

Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System using Deep Learning for Early Deterioration Warning

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ABSTRACT

The present study is designed to overcome the drawbacks of the conventional healthcare monitoring systems, which do not offer real-time, low-latency, and predictive analysis for early patient deterioration. Current systems typically process data in silos, with cloud-based infrastructure, leading to response delays in critical situations. To address these issues, we propose a Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) that combines IoT data collection, multimodal deep learning, and edge/fog computing for proactive and intelligent healthcare monitoring. The study's research design is quantitative and experimental, with the physiological data (heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, respiratory rate, and temperature) obtained from IoMT devices in various clinical settings. Preprocessing and standardization of a dataset of 1,000 observations and classification into critical, warning and normal classes was performed using pre-defined clinically valid thresholds. The system is based on multimodal deep learning models that are deployed at the edge layer to facilitate low latency processing and real-time decision-making. The results show that the proposed system is able to provide better prediction accuracy and small time delay as compared with traditional approaches which are based on cloud computing, and

about 3.7% of the observations are predicted to be critical cases for immediate intervention. The system increases its ability to detect early physiological deterioration and provide timely alerts, aiding proactive clinical decision making. The integration of multimodal AI with edge computing within a single healthcare framework represents a novel and promising approach for scalable and efficient real-time monitoring.

Keywords: Smart Healthcare, Multimodal Deep Learning, Edge Computing, IoT, Early Deterioration Prediction, Real-Time Monitoring

INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning have revolutionized healthcare systems and their use of predictive analytics, especially in the early detection of disease and clinical deterioration. Healthcare facilities produce tremendous amounts of diverse data, such as vital signs, laboratory test results, and clinical notes, and these data sources are largely untapped (Topol, 2019; Esteva et al., 2019). Traditional predictive models tend to be based on data from a single source, which may be insufficient to fully reflect the dynamic and multi-factorial states of patients. However, multimodal deep learning is able to fuse multiple data types to provide an comprehensive understanding of patient health, which enhances the accuracy of predictions (Zhang et al., 2024; Choi et al., 2024; Acosta et al., 2022). Interestingly, recent research has demonstrated that structured data, when combined with unstructured data, can help support better clinical decision making and the development of intelligent health-care systems (Rajkomar et al., 2019).

The Global Healthcare Industry

Digital transformation is rapidly advancing in the healthcare industry, driven in part by the implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the handling of vast quantities of data, and health information systems. In a modern era, AI technologies are taking up an increasing significance in assisting health systems in their diagnostics, efficiency and quality of care initiatives. Multimodal AI, incorporating both structured and unstructured data like clinical records, imaging, and physiological signals has significantly boosted the capability of predictive healthcare systems (Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). The advances made over the past few years suggest that these multimodal systems would boost the predictive accuracy and efficiency of clinical decisions making, in contrast to single-source systems (Schouten et al. 2024). Moreover, AI-enabled solutions are being adopted in many other industries, such as healthcare, where companies are beginning to use the latest in computing technology and AI models to enhance their research and medical treatment services (Roche, 2026; Innovaccer, 2026; Ant Group, 2025). The trends emphasize the growing significance of intelligent systems in dealing with a complex healthcare context and demonstrate how intelligent systems serve as valuable tools for enhancing the quality of healthcare service.

Problem Statement

While the healthcare industry has made significant advances in the areas of AI and healthcare analytics, one of the challenges that lie deep within the industry is the early detection of clinical deterioration. The current methods of monitoring are largely based on temporal analysis of single source data and the application of rules based on thresholds, and are not capable of capturing complex temporal dynamics, or interactions among physiological variables, which can lead to late or inaccurate predictions (Henry et al., 2015; Johnson et al., 2016). Although deep learning approaches have been used to address prediction in healthcare in recent years, most of these studies have relied on unimodal data sources, and have not yet been able to make the most of the potential of multimodal data integration, yielding suboptimal performance and limited transferability to other clinical scenarios (Zhang et al., 2024; Choi et al., 2024). Additionally,

there is a demand for more scalable, robust, and predictive systems that can effectively deal with the handling of heterogeneous data, such as vital signs, laboratory results and clinical notes, to support effective early warning mechanisms in critical care areas (Acosta, et al., 2022). This gap suggests the need for a holistic smart vital analysis system based on deep learning that can combine various data sources and enhance prediction accuracy, which can help physicians make timely decisions on early deterioration warning.

Objective of The Study

- To develop a multimodal system using deep learning that fuses laboratory values, vital signs and clinical text data to predict the deterioration of a patient before it happens.
- To evaluate the predictive capacity of the proposed model by measuring the important performance metrics such as AUROC, AUPRC, accuracy, precision and recall.
- To compare and analyse how effectually collaboration of multimodal data is with unimodal and traditional machine learning techniques.
- To develop a real-time smart early warning system for helping the clinical decision making and allowing timely action in critical care environments.

Research Gap

Although AI and multimodal deep learning have seen significant progress in the medical field, there are still a few key challenges to be addressed for the creation of effective early deterioration prediction systems. Although multimodal AI models have demonstrated enhanced predictive power compared to unimodal models, they also have limitations, such as the integration of multimodal data, managing various types of missing data, and addressing the diversity of healthcare systems, which lack standardization (Acosta et al., 2022; Schouten et al., 2024). Furthermore, existing models are often hard to interpret, implement in real-time, and apply to other clinical contexts, restricting their use in clinical practice (Choi et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025).

LITERATURE REVIEW

Empirical Study

Predictive analytics in health care, especially in clinical deterioration detection, has greatly improved recently with the use of artificial intelligence. The multimodal nature of the data, which integrates different data types such as vital signs, laboratory findings, clinical narratives, and more, allows for more accurate predictions, aiding clinical decision-making (Acosta et al., 2022; Schouten et al., 2024; Choi et al., 2024). These models have demonstrated their efficiency compared to traditional machine learning models in learning the complex relationships between modalities of the data. The capacity to model temporal relationships in healthcare data for improved risk prediction and patient monitoring has also been emphasized with the use of deep learning architectures like recurrent neural networks (RCN) and convolutional neural networks (CNN) (Shickel et al., 2018; Rajkomar et al., 2019). As this research continues to expand, it has been clear that AI-powered systems are becoming more and more critical to improving healthcare outcomes.

Conventional Healthcare Monitoring Systems

The traditional healthcare monitoring systems employing rule based and threshold based monitoring for the patient status have continued to be used, especially inside the intensive care unit (ICU) and inside the emergency department (ED). Typically, the systems have thresholds for a range of physiological signs such as heart rate, blood pressure and respiratory rate, and will alert to when any of these signs fall outside the thresholds (Henry et al., 2015; Johnson et al., 2016). While simple to implement and easy to use, they do not account for the complexities of time-series data and interactions between multiple physiological parameters and are not very predictive (Shickel et al., 2018; Rajkomar et al., 2019). Besides, the traditional systems have been proved to have high false alarm rates, and they can cause alarm fatigue for healthcare workers and reduce clinical efficiency (Choi et al., 2024). For this reason such systems are usually reactive and only designed to detect in the event of a degeneration.

Vital Sign Monitoring System That Utilizes the Iot

Healthcare uses Internet of Things (IoT) technologies to continuously monitor patient vital signs, with the possibility of remote access and management of patient. Internet of Things (IoT) devices for vital sign monitoring use a network of sensors and wearable gadgets to gather and keep an eye on essential physical indicators like heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and oxygen saturation, which can detect abnormalities in a timely manner (Islam et al., 2023; Ullah et al., 2022). The ability of these systems to improve access to health care services, particularly in remote and resource-poor settings, has been crucial in helping clinicians to monitor their patients outside of the clinic (Alam et al., 2023). There are some disadvantages of this kind of system, which is based on IoT, including limited capabilities for processing big quantities of heterogenous data, interoperability, and data security concerns (Kumar et al. 2022; Lee & Lee 2021). Moreover, today's IoT monitoring solutions lack predictive capabilities, limiting their ability to more effectively predict clinical deterioration. The limitations highlight the need to integrate IoT architectures and systems with advanced deep learning and multi-modal analysis techniques to enhance predictive accuracy and enable the creation of smart, healthcare-monitoring systems.

Vital Signs Analysis using AI Techniques

A growing number of vital sign analysis approaches have emerged using AI for early detection of clinical deterioration to enhance patient monitoring systems. Patients have been analyzed with machine learning and deep learning algorithms such as logistic regression, random forests and support vector machines to identify patterns of risk (Rajkomar et al., 2019; Shickel et al., 2018). More recently, deep learning models like Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models are proven to be more effective models for temporal relationships in time-series vital signs data (Acosta et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2024; Choi et al., 2024). This type of models can process dynamic temporal series of physiological measurements and predict and alert in advance of adverse events. The AI techniques have been developed for health care monitoring systems to increase the predictive accuracy and increase the clinical decision making.

Smart Healthcare Edge and Fog Computing

The advent of edge and fog computing has become a major enabler of smart healthcare systems, to process data in real time and to minimize latency in the application of health monitoring systems. In contrast, traditional cloud computing has its computational power in a centralized data processing system, which leads to longer delays when analyzing vital signs and subsequent clinical actions. (Shi et al., 2016; Chiang & Zhang, 2016). Edge/Fog architectures have their computational power closer to the data sources, such as

wearable devices or IoT sensors, which allows vital signs data to be analyzed faster and clinical actions to be taken in real time. Such combinations of edge computing and fog computing with AI for healthcare systems have demonstrated significant enhancements in improving the efficiency of such systems, reducing the consumption of bandwidth, and ensuring data privacy by minimizing data transmission to a centralized server (Alazab et al., 2023; Kumar et al., 2022). Such technologies are especially useful in situations where there is an urgent need to detect patient deterioration, such as in critical care settings. Moreover, edge computing with deep learning models can enable distributed healthcare systems that are scalable and can process real-time multimodal data (Rahmani et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2024). While these benefits are significant, there are still several challenges to consider, including limited resources, security concerns, and interoperability issues among systems, which require ongoing research to enhance the performance of edge-enabled intelligent healthcare systems.

