AI for Health

Sri Lanka

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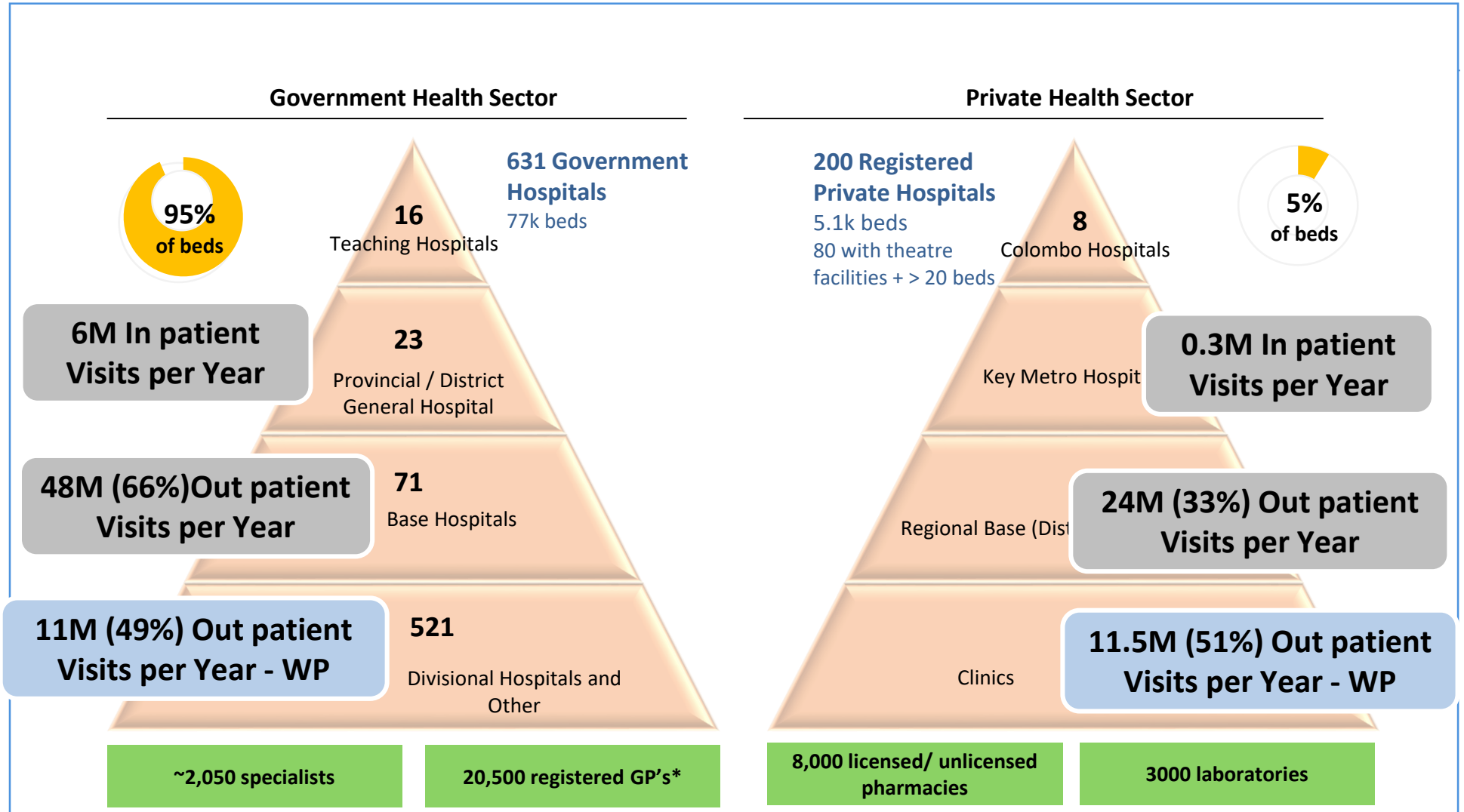


Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka Annual Report (2016), Ministry of Health Publications

2Mn Outpatient Visits per month for Private Sector & Channelling < 400k per Month

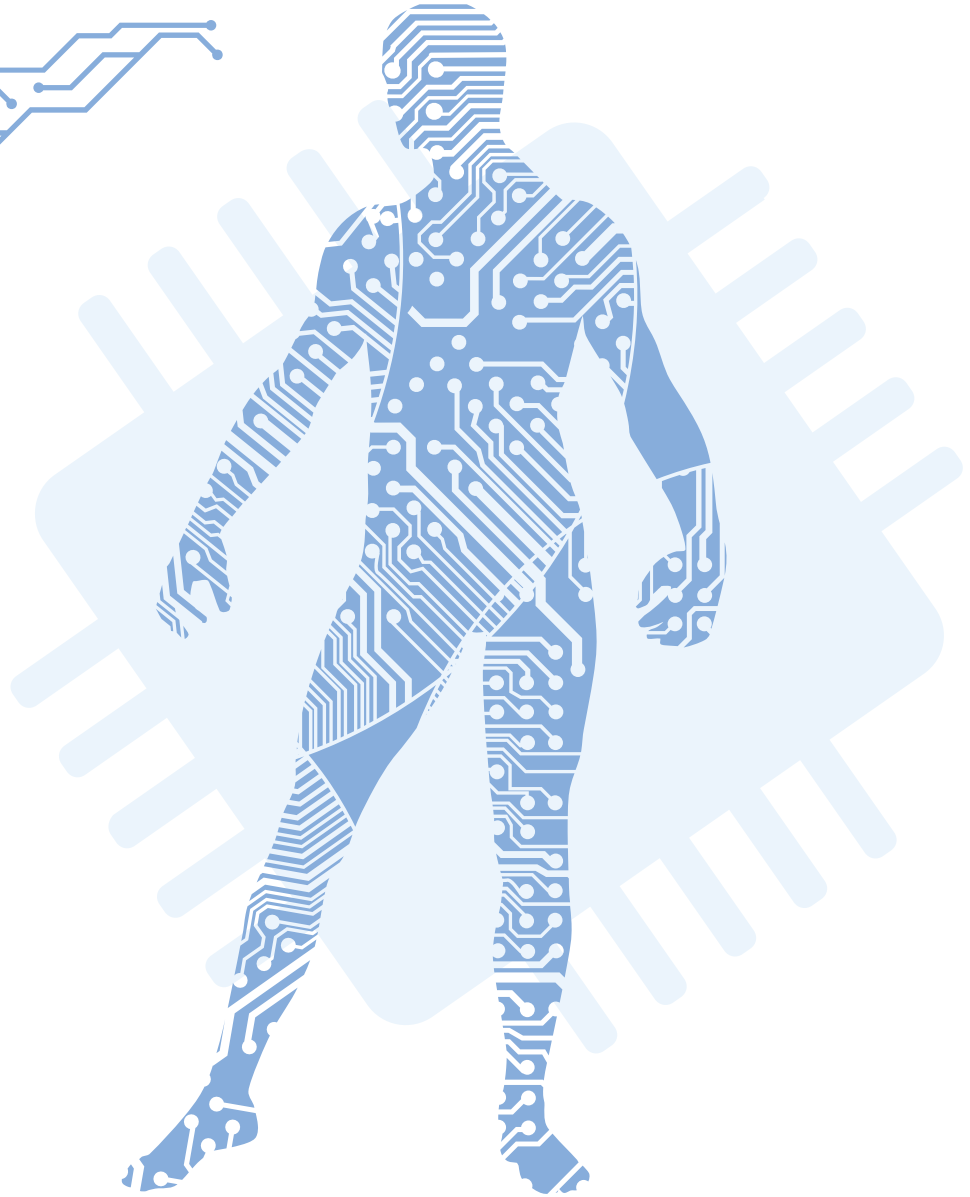
Objectives

01 Sri Lankan Healthcare Landscape

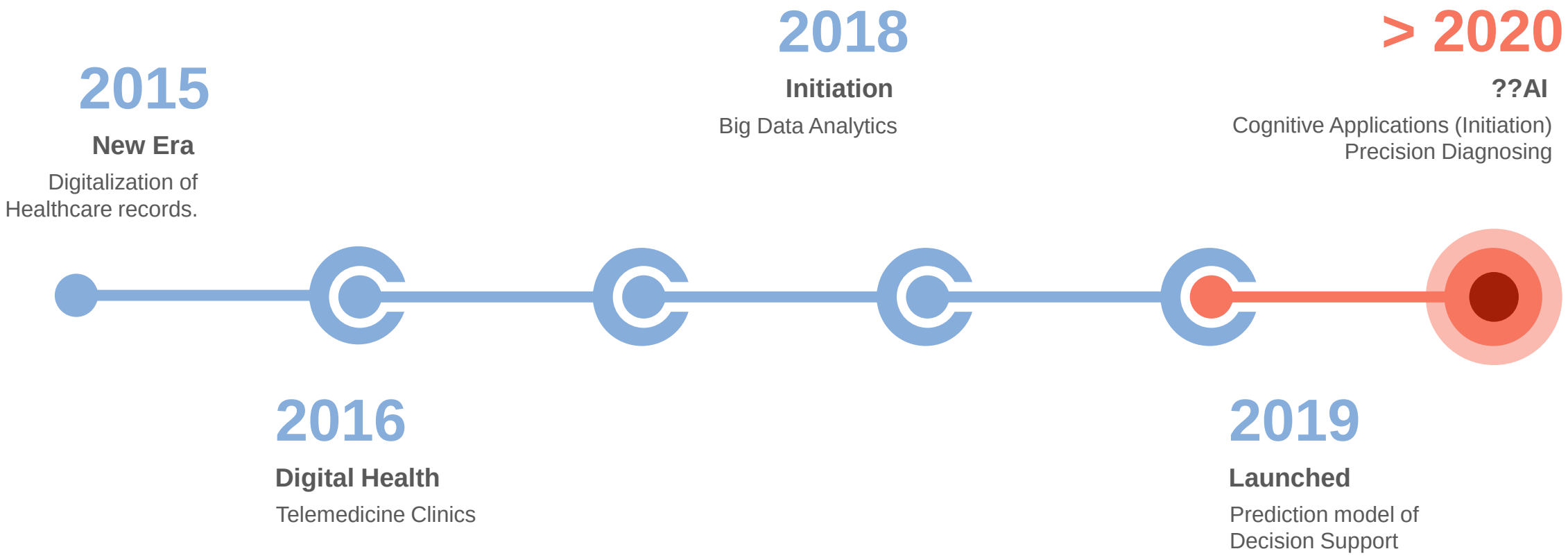
02 AI applications in the Health Domain – present era

