

# GraphCare: Enhancing Healthcare Predictions with Personalized Knowledge Graphs

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## Introduction

1. Personalized KG is needed for personalized treatment.

2. Existing works mainly focus on

- 1) simple hierarchical relations
- 2) the inner graphical structure of EHR while there are many external biomedical KGs



Q1: How to construct personalized KGs utilizing external knowledge bases?

A1: We construct medical concept-specific KGs

Q2: How to improve time-series clinical (EHR) predictions with those KGs?

A2: We treat personalized knowledge graphs as patient representations

## Performance of GraphCare on MIMIC-III/IV across 4 tasks

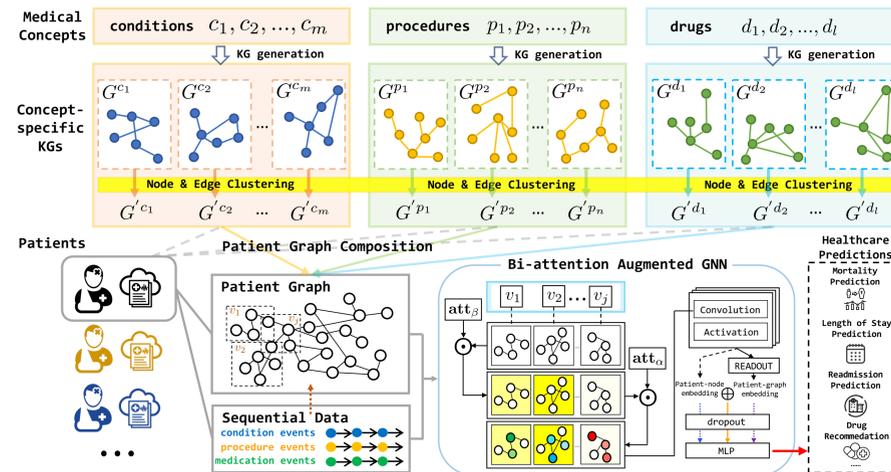
| Model       | Task 1: Mortality Prediction |           |           |           | Task 2: Readmission Prediction |           |           |           |           |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|             | MIMIC-III                    |           | MIMIC-IV  |           | MIMIC-III                      |           | MIMIC-IV  |           |           |
|             | AUPRC                        | AUROC     | AUPRC     | AUROC     | AUPRC                          | AUROC     | AUPRC     | AUROC     |           |
| GRU         | 11.8(0.5)                    | 61.3(0.9) | 4.2(0.1)  | 69.0(0.8) | 68.2(0.4)                      | 65.4(0.8) | 66.1(0.1) | 66.2(0.1) |           |
| Transformer | 10.1(0.9)                    | 57.2(1.3) | 3.4(0.4)  | 65.1(1.2) | 67.3(0.7)                      | 63.9(1.1) | 65.7(0.3) | 65.3(0.4) |           |
| RETAIN      | 9.6(0.6)                     | 59.4(1.5) | 3.8(0.4)  | 64.8(1.6) | 65.1(1.0)                      | 64.1(0.7) | 66.2(0.3) | 66.3(0.2) |           |
| GRAM        | 11.4(0.7)                    | 60.4(0.9) | 4.4(0.3)  | 66.7(0.7) | 67.2(0.8)                      | 64.3(0.4) | 66.1(0.2) | 66.3(0.3) |           |
| DeepR       | 13.2(1.1)                    | 60.8(0.4) | 4.2(0.2)  | 68.9(0.9) | 68.8(0.9)                      | 66.5(0.4) | 65.6(0.1) | 65.4(0.2) |           |
| AdaCare     | 11.1(0.4)                    | 58.4(1.4) | 4.6(0.3)  | 69.3(0.7) | 68.6(0.6)                      | 65.7(0.3) | 65.9(0.0) | 66.1(0.0) |           |
| GRASP       | 9.9(1.1)                     | 59.2(1.4) | 4.7(0.1)  | 68.4(1.0) | 69.2(0.4)                      | 66.3(0.6) | 66.3(0.3) | 66.1(0.2) |           |
| StageNet    | 12.4(0.3)                    | 61.5(0.7) | 4.2(0.3)  | 69.6(0.8) | 69.3(0.6)                      | 66.7(0.4) | 66.1(0.1) | 66.2(0.1) |           |
| GRAPHCARE   | w/ GAT                       | 14.3(0.8) | 67.8(1.1) | 5.1(0.1)  | 71.8(1.0)                      | 71.5(0.7) | 68.1(0.6) | 67.4(0.4) | 67.3(0.4) |
|             | w/ GINE                      | 14.4(0.4) | 67.3(1.3) | 5.7(0.1)  | 72.0(1.1)                      | 71.3(0.8) | 68.0(0.4) | 68.3(0.3) | 67.5(0.4) |
|             | w/ EGT                       | 15.5(0.5) | 69.1(1.0) | 6.2(0.2)  | 71.3(0.7)                      | 72.2(0.5) | 68.8(0.4) | 68.9(0.2) | 67.6(0.3) |
|             | w/ GPS                       | 15.3(0.9) | 68.8(0.8) | 6.7(0.2)  | 72.7(0.9)                      | 71.9(0.6) | 68.5(0.6) | 69.1(0.4) | 67.9(0.4) |
|             | w/ BAT                       | 16.7(0.5) | 70.3(0.5) | 6.7(0.3)  | 73.1(0.5)                      | 73.4(0.4) | 69.7(0.5) | 69.6(0.3) | 68.5(0.4) |