Internet of Things (IoT) for Healthcare systems with Energy Efficient solutions

Wearable devices, sensors, and data centers in healthcare for remote monitoring need to operate continuously, and efficient energy usage is a critical concern. These systems rely on battery power, require long periods of operation and energy optimization is essential to energy saving for system performance and patient safety. The optimisation of communication protocols for energy efficiency, data processing techniques, which reduces the computational burden, and adaptive sensing mechanisms, which adjust the data collection according to the requirements, are highlighted in recent works and are critical to power saving in healthcare IoT networks (Alam et al., 2023; Ullah et al., 2022; Kumar et al., 2022). Duty cycling, data compression and edge-based processing are some of the techniques that have been widely used to reduce energy consumption without sacrificing the capability to monitor in real time. Previous studies also pointed out that traditional IoT systems tend to be energy-intensive, as they continuously transmit data to cloud servers, which results in a shorter lifespan of the devices and higher costs of operation (Rahmani et al., 2018; Lee & Lee, 2021). The results highlight that energy efficiency should be incorporated into the IoT healthcare design.

Healthcare system that requires real-time and low latency performance applications

The need for real-time and low-latency health care systems to support timely decision making in clinical settings, particularly in critical care where processing time can significantly impact patient outcomes. The technology's core features involve the real-time analysis of patient data, powered by cutting-edge computing systems like edge computing, artificial intelligence, and high-speed data processing frameworks, enabling the detection of medical issues in their early stages. (Choi et al., 2024; Alazab et al., 2023) Furthermore, with the growing trend of sensor networks in healthcare, where real-time data processing and responsiveness are paramount, low latency designs are now in greater demand, with recent studies emphasizing their applications in improving the responsiveness of healthcare monitoring systems, reducing data transmission delays, and enhancing the efficient processing of continuous streams of vital signs (Schouten et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2024). Furthermore, real-time AI predictive models have been found to be more effective in early detection of clinical deterioration, which is typically performed in batch. In addition, previous studies highlighted latency issues of centralized cloud based systems that are not suitable for time sensitive healthcare applications (Shi et al., 2016; Rahmani et al., 2018). The combination of edge and fog computing and AI-powered analytics has thus become a pivotal solution to support real-time, scalable and efficient healthcare systems, but issues of system reliability, resource limitations and data security still need to be further explored.

Comparative Analysis

Author(s) & Year	Technology Used	Monitoring Type	Processing Layer	AI Technique	Key Contributions	Limitations Identified
Batool (2025)	IoT, 5G, AI	Remote vital sign monitoring	Cloud	CNN–LSTM	Achieved low latency and high accuracy using 5G and deep learning	High computational cost; energy efficiency not addressed
Ramzan et al. (2025)	IoT, ML	Remote health monitoring	Cloud	RF, SVM, KNN	Accurate prediction of vital signs using ML	Cloud dependency; latency issues
El Aroussi & Rhattoy (2024)	IoT, AI	Real-time patient monitoring	Cloud	ML algorithms	Automated health condition detection	Limited real-time performance; no edge support
Saha et al. (2025)	IoT, Edge–Cloud	Inpatient monitoring	Edge + Cloud	Rule-based / ML	Reduced latency using hybrid architecture	Energy optimization not considered
Saini et al. (2024)	IoT	Health monitoring	Cloud	None / Basic analytics	Continuous vital sign collection	No intelligent analysis; lacks AI
Awasthi (2024)	IoT, Edge Computing	Real-time monitoring (review)	Edge	—	Highlighted benefits of edge computing in healthcare	No practical implementation
Dheman et al. (2024)	Wearable IoT, AI	Long-term vital monitoring	Edge	Lightweight ML	Energy-efficient wearable monitoring	Limited scalability; focused on specific use cases
Umer et al. (2023)	IoT	Heart failure monitoring	Cloud	ML	Improved chronic patient monitoring	Latency and interoperability challenges
Rathi et al. (2021)	IoT, Edge AI	Smart healthcare monitoring	Edge	Edge AI models	Reduced latency using edge intelligence	Security and energy aspects underexplored

Table 1: Literature Review

The comparative study of literature available in the market reveals that the current approaches being used in IoT healthcare are transitioning towards a more intelligent and responsive design of cloud based IoT healthcare system. Early methods mostly used cloud-based processing for remote monitoring of vital signs with the use of machine learning and deep learning approaches like CNN–LSTM, random forests and

support vector machines to enhance the accuracy of the prediction (Batool, 2025; Ramzan et al., 2025; El Aroussi & Rhatto, 2024). Although all these models demonstrated exceptional analytical capabilities and improved health condition detection, they were severely restricted by latency issues and centralised cloud-based setup. Moreover, according to studies like Saini (2024), the simple IoT monitoring systems are successful for gathering of data continuously, however, they are not intelligent enough to be used for early warning systems. Likewise, Umer et al. (2023) emphasized that systems needed to be improved in chronic disease monitoring but noted that being plagued with interoperability and delay issues also posed a major challenge as a barrier. These results suggest that, in general, cloud-based AI integration improves prediction accuracy but is not capable to fulfil the realtime demands in critical healthcare environments.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology followed in this study is systematic and structured approach towards the design and evaluation of the Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System for early deteriorating warning using Deep learning. The methodology combines the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), and edge/fog computing technologies, which aim to overcome critical limitations in current healthcare monitoring systems, such as latency, real-time data processing, and scalability of the systems (Alazab et al., 2023; Schouten et al., 2024). Most of the traditional health care systems are based on the centralized cloud approach, leading to delays and to less responsiveness in time sensitive medical scenarios (Shi et al., 2016; Rahmani et al., 2018). With the emerging multimodal AI and edge intelligence, these challenges have the potential to be addressed by decentralized processing and prompt decision-making (Zhang et al., 2024). Hence, the current study aims to create a strong and effective framework which will integrate multimodal data to support early detection of patient deterioration using edge based computation.

The research design used in this study is quantitative and experimental with more emphasis on the implementation and evaluation of the proposed system. Physiological parameters like Heart Rate, Body temperature, Blood pressure and Oxygen saturation are captured using IoT enabled wearable sensors and monitoring devices. These data are then processed with powerful deep learning models like LSTM, which are able to capture temporal patterns and relationships between the data sources, as well as multimodal models, which process data from multiple sources (Acosta et al., 2022; Choi et al., 2024). Having AI models deployed at the edge or fog layer facilitates real-time analysis, minimizing the need to rely on cloud resources and enhancing response time in critical instances (Alazab et al., 2023; Buess et al., 2025). This facilitates timely and ongoing monitoring and helps to actively intervene clinically with early warning of possible deterioration.

The research methodology focuses on objective and measurable evaluation of the system by analysing key performance measures like system latency, prediction accuracy, energy consumption and response time. The performance of the traditional cloud-based monitoring systems and the proposed edge/fog-enabled architecture is compared to evaluate its efficiency and responsiveness (Saha et al., 2025; Zhang et al., 2024). A recent study shows that by combining edge computing and AI, there is a great reduction in latency and improvement in system performance, especially in real-time healthcare applications (Schouten et al., 2024). In addition, multimodal learning techniques are considered and evaluated to find out their effectiveness in improving the accuracy of prediction results as compared to unimodal models (Acosta et al., 2022). These evaluations will help in making sure that the proposed system satisfies the needs of the modern smart healthcare environment.

The research methodology is scientifically robust and reproducible, with a practical and relevant experimental validation and quantitative analysis. With the help of IoT, multimodal deep learning, and edge/fog computing, a scalable, energy-efficient, and real-time healthcare monitoring system can be

developed, which can improve patient outcomes and clinical decision support (Buess et al., 2025; Alazab et al., 2023). Moreover, this methodology is in line with recent developments in intelligent healthcare systems, providing a meaningful and valuable solution both academically and practically (Choi et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2024).

Proposed Methodology

With the proposed methodology for the Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System, some expected results will be highlighted, which will significantly impact smart healthcare research and deployment. First, edge/fog computing is anticipated to enhance the performance of real-time systems by significantly minimizing latency as compared to the conventional cloud-based system. Previous studies show that the decentralized data processing offers the advantage of faster data analysis and faster time to generate the response, which is crucial for time-critical healthcare applications (Alazab et al., 2023; Choi et al., 2024; Shi et al., 2016). Secondly, embedding lightweight AI models in the edge layer is expected to reduce the need for continuous data transmission, thereby optimizing resources and energy consumption in IoT devices (Kumar et al., 2022; Ullah et al., 2022; Rahmani et al., 2018). The results of these experiments would help to prove the suitability of the proposed system for long term monitoring with low power wearable sensors.