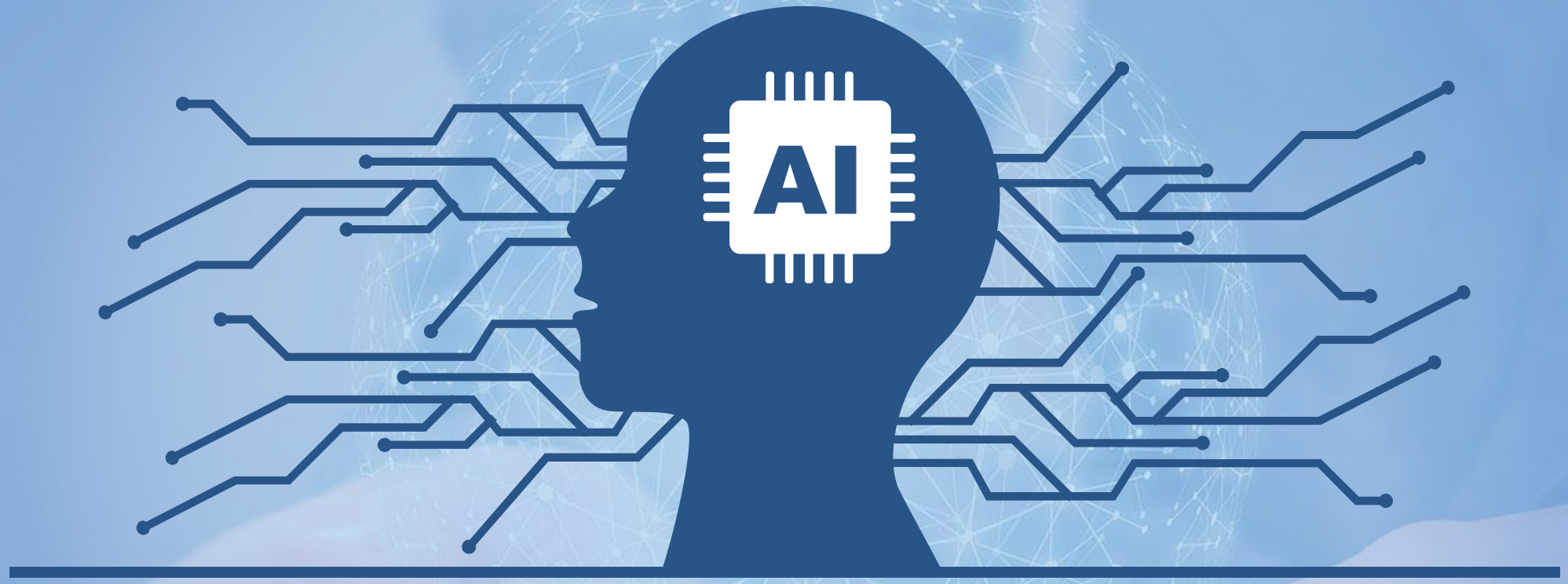
03 AI Opportunities as a Developing Country

