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Research and Evaluation Skills

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# Generative AI as a Personal Tutor for Research and Evaluation Skills



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# Objective

**Explore the use of AI for providing individualized feedback to students about evaluation skills**

- Describe educational context of AI activity
- Provide prompts used for AI activity
- Detail findings from AI activity

# 1. Educational Context



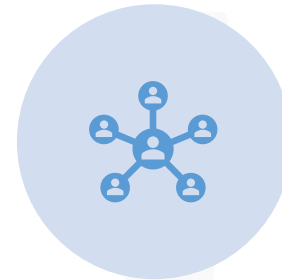
## *Research and Evaluation Skills*



**Research and evaluation skills** are critical for healthcare providers



**Small groups** can mitigate time-consuming teaching tasks, but also benefit from facilitator feedback and support



Teaching these skills is resource-intensive, **requiring in-depth personalized feedback**



ChatGPT is a generative artificial intelligence (genAI) capable of creating humanlike dialogue that **may facilitate student learning**


Fuller et al (2024); Jowsey et al (2023); Morbitzer et al (2021)

# 1. Educational Context



## Research and Evaluation Courses



- 2 courses 
- 75 students ( $n=20$  UNC;  $n=55$  UM)
- 14 breakout groups of 5-7
- Students worked collaboratively to complete prompts **describing the evaluation plan** of a health-system issue

*No statistical differences were found between the two courses and data were subsequently aggregated.*

# 2. AI Activity

## AI Instructions

Act as an expert in the learning health systems framework with a focus on socio-technical evaluation plans. When provided with an evaluation plan table, meticulously analyse its content based on the specific categories:

1. **Method of Evaluation:** Assess the appropriateness, robustness, and feasibility of the chosen evaluation method.
2. **Theoretical Framework:** Ensure that the theoretical framework is relevant to the evaluation's objectives and is applied correctly. If the plan does not mention a theoretical framework then propose an appropriate theory based on the objectives.
3. **Justification for Evaluation and/or Theoretical Framework:** Critique the provided justification, ensuring it's coherent and aligns with the chosen evaluation method and theoretical framework.
4. **Data Collection Methods:** Evaluate the chosen data collection methods for their relevancy, comprehensiveness, and potential biases.
5. **Data Sources:** Critically examine the listed data sources for their relevance, reliability, and potential to address the evaluation's objectives.
6. **Brief Description of Data Analysis:** Analyse the clarity, comprehensiveness, and relevance of the data analysis description. Ensure it fits the context of the evaluation and theoretical framework. If it's missing, then propose a data analysis plan.

Provide both strengths and potential areas of improvement for each plan, ensuring feedback is constructive, clear, and actionable.



# 2. AI Activity



## Student Prompt

I'd like to receive feedback on the socio-technical evaluation plan below.

Please provide constructive feedback on the criteria and offer suggestions for potential areas of improvement. Provide a rating from beginner to advanced on the overall evaluation plan based on how well it addresses the rationale and objectives.

Rationale and objectives: *your team's answers here*

Method of Evaluation: *your team's answers here*

Theoretical Framework: *your team's answers here*

Justification for Evaluation: *your team's answers here*

Data Collection Methods: *your team's answers here*

Data Sources: *your team's answers here*

- Students asked to complete brief survey after activity.
- Descriptive statistics used for Likert-type items and thematic analysis for open-text items.

# 3. Evaluation Findings

## AI Feedback

### Overall Rating:

The provided evaluation plan demonstrates a good understanding of the research objectives and uses appropriate qualitative methods. However, there are areas for improvement, including further elaboration on the application of the UTAUT framework and providing more detailed information on data sources and sampling methods.

**Rating:** Intermediate

### Areas of Improvement:

1. Provide a more detailed explanation of how the UTAUT framework is applied to the clinical workflows and communication.
2. Include a clear data analysis plan that outlines how the data will be analyzed and interpreted.
3. Specify the criteria and procedures for selecting participants and data sources.
4. Consider whether a socio-technical theory more closely aligned with the research objectives provides a more precise framework for analysis.

### Strengths:

- The plan combines both qualitative and quantitative methods, providing a comprehensive understanding of the research question.
- Ethical considerations, such as patient anonymization and informed consent, are addressed.

### Areas of Improvement:

- Provide more details on the design of surveys and other data collection methods.
- Clarify the role and training of students in data collection and analysis.
- Explain how the UTAUT framework will be applied or integrated into the research design.
- Develop a more comprehensive data analysis plan.
- Address potential biases in data collection methods.

Overall, the plan shows potential but needs further development and clarity in various aspects to enhance its effectiveness in addressing the research objectives.

### 4. Data Collection Methods:

#### • Strengths:

- Mixed methods are appropriate for capturing a comprehensive view of the program's impact by combining quantitative and qualitative data.

#### • Areas of Improvement:

- Specify the quantitative and qualitative data collection methods within the mixed methods approach.
- Provide details on how the integration of both types of data will occur.

### 5. Data Sources:

#### • Strengths:

- Inclusion of readmission rates, patient interviews, and healthcare staff focus groups provides a well-rounded view of the program's effects.

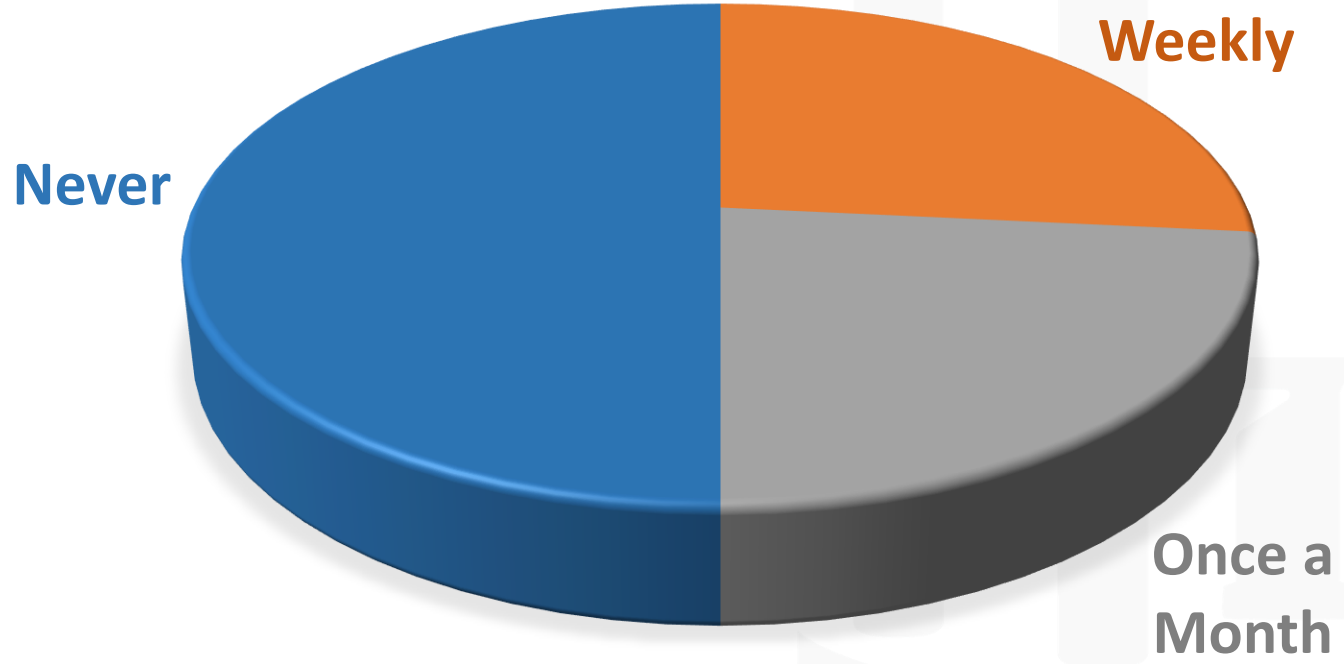
#### • Areas of Improvement:

- Clarify the specific aspects of clinical workflows that will be assessed through readmission rates.
- Ensure that patient interviews and staff focus groups are representative of diverse perspectives.

# 3. Evaluation Findings

*n=64, 85.3% response rate*

How frequently do you use ChatGPT?



# 3. Evaluation Findings

*n=64, 85.3% response rate*

Survey Item: The ChatGPT feedback	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
...was valuable	30%	55%	9%	6%	0%
...helped me learn about evaluation	13%	58%	19%	11%	0%
...helped my group improve our evaluation plan	23%	55%	14%	2%	0%
...increased my interest in generative AI	48%	38%	9%	5%	0%

# 3. Evaluation Findings

Most (n=44, 68.8%) described adaptive responses to the feedback (Kelley, 1973)

...we needed to be more specific and go more in-depth in parts of our evaluation design

Following review of the feedback provided by ChatGPT, I would consider incorporating data from other institutions...

When asked about their feedback, rarely did participants not trust or disagree with what was provided

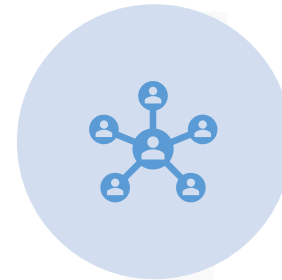
# Summary



**First known ChatGPT study** to provide feedback to pharmacy and health professions students about research and evaluation skills.



ChatGPT provided **immediate individualized feedback** to 14 small groups, a feat otherwise unattainable



We demonstrated favourable perceptions from **learners who were mostly new to ChatGPT**



Future research should focus on design principles that can assist educators to **optimally utilise genAI within their courses**

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A portfolio-based workplace learning plan to assess a pre-registrant (intern) pharmacists' advancing competencies

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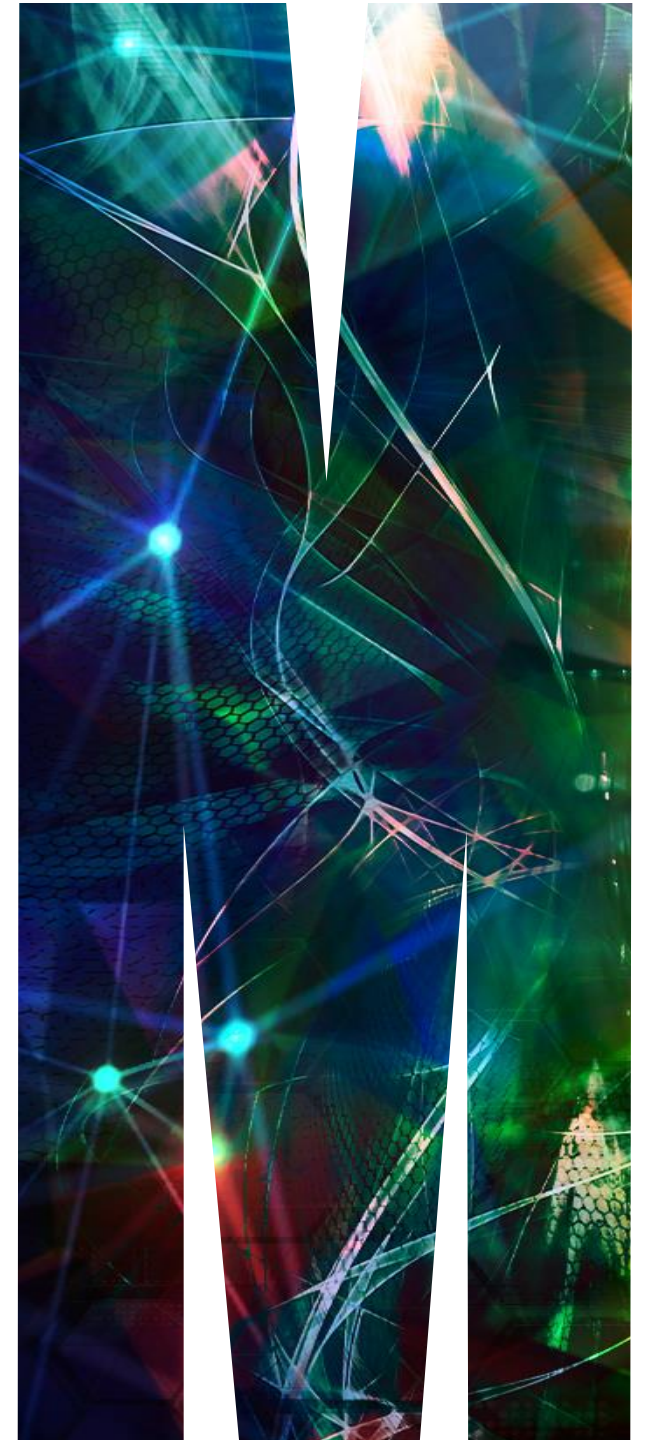
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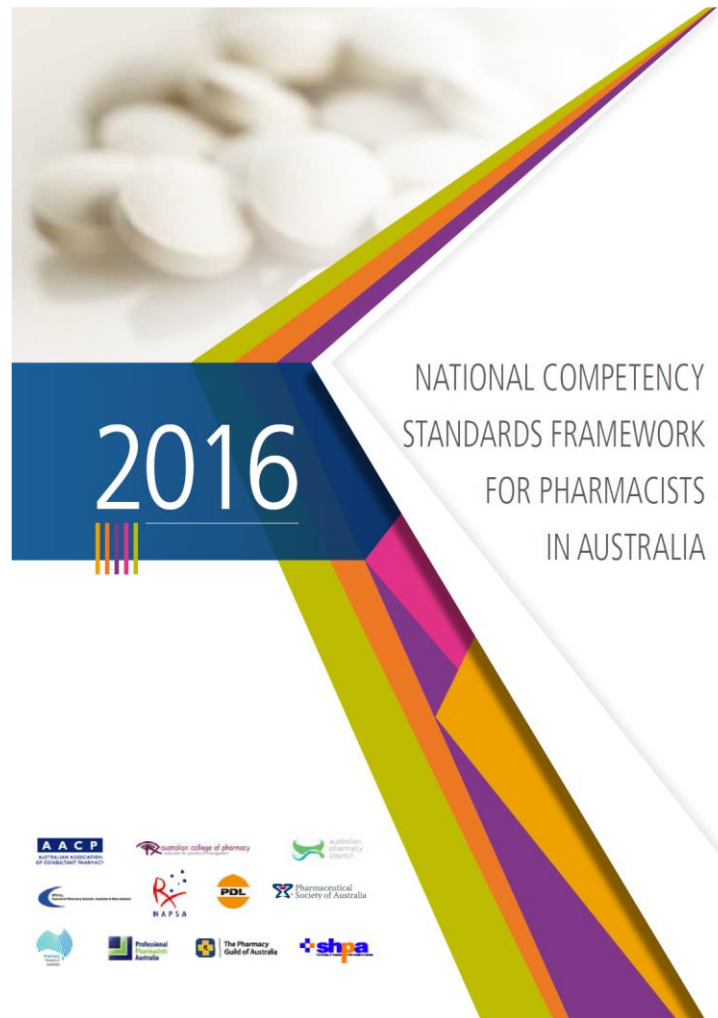


# Introduction

- In Australia, pharmacy practice is underpinned by the **National Competency Standards Framework (NCSF)**.<sup>1</sup>
- **Pre-registrant pharmacists (i.e. interns)** complete a **year-long supervised program** in either hospital or community setting to meet core competencies of the NCSF.

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# National Competency Standard Framework



**Domain 1:**  
Professionalism and ethics

**Domain 2:**  
Communication and collaboration

**Domain 3:**  
Medicines management and  
patient care

**Domain 4:**  
Leadership and management  
*Standards 4.1 and 4.2*

**Domain 5:**  
Education and research

# Dissecting a competency standard

Domain 1:  
Professionalism and ethics

Standard 1.5: Apply expertise in professional practice					
Enabling competency	Performance criteria				
	General level	Evidence examples	Transition level Stage 1	Consolidation level Stage 2	Advanced level Stage 3
1. Apply expert knowledge and skills.	Applies general knowledge in core practice areas.	<i>Deals effectively with routine practice scenarios.</i>	Applies general knowledge in core practice area(s).	Applies comprehensive, high level knowledge in defined practice area(s).	Applies advanced knowledge in defined practice area(s).

General

Advancing



# Introduction

- In 2016, an **extension work-integrated learning (WIL) program** was established to fast-track intern **development of more advancing NCSF competencies**.<sup>2</sup>
- Interns are expected to complete a series of **workplace-based assessments (WBA)** as part of a year-long **workplace learning plan (WLP)**.