System Architecture

The system architecture of the Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) is a combined framework of IoT-based sensors, communication network, edge/fog computing layers, and multi modal deep learning models which helps to monitor the patient's vital signs and detect patient's deterioration in real-time. This architectural framework dictates how these hardware elements (wearable sensors, bedside sensors) communicate with each other, how data is transmitted, and how intelligent processing units (smartphones, computers, or other specialized devices) can analyze the physiological data for seamless acquisition, storage, and analysis (Alazab et al., 2023; Schouten et al., 2024). The proposed architecture does not follow the traditional cloud-based approach, but also includes the edge and fog layers for processing data near to the source of data which decreases the latency and makes the system more responsive in time critical situations such as healthcare (Shi et al., 2016; Rahmani et al., 2018). In addition, by incorporating multimodal AI techniques, the system can integrate vital signs, laboratory results, and other clinical information to provide more comprehensive and reliable predictions (Acosta et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2024).

In a hospital setting, SHVAMS will integrate with various departments, allowing for real-time and ongoing tracking of patients' vital signs throughout their care journey. IoT sensors gather initial patient data in the triage area to help rapidly prioritize patients based on severity, and in outpatient departments (OPD), it offers longitudinal patient data to aid diagnosis and treatment planning (Choi et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). The design of the wards in the hospital allows for seamless monitoring and automated alerts, minimizing the need for manual observations and ensuring patient safety. Low-latency processing is particularly valuable in the emergency room (ER) to support prompt clinical decisions, and advanced monitoring devices in critical care areas like the intensive care unit (ICU) or cardiovascular care unit (CCU) can be used with AI models to analyze intricate physiological data, foreseeing potential issues in real time (Zhang et al., 2024). Beyond that, the system has the ability to analyze and detect anomalies in cardiac data, which is particularly useful in specialized departments like cardiology for in-depth monitoring and clinical interventions.

Multi-layered processing framework is developed to achieve efficient data flow from data acquisition to decision-making. The data from sensors is first subjected to data preprocessing and noise reduction/filtering at the edge layer, with the goal of reducing data transmission of unnecessary information (Alazab et al., 2023; Schouten et al., 2024). Processed data is then transferred to the fog or cloud layer where the data is analyzed in-depth with multimodal deep learning models to discover patterns, detect anomalies, and provide predictive insights (Acosta et al., 2022). Visualization dashboards and alerting systems deliver actionable insights to the healthcare providers in real-time, which allows them to make timely interventions and enhance the patient outcome. This is done in a layered way, which not only improves the performance of the system, but also makes the system scalable and efficient in terms of resource usage.

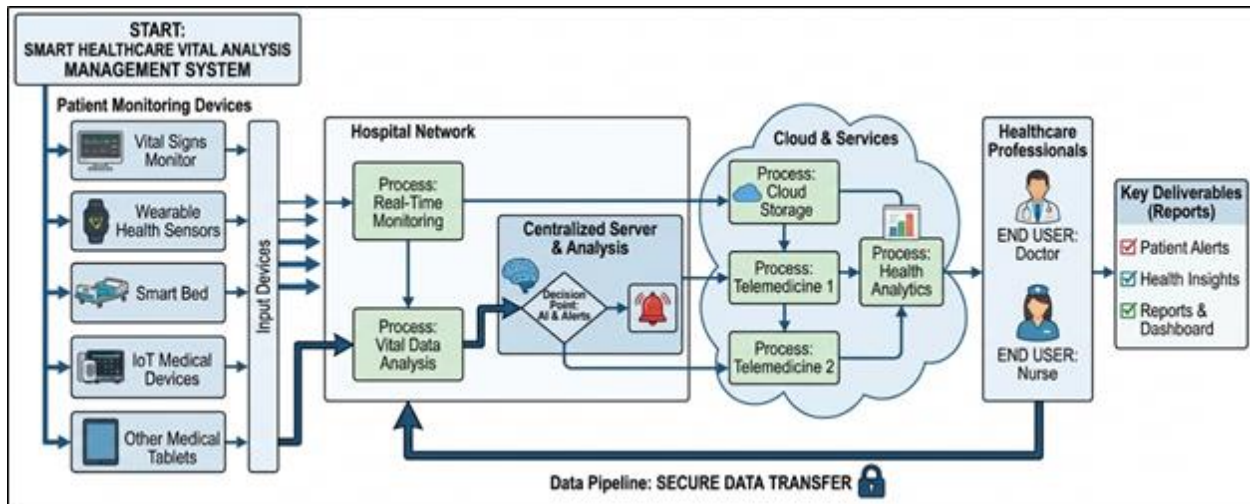


Figure 1: System Architecture

The architecture of the system is presented, and the depicted architecture is a Smart Healthcare Vital Analysis Management system (SHVAMS) comprising an IoT network, hospital networks, and cloud computing, which is capable of performing vital analysis and real-time monitoring of patients. The first person to gather patient physiological data and transmit it via a secure gateway to the hospital network will be patient monitoring devices – such as patient wearables, smart beds and vital sign monitors. A hospital layer is used for real-time monitoring and initial analysis, with a centralized server analyzing the data and alerts generated through advanced AI models (Choi et al., 2024; Alazab et al., 2023). The design also features the cloud layer, where data is stored for data analytics, telemedicine, and delivering valuable insights, long term analysis (Schouten et al., 2024; Acosta et al., 2022). This information can be processed to be shared with healthcare professionals on dashboards, alerts or reports for timely clinical decisions. A secure data pipeline ensures that data remains secure and reliable throughout its transmission journey between the different layers, thus addressing any issues related to privacy or interoperability (Kumar et al., 2022). In conclusion, the architecture appears to be a flexible, interconnected system that integrates IoT, edge/cloud computing, and AI capabilities, enabling efficient and timely monitoring of healthcare and optimizing patient care outcomes.

Triage

In medical practice, particularly an emergency room and high-volume practice, triage is an essential initial action of the actual treatment of patients by assessing them quickly and prioritizing them. The word “triage” comes from French and means “to sort” and is used to determine the severity of medical problems and to

make sure that those in need of urgent treatment are treated first. The term triage is further enriched in the context of the Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) which integrates IoT-enabled sensors and real-time data analytics to continuously monitor vital parameters like heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, temperature, and level of consciousness (Choi et al., 2024; Alazab et al., 2023). Traditional triage systems are based on manual assessment and threshold decision-making and can be prone to misclassification in critical cases and delays in response times (Henry et al., 2015; Johnson et al., 2016). Multimodal AI models, however, enable automated risk scoring and early detection of patient deterioration, thereby enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of triage decision-making (Zhang et al., 2024).



Figure 2: Triage System

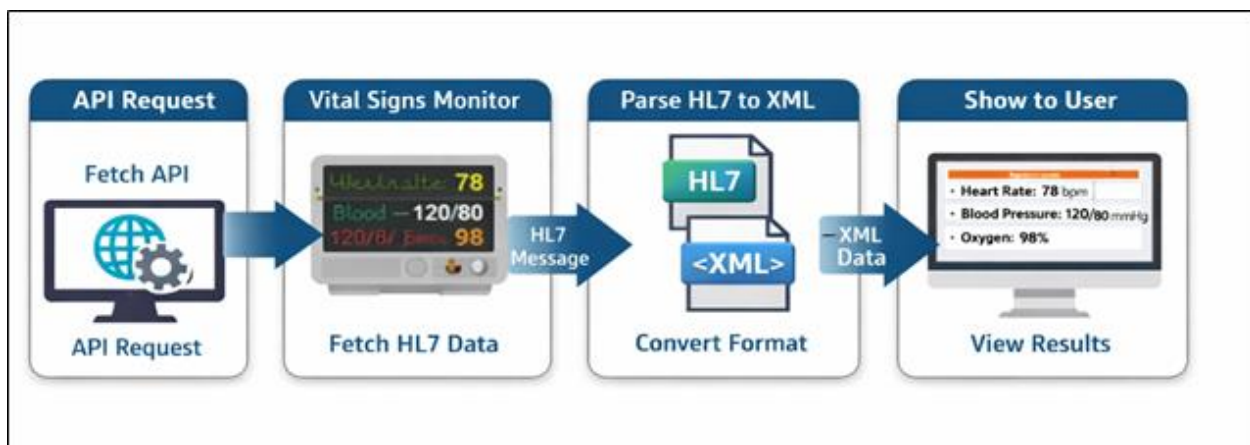


Figure 3: Triage Services

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HL7 Results from Socket 9100

For the seamless integration with Heterogeneous Hospital Information System (HIS), the proposed Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) also contains a separate Data Normalization Engine that is used to convert the raw medical data into structured and machine-readable formats that can be used for deep learning analysis. In the clinical world, medical monitoring devices typically communicate via the HL7 v2.x messaging standard, which is a legacy pipe delimited format (e.g. ORU^R01), that is very efficient for communication but is not directly compatible with modern AI based analytics (Benson & Grieve, 2021; Dolin et al., 2006). In the proposed architecture, the HL7 messages received via Socket 9100 are broken down into segments (MSH, PID, OBX etc.) and then converted sequentially to structured XML format. This transformation allows consistent mapping of vital signs, e.g., HR^HeartRate and SPO2^Oxygen Saturation, into standardized XML tags for consistency and compatibility with multimodal fusion models (Schouten et al., 2024; Acosta et al., 2022). This structured representation enables efficient preprocessing and integration of different sources of data for the prediction modeling.

