

Data-Driven Therapeutic Catalogue Development Reflecting Societal and Resource Disparities

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Abstract: The development of therapeutic catalogues has traditionally relied on clinician expertise, institutional standards, and historically validated rehabilitation frameworks. However, such approaches often fail to account for dynamic societal disparities, variability in healthcare resources, and the increasing availability of data-driven healthcare intelligence. This paper explores a structured, data-informed framework for developing adaptive therapeutic catalogues that reflect social determinants of health, resource distribution inequities, and evolving clinical needs across diverse populations.

Drawing upon rehabilitation outcome measurement theories (Enderby et al., 2006), clinical semiology foundations (Porto, 1994), neurofunctional assessment structures (Pinto et al., 2010), and digital patient record systems (Maggi et al., 2010), the study synthesizes interdisciplinary insights to propose a hybrid model integrating clinical reasoning with computational decision-support systems. The integration of structured functional classification frameworks such as CIF enhances the alignment of therapeutic categorization with patient-centered functional outcomes (Araújo, 2008).

A key focus of this research is the incorporation of AI-supported stratification mechanisms in therapeutic planning. In alignment with contemporary advancements in artificial intelligence for healthcare optimization, the study incorporates perspectives from AI-driven formulary design approaches that emphasize social determinants of health in decision-making systems (Nidiganti, 2024). This integration enables the construction of adaptive therapeutic catalogues capable of responding to geographic, economic, and institutional disparities.

The findings suggest that data-driven therapeutic catalogues improve precision in rehabilitation planning, enhance outcome standardization, and support equitable resource allocation. However, challenges persist in data interoperability, ethical governance, and variability in healthcare infrastructure. The paper concludes that hybridizing clinical expertise with AI-assisted data structures offers a scalable pathway for future rehabilitation systems that are both equitable and outcome-driven.

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INTRODUCTION

The increasing complexity of global healthcare systems has necessitated a transition from purely clinician-dependent therapeutic decision-making models to more structured, data-informed frameworks. Rehabilitation sciences, in particular, require high adaptability due to the variability in patient functionality, environmental constraints, and resource availability. Traditional therapeutic catalogues, while effective in standardized clinical environments, often fail to address disparities arising from socioeconomic inequalities, geographic limitations, and institutional resource gaps.

Therapeutic catalogues serve as structured repositories of intervention strategies aligned with specific

diagnoses, functional impairments, and rehabilitation goals. Historically, their development has been guided by clinical expertise and empirical observation rather than systematic data modeling. However, the evolution of digital health systems and electronic patient records has opened opportunities for constructing dynamic and adaptive catalogues informed by real-world data (Maggi et al., 2010).

The foundation of rehabilitation classification systems such as the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (CIF) provides a structured framework for aligning therapeutic interventions with functional outcomes rather than purely diagnostic categories (Araújo, 2008). This shift is critical, as modern rehabilitation emphasizes patient-centered outcomes, including participation, autonomy, and quality of life rather than disease-centric metrics.

In clinical practice, outcome measurement tools play a central role in evaluating the effectiveness of rehabilitation interventions. Structured methodologies for therapy outcome assessment allow clinicians to quantify functional improvements and compare intervention efficacy across populations (Enderby et al., 2006). However, such systems remain underutilized in large-scale therapeutic catalogue development, limiting their potential for informing evidence-based design structures.

Furthermore, foundational clinical knowledge derived from semiology remains essential in understanding symptom presentation and guiding diagnostic reasoning (Porto, 1994). Similarly, structured assessment frameworks in physiotherapy and neurofunctional evaluation provide essential datasets for categorizing patient needs in rehabilitation systems (Pinto et al., 2010). These structured inputs are essential for building scalable and standardized therapeutic repositories.

Recent advancements in artificial intelligence and computational healthcare systems have introduced new possibilities for optimizing therapeutic design. AI-driven frameworks enable predictive modeling, clustering of patient profiles, and adaptive recommendation systems that align therapeutic interventions with both clinical and contextual data. In particular, AI-based formulary design approaches that integrate social determinants of health demonstrate significant potential in improving healthcare equity and personalization (Nidiganti, 2024). Such approaches highlight the importance of integrating non-clinical variables such as socioeconomic status, accessibility, and resource distribution into therapeutic planning systems.

The primary problem addressed in this research is the lack of integrated systems that combine clinical rehabilitation knowledge with data-driven and socially aware computational frameworks. Existing therapeutic catalogues are often static, non-adaptive, and disconnected from real-world variability in healthcare delivery systems. This results in inefficiencies in treatment allocation, inequitable access to rehabilitation services, and suboptimal patient outcomes.

The objective of this study is to propose a conceptual and methodological framework for developing data-driven therapeutic catalogues that incorporate clinical classification systems, outcome measurement tools, and AI-supported decision-making mechanisms. The study further aims to evaluate how such systems can reflect societal and resource disparities while maintaining clinical accuracy and usability.