# Summary of work

- **In 2023, a more overt portfolio based WLP was established**
- For each of the 5 domains, interns were required to select a range of WBAs for their portfolio submission

# Aim

The aim of this project was to determine **the most commonly performed WBAs** submitted by **pharmacy interns** completing a **portfolio-based assessment to demonstrate advancing competency.**

# Results

- In 2023- 231 pharmacy interns were enrolled in the program
- N= 120 (52%) community interns
- N= 111 (48%) hospital interns

# Domain 1

Domain 1:  
Professionalism and ethics

## 1.5 Apply expertise in professional practice

Interns are required to submit evidence that demonstrates their initial development of expertise in a more advanced area of practice

### Domain 1 Reflection Rubric

- Training received
- Lessons learnt
- Development plan



### Evidence of Applying skill in practice

- (depends on activity)
- Use suggested rubric (see Moodle)

# Results- Domain 1: Professionalism and ethics

Activity	Hospital (n=111)	Community (n=120)
Therapeutic drug monitoring	16%	-
Nicotine replacement therapy	19%	1%
Aseptic compounding	<b>36%</b>	-
Complex compounding	-	6%
Aged care services	14%	17%
Specialist training	15%	1%
Professional services	-	23%
Wound care management	-	<b>37%</b>
Opioid replacement therapy	-	15%

# Domain 2

Domain 2:  
Communication and collaboration

2.2.2 Engage in teamwork and consultation

2.3.1 Use appropriate communication skills

ONE piece of interprofessional  
**Verbal Communication** evidence



ONE piece of interprofessional  
**Written Communication** evidence

# Results- Domain 2: Communication and collaboration

Activity	Hospital (n=111)	Community (n=120)
Doctor email/letter	4%	<b>81%</b>
Inpatient/progress note	<b>60%</b>	-
Medicines info report (Dr)	12%	6%
Medicines info report (Nurse)	1%	-
Medicines info report (Pharmacist)	3%	-
Text to Dr/Pharmacist	15%	-
Dispensing history note	-	12%
Pharmacist email	3%	1%
Riskman entry	2%	-

# Domain 3

Domain 3:  
Medicines management and  
patient care

- 3.1 Develop a patient-centred, culturally responsive approach to medication management
- 3.2 Implement the medication management strategy or plan
- 3.3 Monitor and evaluate medication management

<b>Simple</b> Medication History	<b>Simple</b> Leave Certificate	<b>Simple</b> Diabetes MedsCheck
<b>Simple</b> Primary Care Encounter	<b>Simple</b> Med Reconciliation	<b>Simple</b> Mini-CEX

# Results- Domain 3: Medicines management and patient care

Activity	Hospital (n=111)	Community (n=120)
Best Possible Medication History	<b>43%</b>	13%
Primary health care case	1%	<b>44%</b>
Medication reconciliation	33%	12%
Medication chart review	11%	-
Mini-CEX	3%	2%
MedsCheck	-	14%
Medication order review	4%	-
Clinical intervention debrief	3%	1%
Carer/leave certificate	-	14%
ClinCAT	2%	-

# Domain 4

Domain 4:  
Leadership and management  
Standards 4.1 and 4.2

4.3.1 , 4.3.2, 4.3.3 , 4.3.4, 4.5.3, 4.7.1, 4.7.2, 4.7.3, 4.7.4, 4.7.5, 4.7.6, 4.7.7

Governance, resource management, risk management, guideline development

Interns are required to submit evidence that is mapped to one of the enabling competencies in this domain



# Results- Domain 4: Leadership and management

Activity	Hospital (n=111)	Community (n=120)
MedSafety Audit/QUM	55%	-
Payroll tool	1%	12%
Policy procedure checklist	2%	7%
Contribution to QCCP audit	-	3%
Stocktake tool	8%	75%
Guideline review/development	24%	3%
Ward finance report	6%	-
Adverse drug reaction review	3%	-
Formulary submission review	3%	-

# Domain 5 :Education

Domain 5:  
Education and research

5.1.2 Conduct education and training consistent with educational practice

5.1.3 Contribute to continuing professional development of others

5.1.4 Link practice and education

**Evidence of delivering education**

Supervision OR Presentation

# Results- Domain 5: Education and research

Activity	Hospital (n=111)	Community (n=120)
Learner Feedback	-	22%
Learner supervision	9%	<b>59%</b>
Educational presentation	<b>78%</b>	18%
Journal club presentation	13%	1%

# Discussion

- This is the **first pharmacist pre-registrant program in Australia** which uses a **portfolio-based WLP to assess advancing competencies**.
- Similar **portfolio-based assessments** have been used in **medical education** with WBA tools as evidence<sup>3</sup>
- **Student-centric approach** allowing for flexibility and promoting **self-regulated learning**<sup>3</sup>
- **Opportunities to align with global advanced competencies framework**<sup>4</sup>

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# Limitations

- Influenced by selection of activities available
- Self-reported data
- Limited assessment of impact

# Conclusions

- **Utilising portfolio-based WLP evidence allows for structured documentation of development in NCSF domains of competency.<sup>5</sup>**
- Similar portfolio-based WLPs may be adopted by other pre-registrant or early career training programs

Follow up questions or comments?  
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The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacy  
Education to Create Opportunities for Change

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# The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacy Education to Create Opportunities for Change

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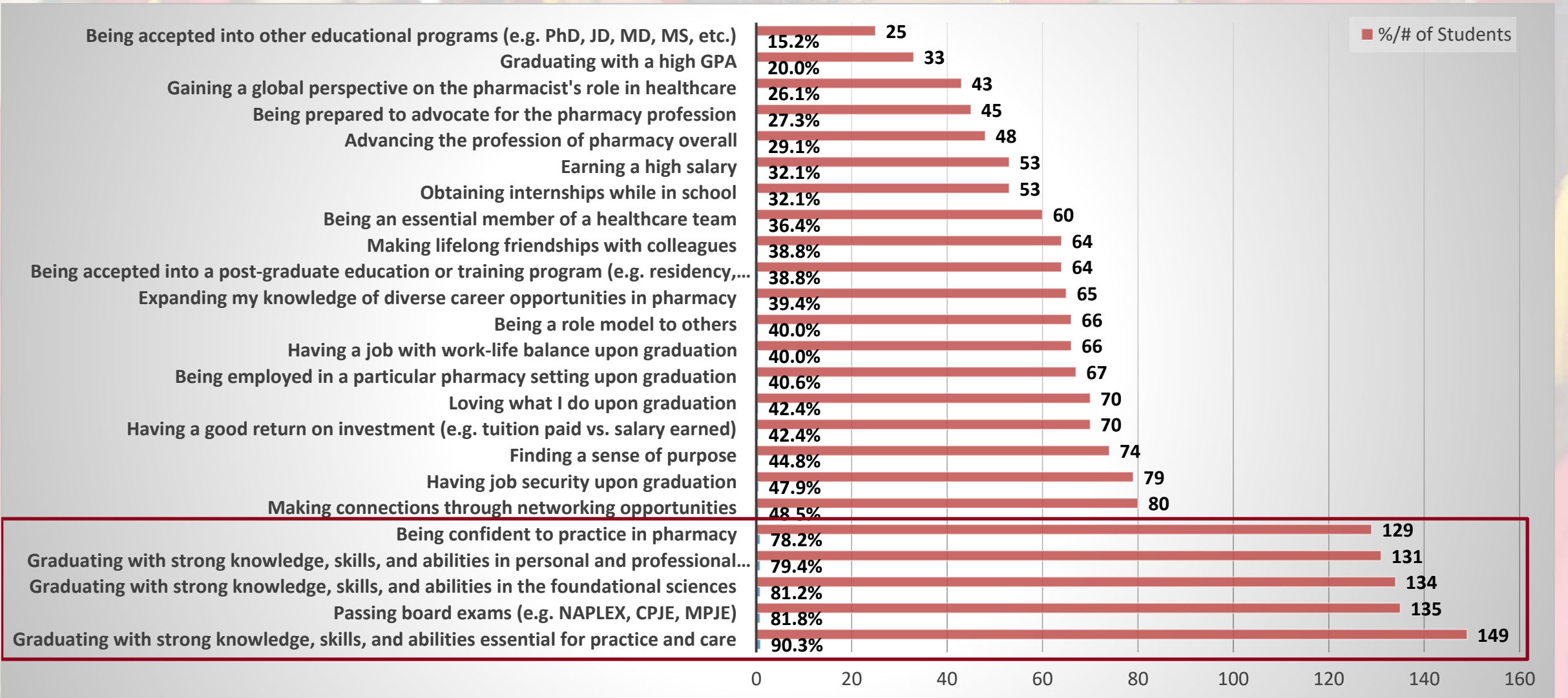
- Located in Los Angeles, California
- Private research university
- Student body (2023-2024 academic year)
- **47,000 total students at USC**
  - 21,000 undergraduates
  - 26,000 graduate and professional students
- **1,187 students at USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences**
  - 673 professional practice (PharmD) students
  - 71 doctoral research (PhD) students
  - 32 doctoral other (DRSc) students
  - 239 master's students
  - 8 graduate visitors
  - 164 undergraduates



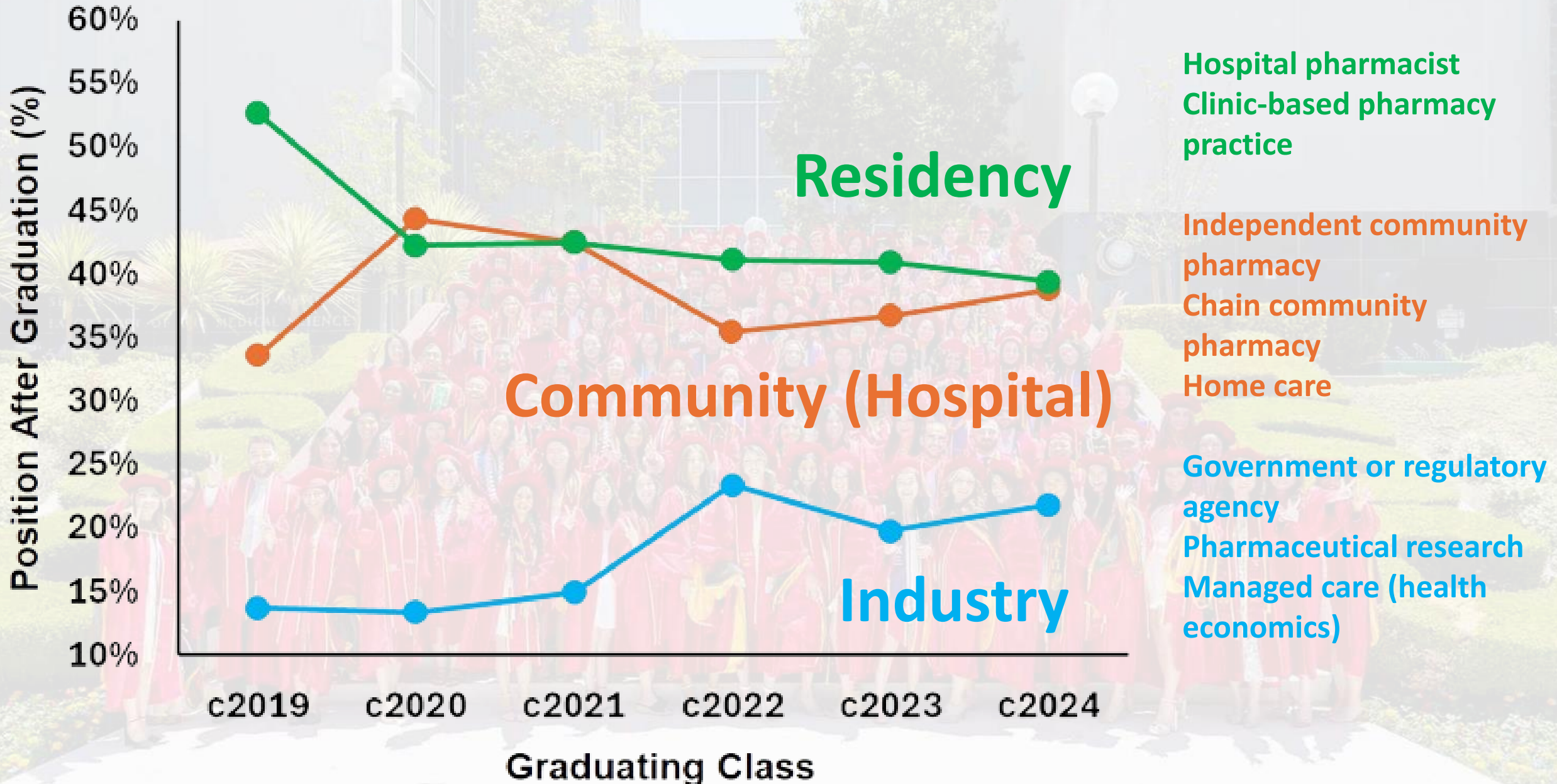
# Background

- The 2023 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) indicates an **average loan of \$167,711 USD** to finance a **three-to-four-year PharmD education**.
- **Career aspirations are becoming wider and more diverse** (e.g. hospital, ambulatory care, community, pharmaceutical industry, managed care).
- **Needs of pharmacists are changing rapidly.**
- Students are **seeking further education and training** upon graduation (e.g. residencies and fellowships).
- There is a **responsibility to maximize student success outcomes** while also **meeting the healthcare needs of society**.
- This may be facilitated through the use of **AI-SiPS (Artificial Intelligence - Success in Pharmacy School)**.

# How Our Class of 2024 Graduating Students Defined “Success” in Pharmacy



# Actual Outcomes Upon Graduation: “RIC(H)” Outcomes



# Objectives

- To collect and curate **curricular and co-curricular data** related to student outcomes at **multiple stages** of the **PharmD program**.
- To build a **multi-step AI model (AI-SiPS)** that utilizes these data to identify variables that can facilitate **student success** upon graduation.

# Node-Based Data Analytics using KNIME

- AI-SiPS model built using KNIME (Konstanz Information Miner)
- A free, low-code/no-code software
- Intuitive and opens up data analytics to content experts
- Allows assessment questions to be driven by real-time data
- Can “convert” data into a narrative conversation
- Widely applicable to all fields
- Lots of help online