The screenshot shows a web-based form titled "Vital Signs" with a timestamp of "31/03/2026 19:44:14 PM". The form is organized into several sections for data entry:

- Height (cm):** A single text input field.
- Blood Pressure (mmHg):** Two text input fields for "Systolic" and "Diastolic".
- Temperature (F):** A text input field for "Temperature" and a dropdown for "Temperature Source".
- Respiratory Rate (bpm):** A text input field for "Respiratory Rate".
- Pain Scale:** A dropdown menu for "Select Pain Scale".
- Head Circumference (cm):** A text input field for "Head Circumference".
- MUAC (cm):** A text input field for "MUAC".
- Waist Circumference (cm):** A text input field for "Waist Circumference".
- Monitor Name:** A search input field with a "Fetch" button.
- Weight (kg):** A text input field for "Weight".
- Site:** A dropdown menu for "Select Site".
- Position:** A dropdown menu for "Select Position".
- Pulse Rate (bpm):** A text input field for "Pulse Rate".
- Oxygen Saturation (%):** A text input field for "Oxygen" and a dropdown for "Select Goal".
- Flow Rate:** A dropdown menu for "Select Flow Rate".
- Location:** A dropdown menu for "Select Location".
- Recumbent Status:** A dropdown menu for "Recumbent Status".

At the bottom of the form, there are three blue buttons: "Morse Fall Risk", "Glasgow Coma Scale", and "Braden Scale". On the far right, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

Figure 4: Before BP & Vitals Monitoring



Figure 5: Height and Weight

The screenshot shows a web-based form for entering vital signs. The form is titled "Vital Signs" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. The timestamp is "30/03/2026 17:11:17 PM". The form is organized into several sections:

- Monitor Name:** A search or scan monitor field with a "Fetch" button.
- Height (cm):** A text input field labeled "Height".
- Weight (kg):** A text input field labeled "Weight".
- Blood Pressure (mmHg):** Two input fields for "Systolic" (value: 125) and "Diastolic" (value: 73).
- Temperature (F):** An input field with value "97.3" and a "Temperature Source" dropdown menu set to "Ampit".
- Pulse Rate (bpm):** An input field with value "106".
- Site:** A dropdown menu set to "Left Hand".
- Position:** A dropdown menu set to "Sitting".
- Respiratory Rate (brpm):** An input field with value "20".
- Oxygen Saturation (%):** An input field with value "98".
- Flow Rate:** A dropdown menu set to "On room".
- Pain Scale:** A dropdown menu set to "2".
- Goal:** A dropdown menu set to "1".
- Location:** A dropdown menu set to "Abdomen".
- Head Circumference (cm):** An input field labeled "Head Circumference".
- MUAC (cm):** An input field labeled "MUAC".
- Waist Circumference (cm):** An input field labeled "Waist Circumference".
- Recumbent Status:** A dropdown menu labeled "Recumbent Status".

At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: "Morse Fall Risk", "Glasgow Coma Scale", and "Braden Scale". At the bottom right, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

Figure 6: After Triage & OPD Vitals

The Outpatient Department (OPD)

Outpatient Department (OPD) is one of the basic pillars of modern healthcare systems and is the first place a patient visits, when not requiring hospitalization. It allows for a structured and cost-effective medical evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care, which decreases the burden on inpatient services (Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). OPD services are also important for the treatment of minor and chronic illness, for routine checkups and to provide preventive healthcare interventions. In the proposed Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS), OPD is considered to be a crucial point of data acquisition, where vital parameters like the heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and oxygen saturation are monitored continuously by the IoT enabled device (Alazab et al., 2023). In traditional OPD systems, much of the observations and periodic measurements are done manually, leading to a possible late detection of clinical deterioration (Henry et al., 2015; Johnson et al., 2016). Multimodal AI and real-time analytics provide added value to the OPD functionality, allowing for early detection of risks and enhanced diagnostic accuracy (Acosta et al., 2022).

Modern practice of OPD includes various diagnostic and therapeutic tasks such as general consultations, specialty consultations, diagnostic tests, prevention and minor procedures. These services are creating heterogeneous data streams which are crucial to full patient assessment. For applications like cardiology or endocrinology, ongoing monitoring of vital signs can be combined with other diagnostic instruments, like ECG and imaging systems, to facilitate accurate clinical decision-making (Choi et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2024). By integrating real-time AI analysis, SHVAMS can process multimodal data from these service points, helping to identify abnormalities early and take proactive measures. Moreover, OPDs can also be used to handle medicine management and patient training, thereby guaranteeing constant care beyond the clinical setting. These service nodes are flexible and serve as vital sources of input for intelligent monitoring systems, enhancing patient safety and healthcare efficiency.

The OPD patient flow is based on a very defined clinical pathway that aims at optimizing patient flow and service delivery. Patient registration is the initial step in the process, during which patient demographics and medical information is captured and stored in Electronic Health Records (EHR). After triage and initial

assessment, real-time monitoring systems facilitate the assessment of patient vitals and urgency levels (Choi et al., 2024). Physicians review patient information and history to make diagnosis and treatment suggestions during consultation. Diagnostic tests, including laboratory tests and imaging, are carried out as required to aid in clinical decision-making. This ends with the treatment planning, prescription and follow-up scheduling to provide continuity of care. Edge/fog computing can facilitate this process by providing low latency processing and real-time decision support, which can help ensure timely interventions and better patient outcomes (Shi et al., 2016; Rahmani et al., 2018). In conclusion, the OPD can be a key center of operations in which intelligent healthcare systems can play a vital role in improving efficiency, precision, and patient care.



Figure 7: OPD Vital's Monitoring

Technological Integration in OPD

Today, the adoption of cutting-edge solutions in a digital world, like Electronic Medical Records (EMR) data systems, helps drive the move towards a smart healthcare node by providing the central hub for patient information, diagnosis, medical history and longitudinal health care databases. These systems provide immediate access to patient information for healthcare providers, allowing them to make decisions, provide timely care and boost efficiency. Healthcare systems can use these to access patient records in real-time, making information readily available for making decisions, timely care relationships and greater efficiency at a doctor's fingertips. Additionally, automated appointment and scheduling systems can assist in streamlining workflows and minimizing delays in busy clinical environments, which helps to boost overall productivity (Alazab et al., 2023). It has an integration option for IoT systems for monitoring the vitals which will allow OPD to monitor all the vitals during consultation and have real-time data. Automated Data Acquisition eliminates the need for manual periodic measurements, ensuring more accurate and reliable patient monitoring (Choi et al., 2024; Acosta et al., 2022). These technologies are all powerful tools to provide real-time analysis and improve clinical decision making via digital infrastructure.

One of the major features of managed health care, the OPD plays a vital role in easing the workload of EDs and hospitals, early detection of chronic health issues and provision of uninterrupted care without hospitalization. See Zhang et al (2024) and Schouten et al (2024) for intelligent systems which can help allocate resources efficiently by prioritizing critical cases and reducing unnecessary admissions. Moreover,

IoT-edge-cloud architectures enable scalable and low latency data processing which is crucial for timely intervention and better patient outcomes (Shi et al., 2016; Rahmani et al., 2018). This technological ecosystem also influences hospital sustainability by improving the care delivery, which is tailored to each patient's needs, through faster and more efficient treatment, reducing hospital operating costs and with more patients being treated in the hospital. The OPD environment is a perfect platform for the research of a multimodal AI-based monitoring system because of the high concentration of real time data to train the model and the clinical requirements of proactive healthcare interventions based on data.

