



Special Track on

# *Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Informatics*

Healthcare informatics focuses on the efficient and effective acquisition, management, and use of information in healthcare. Advancing health informatics has been declared a grand challenge by the National Academy of Engineering and is a major area of emphasis for agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. As such, it has been identified as an area of national need. Sample uses of AI in health informatics includes expert systems for decision support, machine learning and data mining to discover patterns across patients, image analysis to assist in diagnosis, and natural language processing to extract information from free text medical documents. The areas of interest for this track include healthcare decision support, medical image processing, machine learning and data mining in healthcare, processing and managing patient records, syndromic surveillance, drug discovery, and personalization of clinical care.

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