| Model       | Task 3: Length of Stay Prediction |           |           |           | MIMIC-IV  |           |           |           |           |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|             | MIMIC-III                         |           | MIMIC-IV  |           | AUROC     | Kappa     | Accuracy  | F1-score  |           |
| GRU         | 78.3(0.1)                         | 26.2(0.2) | 40.3(0.3) | 34.9(0.5) | 78.7(0.1) | 26.0(0.1) | 35.2(0.1) | 31.6(0.2) |           |
| Transformer | 78.3(0.2)                         | 25.4(0.4) | 40.1(0.3) | 34.8(0.2) | 78.3(0.3) | 25.3(0.4) | 34.4(0.2) | 31.4(0.3) |           |
| RETAIN      | 78.2(0.1)                         | 26.1(0.4) | 40.6(0.3) | 34.9(0.4) | 78.9(0.3) | 26.3(0.2) | 35.7(0.2) | 32.0(0.2) |           |
| GRAM        | 78.2(0.1)                         | 26.3(0.3) | 40.4(0.4) | 34.5(0.2) | 78.8(0.2) | 26.1(0.4) | 35.4(0.2) | 31.9(0.3) |           |
| DeepR       | 77.9(0.1)                         | 25.3(0.4) | 40.1(0.6) | 35.0(0.4) | 79.5(0.3) | 26.4(0.2) | 35.8(0.3) | 32.9(0.1) |           |
| StageNet    | 78.3(0.2)                         | 24.8(0.2) | 39.9(0.2) | 34.4(0.4) | 79.2(0.3) | 26.0(0.2) | 35.0(0.2) | 31.3(0.3) |           |
| GRAPHCARE   | w/ GAT                            | 79.4(0.3) | 28.2(0.2) | 41.9(0.2) | 36.1(0.4) | 80.3(0.3) | 28.4(0.4) | 36.2(0.1) | 33.3(0.3) |
|             | w/ GINE                           | 79.2(0.2) | 28.3(0.3) | 41.5(0.3) | 36.0(0.4) | 79.9(0.2) | 27.9(0.3) | 36.3(0.3) | 32.8(0.2) |
|             | w/ EGT                            | 80.3(0.3) | 28.8(0.2) | 42.8(0.4) | 36.3(0.5) | 80.5(0.2) | 28.7(0.3) | 36.7(0.2) | 33.5(0.1) |
|             | w/ GPS                            | 80.9(0.3) | 28.8(0.4) | 43.0(0.3) | 36.8(0.4) | 80.7(0.3) | 28.8(0.4) | 36.7(0.3) | 33.9(0.3) |
|             | w/ BAT                            | 81.4(0.3) | 29.5(0.4) | 43.2(0.4) | 37.5(0.2) | 81.7(0.2) | 29.8(0.3) | 37.3(0.3) | 34.2(0.3) |