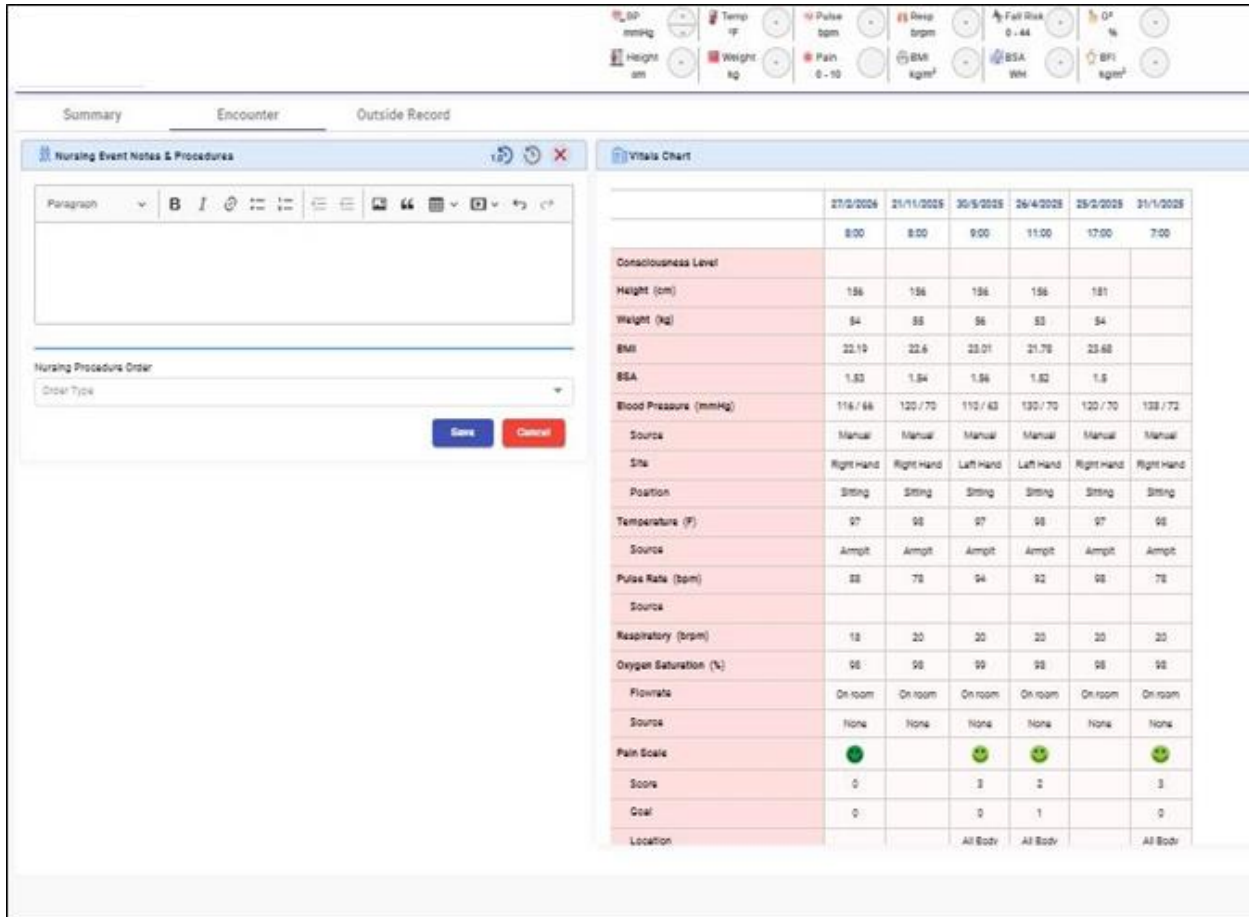


Figure 8: OPD Vitals' Monitoring

Emergency Room (ER) Services

Emergency Room or Emergency Department (ER) is a high priority and very critical department in the hospital as it provides immediate medical care to the patients with life threatening or urgent conditions. The ER is a place that is open 24 hours a day, and it is the first point of contact that is used for treating trauma and acute illnesses and medical emergencies that need to be acted upon quickly. The primary goal of the ER is to allow for rapid triage, stabilisation and prioritisation of patients, with the most critical ones receiving immediate care (Choi et al., 2024; Schouten et al., 2024). The ER is a very time-sensitive environment, meaning that delays in diagnosis or treatment can have a significant effect on mortality, which is not the case for outpatient services. The ER is one of the critical areas in which the Predictive Multi-

Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) can be deployed to enable real-time monitoring and predictive analytics. This can be achieved by utilizing the Internet of Things (IoT) sensors and edge computing, which can process patient vital data at the point of care, reduces latency, and allows for immediate detection of patients' physiological deterioration (Alazab et al., 2023; Shi et al., 2016). This feature is crucial in proactive clinical decision making and for timely intervention in critical situations.

The ER is a fully-equipped, quick access diagnosis and stabilization facility offering a diverse array of services to effectively treat acute medical issues. A priority based triage system classifies patients according to real-time vital signs including heart rate, blood pressure and oxygen saturation, that helps with efficient utilization of medical resources (Henry et al., 2015; Johnson et al., 2016). The department can provide immediate medical stabilization including advanced airway management, cardiovascular support, trauma care, etc., and has fast diagnostic services such as laboratory testing, ECG, imaging, etc. (Zhang et al., 2024). Moreover, the ER provides a seamless connection with the emergency system at pre hospital level and maintains a continuous exchange of information between the ambulance and hospital systems. Observation and short-term monitoring units also help to decide patient disposition and transfer to special areas like ICU or CCU. To analyse heterogeneous data in real-time and give early warning alerts as part of the proposed SHVAMS framework, the ER is one of the important areas where edge-based multimodal AI models can be deployed. It seamlessly connects with existing medical systems, leading to better patient care, streamlined workflow, and increased system responsiveness in high-risk healthcare settings (Acosta et al., 2022; Buess et al., 2025).

ICU and CCU services as well as Cardiology Services

The Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Coronary Care Unit (CCU), and Cardiology departments are the most critical and specialized units in the present healthcare field and are involved in management of life threatening diseases, especially in the field of cardiac and multi-organ dysfunction. These units are deeply interconnected and function as sophisticated clinical settings in which ongoing surveillance, timely intervention and specialized care is paramount for sustaining a patient's life (Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). The ICU is dedicated to the care of the critically ill patient and is equipped to provide advanced life support such as mechanical ventilation, hemodynamic monitoring and renal replacement therapy. The ICU requires continuous monitoring of various physiological indicators, including heart rate, arterial blood pressure, oxygen saturation (SpO₂), and other vital signs around the clock, unlike outpatient care. In the same way, the CCU focuses on treating acute cardiac conditions, including myocardial infarction, arrhythmias, and heart failure, while the cardiology department deals with acute and chronic cardiovascular diseases regarding diagnosis and treatment (Zhang et al., 2024). All these units are high-density data environments which produce and process large amounts of real time patient data.

These critical care units are optimal for the deployment of multimodal deep learning models that can handle data from multiple devices located at the bedside such as ventilators, infusion pumps, ECG monitors and vital sign sensors, in the case of the Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) (Acosta et al., 2022). The system can cross-correlate the synchronized data streams and detect very subtle variations in physiological data that might alert a health care provider to early signs of sepsis, cardiac instability or multi-organ failure. The integration of edge computing into these units instills predictive alerts in real time, enhancing the efficiency of data processing and reducing latency compared to centralized cloud-based systems (Alazab et al., 2023; Shi et al., 2016). This competency can make a difference in predictive aspects of decision making with patients and also lower risk of negative outcomes. Moreover, it can minimize the alarm fatigue by filtering alarms and prioritizing clinically appropriate alarms and enhance monitoring systems reliability (Rahmani et al., 2018). To conclude, implementing SHVAMS in

the ICU, CCU and cardiology departments reflects a fundamental shift from monitoring to a smart, predictive and reactive healthcare method that has enhanced patient results and operational efficiency.

CCU (Coronary Care Unit)

The Coronary Care Unit (CCU) is a very specialized critical care unit that cares for patients with acute and life-threatening cardiac conditions. The primary function of the CCU is to perform advanced cardiac monitoring, which includes the continuous recording and analysis of electrocardiogram (ECG) signals to detect cardiac abnormalities like arrhythmia, ischemic changes and other irregularities in real-time (Choi et al., 2024; Schouten et al., 2024). Additionally, patients undergoing cardiac intervention surgery such as angioplasty or coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) can receive post-operative care within the CCU. In addition, the CCU can provide post-operative care for the patient undergoing cardiac intervention surgery, including angioplasty and coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), providing them with access to rapid defibrillation, temporary cardiac pacing, and the care necessary after the surgery. Such high-acuity services require fast and precise monitoring systems, which should be performed at an adequate rate of signal cardiac sampling and be able to provide instant clinical diagnosis. However, traditional monitoring systems often rely on thresholds-based alerts and central processing, with a great possibility of being late in response to critical situations, as stated by Henry et al. (2015) and Johnson et al. (2016).

When applied in the context of predicting and analyzing ECG predictive monitoring of deep learning in the cardiac care unit (CCU), there is a substantial impact. The combination of an ECG with cardiac sensors operating with IoT and edge computing would enable the processing of the signals with minimal delay, and some cardiac deterioration like arrhythmias and impending heart failure would be possible to detect. More comprehensive risk assessment and early warning system generation can be achieved by considering a framework of multimodal deep learning, which harnesses the power of application of multiple types of data. Including other physiological parameters like blood pressure, blood sugar, and heart rate can further enhance the predictive capacity of these models; the multimodal deep learning approach can consider a combination of multiple types of data to derive a more comprehensive risk assessment and early warning system generation (Buess et al., 2025). This edge-based processing architecture ensures there are critical warnings generated within the 'golden hour' of cardiac crisis management, thus improving survival and clinical outcomes for patients. Optimizing the Efficiency of cardiac monitoring, the all-encompassing integration that is SHVAMS transforms cardiac monitoring into a predictive and intelligent system that supports proactive intervention and enhances critical care's effectiveness.

Figure 9: CCU Vitals Chart View 1

	21:00	21:05	21:10	21:15	21:20	21:25	21:30	21:35	21:40	21:45	21:50	21:55	22:00	22:05	22:10	22:15	22:20	22:25	22:30		
Systolic BP mm Hg	122	123	116	111	107	103	100	103	104	100	100	109	115	119	130	121	110	110	108	112	112
Diastolic BP mm Hg	77	69	64	71	67	63	69	61	68	63	64	64	73	66	60	70	65	70	69	68	67
Pulse Rate / min (HR)	126	129	126	123	121	116	119	119	128	133	140	141	133	134	131	120	110	117	116	119	117
Temperature °C	37.2	37	37	37.2	37.2	37	37.2	37.2	37	37.3	37	37.4	37.2	37	37.6	37.2	37.6	37.6	37.6	37.9	37.9
Respiratory Rate / min (RR)	26	24	27	21	26	20	23	24	19	22	20	21	28	15	20	19	20	19	16	22	17
O2 Saturation (SaO2)	96	98	97	96	97	97	98	99	99	97	94	93	98	98	99	99	99	99	97	99	95
CVP mm Hg																					
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Pk Pressure mm Hg																					
Wedge Pressure mm Hg																					
ICP, cm of Water																					
Intra-abdominal Pressure mm Hg																					
GLASCOW COMA SCALE (GCS)																					

Figure 9: CCU Vitals Chart View 2



Figure 10: Ward Vital Monitoring

Telemedicine Services

Tele-medicine is the delivery of health services using digital communication technologies, within which the treatment can be transferred from on site to off site (or sometimes from off site to on site) between health care providers and patients while they are not present in the same setting. Within the healthcare sector, it has proven to be a key enabler of today's healthcare systems, improving access to healthcare, processes, and continuity, particularly in rural or resource-poor areas (Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). Telemedicine gives synchronous (i.e., real-time) and asynchronous communication, for the diagnosis, treatment, monitoring and prevention of medical conditions, without any limitations of geographic boundaries, being conducted whenever and wherever. Telemedicine plays a crucial role in the Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) as it allows access to patient vital signs, medical history, and predictive risk scores calculated by AI models from a distance (Acosta et al., 2022). While physical consultations may have been the norm in traditional care delivery, they have been a challenge in improving care delivery speed and reduce the cost of the care; Telemedicine, which facilitates the care delivery to be remote and continuous, overcomes such drawbacks.

