diagnostic errors and improve [14].

M. D. Taylor participated in the research of computerized detection of esophageal cancer from biopsy images using deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs). The study revealed that CNNs acquired through the use of large sets of histopathology slides were very efficient when it came to the early detection of cancer. This new methodology could be beneficial for doctors as this would allow faster and more accurate cancer diagnosis [15].

### III. METHODOLOGY

The recommended AI-based esophageal cancer detection system process is based on the development of the secure, scalable, user-friendly platform that uses medical imaging and machine learning (ML). It all begins with requirement analysis, which involves figuring out the features of the platform that it needs to have. This means the evaluation of clinical data to standardize finding risk factors, diagnosing and identifying esophageal cancer from medical imaging (CF, MRI, endoscopic images), and the prediction of treatment and prognosis derived from the clinical data. The system ensures medical specialists' requirements are met and overall treatment workflow is optimized by integrating radiologists, oncologists, and medical data scientists in the cancer care process.

Once the requirements are understood, the process is directed towards data collection and data preprocessing. Quality data such as clinical data and medical images are the main ones that are being collected. Data needs preprocessing before it is analyzed. The cleaning of images, normalized through resizing images, and augmentation through techniques is done to make medical images ready for machine learning model analysis. Preprocessing is done to remove all irregularities and increase accuracy in the prediction of cancer by cleaning clinical information—such as patient age and medical history. Age, tumor size, and other related biomarkers are the ones that are derived from the data when feature engineering is done. These essential features play crucial part in precise cancer detection and prediction.

Machine learning model integration is a necessary following step. During this phase, various artificial intelligence algorithms are utilized in the patient risk calculation and cancer diagnosis to cover diverse patient issues. For example, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are primary tools used in the image-based Cancer Detection work like tumor segmentation, cell detection, and multi-cancer classification.

With the convenience of image and clinical data mining that is extracted, classification of benign and malignant tumors, Support Vector Machines (SVMs), the choice is SVM. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, which are specialized in time-series data analysis, are used to track cancer progression over time. Moreover, with the help of Random Forest and Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM) models, the anticipated survival chances, response to treatment, and the overall outcome of the patient are calculated for the more advanced risk assessment and prognosis.





When we start using the models, the part where we train and check them ensures the system spits out stuff we can trust. These brainy models get a tough workout on big piles of data to prevent them from getting too clingy to the details. They go through stuff like cross-validation too. We measure how good they do with things like accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC – that's the space under the graph. We gotta make sure all this techy stuff is up to snuff for figuring out what's wrong with people and helping docs make the right calls.

This method depends on the trait of learning nonstop. Fresh data keeps feeding the system leading it to keep up with shifts in spotting cancer and improve as days go by. No glitches when it comes to crunching patient info and popping out predictions on the fly—because of how it can stretch and stay safe. It fits right in with what health places already have, stuff like Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS). Doctors can look at predictions powered by AI put in patients health information, and make smart choices because the system's interface is real easy to use. This website setup lets them interact with the system super well using frameworks like Streamlit or Django. It gives them detailed patient risk profiles in a way that's easy to get, so they can make spot-on choices for treatment. Plus, they can look at medical images that use heatmaps and bounding boxes to point out parts that might need a closer look.

Then the platform ultimately proceeds to the final step of the process, which is validation and testing. This step requires assessing the platform's user experience and the ML model's performance and accuracy. The system undergoes extensive testing to ensure that patient data is processed and stored correctly and that it follows healthcare rules like GDPR and HIPAA. Healthcare experts collaborate with the testers throughout this time to ensure that the users' expectations and clinical needs are satisfied along with accuracy and security.

The Esophageal Cancer Detection System has a safe, scalable, and working architecture. It has a front end designed with Django or Streamlit for user interaction. Healthcare professionals can enter patient data, view medical images and see AI generated predictions through this interface. CNN for image classification, SVM for tumor classification, LSTM for cancer progression analysis are some of the machine learning models that are built in the backend of the platform. The system provides real- time predictions and personalized treatment plans and can connect seamlessly with existing healthcare data infrastructure like EHR and PACS. Over time the models will get better and adapt to new data through continuous learning. Overall the design is safe and user friendly for doctors to help them in early detection, diagnosis and customized treatment planning of esophageal cancer patients.