# Sample AI-SiPS KNIME Workflow

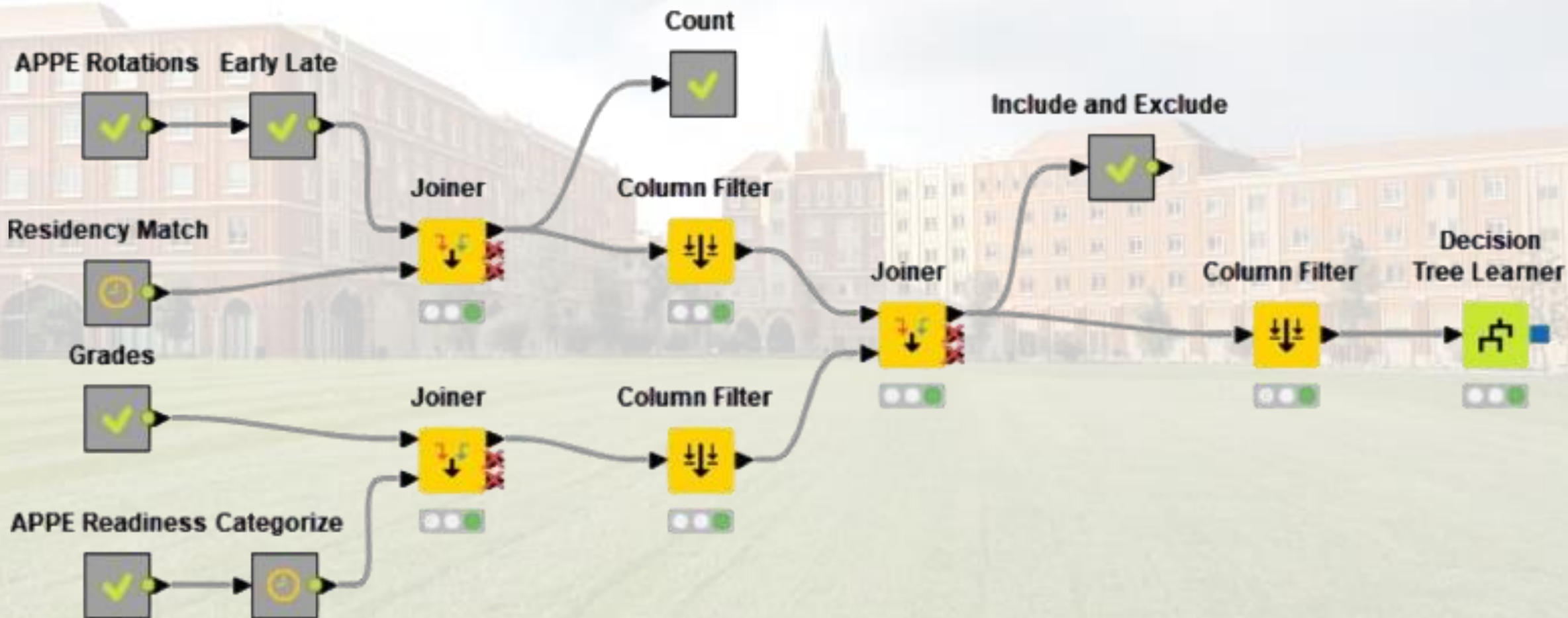
Read and Process  
Input Data



Combine Data and Choose Data Set for Analysis

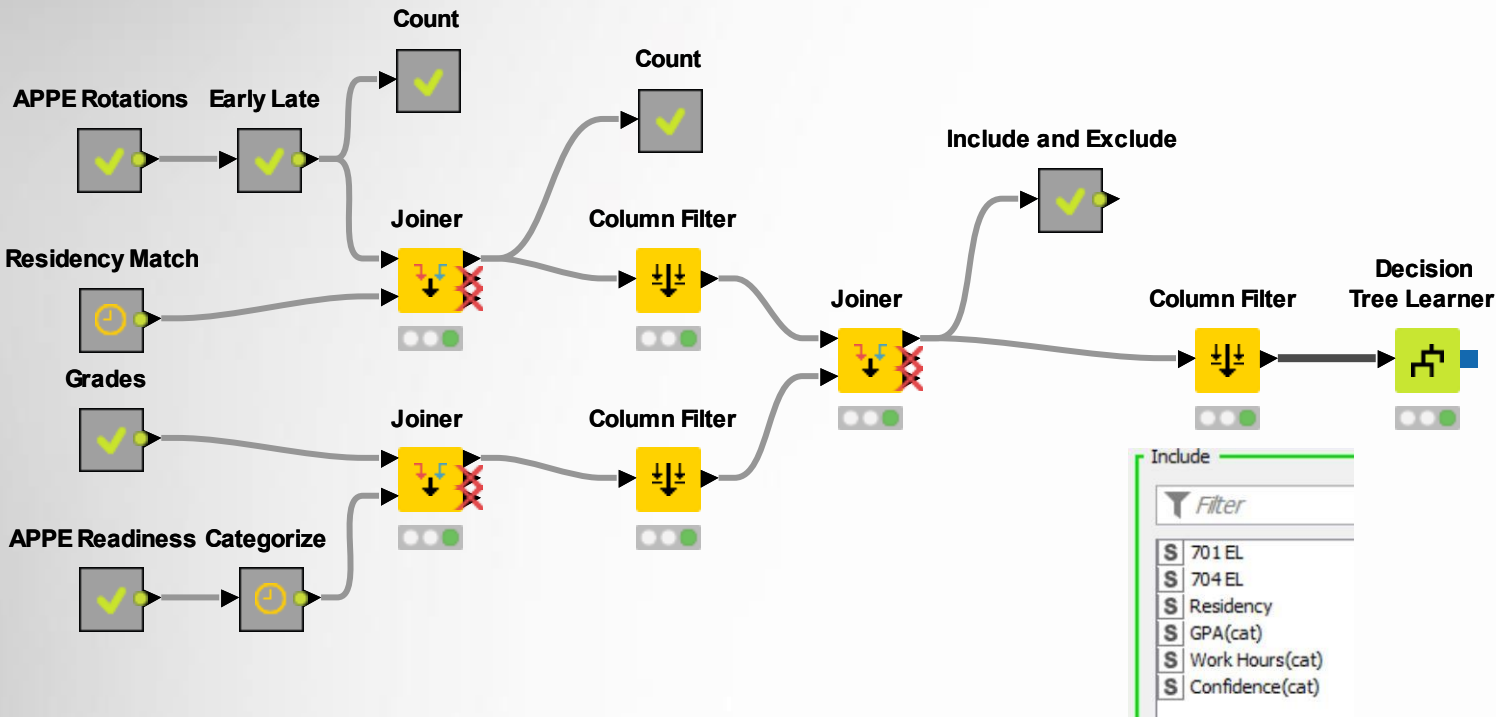


Calculate and  
Visualize Output

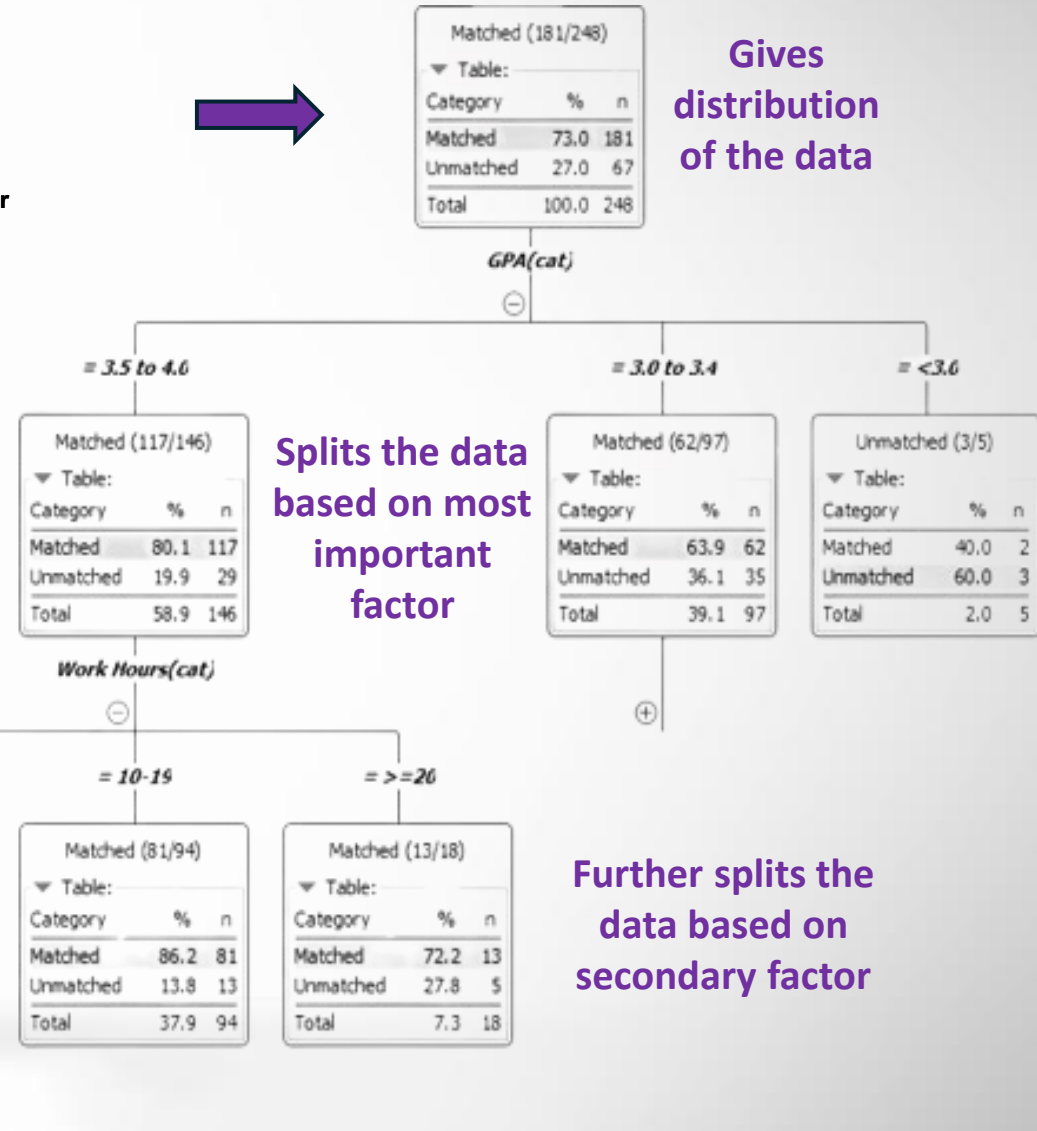


# What Leads to Success in Matching for Residency?

## KNIME Workflow



## Decision Tree



Gives distribution of the data

Splits the data based on most important factor

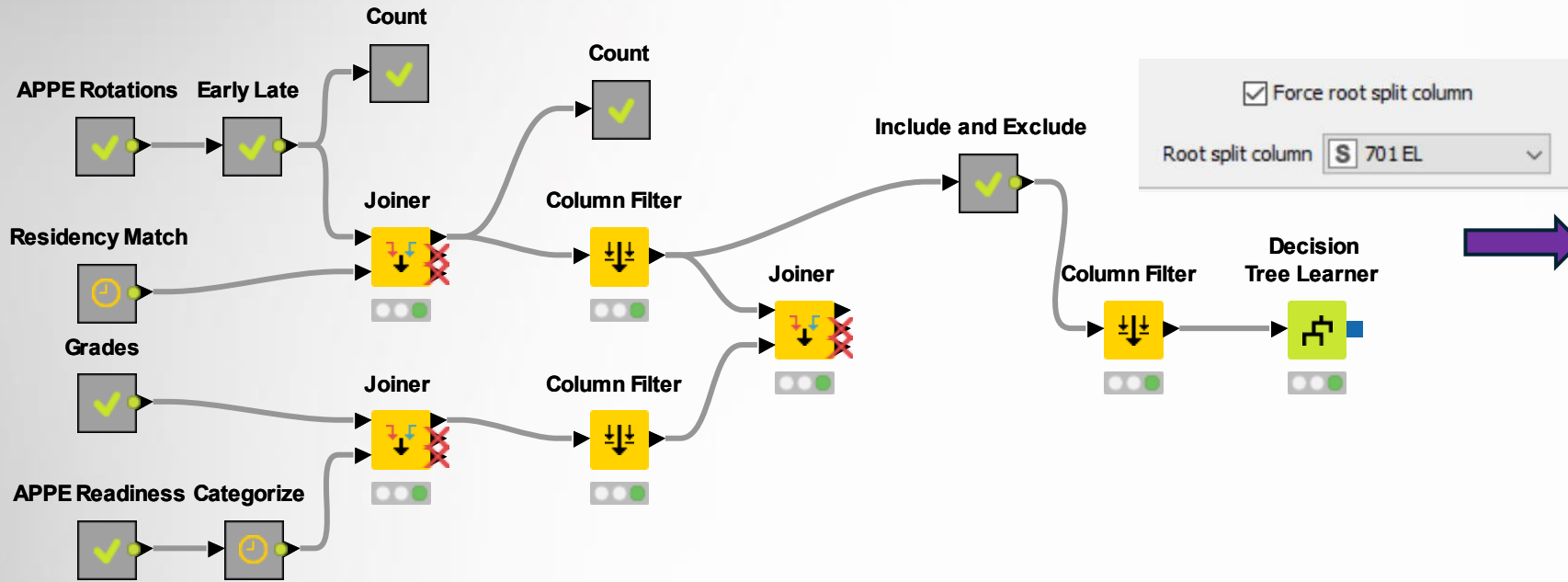
Further splits the data based on secondary factor

## Narrative for Matching to Residency

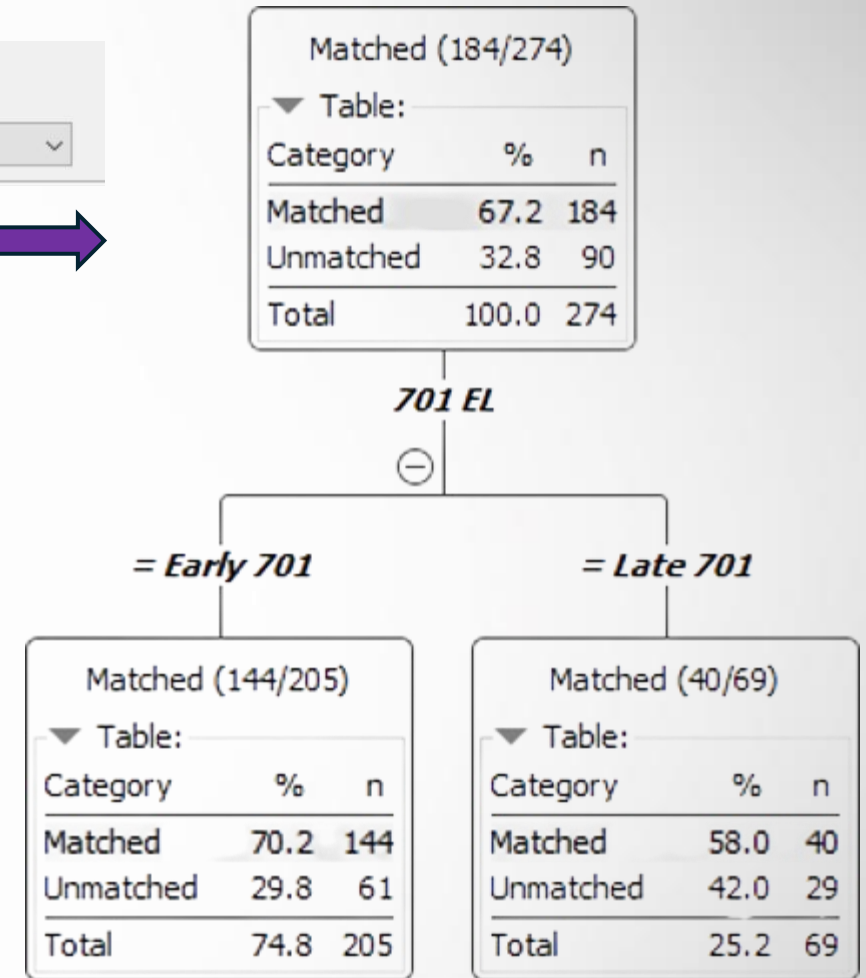
- Classes of 2019-2024
- Data for 248 students (limited by survey response)
- Match rate to residency: 73.0%
- Matching to residency driven by GPA: a match rate of 80.1% for GPA >3.5
- For students with GPA >3.5, working from 10 to 19 hours is optimal: match rate is 86.2%
- **Key takeaway: A balance of academic success and professional experience is important**

# Does APPE Rotation Order Affect Residency Match?

## KNIME Workflow



## Decision Tree



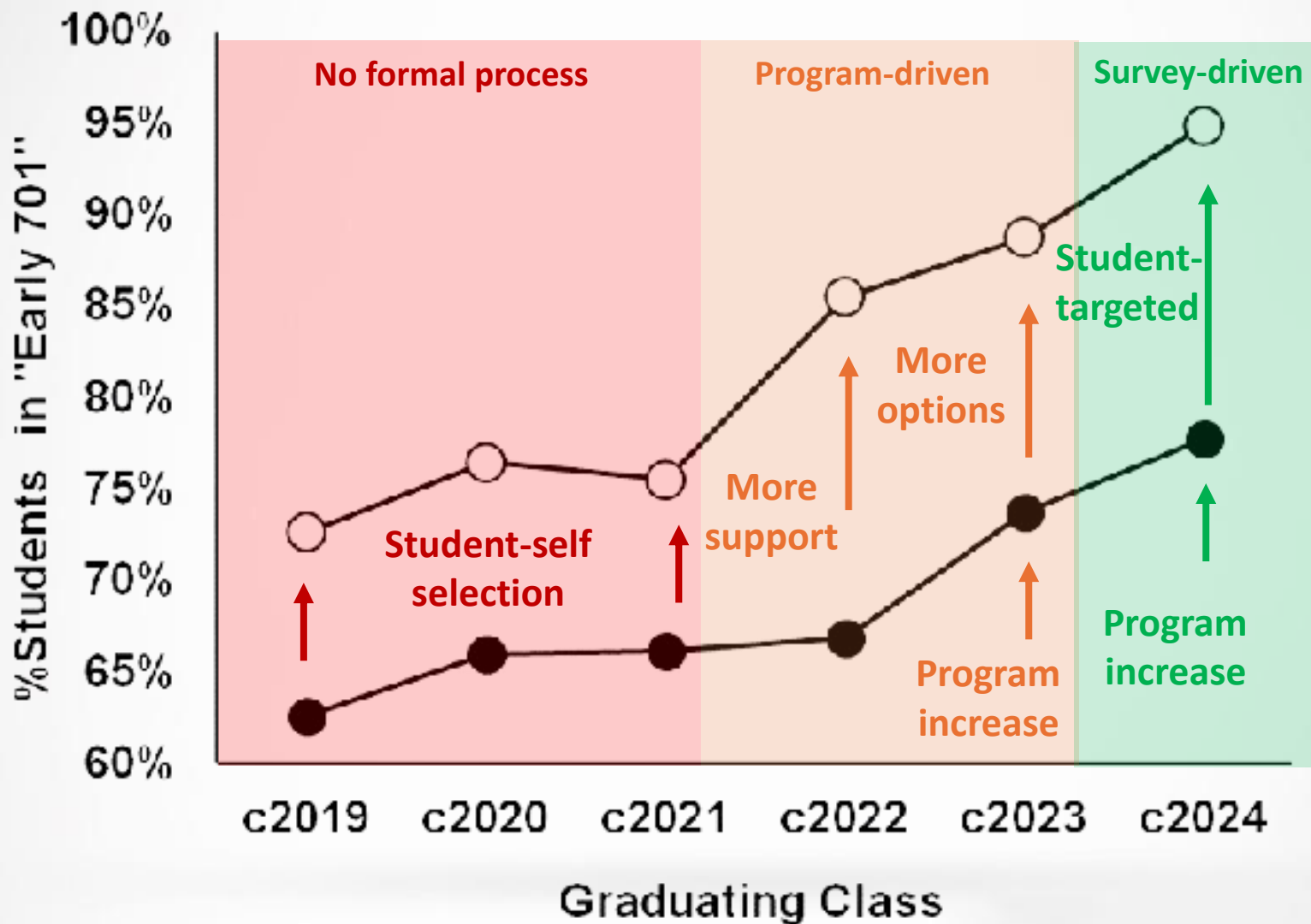
## Narrative for Matching to Residency

- Classes of 2019-2021
- Data for 274 students
- Match rate to residency: 67.2%
- Matching to residency is improved if a student is assigned an “Early 701”: 70.2% vs. 58.0%
- **Key takeaway: Can we ensure that students who want a residency have more opportunity to take an “Early 701”?**

# Intervention from AI Results: Survey in Fall for Residency Plans

Only 75% of students desiring a residency had an "Early 701" (acute care rotation)