| Model       | Task 4: Drug Recommendation |           |           |           | MIMIC-IV  |           |           |           |           |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|             | AUPRC                       | AUROC     | F1-score  | Jaccard   | AUPRC     | AUROC     | F1-score  | Jaccard   |           |
| GRU         | 77.0(0.1)                   | 94.4(0.0) | 62.3(0.3) | 47.8(0.3) | 74.1(0.1) | 94.2(0.1) | 60.2(0.2) | 44.0(0.4) |           |
| Transformer | 76.1(0.1)                   | 94.2(0.0) | 62.1(0.4) | 47.1(0.4) | 71.3(0.1) | 93.4(0.1) | 55.9(0.2) | 40.4(0.1) |           |
| RETAIN      | 77.1(0.1)                   | 94.4(0.0) | 63.7(0.2) | 48.8(0.2) | 74.2(0.1) | 94.3(0.0) | 60.3(0.1) | 45.0(0.1) |           |
| GRAM        | 76.7(0.1)                   | 94.2(0.1) | 62.9(0.3) | 47.9(0.3) | 74.3(0.2) | 94.2(0.1) | 60.1(0.2) | 45.3(0.3) |           |
| DeepR       | 74.3(0.1)                   | 93.7(0.0) | 60.3(0.4) | 44.7(0.3) | 73.7(0.1) | 94.2(0.1) | 59.1(0.4) | 43.8(0.4) |           |
| StageNet    | 74.4(0.1)                   | 93.0(0.1) | 61.4(0.3) | 45.8(0.4) | 74.4(0.1) | 94.2(0.0) | 60.2(0.4) | 45.4(0.4) |           |
| SafeDrug    | 68.1(0.3)                   | 91.0(0.1) | 46.7(0.4) | 31.7(0.3) | 66.4(0.5) | 91.8(0.2) | 56.2(0.4) | 44.3(0.3) |           |
| MICRON      | 77.4(0.0)                   | 94.6(0.1) | 63.2(0.4) | 48.3(0.4) | 74.4(0.1) | 94.3(0.1) | 59.3(0.3) | 44.1(0.3) |           |
| GAMENet     | 76.4(0.0)                   | 94.2(0.1) | 62.1(0.4) | 47.2(0.4) | 74.2(0.1) | 94.2(0.1) | 60.4(0.4) | 45.3(0.3) |           |
| MoleRec     | 69.8(0.1)                   | 92.0(0.1) | 43.1(0.3) | 43.1(0.3) | 68.6(0.1) | 92.1(0.1) | 56.3(0.4) | 40.6(0.3) |           |
| GRAPHCARE   | w/ GAT                      | 78.5(0.2) | 94.8(0.1) | 64.4(0.3) | 49.2(0.4) | 74.7(0.5) | 94.4(0.3) | 60.4(0.3) | 45.7(0.4) |
|             | w/ GINE                     | 78.2(0.1) | 94.7(0.1) | 63.6(0.4) | 47.9(0.3) | 74.8(0.3) | 94.6(0.1) | 60.6(0.4) | 46.1(0.4) |
|             | w/ EGT                      | 79.6(0.2) | 95.3(0.0) | 66.4(0.2) | 49.6(0.4) | 75.4(0.4) | 95.0(0.1) | 61.6(0.3) | 47.3(0.3) |
|             | w/ GPS                      | 79.9(0.3) | 95.9(0.1) | 66.2(0.3) | 49.8(0.4) | 75.9(0.5) | 94.9(0.1) | 62.1(0.3) | 46.8(0.4) |
|             | w/ BAT                      | 80.2(0.2) | 95.5(0.1) | 66.8(0.2) | 49.7(0.3) | 77.1(0.1) | 95.4(0.2) | 63.9(0.3) | 48.1(0.3) |

1. GraphCare consistently outperforms other methods on all tasks/datasets.
2. BAT outperforms other GNNs and graph transformers.

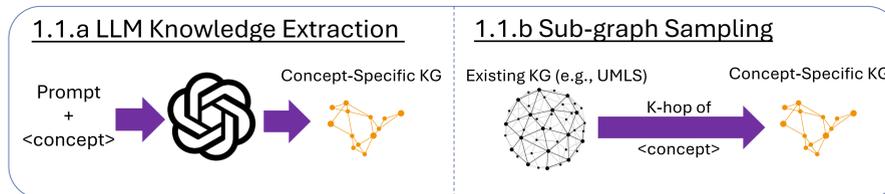
## Method Overview



## GraphCare Framework – Constructing Personalized Knowledge Graph for Various Healthcare Predictions.

### Step 1:

1.1 Generate concept-specific KGs for every medical concept using LLM prompts and by subsampling from existing KGs.



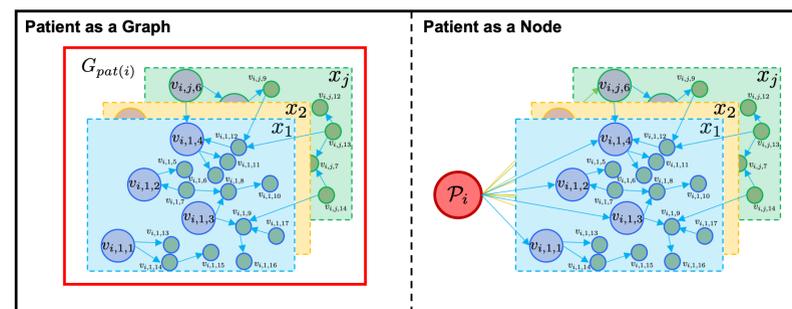
1.2 Perform node/edge clustering on across KGs.