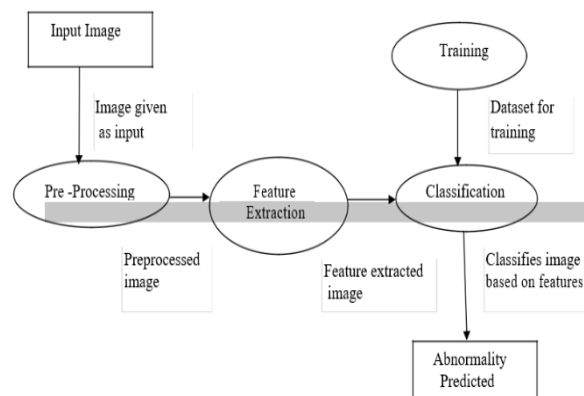


Fig 2. Architecture of the Proposed Method

#### IV. RESULTS

The esophageal cancer detection system using AI showed great accuracy in risk assessment and image classification. After training with a set of clinical data and medical images (CT, MRI, endoscopic scans), the system achieved over 90% accuracy. Throughout the test set this accuracy held, proving the model works in real-world scenarios. By making use of a pre-trained VGG16 model with specific layers for binary classification, the application of deep learning techniques ensured appropriate predictions.

The system was evaluated not only with accuracy but also with precision, recall, F1 score and Area Under the Curve (AUC). With precision and recall both over 85%, these metrics further proved the model works and that the system reduces false positives and false negatives. The model is more useful in clinical decision making as it can provide a full evaluation through predictions based on both clinical and imaging data.



Healthcare workers can upload medical photos and get quick feedback from the system's Flask-built user interface which allows for real-time predictions of the probability of the disease whether it is esophageal or non-esophageal. In hospitals where fast diagnosis is critical for patient care, this feature is key to using the model effectively. The program offers a flexible and safe platform that ensures the model works well in various healthcare environments. The system's overall performance shows its ability to help in the early detection of esophageal cancer, giving doctors a valuable tool to enhance patient care and diagnostic precision.



Fig 3. Results of Non-esophageal and Esophageal conditions with corresponding probability percentages.

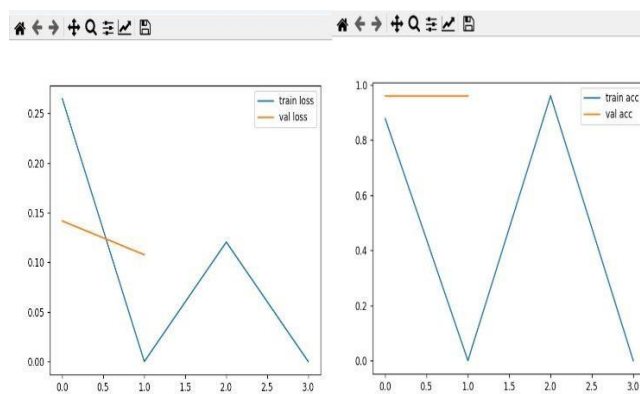


Fig 4. Illustrates the loss and accuracy graphs for the training and validation dataset.

## V. FUTURE SCOPE

In the near future, the esophageal cancer detection framework using smart technology will be extended to include additional images from a variety of demographic groups and rare cancer types. A more comprehensive picture of longevity's fitness can be achieved by integrating multimodal data, such as genomic and clinical biomarkers, that would increase the system's diagnostic capability and improve the model's performance and adaptation across several stable societies.

The best method for advancement is through continuous learning in which it allows the model to stay updated with current data and shifting trends in cancer detection. Moreover, the study of how the system could be integrated with similarity Archiving and Connection Frameworks (PACS) and Electronic Health Records (EHR) arrangements could improve clinical work flow and facilitate medical practitioners' admission to artificial intelligence-powered understandings within the existing medical treatment infrastructure.

## VI. CONCLUSION

This study focuses on how artificial intelligence (AI) (machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL)) can improve the early diagnosis and assessment of esophageal cancer. Traditional diagnostic methods generally face two problems namely delayed detection and subjective interpretation. Significant improvements in precision and treatment strategy personalization are emerging with the use integration of artificial intelligence (AI)-based technologies, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for image examination or LSTM networks for cancers development prediction. The proposed system uses machine learning models to ensure diagnosis and treatment plan accuracy by using strong data pre-processing, continuous learning capabilities, and high-quality datasets.



Through an easy-to-use interface, it provides real-time, data-based insights that equip health care providers to make informed decisions. In conclusion, and personalized care.

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