- Residency Applicants
- All Students



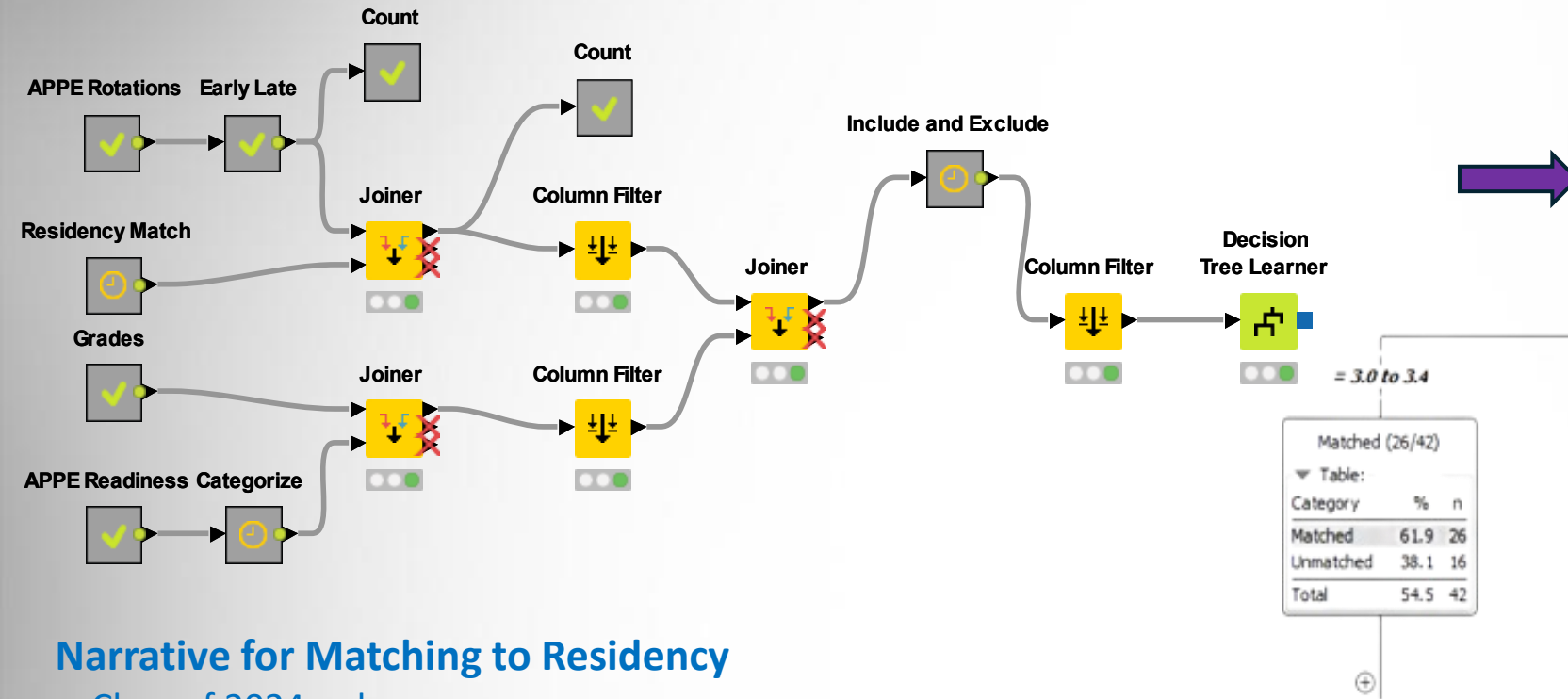
95% of students desiring a residency now have an "Early 701" (acute care rotation)

Workload effect: Reduction in change requests

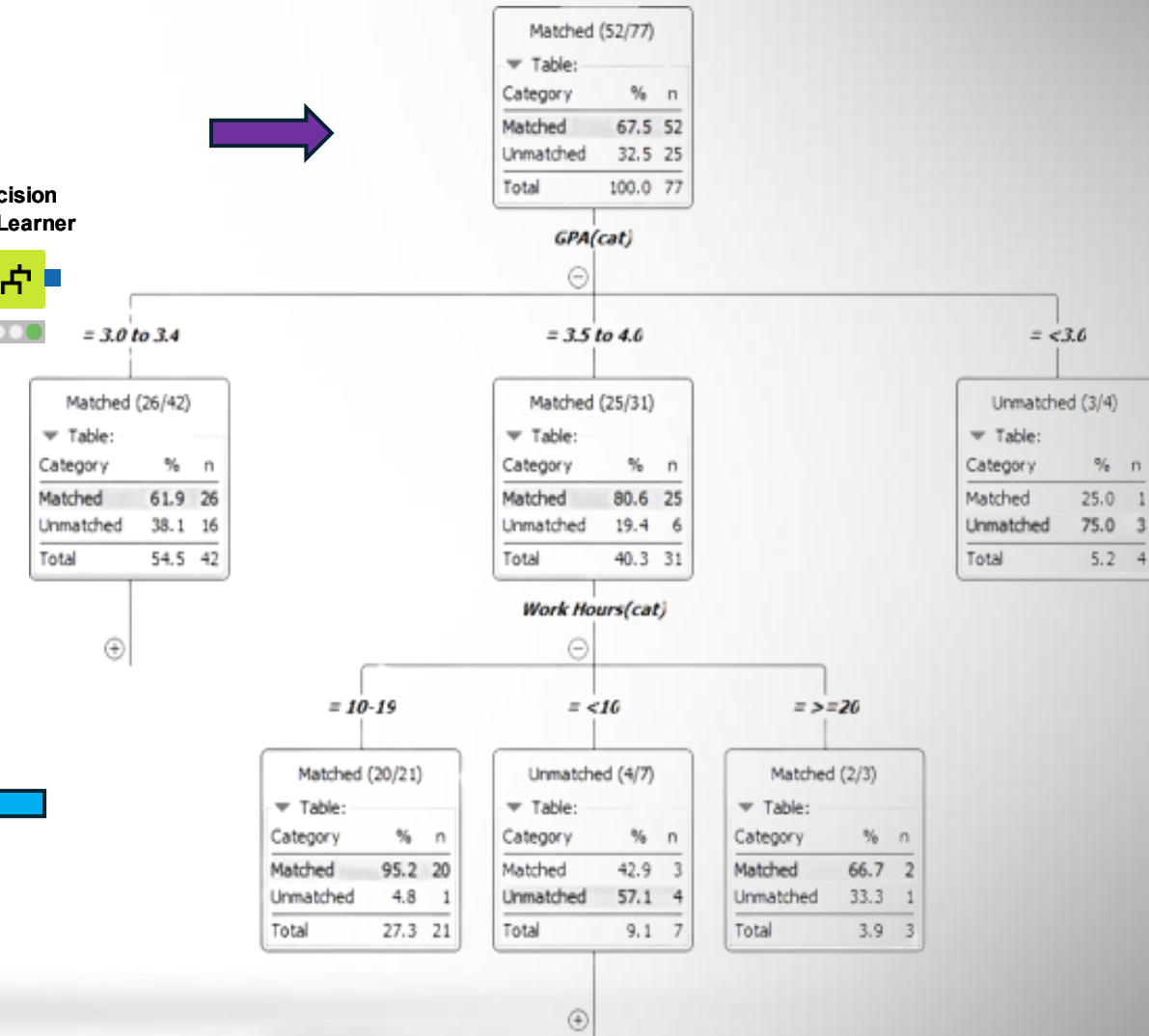
... but no clear increase in rate of residency matching

# What Other Factors Are Important in Residency Match?

## KNIME Workflow



## Decision Tree

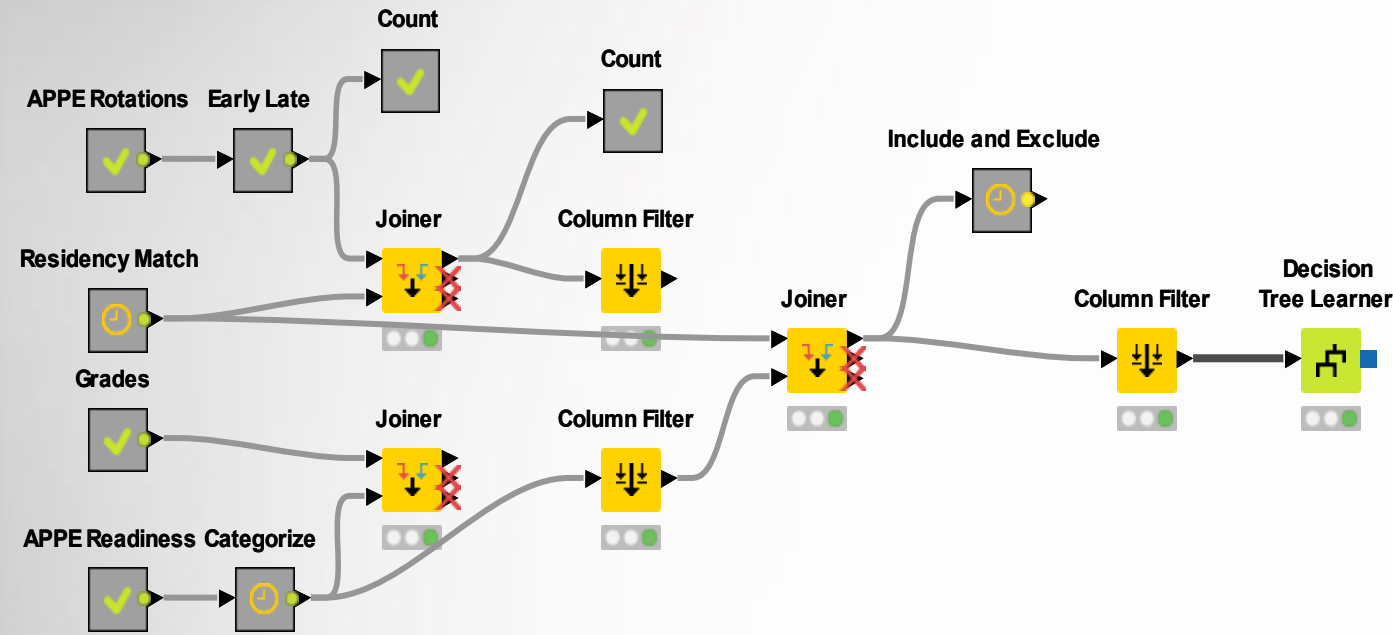


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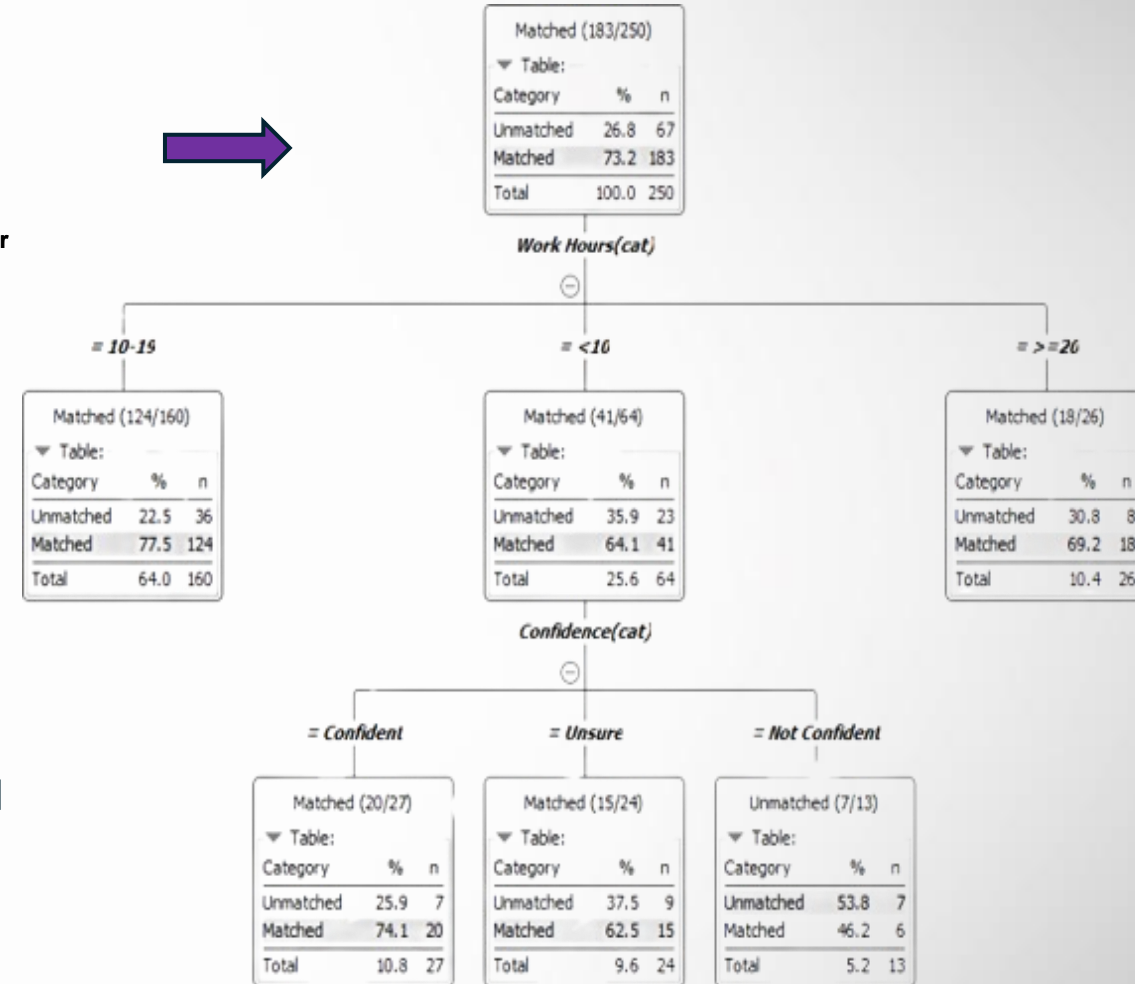
- Class of 2024 only
- Data for 77 students
- Match rate to residency: 67.5%
- Almost everyone has an “Early 701” (not shown here)
- Results are clarified for GPA and work hours
- **Key takeaway: A student who maintains a GPA >3.5 and works an average of 10-19 hours per week is almost certain to match for a residency (>95%)**

