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Data-Driven Predictions to Minimize No-Shows in Diagnostic Scheduling

Missed appointments in diagnostic services contribute significantly to healthcare inefficiencies, increased operational costs, and delayed patient care. This study explores the use of data-driven predictive models to identify patients at high risk of no-show behavior in diagnostic scheduling. The analysis focuses on the MRI department, where the impacts of no-shows are particularly crucial. By leveraging historical appointment data, demographic information, and behavioral patterns, machine learning algorithms were trained and validated to forecast no-show likelihood. The proposed model demonstrates strong predictive performance and offers actionable insights for healthcare administrators to implement targeted interventions such as reminder systems or overbooking strategies.

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