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Ethics of AI in pathology: Current paradigms and emerging issues

Deep learning has rapidly advanced artificial intelligence (AI) and algorithmic decision-making (ADM) paradigms, affecting many traditional fields of medicine, including pathology, which is a heavily data centric specialty of medicine. The structured nature of pathology data repositories makes it highly attractive to AI researchers to train deep learning models to improve health care delivery. Additionally, there are enormous financial incentives driving adoption of AI and ADM due to promise of increased efficiency of the health care delivery process. AI, if used unethically, may exacerbate existing inequities of health care, especially if not implemented correctly. There is an urgent need to harness the vast power of AI in an ethically and morally justifiable manner. This session explores the key issues involving AI ethics in pathology. Issues related to ethical design of pathology AI studies and the potential risks associated with implementation of AI and ADM within the pathology workflow will be discussed. Three key foundational principles of ethical AI: transparency, accountability, and governance, will be discussed in the context of pathology. The future practice of pathology must be guided by these principles. Pathologists should be aware of the potential of AI to deliver superlative health care and the ethical pitfalls associated with it. Finally, pathologists must have a seat at the table to drive future implementation of ethical AI in the practice of pathology.

Biography

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