# What Happens If We Exclude GPA from the Calculation?

## KNIME Workflow



## Decision Tree

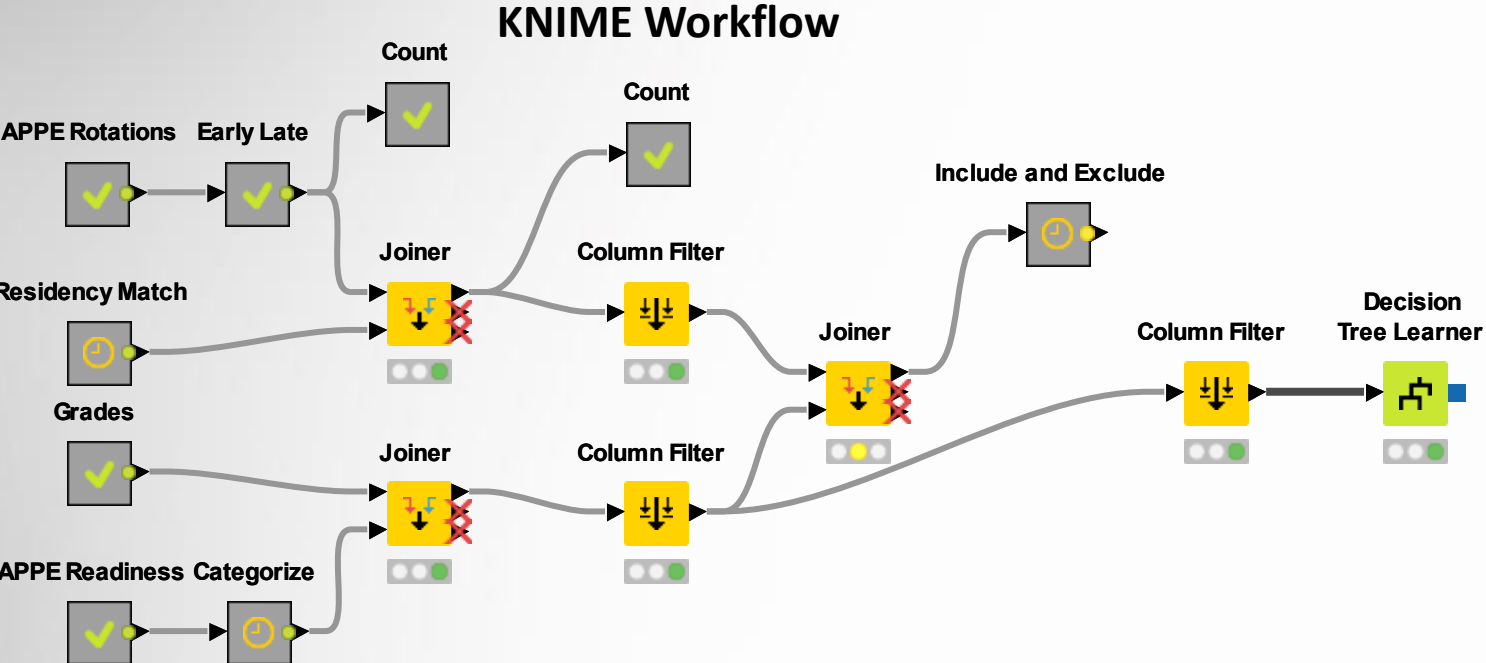


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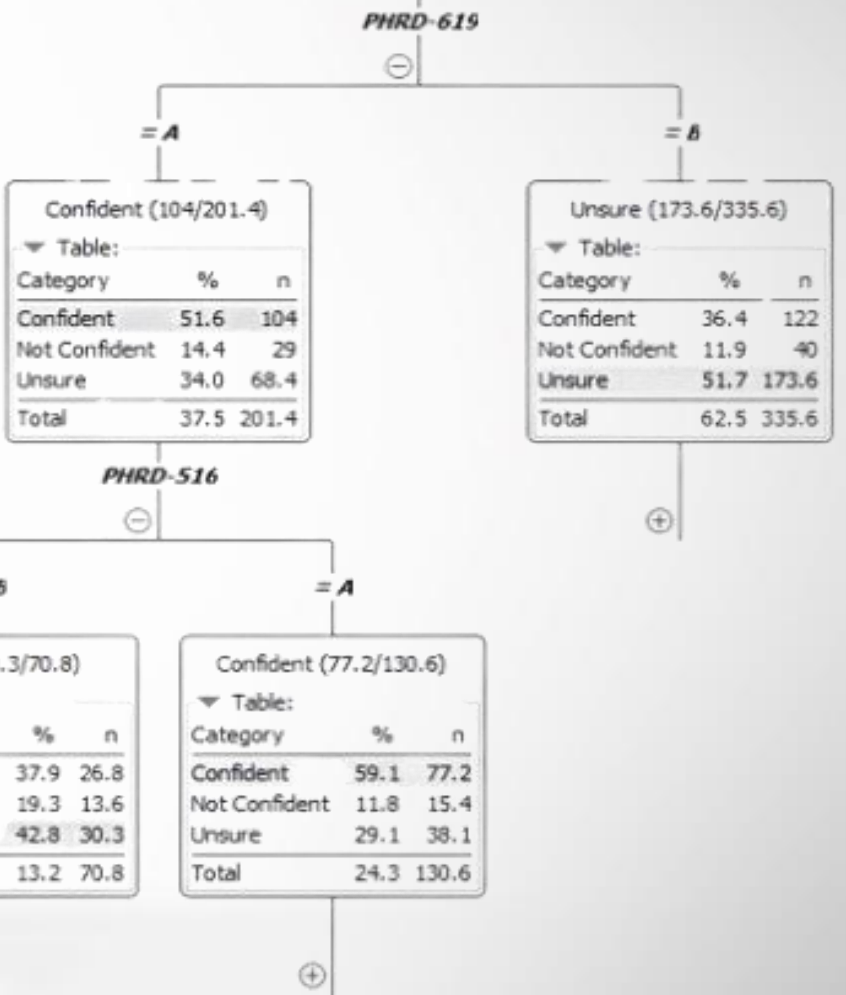
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- Work hours remains important: 77.5% for 10-19 h
- Confidence is also important for those who work less: 74.1% if confident
- **Key takeaway: Working 10-19 hours per week is positive for residency regardless of GPA, but confidence can compensate. Where does confidence arise from?**

# Where Does Confidence Come From?

## Decision Tree



Unsure (242/537)		
Table:		
Category	%	n
Confident	42.1	226
Not Confident	12.8	69
Unsure	45.1	242
Total	100.0	537

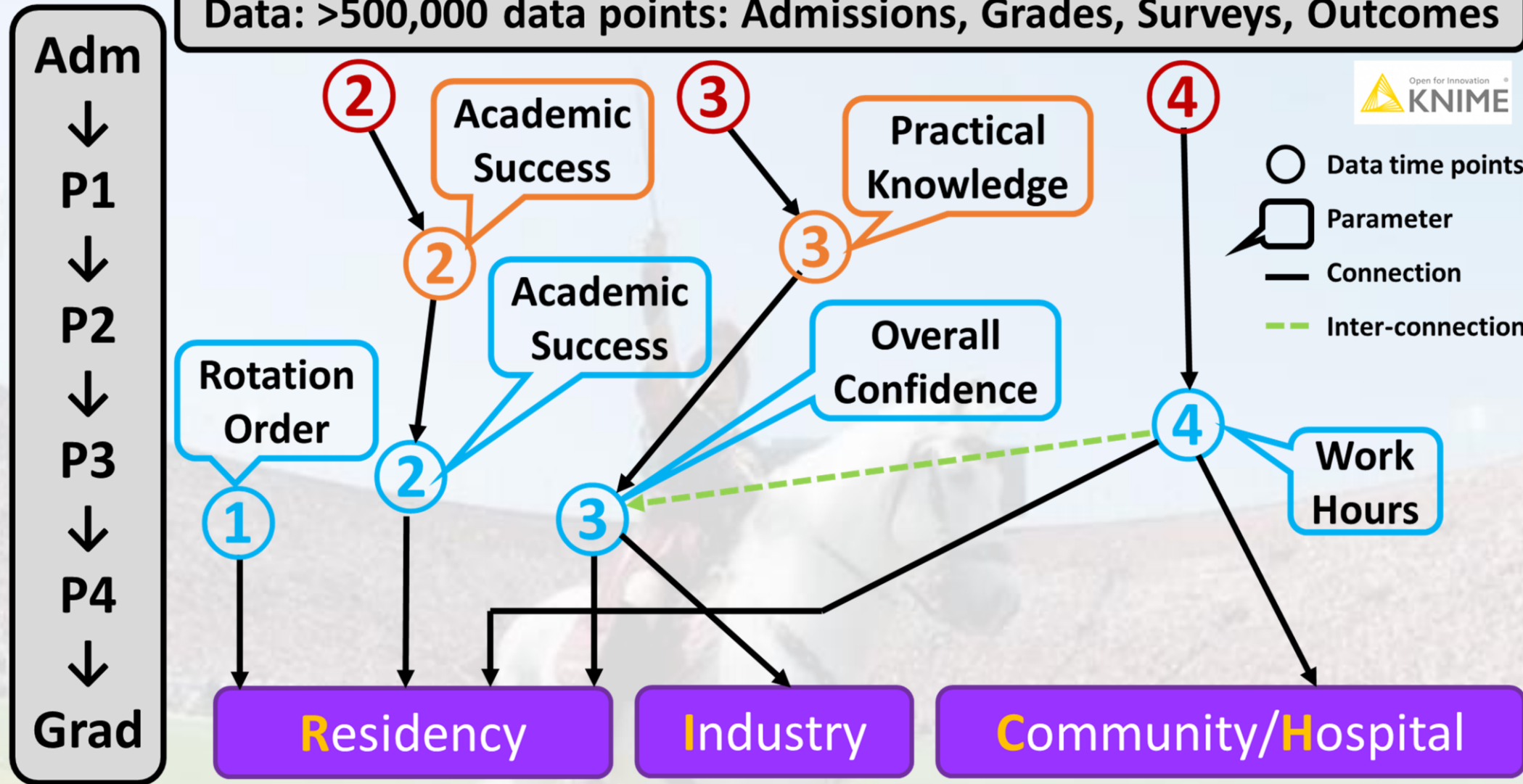
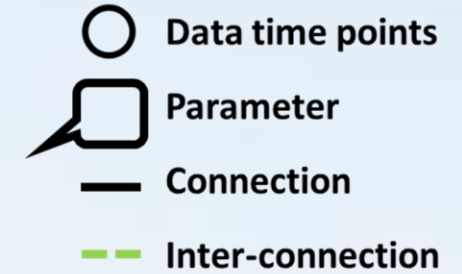


## Narrative for Matching to Residency

- Classes of 2019 to 2024
- Data for 537 students
- Analysis is for confident vs. not confident vs. unsure
- Based on a survey in Spring P3 (APPE Readiness)
- PHRD 619 (Fall P3 cardiology) grade is most important
- 77.2% confident if A in PHRD 619 and PHRD 516 (P1 OTC course)
- **Key takeaway: Success in a practical first year course can lead to later improved performance and increased confidence**

# An Overview of AI-SiPS: RIC(H) Outcomes

Data: >500,000 data points: Admissions, Grades, Surveys, Outcomes



- ① Rotation Data
- ② Grades
- ③ APPE Readiness
- ④ Work hours



# Take Home Points

- Our **working AI model (AI-SiPS)** is beginning to identify factors related to student outcomes upon graduating from a four-year PharmD curriculum.
- Identification of factors may **allow schools to modify their program, curriculum, career planning, and other interventions** to optimize students' post graduation outcomes.
- **More data** (e.g. admission and co-curricular involvement) may lead to improved accuracy to predict a student's outcome.
- Future plans are to **share KNIME workflows with other institutions** interested in using AI to support student success.

# THANK YOU



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VitOOLs: virtual and immersive medical pharmacology

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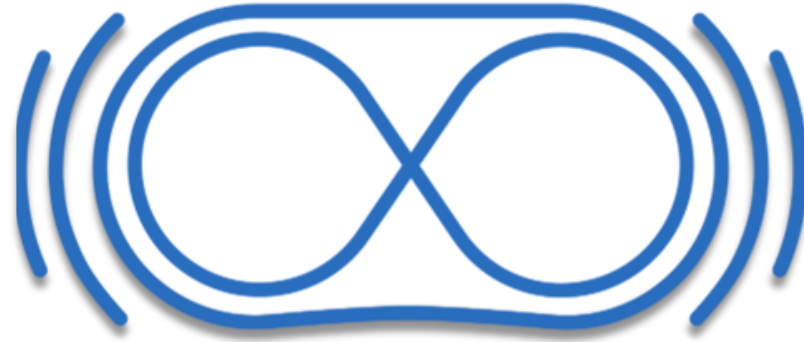
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VITOOOLS

# Virtual and Immersive Medical Pharmacology

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# Problem/Target Consumer(s)

- (1) Pharmacology knowledge is expanding but hands on training is constrained.
  - ▶ Diminished laboratory & tissue availability
  - ▶ Inadequate placement capacity
- (2) Ineffective Clinician to Clinician and Clinician to Patient communication.
  - ▶ Hastening recovery by empowering patients and improving connectivity
  - ▶ Globally growing problem complicated by language, broad effects & interactions of medication





A virtual platform that visually assists learning by explaining **processes** involved in

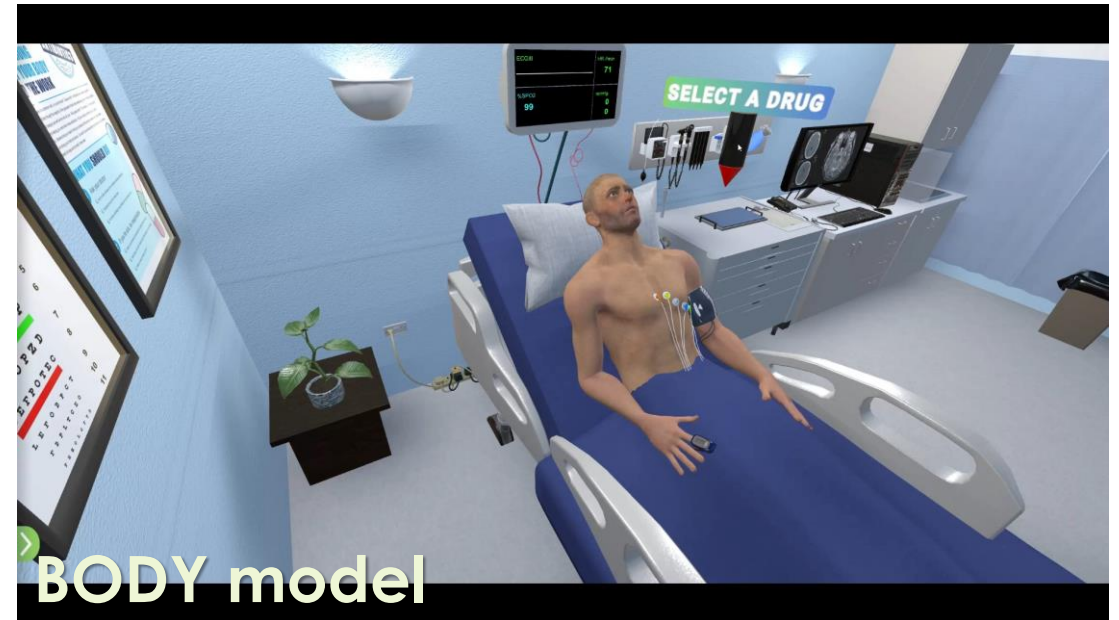
- ▶ medical conditions
- ▶ treatment options
- ▶ medications

by integrating cellular detail, organs/tissues and body processes.

VitOOLs modules use various settings including **labs, clinics, hospitals** and **incorporates the visible and the invisible.**



VR LAB



BODY model



# Evaluation of prototypes

## Phase 1

- Piloted in the undergraduate pharmacology and human biology units.
- Students were invited to complete the system usability scale (SUS) survey.



## Phase 2

- a one-on-one session conducted with students in a usability study using SUS and emotional response evaluation (ERE) assessment.





# Usability Scores of prototypes

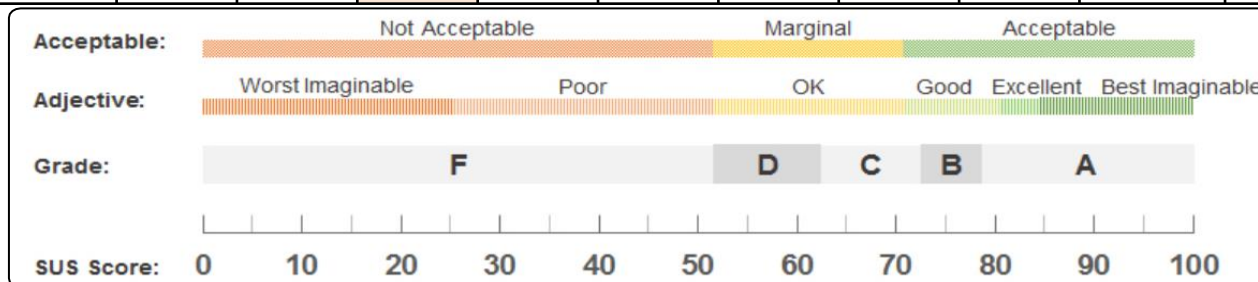
SUS Assessment (Average)

	Desire to use frequently	Unnecessarily complex	Easy to use	Need technical support to use	Functions well integrated	Too much inconsistency	People would learn quickly	Very awkward to use	Felt confident in using	Need to learn a lot of things before use	SUS Score	Adjective Rating
SUS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Body Model	3.43	1.43	4.43	2.23	3.86	1.86	4.13	1.86	4.23	1.43	79.23	Good
VR Lab	3.25	2.57	3.14	4	4	2.29	3.29	2.86	2.86	2.57	55.63	Average

The SUS quantitative data indicated a usability score for **Body Model** is **good** and **VR LAB** is **average**.

Learners unfamiliar with VR-headset reported

- difficulty in using controller
- which impacted on time to complete task
- felt overwhelmed

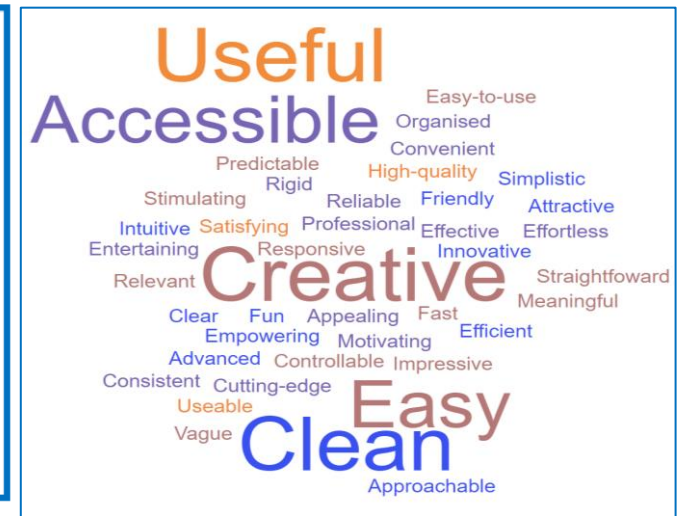
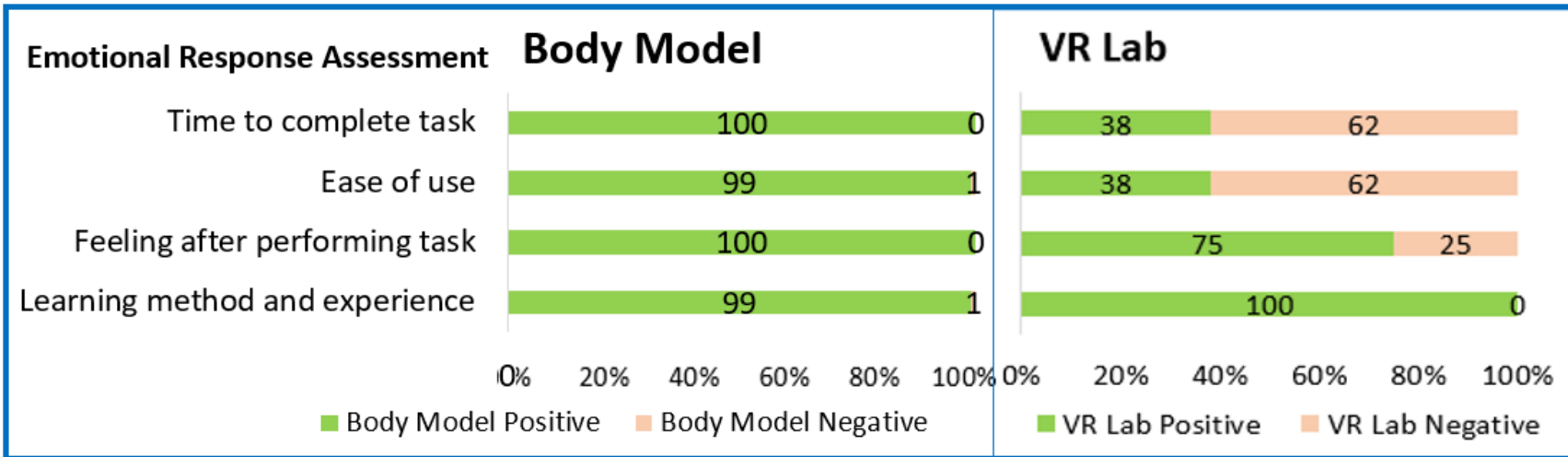


Interpreting SUS scores. Obtained from <https://measuringu.com/interpret-sus-score/>

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# Emotional Response following use



❖ Users acknowledged:

- Prototypes are effective learning tools.
- Benefits included engagement, repeatability, accessibility advantages, and lower ethical constraints.