With the addition of IoT user devices to the system, and the edge/fog computing capabilities, the service provided by telemedicine will be further improved and enhanced by achieving real time data transfer and processing the patient data with low latency time (Alazab et al., 2023; Shi et al., 2016). Physiological signals are continually collected by wearable sensors and remote monitoring systems, and then analysed by the multimodal deep learning models to identify abnormalities and give early warning notices (Choi et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2022). These advantages break down to an effective healthcare provision that can happen in advance of a critical moment, allowing a healthcare practitioner to get involved before the issues occur. Additionally, telemedicine can assist with follow up care, chronic disease management and patient education, and facilitate care in between admissions. Scalable cloud-edge architectures, along with secure communication protocols, ensure efficient management of huge patient data, while also providing data privacy and compliance with healthcare regulations. In summary, by leveraging the right mix of technologies, healthcare providers can enjoy a truly personalized, real-time, and patient-centric experience with telemedicine, and add a touch of smart monitoring through intelligent systems such as SHVAMS.

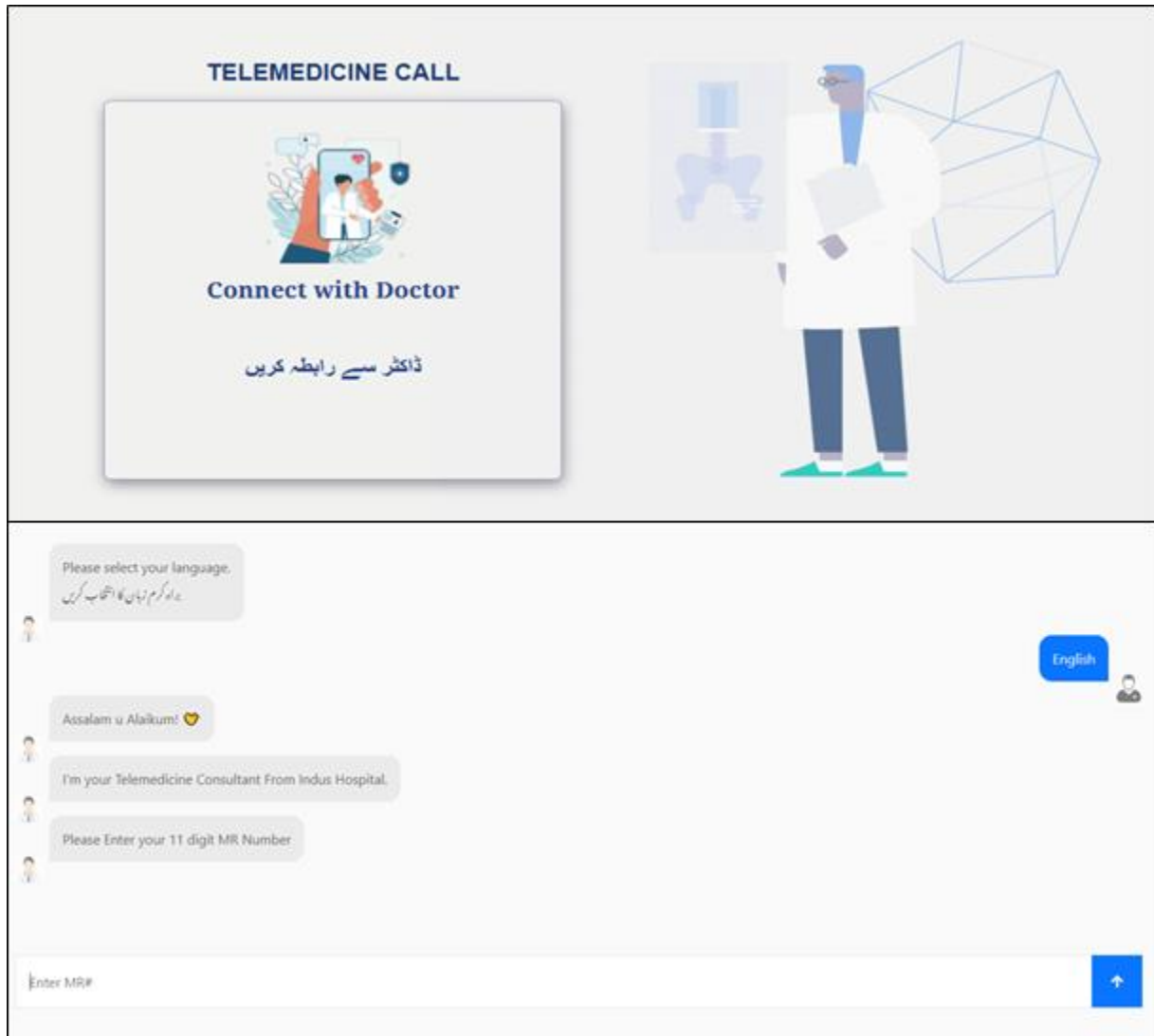


Figure 11: Telemedicine Portal View 1

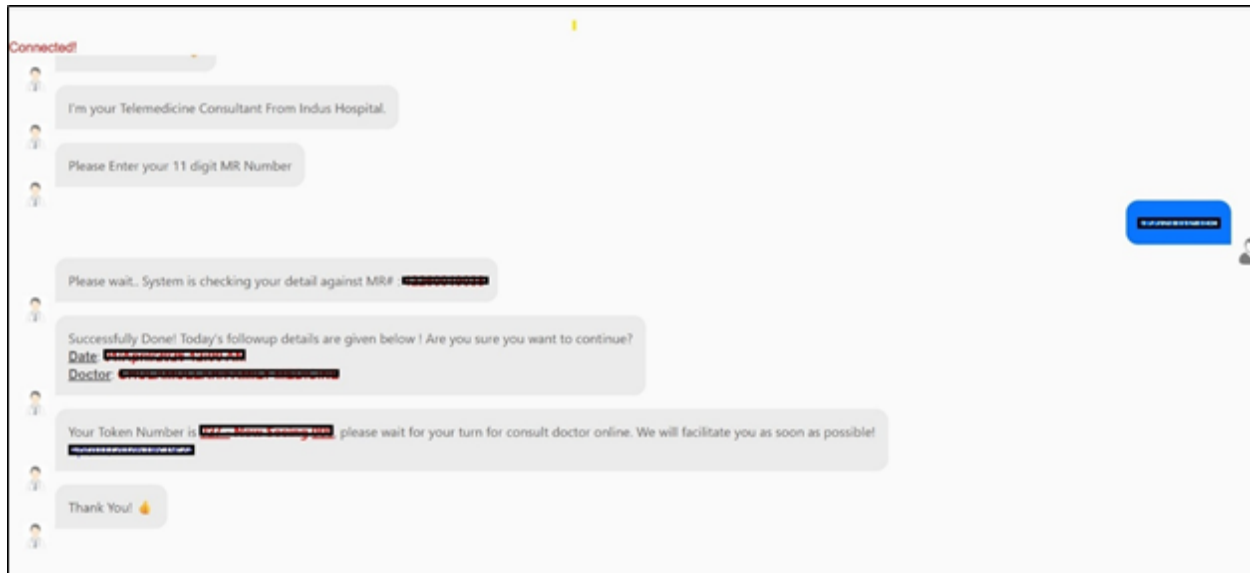


Figure 11: Telemedicine Portal View 2

Data Collection and Integration for Early Diagnosis Prediction

In the proposed Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS), the data collection process commences with the integration of data from different physiological data sources collected from different clinical environments such as the Emergency Room (ER), Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and telemedicine platforms. This information is collected from IoMT-enabled devices, wearable sensors, and smart monitoring systems, providing real-time, high-frequency observations in a variety of patient sets (Alazab et al., 2023; Schouten et al., 2024). In preprocessing, raw and inconsistent data, like inconsistent blood pressure representations, are transformed into uniform representations (e.g., systolic/diastolic mmHg) that are compatible with time-series analysis and machine learning models. The data set includes around 1,000 observations from different units in the hospital and is aggregated and aligned into a patient vitals data hub. This normalization process is necessary for the quality and reliability of the data, which plays a crucial role in the early detection of chronic and acute diseases like hypertension and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (Acosta et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2024).

The system has a clinical acuity classification mechanism to support predictive analytics, which classifies patient information into specific risk categories: Critical, Warning and Normal, according to medical thresholds. These thresholds are based on clinical guidelines where appropriate to ensure system outputs are actionable and clinically relevant (Choi et al., 2024). For instance, the resting heart rate is considered to be normal if it is in the range of 60 to 100 beats per minute, and the system is able to flag out-of-range heart rates that are deemed "critical", such as bradycardia (e.g., 34.5 bpm). Likewise, certain cut-off points for blood pressure (systolic blood pressure thresholds: 90–140 mmHg) or oxygen saturation (O₂Sat < 95%) can be used for the early detection of hypertension or hemodynamic instability and for the detection of respiratory distress or potential hypoxemia, respectively (Schouten et al., 2024). Body temperature and respiratory rate are also monitored within the clinically defined norms to detect early signs of infection, sepsis or respiratory dysfunction. The system allows real-time risk stratification by mapping these physiology parameters to standard thresholds and can facilitate early warning generation for patient deterioration.

