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Data Analytics for Public Health Systems

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Data collected within the public health system can be used to advance personalized medicine, target interventions, and evaluate guidelines and practices among many others. It can provide opportunities to set up “policy” labs where policies and interventions can be tested without their direct deployment to the public. In this presentation, I will overview data analytics in healthcare within the paradigm of data science, integrating all data processes from data acquisition and processing to data translation, to data modeling and finally decision making. The overarching message is that data science is at the core of informed decisions, interventions, and ultimately at the core of system’s transformations.

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