❖ Improvement strategy: (1) tutorial on the use of the VR headset and controller included. (2) On screen version now made available.



# Curtin second year unit data 2023

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Challenging Biochemical-Pharmacology unit:

- ▶ First discipline unit following first year common core.
- ▶ Pre-requisite to 3 (out of 4) semester 2 units.
- ▶ For in-depth understanding of receptors, drug interaction and cell signalling.

## Observations:

- ▶ Tutorial attendance increased to 98%
- ▶ Student engagement increased
- ▶ Significant (26%) increase in pass rate





# Evaluations (with NDAs) 2024

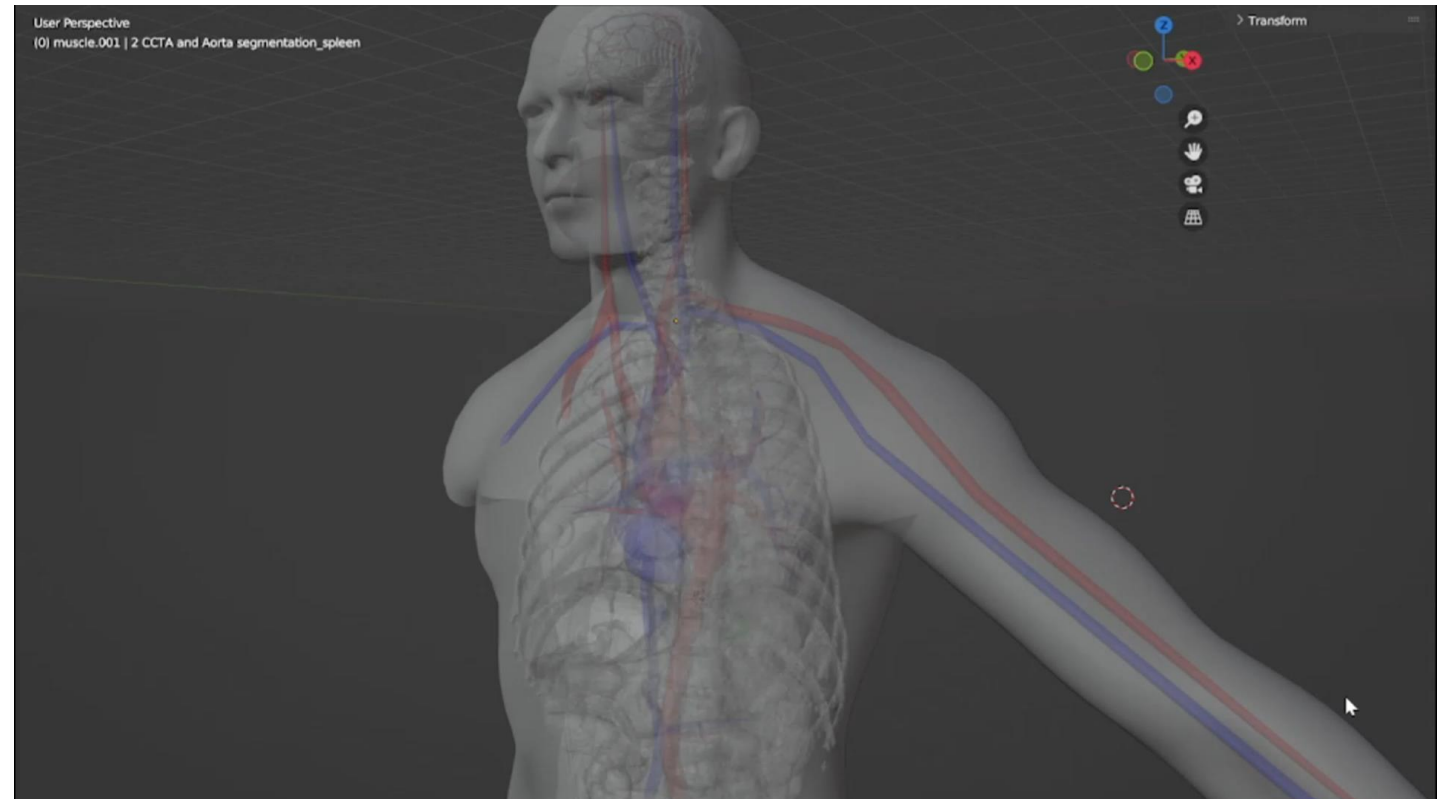
- ▶ Curtin (since 2022 and ongoing)
- ▶ UWA
- ▶ Monash University
- ▶ University of Queensland
- ▶ ASCEPT – will report on UWA and VR versus On Screen LAB





# Virtual Twins

- ▶ Single communication platform
- ▶ All data in one place
- ▶ Visualised, explicit data with reduced misinterpretation
- ▶ Connection of symptoms
- ▶ Connection of side effects
- ▶ Faster diagnoses
- ▶ Less trial and error in treatment
  - Healthier, happier people
  - Reduced health burden





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- A/Prof Lisa Tee (Co-Founder of VitOOLs; Evaluation Lead).
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Mobile application to assist training and uptake of deprescribing practice: A study exploring perceptions from the aged care workforce

Dr Chang Han Kuo

Mobile application to assist training and uptake of deprescribing practice:  
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# Mobile application to assist training and uptake of deprescribing practice: A study exploring perceptions from the aged care workforce

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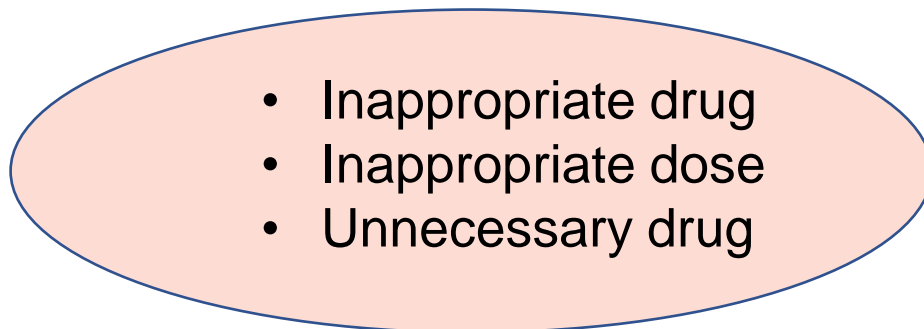
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# Introduction

## Polypharmacy in Older Adults: A growing concern

More prevalent in older adults due to an increase in chronic diseases

Challenges: Pharmacodynamics and Pharmacokinetics changes make prescribing more difficult



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## Deprescribing

The process of withdrawing, substituting or tapering inappropriate medication can:

- Reduce adverse effects
- Decrease fall risk and hospitalizations
- Reduce polypharmacy and medication cost

Current barriers in the nursing homes:

- Uptake of deprescribing practice is low
- Medical staff not familiar with the process or find the process of referring to resources too tedious

A mobile app can assist in training and practice.

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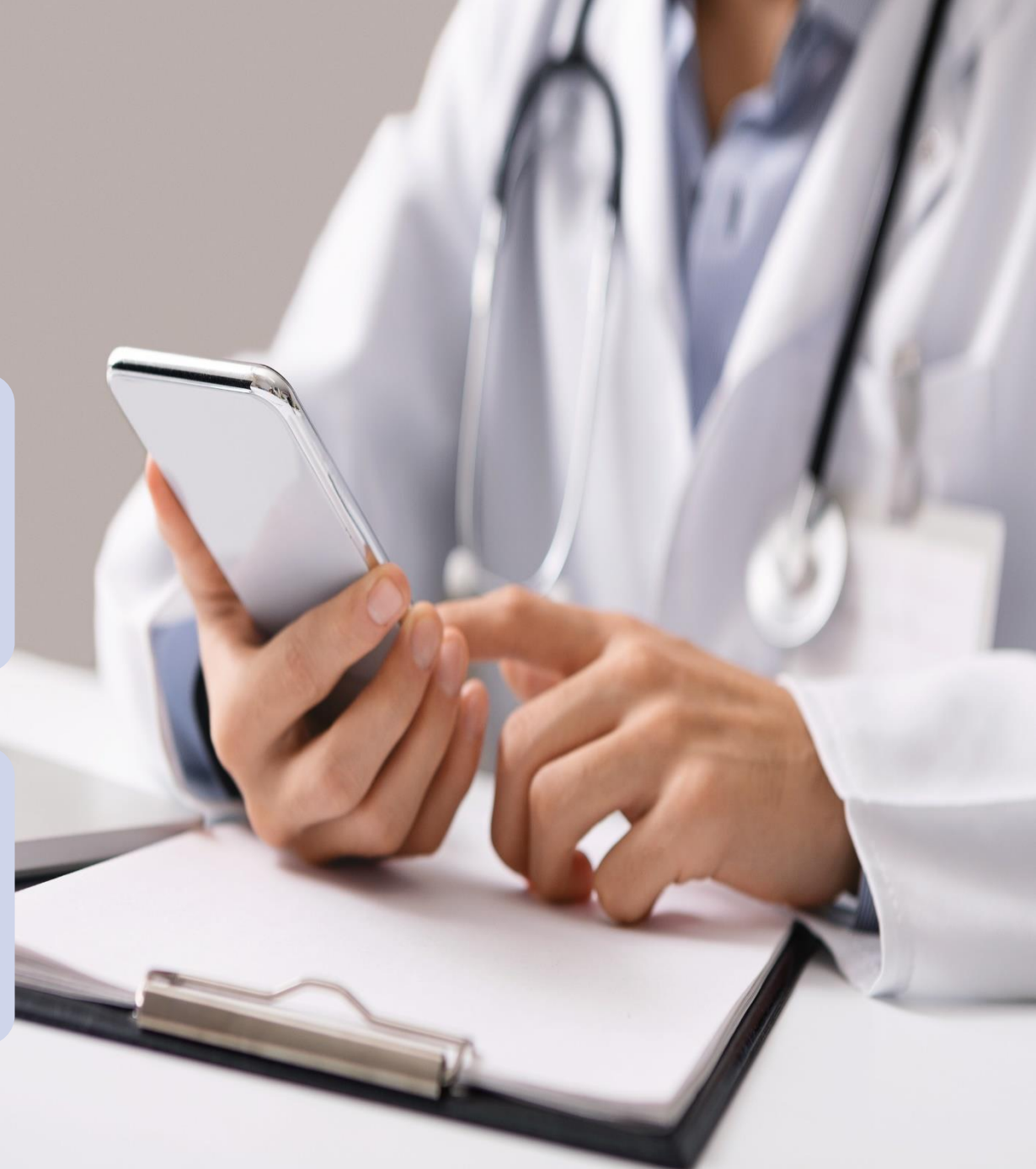
## Objectives



To develop a sustainable deprescribing application to improve patient's outcomes, we need to adopt the principles of **user-centered design**.



The objectives of this study are to explore end-user perceptions and to assess the requirements and preferences for a deprescribing application.



# Methodology

A survey was developed to explore the perception of the nursing home workforce toward the use of mobile applications for deprescribing.

- Literature review was done on the following electronic databases: Google Scholars and PubMed.
- Search terms included 'deprescribing app', 'prescribing app', 'mHealth', and 'app preference' for papers published in the last 10 years.
- 23 papers are assessed to be relevant. The deprescribing app survey questionnaire was developed after reviewing the papers' findings.
- Our survey was divided into major categories: 1) medical aspect, 3) technical aspect, and 4) the functional aspect of the application.
- The survey was validated by 5 experts comprising of doctors and pharmacists.

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# Methodology

An online Likert scale survey was conducted with healthcare professional from aged-care facilities (nursing homes) in Singapore, involved in the prescribing, dispensing, administration and monitoring of medications.

Doctors, pharmacists and nurses with at least 6 months of experience in the aged care facilities were recruited.

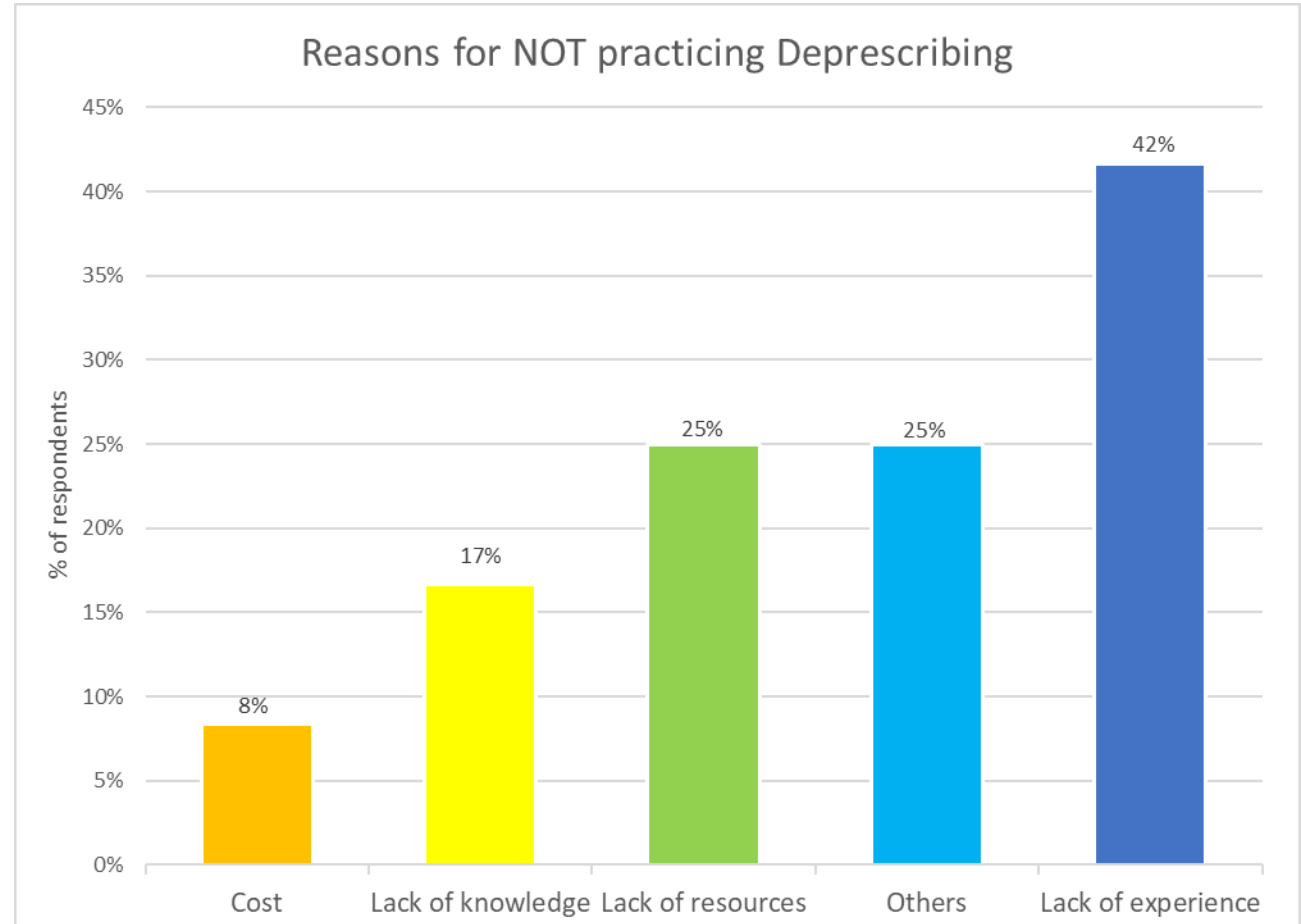
Informed consent was sought, and the survey is anonymous.

The targeted sample size is 40 participants from around three nursing facilities.