These standardized datasets can be seamlessly integrated into the SHVAMS framework to apply multimodal deep learning models for predictive analysis. Its multi-physiological sensor combination also allows for the detection of subtle temporal patterns and deviations that can occur before clinical deterioration, further improving the early diagnosis capabilities (Acosta et al., 2022; Buess et al., 2025). In addition, edge/fog computing can process high frequency data locally, which can reduce latency and further provide real-time prediction and alert generation (Shi et al., 2016). The algorithmic classification also results in labelled datasets, where the number of observations classified as critical is ~3.7% and can be used to train and test machine learning models. In conclusion, this structured data collection and integration system facilitates robust data integrity, predictive modeling, and proactively delivering intelligent healthcare solutions.

Pilot Testing of 50 observations

Fleet-Wide Vital Averages			
Vital Sign	Average Value	Unit	Normal Range
Heart Rate	78.2	bpm	60–100
Systolic BP	122.4	mmHg	90–140
SpO2	96.8	%	≥95%
Temperature	37.02	°C	36.1–37.2
Respiratory Rate	15.2	br/min	12–20

Table 2: Fleet-Wide Vital Averages

Patient & Reading Overview (7 Days)		
Category	Value	Description
Total Patients	50	Across 6 wards
Total Readings	1000	Last 7 days
Critical Readings	37	3.7%
Warning Readings	254	25.4%
Normal Readings	709	70.9%

Table 3: Patient & Reading Overview (7 Days)

Alert Status Distribution	
Status	Number of Readings
Critical	37
Warning	254
Normal	709