04 Challenges for AI & Recommendations



Sri Lankan Healthcare Sector - Milestones





Artificial Intelligence applications in the Health Domain

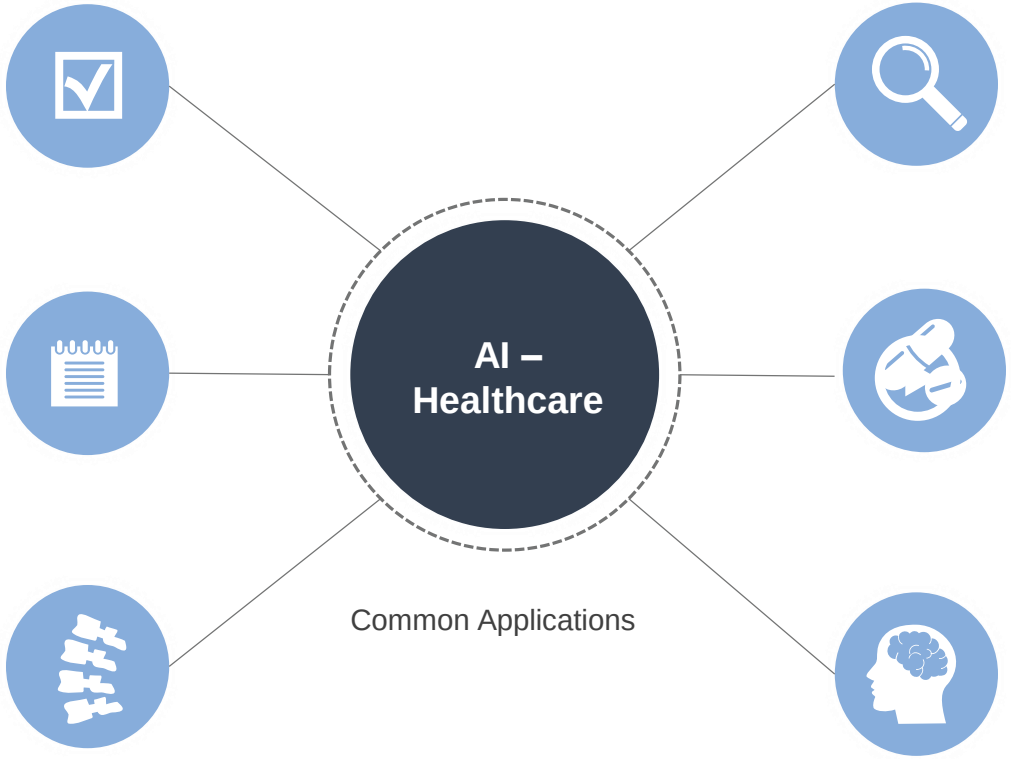
Present Era

AI Applications - Healthcare

Diagnose Critical Diseases
Medical Imaging - Detect as well as predict Tumors

AI based Chatbots – Medical assistants
Scheduling Doctor Appointments, Medication reminders, Identifying conditions based on symptoms

AI Powered Surgical Robots
Machine learning applications provide less damage, increased precision and speedy recovery



Common Applications

AI in Pharma
Increase efficiency, improve lab safety, Prevent, halt or reverse aging process with personalized Medz

AI for Lifestyle Mx & Nutrition
Encounter individual's risks for lifestyle diseases, customized recommendations & suggestions based on a person´s preferences & habits.

AI in Mental Health
Virtual human interviewer, which engages in interactions with patients at deeper levels

Opportunities as a Developing Country

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Opportunities

Higher Waiting Time

Waiting time can be reduced by virtual assistants triaging, Chatbots to solve initial inquiries, Ai integrated to HIS to provide quick & accurate treatment options

Shortage of Medical services

Prediction of requirements human as well as medicine, equipment

Increased Mental Health Issues

early identification of mental health symptoms. Factors such as a person's tone, word choice, and the duration of a phrase are considered when studying an individual to identify Mental Health issues

Increased Aging population

Remote monitoring, predictions, reminders & prevention from NCDs

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Challenges	Recommendations
• Low data Quality & less data Quantity	• As AI is heavily based on data, proper cleansing, identifying missing data and proper data labeling needed by a Data Science Teams
• Wrong perception about Job insecurity	• Proper education about how AI will create new job opportunities
• Lack of trained staff / Lack of understanding among non technical staff	• Proper change management techniques to be implemented
• Lack of Business alignment	• Change in corporate culture & fine tune services being futuristic

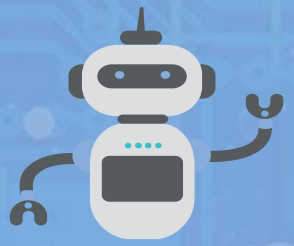
Pre-Historic Era - Artificial Intelligence

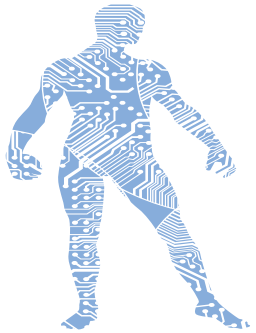
“King Ravana” – Sri Lanka

One of the most powerful beings ever to roam the universe, from the small island of Sri Lanka, where he ruled with mighty power over gods, humans and demons.

From 2554 to 2517 BC Sri Lanka under the scholarly Ravana saw great advancements in science and medicine.

*The “**Pushpaka Vimana**” or the aero-plane which he flew is held as an example of great scientific achievements made during his regime. It has stated in the history that this machine was able to self learn,*





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