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## Results

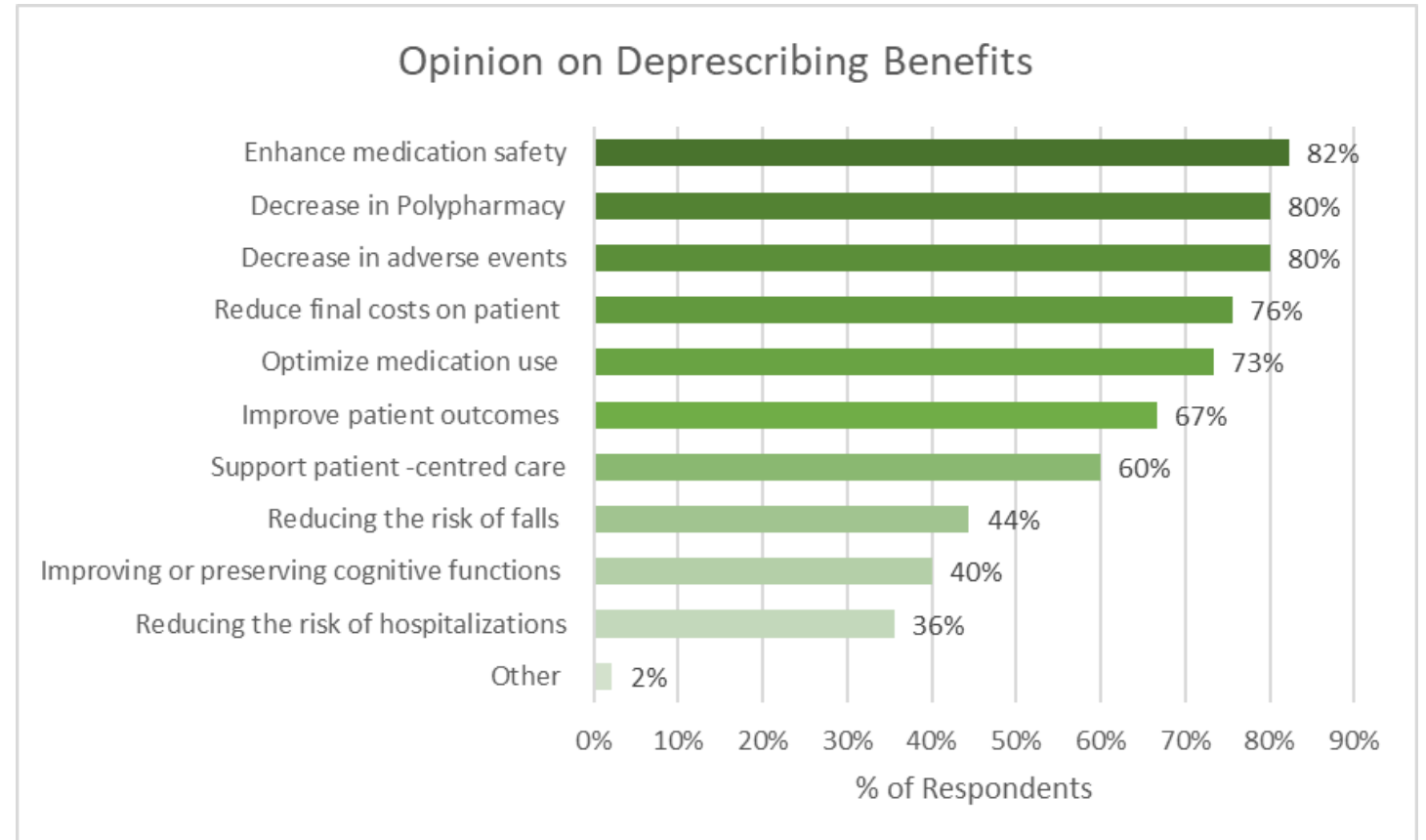
Forty-five participants, comprising of 24 (53%) aged-care nurses, 16 (36%) pharmacists and 5 (11%) doctors completed the survey. The main reasons for not deprescribing are lack of experience and resources, but most (91.1%) are receptive to using an application to aid in deprescribing.



# Results

Most participants believed that deprescribing can reduce polypharmacy and adverse events while enhancing medication safety.

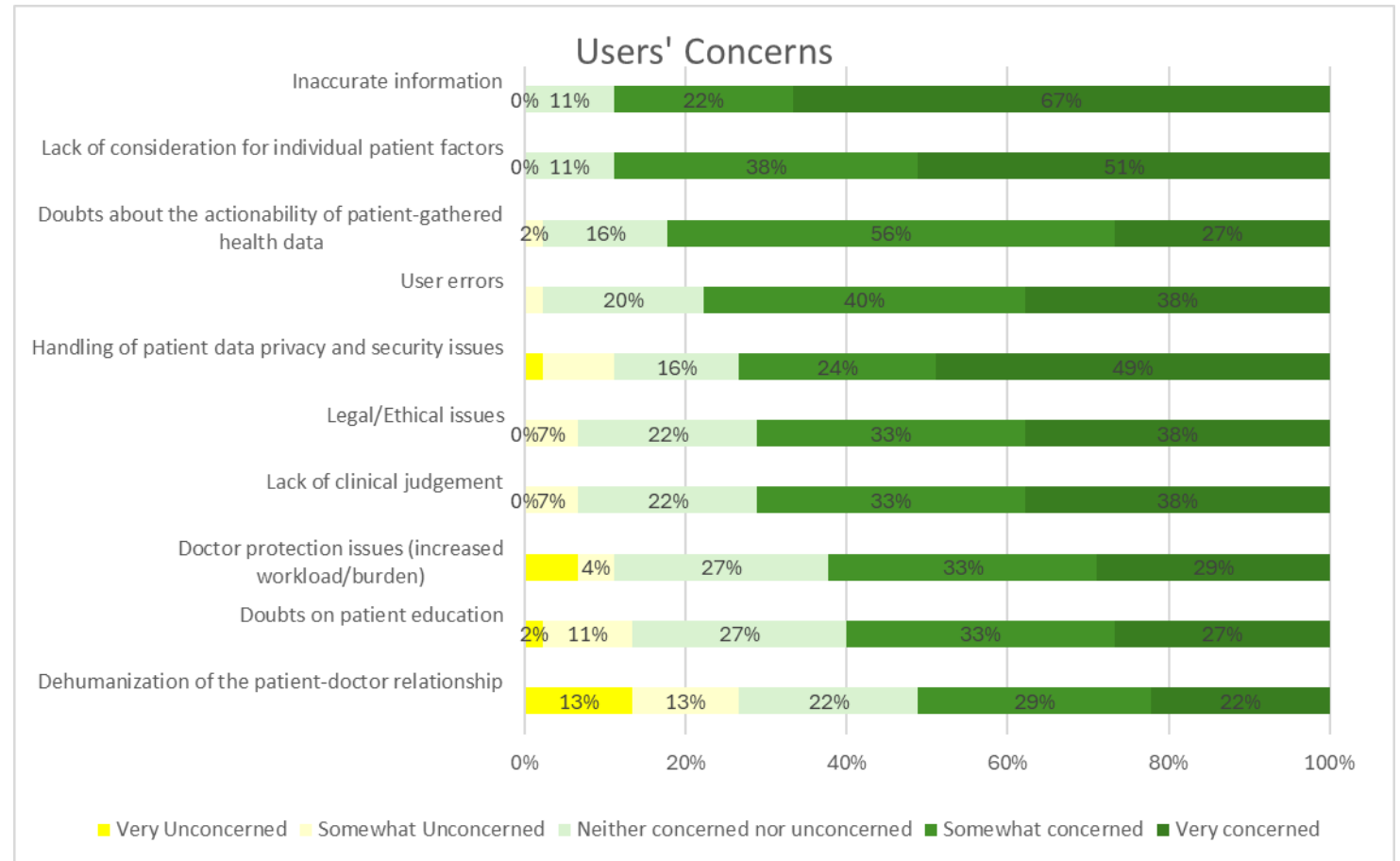
Most did not feel that it can reduce hospitalization and the risk of falls, or can improve cognition.



# Results

The top functions that the participants wished to see in the application include evidence-based deprescribing guide, medication management, and communication tools.

The main concerns when using a deprescribing application include data privacy and security issues, inaccurate information, lack of consideration for individual patient factors, and lack of clinical judgement.



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## Conclusion

In this study, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals highlighted the need for a deprescribing application, particularly in settings with limited deprescribing experience and educational resources. However, end-users' preferences and concerns should be prioritized when developing such applications.

By employing a user-centered design approach in application development, we can enhance the adoption of deprescribing practices among nursing home healthcare professionals. The application will ensure sustainable deprescribing practice within healthcare professionals' workflows, and provide a scalable model of care for older adults in nursing homes.



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Experiences increase international  
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Dr Melody Ryan



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# **Virtual Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences Increase International Opportunities for More Pharmacy Students**

Melody Ryan, PharmD, MPH

# In Person Experience



# Shoulder to Shoulder Global Virtual APPE



- Transformed a previously existing international APPE into a virtual experience
- Circumvents the need to travel internationally to complete a global health clinical experience
- 5 student participants

# Schedule

Week 1	8:00 - 10:00 AM	Orientation: Meet clinic staff, expectations, activities, protocols, discussion of potential projects. (Craig, Pablo, Melody).	8:00 - 9:30 AM	Virtual presence in Dr. Cristian consult	8:00 - 9:30 AM	Virtual presence in Dr. Cristian consult	8:00 - 9:30 AM	Virtual presence in Dr. Cristian consult	8:00 - 9:30 AM	Virtual presence in Dr. Cristian consult
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Readings: CIA: Ecuador Country Profile, My Life Elsewhere; best practices for working with an interpreter Videos: STSG video; National Healthcare system of Ecuador video; working with an interpreter	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Follow-up research and/or review of patient cases	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Follow-up research and/or review of patient cases	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Follow-up research and/or review of patient cases Project work	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Follow-up research and/or review of patient cases Project work
			12:30-1:00 PM	Review of cases with Dr. Cristian	12:30-1:00 PM	Review of cases with Dr. Cristian	12:30-1:00 PM	Review of cases with Dr. Cristian	12:30-1:00 PM	Review of cases with Dr. Cristian
	1:00 - 3:30 PM	Reading: A primary care system to improve health care efficiency Videos: Virtual tour of the community; Political Climate of Ecuador	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Reading: <a href="https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/welcome-wears-thin-for-colombians-ecuador">https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/welcome-wears-thin-for-colombians-ecuador</a> Videos: STSG History	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Project work	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Project work	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Reflection: what are the shared challenges you find in Ecuador and the US regarding healthcare? (Melody)
	3:30 - 4:30 PM	Discussion: resources on primary health care in Ecuador and differences with the US. (Cristian)	3:00 - 4:00 PM	Discussion: The community and political atmosphere (Craig, Pablo, Mercedes)			3:00 - 4:00 PM	Discussion: immigration and COVID-19, recent impacts on healthcare (Mercedes, Carlos)	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Project work

- Daily clinic consultations
  - Interpreter provided as needed
- Topic discussions with staff or faculty
- Readings/viewings
- Presentations
- Longitudinal project
- Weekly reflections

# Patient Consults

**Participants (17)**

Find a participant

- CB Craig Borie (Host, me)
- TR Tatiana Rojas (Co-host, guest)
- C CSHH (Guest)
- Pablo Boada (Interpreter)
- CT Cara Tresnowski (Guest)
- Carlos Quezada (Guest)
- CE Cristina Escobar (Guest)

**Zoom Group Chat**

A lil tet-man

From Emily Axtell to Everyone:  
Not that this relates to this patient specifically, but I was just curious. Do you have CABG procedures in Ecuador?  
coronary artery bypass graft^

From Tatiana Rojas to Everyone:  
Yes, we have it in some hospitals (Not available in all hospitals around the country).

From Karen Barragán to Everyone:  
Yes, we do

From Emily Axtell to Everyone:  
I imagine that those procedures would be performed in the city only?

From Karen Barragán to Everyone:  
Yes, at the main cities like quito and guayaquil

To: Everyone

Type message here...

9:15 AM  
8/14/20

# Discussions with Team



# Discussions with Community



# Student Presentations

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word document titled "journal club-covid conspiracy" with a table containing presentation content. The table has two rows: "Objective" and "Trial design". The "Objective" row contains the text: "To determine if evidence exists to suggest that there is an increase in mental health disorders and a decrease in the well-being of health care workers based on a belief in conspiracy theories seen through various media platforms regarding COVID-19." The "Trial design" row contains a bulleted list of study details. To the right of the document is a vertical video call sidebar with seven participants: Melody Ryan, Tate Drees, Hartley Feld, Craig Borie, cshh-areamedica.y, and Pablo Boada. The bottom status bar shows "Page 1 of 3", "1425 words", "English (United States)", and a zoom level of "205%".

Objective	To determine if evidence exists to suggest that there is an increase in mental health disorders and a decrease in the well-being of health care workers based on a belief in conspiracy theories seen through various media platforms regarding COVID-19.
Trial design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web-based cross-sectional study preformed via survey analysis that reviewed health care workers in both urban and rural areas.</li><li>• 401 health care workers were approached in various health care settings</li><li>• Population samples cover facilities in Carchi, Quito, and 11 other smaller provinces</li><li>• Mental health- Conspiracy theory beliefs were measured by asking patients, "From what you've seen or heard, what do you think is most likely the origin of coronavirus?" There were 4 response options given<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ It came about naturally</li><li>○ It was developed intentionally in a lab (conspiracy theory belief)</li><li>○ It was most likely made accidentally in a lab</li><li>○ I am not sure where the virus originated</li></ul></li><li>• Used the Generalized Anxiety Disorder-7 (GAD-7) to measure anxiety and the 6 item Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K6) screening scale to measure psychological distress<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Score of 10 or greater on GAD-7 and 13 on K6 represented generalized anxiety and psychological distress respectively</li></ul></li><li>• Well-being- measured with life satisfaction and job satisfaction</li></ul>



## Additional Content

Welcome to the cultural buffet, where you can find additional activities and resources to explore Ecuadorian culture outside of scheduled brigade activities. Take a look and let us know what you find!

### Language Skills

- Sign up for [Duolingo](#) to practice Spanish language skills
- If you would like some one-on-one instruction, Maria Ce Ruiz can provide those via a video link. She charges \$8/hour. As well as being a professional Spanish instructor, Maria Ce works with the Hombro a Hombro Foundation in Ecuador and often helps with the logistics of the brigade. Her email is

[mariace997@gmail.com](mailto:mariace997@gmail.com)

### Cooking Skills

- Check out Anthony Bourdain's *No Reservations* [episode in Ecuador](#)
- This [website](#) has several Ecuadorian recipes to try
- Here are some short cooking demonstration videos:

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[Seco de Pollo Recipe \(Ecuadorian Chicken Stew\)](#)



# Shoulder to Shoulder Global Virtual APPE

Student Activity	Total
Virtual consultations	60
Video assignments	20
Reading assignments	17
Topic discussions	15
Patient care progress notes	6
Reflective discussions	6
Disease state presentations	2
Journal clubs	2
Longitudinal project	1

“This experience provided large varieties of learning opportunities including not only insight into medicinal therapies in another country, but also how cultures outside of the United States have variables that go into medicine that differ from those seen to here. I learned a lot about the disparities in health in Ecuador with some of the biggest being cost and access to health care. Most parts of the rotation went well. I was assigned weekly presentations including journal club topics and disease state presentations which all went smoothly and the staff here in the United States and in Ecuador were able to ask questions and discuss the topics I presented on. Overall, I found that I was not having to spend too much time on screens which was something I was concerned about in the beginning. It is a virtual rotation, but there is down time that is there to give the eyes a break. The rotation is designed to help you learn about other cultures, and I made sure to take full advantage of that!”



# What did I learn?

- So much!
- Home visits – what they are, who they're for, and how COVID has affected them
- One Health – the connection between the health of humans, animals, and the environment
- Tsáchila community – history, health disparities, and culture
- Global health ethics – First, do no harm.
- COVID and how it has specifically affected the children of Santo Domingo – education, socialization, violence, and food insecurity

# Evaluations and Conclusions

- Students rated preceptor and experience highly
- Average ratings similar to in-person experience and overall APPE ratings
- A virtual international APPE can be a rich and rewarding experience

# Why do virtual experiences?

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- Travel restriction
- Access remote populations
- Support diversity, equity, and inclusion missions
- Financial limitations
- Place-bound students
- Environmental concerns



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Methodological review on digital health education and training development for healthcare professionals

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# ***Methodological review on digital health education and training development for healthcare professionals***

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# Background and objective

## Digital health and health workforce



WHO Global Strategy on Digital Health

**Strengthen governance for digital health at global, regional and national levels:**

Promote and facilitate digital health competencies in the education and training curricula of all health professionals and allied workers

### Objective

This study aims to identify the methods used in developing digital health education and training competencies for health workforce.