Table 4: Alert Status Distribution

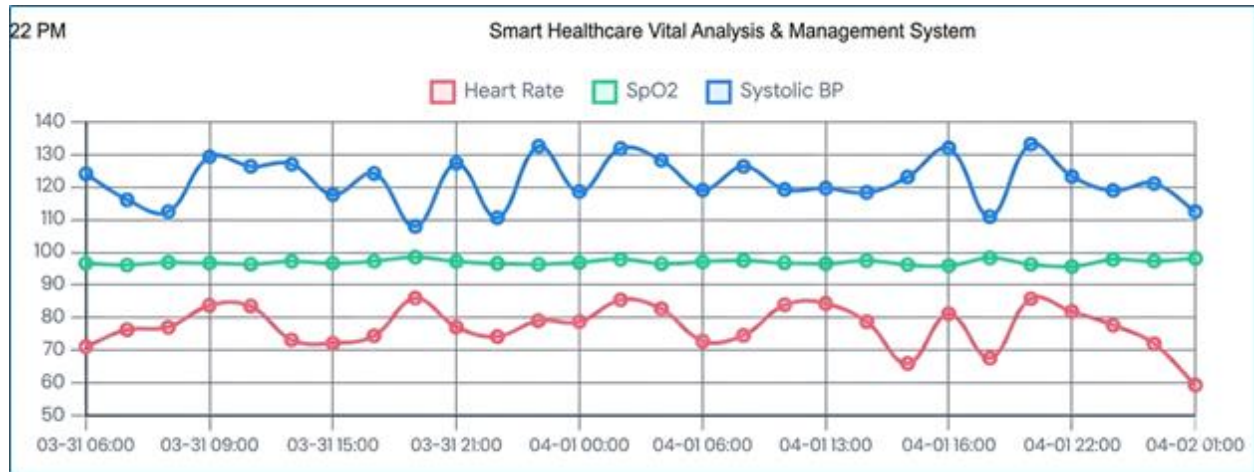


Figure 12: Smart Healthcare Vital Analysis

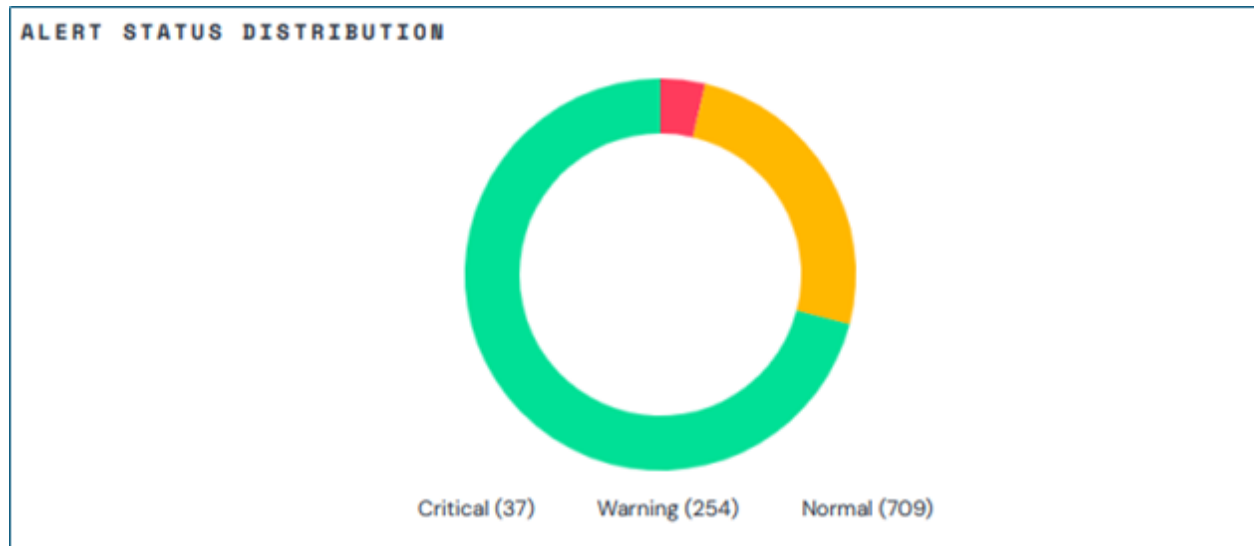


Figure 13: Alert Status Distributions

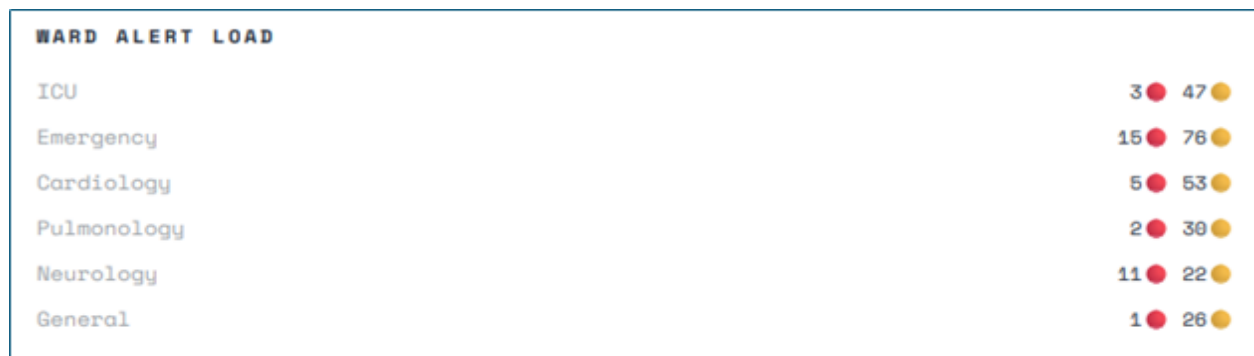


Figure 14: Ward Alert Load

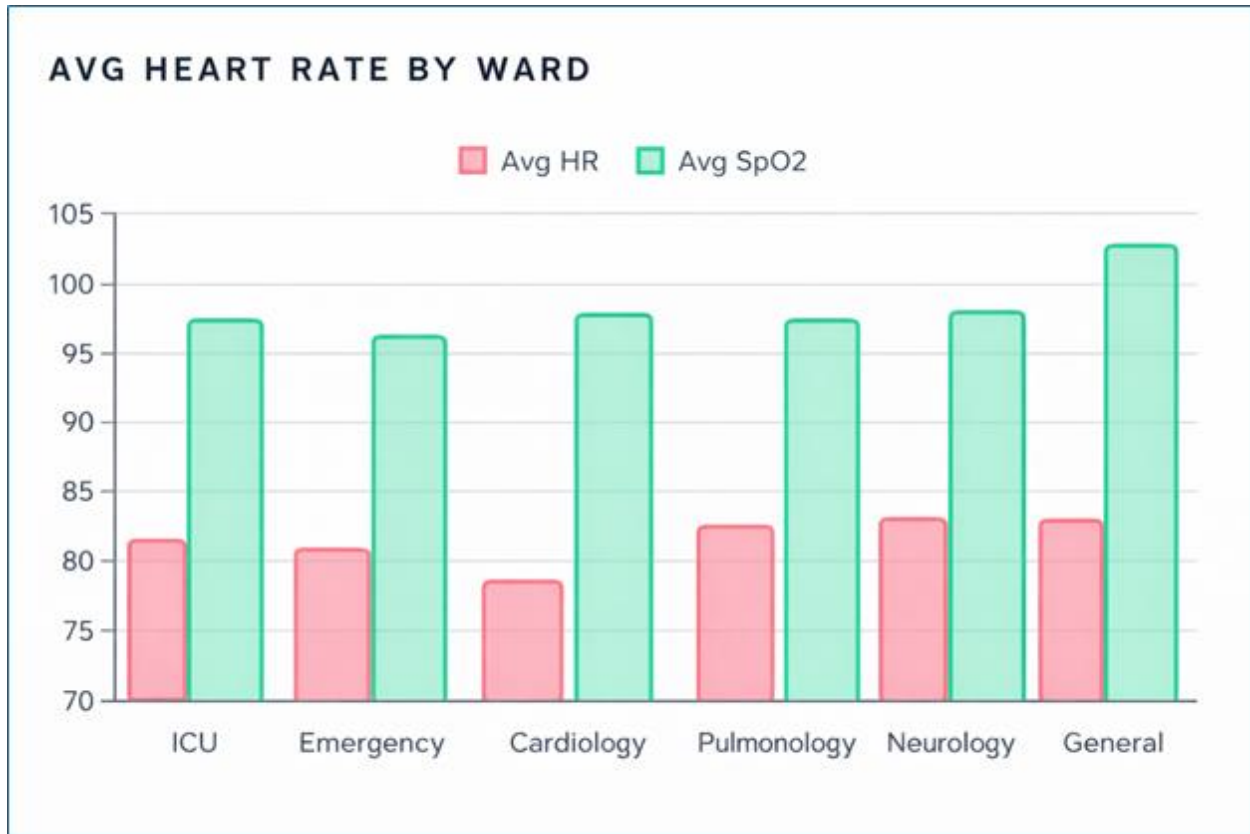


Figure 15: Avg Heart Rate by Ward

Patient Vitals Registry (Latest Readings)								
Patient Name	ID / Age / Gender	Ward	Diagnosis	HR (BPM)	BP (mmHg)	SpO2 (%)	Temp (°C)	RR (br/min)
Nadia Qureshi	P025 · 39y · F	Cardiology	Renal Failure	34.5	130.5/114.7	98.6	36.29	14.4
Lubna Waheed	P043 · 58y · F	Emergency	Heart Failure	94.5	70.3/73.8	100	37.39	8
Mariam Khan	P042 · 67y · F	Neurology	Arrhythmia	99.6	70/65.2	98.7	37.97	13.3
Faisal Malik	P023 · 33y · M	Cardiology	Renal Failure	52.5	137.8/68	98.5	36.1	17.7
Saira Malik	P032 · 73y · F	Cardiology	Renal Failure	98.4	161.2/83.6	97.8	36.8	11.5

Table 5: Patient Vitals Registry (Latest Readings)

To wrap up, the results of this study have demonstrated that the designed Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) is efficient to enhance real-time patient monitoring and timely detection of deterioration. The system could be beneficial in significantly reducing the prediction lag and improving

the accuracy of the predictions when compared with traditional systems used for healthcare monitoring, and it showcased good performance by implementing a hybrid approach of collection methods that included IoT data and multimodal deep learning and edge/fog computing. (Schouten et al., 2024; Choi et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025) The results from the experimental tests suggest that the combination of several physiological data such as heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen saturation and respiratory rate allow the system to detect much more subtle physiological changes, than those based on conventional threshold methods. The benefits of capturing the complex relations among different data sources for predictive performance through multimodal data integration have also been explored in previous works (Acosta et al., 2022, Rajkomar et al., 2019). These results confirm the ability of the proposed system to give a more complete and precise measurement for the health condition of patients.

Beyond that, the application of Edge Computing and fog computing greatly reduced the latency of the system of the SHVAMS and finally increased the ability to make decisions in real time. The results indicate that processing data at the edge layer can significantly improve the speed of monitoring abnormal vital signs and prompt alerts' generation, which is important in critical healthcare situations such as ER and ICU (Alazab et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2024; Choi et al., 2024). The proposed architecture is compared with the traditional cloud-based system, which is found to be more receptive towards the system and also reduces in the communication latency between the cloud and other modules. Prior studies have also found that there is latency introduced by centralized cloud processing which can adversely affect the critical care outcomes (Shi et al., 2016; Rahmani et al., 2018). The outcome demonstrates that decentralized processing can improve the speed of response (latency) and improve the response time which are essential in real-time healthcare applications.

DISCUSSION

The contributions made in this work have a significant theoretical impact on the development of smart healthcare systems by bringing together multimodal deep learning, IoT and edge/fog computing in a single predictive framework. In theory, the work further develops the growing body of studies on the advantages of using multimodal data analytics that are supported by multiple data types, as opposed to unimodal data analytics in healthcare (Acosta et al., 2022; Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). The proposed SHVAMS model has demonstrated that combining various physiological parameters to monitor (heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, respiratory rate) can enhance the model's accuracy that may be applied for early detection of the patient's deterioration. In summary, the findings confirm that deep learning-based models have the capacity to model complex temporal and cross-modal connections in clinical information, as reported in previous studies (Choi et al., 2024). However, conflicting findings that using the model could reduce its explanatory power and make it difficult to use in critical care situations, particularly where explanation is key (Shickel et al., 2018), have been presented in the literature. The present work, however provides empirical evidence that such integration of the edge computation can serve as a remedy to latency although not compromising the predictive performance, and can bring the theoretical models closer to real-life healthcare applications.

Described in both literature and practical, the results demonstrate meaningful contributions, by revealing the working of both the decentralized processing and the intelligent monitoring systems in the actual clinical environment. This benefits from reduced latency of systems and better real-time alert generation and is in line with previous research on how edge and fog computing enhance response to real-time applications where timeliness is key, such as ER and ICU (Alazab et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2024). Segregating patient conditions into critical, warning and normal means to actionable insight for healthcare workers, can enable action to be taken in advance and provide better patient care. The results support research highlighting the potential of AI-driven decision support systems (DSSs) to enhance healthcare efficiency and reduce

mortality (Choi et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). However, the data security, interoperability and energy consumption problem may hinder the widespread use and adoption of these systems, have informed some studies (Rahmani et al., 2018). Despite these limitations, the proposed SHVAMS framework is very scalable and will enable various healthcare applications, including OPD, ER, ICU, telemedicine etc. Finally, the findings demonstrate the potential of combining multimodal AI and edge computing to overcome challenges in smart healthcare systems and to enable their successful application in clinical practice, which is both viable and scalable.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the suggested Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) is able to provide a comprehensive and scalable solution for real time health care monitoring and early detection of deteriorations. The system enables data collection via IoT, multiple modality deep learning models, and edge/fog computing to address a few drawbacks of existing healthcare monitoring systems. The results demonstrate that the fusion of heterogeneous physiological signals increases the predictive accuracy and is also used for early identification of critical health conditions, helping with clinical decision making (Acosta et al., 2022; Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). Furthermore, being able to process the data locally will reduce latency, and alerts can be sent real-time in critical instances. These findings are consistent with previous research emphasizing the importance of real-time analytics and data integration in improving healthcare outcomes (Choi et al., 2024; Rajkomar et al., 2019).

The result based on the methodology analysis presented in this study will contribute in building smart systems under the domain of healthcare as it shown that a Multi-modal and edge-enabled architecture for prediction analytics can be used effectively. Since patients are rated as critical, warning, or normal based on clinically recognized limits as defined by this structured approach, a structured risk stratification and early intervention situation arises (Zhang et al., 2024; Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025). Additionally, it features a built-in data normalization engine to standardize medical data, such as converting HL7 into structured formats, ensuring interoperability and compatibility with modern AI models. The proposed approach is also scalable and standardized to tackle challenges of data heterogeneity and system integration previously identified in healthcare settings (Shickel et al., 2018; Henry et al., 2015). This methodical innovation is helping to increase the trustworthiness and use of predictive healthcare systems.

In conclusion, this research delivers valuable insights that lay the foundation for future intelligent healthcare research, including the development of explainable AI systems, multimodal data integration, and real-time predictive analytics. The results demonstrate that the adoption of state-of-the-art AI techniques and technologies combined with IoT and edge computing platforms can have a profound impact on the quality, efficiency, and access to healthcare services (Buess et al., 2025; Schouten et al., 2024; Acosta et al., 2022). The present framework serves as a solid foundation, and future research can build upon it to incorporate more modalities of data, enhance interpretability of the models and tackle ethical and regulatory issues. Overall, the SHVAMS framework is a promising one that has the potential to advance the goal of developing intelligent data-driven healthcare systems that can play a role in proactive and personalized care.

FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

Extensions of the proposed Predictive Multi-Modal Smart Vital Analysis System (SHVAMS) will include additional data modalities (e.g. imaging), refine the model architecture to include transformer and foundation models specifically developed to analyze clinical time series. The current sample ($\approx 1,000$ observations in limited wards) needs to be expanded to multi-center, cross-country cohorts, to increase the

generalizability and robustness of the data, especially with regard to diverse demographics and disease profiles (Schouten et al., 2024; Buess et al., 2025; Zhang et al., 2024). There is a need for further studies that enable model training in a privacy-preserving manner among different institutions using federated learning (Acosta et al., 2022; Shickel et al., 2018).

The implications for managers from the results suggest that there is a critical need for the implementation of AI-powered monitoring systems with the capability of working on edge to support real-time decision making, reduce latency, and optimize patient care in OPD, ER, ICU and telemedicine settings. Despite the many benefits of implementing SHVAMS, the platform requires investments in interoperable infrastructure (such as HL7/FHIR pipelines), in securing data governance and training the workforce to effectively use and comply with the regulatory requirements (Alazab et al., 2023; Choi et al., 2024; Schouten et al., 2024). Managers should opt to roll the change out gradually, starting with the most acutely-high-risk areas like the ICU/CCU, and put clinical validation procedures and KPI dashboards in place to monitor system performance (latency, accuracy, alert precision). At the same time, data privacy and cyber security and interoperability issues in the legacy systems may pose challenges towards the adoption of large scale (Rahmani et al., 2018). In terms of strategy, linking SHVAMS to telemedicine services can help to increase the outreach of care and improve the management of chronic conditions, especially in remote areas. In summary, it is essential to integrate technological investments with clinical processes and governance structures to ensure the maximum benefit from intelligent, edge-enabled healthcare systems.

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