### Step 2:

For each patient, merge relevant concept-specific KGs to form a personalized KG.

### Step 3:

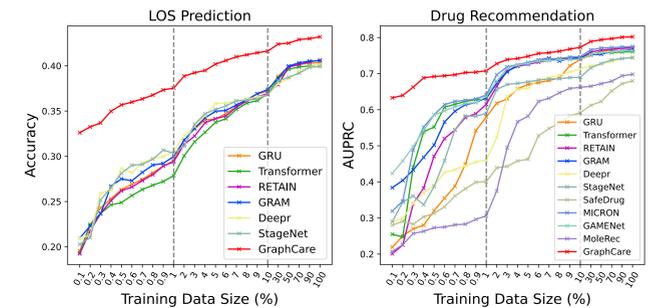
Employ Bi-attention Augmented (BAT) Graph Neural Network (GNN) to predict based on the personalized KGs.



$$h_i^{G_{pat}} = \text{MEAN}(\sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} h_{i,j,k}^{(L)}), \quad h_i^P = \text{MEAN}(\sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} \mathbb{1}_{i,j,k}^\Delta h_{i,j,k}^{(L)}),$$

$$z_i^{graph} = \text{MLP}(h_i^{G_{pat}}), \quad z_i^{node} = \text{MLP}(h_i^P), \quad z_i^{joint} = \text{MLP}(h_i^{G_{pat}} \oplus h_i^P)$$

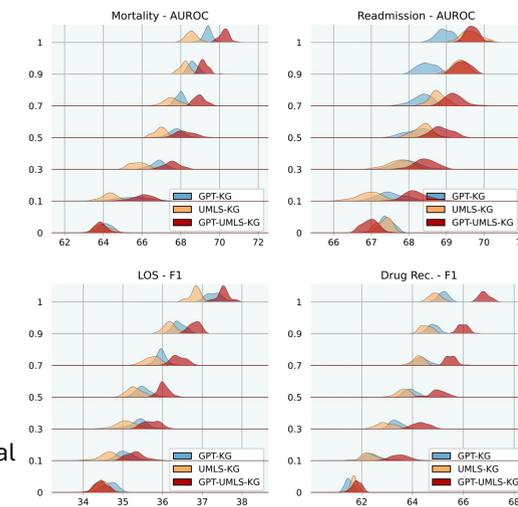
## Performance vs. EHR Training Data



1. GraphCare exhibits a considerable edge over other models when confronted with scarce EHR training data.
2. Other graph-augmented methods (e.g. GRAM, GAMENet) also show a certain level of resilience against scarce data.

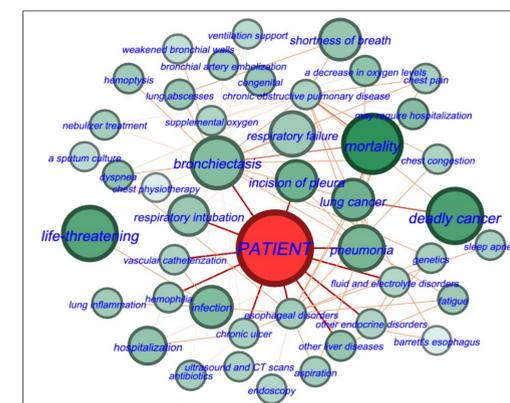
## Performance vs. Knowledge Graph Size

1. Combined GPT-UMLS-KG outperforms both GPT-KG and UMLS-KG consistently.
2. GPT-KG contributes more to mortality and LOS predictions, while UMLS-KG edges out in readmission prediction.
3. Lower KG ratios are associated with larger standard deviations, due to the reduced likelihood of vital knowledge being contained.



## Visualization of Personalized KG

Removing the indirect node “lung cancer” connecting crucial nodes “mortality” and “deadly cancer” results in a failure of mortality prediction.



Emphasizes the value of comprehensive health data and considering all potential health factors

Personalized KG is important!