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# Methods



## Review protocol

- Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) Evidence Synthesis
- Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses for scoping review (PRISMA-Scr)



## Inclusion criteria

- Participants/population: health workforce (healthcare professionals)
- Concept: education and training; competencies
- Context: digital health
- All studies published up till April 24, 2023



## Exclusion criteria

- Abstracts (no full text), study protocol, opinion article.
- Article not in English



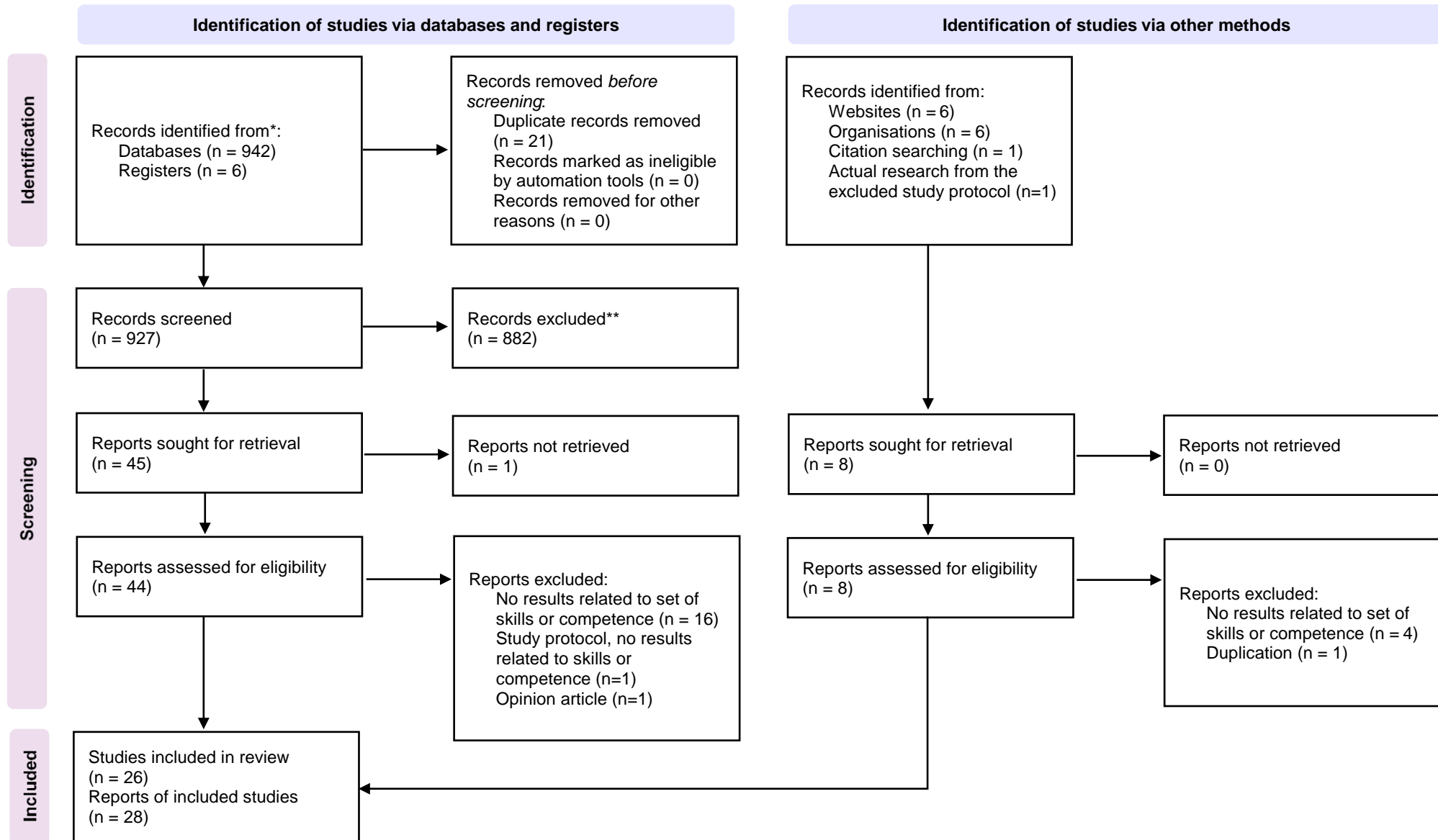
## Search strategy

- Databases: MEDLINE, Pubmed, EMBASE, CINAHL Plus, Health Management Information Consortium, Social Policy and Practice, Educational Administration Abstracts (ERIC).
- Grey literature: Google, Google Scholar, Health organisations websites (WHO, FIP, AFPC, NHS, Health Education England), Prospero
- Search strategy was peer-reviewed by UCL School of Pharmacy librarian.



## Screening & data extraction

- Preliminary title and abstract screening
- Full text review based on inclusion criteria
- Data extraction using piloted form

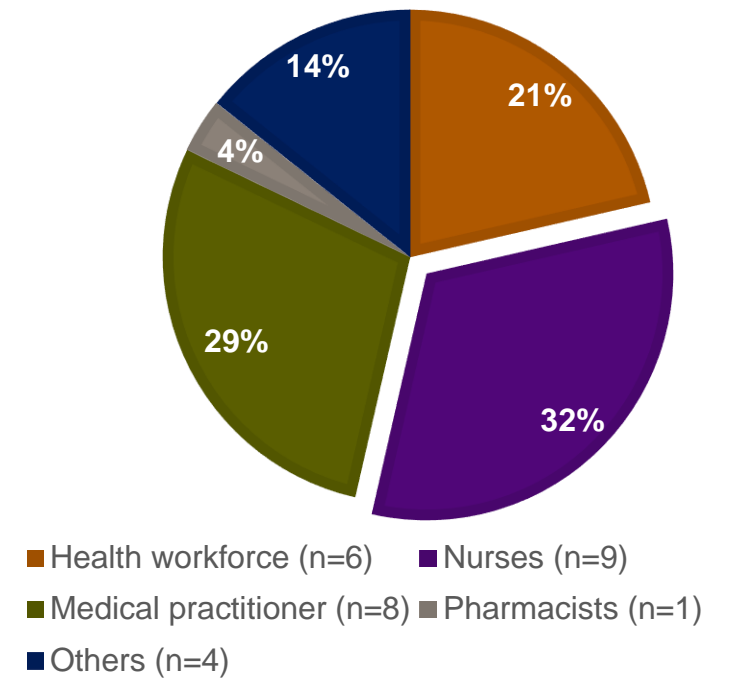
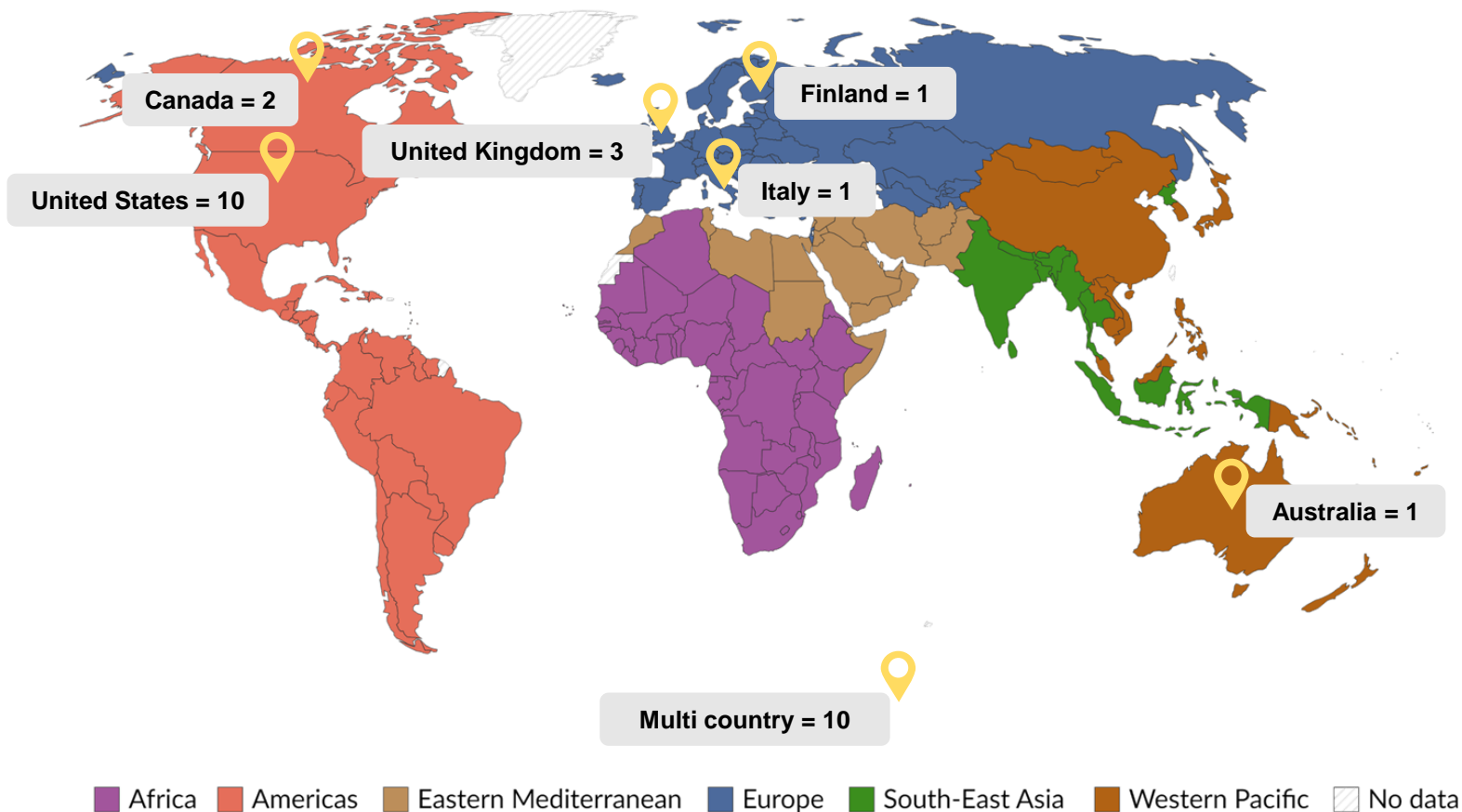


# Results

- Total included studies: **28 studies**
- Total number of behaviors relevant to digital health competencies: **456 behaviors**

# Details of included studies

## Study population



## Study methods

### Literature review: 16

- Systematic review
- Scoping review

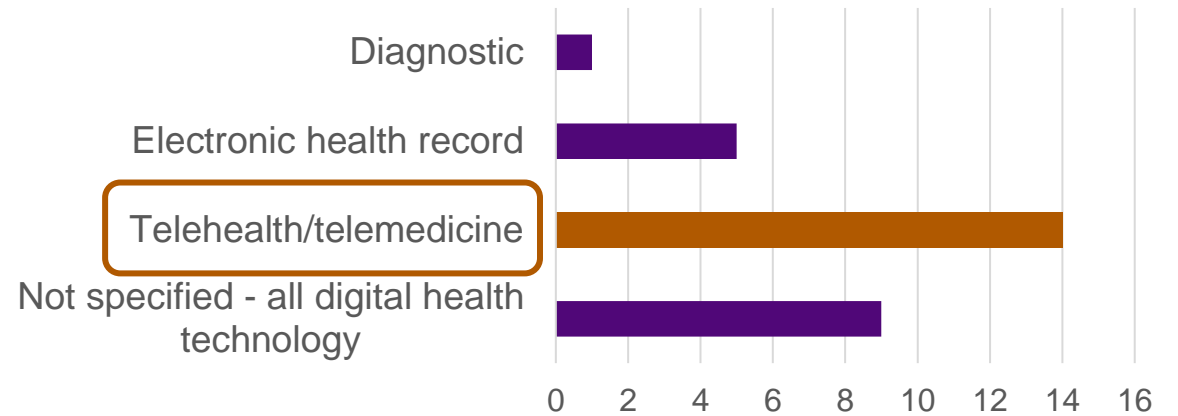
### Qualitative method: 14

- Focus group discussions; expert discussion
- Text-based survey
- Interview
- Case study

### Quantitative method: 5

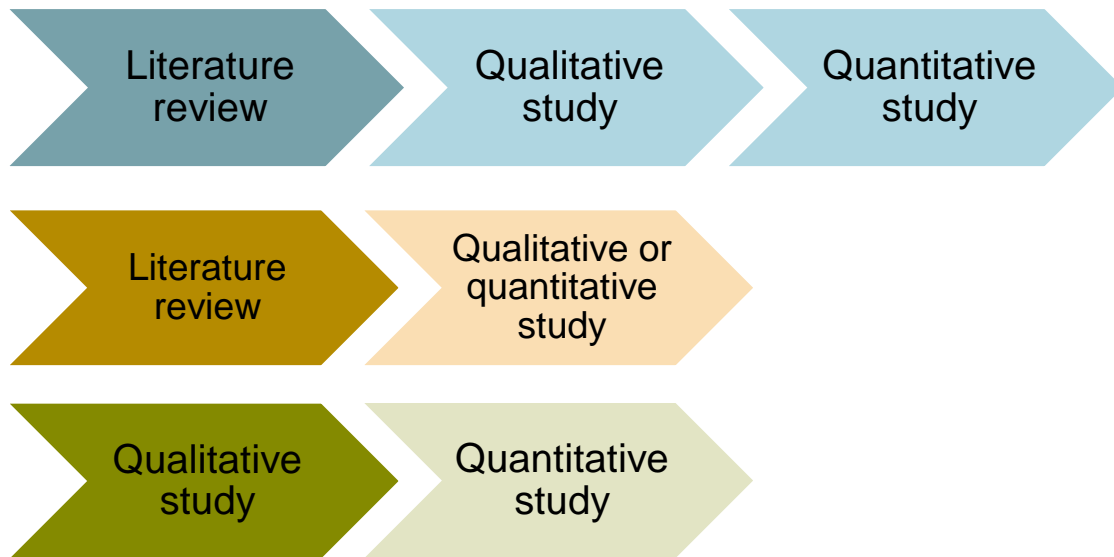
- Online survey; using Likert scale

## Technology-related focus



# Discussion and conclusion

## Mixed-method approach

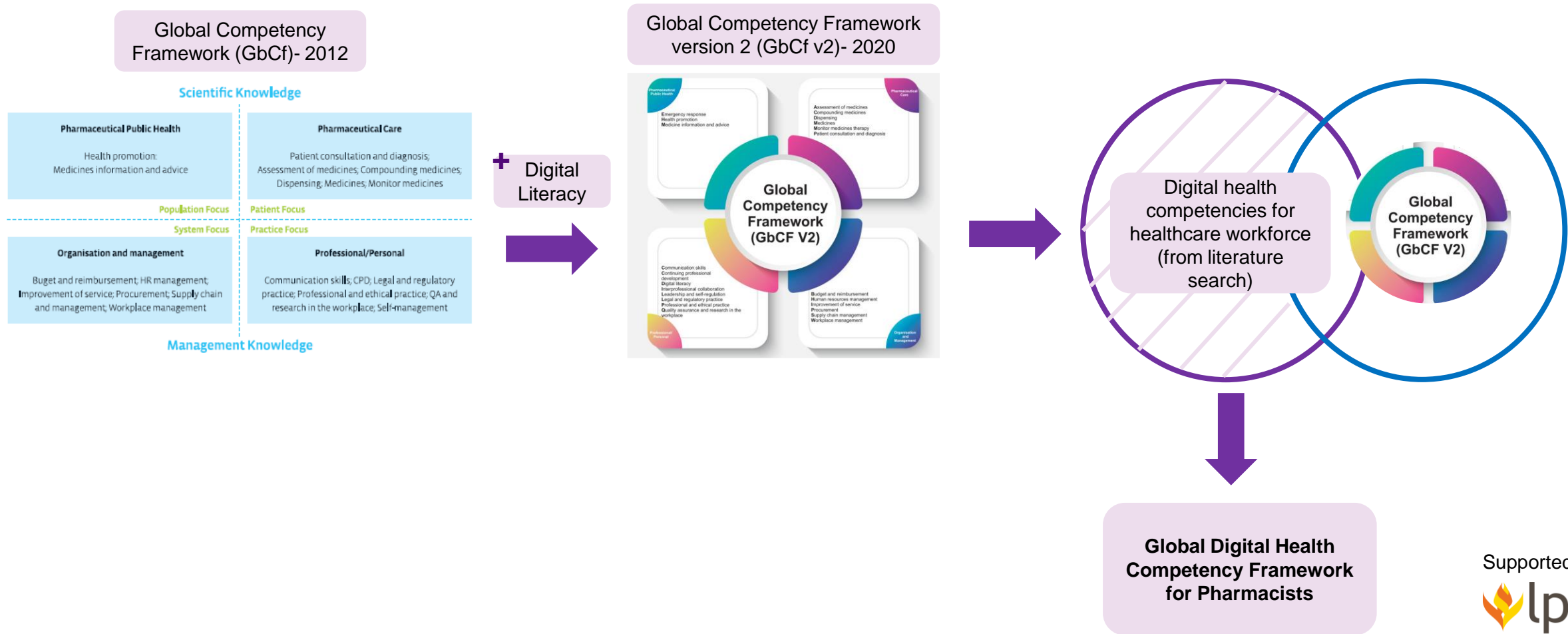


## Conclusion and implication to pharmacy education

- This review identified several methods used in developing digital health education and training competencies for healthcare professionals.
- Future research is needed to adopt and adapt best practices for developing pharmacists' education and training strategies in digital health.

# Future study

## Development of Global Digital Health Competency Framework for Pharmacists



# Thank you for your attention

*Lets connect and collaborate:*

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A stylized map of Australia is shown in a darker blue shade against a background of lighter blue wavy lines. A white location pin is placed on the eastern coast of Australia. The word 'LUNCH' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across the center of the map.

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