Technological Innovation & Considerations for Post Market Performance Monitoring in Radiology

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How Is GenAl Used In Radiology Today?







continuous Validation



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Agenda

- 1. Monitoring a GenAl LLM In Radiology Practice
 - Types of Errors
 - Error Mitigation
 - Required Oversight by Qualified End User
- 2. A Framework for Continuous Monitoring



GenAl Reporting



Report Preamble

- Exam
- History
- Comparison
- Technique

FINDINGS: Description of exam findings

IMPRESSION: Edited summarization



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GenAl Reporting Validation Process

- Random selection of 3,000 radiology reports from across scaled practice
- Compared GenAl output to the Final Radiology Report using LLM



Results reviewed by panel of radiologists to validate & determine significance

Total radiology partners

GenAl Validation Results

GenAl Model	GenAl Clinically Significant Error Rate	Rad Edited Clinically Significant Error Rate
Impression Generation	4.8%	



GenAl Reporting Pitfalls

	GenAl Error Type	Error Rate
1	Numerosity	0.2%
2	Laterality / Body Site	0.6%
3	Recommendation	1.0%
4	Missed Finding	1.3%
5	Other Hallucination	1.7%

GenAl Error – Numerosity

FINDINGS:

CAROTID ARTERIES: Calcified plaque causes 70% stenosis of the proximal right internal carotid artery. Calcified plaque causes 30% stenosis of the proximal left internal carotid artery. Calcified plaque causes 40% stenosis of the origin of the left common carotid artery.

GenAl IMPRESSION:

70% stenosis of the proximal right internal carotid artery.

40% stenosis of the proximal left internal carotid artery.

40% stenosis of the origin of the left common carotid artery. Final IMPRESSION:

70% stenosis of the proximal right internal carotid artery.

GenAl Error Type

2 Laterality / Body Site

Recommendation

Other Hallucination

Missed Finding

1 Numerosity

3

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30% stenosis of the proximal left internal carotid artery.

40% stenosis of the origin of the left common carotid artery.

GenAl Error – Numerosity

FINDINGS:

GenAl IMPRESSION:

Final IMPRESSION:

Irregular perihilar 5.8 x 3.6 cm right lung mass is decreased from 10/25/2022 chest CT.

Left lower lobe solid 0.8 cm pulmonary nodule is stable back to 03/14/2019 chest CT. Perihilar right lung mass is decreased from 10/25/2019 chest CT.

Perihilar right lung mass is decreased from 10/25/2022 chest CT.

GenAl Error Type

2 Laterality / Body Site

Recommendation

Other Hallucination

Missed Finding

1 Numerosity

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GenAl Error – Laterality ("Fill in the Blank")

Initial FINDINGS:

GenAl IMPRESSION:

Final IMPRESSION:

Final FINDINGS:

body site, stability, severity, size, clinical indication

underlying minimal cortical irregularity worrisome for osteomyelitis. cortical irregularity worrisome for osteomyelitis. minimal cortical irregularity worrisome for osteomyelitis. There is new underlying minimal cortical irregularity worrisome for osteomyelitis.



GenAl Error – Recommendation

INITIAL FINDINGS:

Within the proximal posterior tibia there is a cortically based nonaggressive appearing lucent lesion with a well-defined sclerotic rim measuring up to 2.2 cm.

GEN AI IMPRESSION:

Nonaggressive appearing lucent lesion within the proximal posterior tibia. Consider further evaluation with MRI.

FINAL IMPRESSION:

Nonaggressive appearing cortically based lesion with a well-defined sclerotic rim in the posterior tibia. This is favored to represent a nonossifying fibroma.

GenAl Error Type

Laterality / Body Site

Recommendation

Other Hallucination

Missed Finding

1 Numerosity

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GenAl Error – Missed Finding

FINDINGS INITIAL:

There is moderate bilateral hydronephrosis and hydroureter without obvious obstructing calculus noted.

Bladder is markedly distended.

IMPRESSION INITIAL:

Moderate bilateral hydronephrosis and hydroureter without obvious obstructing calculus.



IMPRESSION FINAL:

GenAl Error Type

Laterality / Body Site

Recommendation

Other Hallucination

Missed Finding

1 Numerosity

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Moderate bilateral hydronephrosis and hydroureter without obvious obstructing calculus.

Markedly distended bladder.

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Small amount of free fluid in the pelvis.

Small amount of free fluid in the pelvis, possibly due to recent ovarian cyst rupture.

Small amount of free fluid in the pelvis, nonspecific.

Final IMPRESSION:

Initial FINDINGS:

GenAl IMPRESSION:

GenAl Error – Hallucination ("Nearest Neighbor")

CT Abdomen and Pelvis. Indication: 55-year-old male patient with pelvic pain

GenAl Error Type 1 Numerosity Laterality / Body Site Recommendation

> Missed Finding **Other Hallucination**

GenAl Error – Hallucination ("Contradiction")

FINDINGS:

Water-soluble contrast was slowly infused into the colon via gravity opacifying the rectum, and descending colon. There was no contrast extravasation to suggest a colovaginal fistula.

GenAI IMPRESSION:

No evidence of a colovaginal fistula.

A contrast enema was not performed due to patient discomfort. Final IMPRESSION:

No evidence of a colovaginal/rectovaginal fistula.

GenAl Error Type

Laterality / Body Site

Recommendation

Other Hallucination

Missed Finding

1 Numerosity

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The patient was transferred to CT for further evaluation.

GenAl Error – Hallucination ("Redundancy")

FINDINGS INITIAL:

LUNG BASES: There is a 4 mm ground-glass nodule in the right lower lobe (axial image 20). 6 mm groundglass nodule noted in the left lower lobe (axial image 2).

IMPRESSION INITIAL:

4 mm right lower lobe and 6 mm left lower lobe groundglass pulmonary nodules.

6 mm left ground-glass pulmonary nodule.

IMPRESSION FINAL:

4 mm right lower lobe and 6 mm left lower lobe groundglass pulmonary nodules. Recommend follow-up to resolution.

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GenAl Error Type

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Continuous Evaluation of Model Performance



GenAl Monitoring Strategies

	Strategy	"Ground Truth" Comparison
1	Automated Monitoring	Radiology Report
2	Expert-in-the-loop Monitoring	Radiology Consensus
3	Ensemble Monitoring	Other Gen Al Models
4	IN vs. OOD Data Monitoring	GenAl Training Data
5	Model Stress Testing	Ground Truth Output
6	User Feedback	"Radiology Report"

GenAl Monitoring Strategies

	Strategy		Strengths	Weaknesses	
1	Automated	Monitoring	Scalable, Continuous	Inherent error rate, delayed results for low volume/ prevalence sites	
2	Expert-in-t Monitoring		kpert uous)		
3	Ensemble I	Ca	without re- cal difficulty		
4	IN vs. OOD Monitoring	model risk			th accuracy; ta
E	Model Streeting			y test what is to data drift	
5	would stress testing		can test low prevalence findings	unless refresh ground truth; discontinuous	
6	Expert Feedback		Fast	Sampling bias	

Take Home Points

- GenAl is being used today in healthcare and should be monitored post deployment for accuracy (error patterns)
- There are several ways this can be done at scale
- Our validation suggests autonomous GenAl reporting on its own is probably not safe, but expert in-the-loop GenAl reporting is likely a *net benefit for patient safety*
- Users benefit from education on the specific error patterns associated with GenAl reporting

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