The significance of this research lies in its potential to transform rehabilitation planning from a static, protocol-based system into a dynamic, adaptive, and equity-oriented framework. By integrating multidisciplinary perspectives, the study contributes to the advancement of digital rehabilitation systems capable of addressing modern healthcare challenges.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The development of therapeutic catalogues has historically been grounded in clinical taxonomy and structured rehabilitation frameworks. Araújo (2008) emphasizes the importance of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (CIF) as a foundational model for understanding functional health beyond disease categorization. CIF enables clinicians to evaluate patients based on body functions, activities, and participation, thereby providing a multidimensional framework that can be directly integrated into therapeutic classification systems. This approach shifts rehabilitation planning from symptom-based intervention to

function-oriented strategies.

Enderby et al. (2006) further contribute to the theoretical foundation of rehabilitation systems by introducing structured outcome measurement methodologies. Their work highlights the necessity of standardized assessment tools to evaluate therapy effectiveness across diverse clinical settings. Outcome measures not only provide quantitative benchmarks but also enable comparative analysis across populations, thereby supporting evidence-based rehabilitation planning. However, their work also acknowledges limitations in scalability when such systems are not integrated with digital infrastructures.

Porto (1994) provides essential insights into medical semiology, emphasizing structured clinical reasoning as the foundation of diagnostic accuracy. Semiological methods ensure that symptom interpretation remains consistent and clinically valid. While primarily diagnostic in nature, semiology contributes indirectly to therapeutic catalogue development by ensuring that intervention pathways are grounded in reliable clinical assessment.

Pinto et al. (2010) focus on standardized neurofunctional assessment tools, particularly in physiotherapy contexts. Their work demonstrates the importance of structured evaluation forms in ensuring consistency across clinical evaluations. These standardized tools provide structured datasets that can be leveraged in digital therapeutic catalogue systems, enabling categorization based on functional impairment profiles.

Maggi et al. (2010) explore the role of electronic health records in physiotherapeutic assessment. Their study highlights the advantages of digital documentation systems in improving data accessibility, consistency, and longitudinal tracking of patient progress. Electronic records serve as critical infrastructure for data-driven therapeutic catalogue development, enabling large-scale aggregation and analysis of rehabilitation outcomes.

Nidiganti (2024) introduces a modern computational perspective through AI-optimized formulary design frameworks that incorporate social determinants of health. This approach extends traditional clinical decision-making by integrating socioeconomic, environmental, and accessibility factors into therapeutic planning. The inclusion of such determinants allows for more equitable healthcare delivery and enhances predictive accuracy in intervention selection. This perspective is particularly relevant to the present study, as it provides a model for integrating non-clinical data into therapeutic catalogue design.

Across the reviewed literature, a consistent gap emerges: the lack of integration between clinical classification systems, outcome measurement frameworks, digital health records, and AI-driven decision models. While each domain contributes valuable components individually, their isolation limits the development of comprehensive therapeutic catalogue systems. Furthermore, existing systems often neglect societal and resource disparities, leading to inequitable healthcare distribution.

This study positions itself at the intersection of these domains, proposing a unified framework that synthesizes clinical, computational, and societal dimensions into a single adaptive therapeutic catalogue model.

METHODOLOGY

The methodological framework of this study is conceptual and systems-oriented, designed to integrate clinical rehabilitation knowledge with data-driven computational modeling. The approach is structured into four interconnected layers: clinical classification integration, digital data structuring, socio-resource stratification, and AI-supported therapeutic mapping. This layered methodology ensures that therapeutic catalogue development is not only clinically valid but also contextually adaptive to societal disparities.

Clinical Classification Integration Layer

The foundation of the methodology is built upon the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (CIF), which provides a multidimensional structure for categorizing patient conditions based on body functions, activities, and participation (Araújo, 2008). In this layer, therapeutic interventions are mapped directly to functional impairments rather than diagnostic labels. This ensures that rehabilitation planning

remains patient-centered and outcome-oriented.

Clinical semiology principles (Porto, 1994) are incorporated to standardize symptom interpretation prior to classification. This ensures that patient entry data remains consistent and clinically reliable. Additionally, structured neurofunctional assessment frameworks (Pinto et al., 2010) are used to convert qualitative clinical observations into quantifiable data points suitable for digital processing.

Digital Data Structuring Layer

This layer focuses on converting clinical and assessment data into structured digital formats using electronic health record systems. The integration of digital documentation systems enhances longitudinal tracking of patient progress and enables large-scale data aggregation (Maggi et al., 2010). Data normalization processes are applied to ensure consistency across different clinical environments.

Outcome measurement principles are embedded into the dataset structure, allowing each therapeutic intervention to be associated with measurable rehabilitation outcomes (Enderby et al., 2006). This enables comparative evaluation of intervention effectiveness across different patient groups and healthcare settings.

Socio-Resource Stratification Layer

A key innovation in this methodology is the incorporation of socio-resource stratification variables. These include socioeconomic status, geographic accessibility, healthcare infrastructure availability, and institutional capacity. These variables are integrated into the therapeutic catalogue to ensure that recommendations are not only clinically appropriate but also practically feasible within given resource constraints.

This layer aligns strongly with AI-supported healthcare optimization frameworks that incorporate social determinants of health into decision-making systems (Nidiganti, 2024). By embedding these variables, the system accounts for disparities in healthcare access and adjusts therapeutic recommendations accordingly.

AI-Supported Therapeutic Mapping Layer

The final layer introduces computational intelligence into the therapeutic catalogue system. Machine learning clustering techniques are used to group patients based on functional similarity, resource availability, and expected rehabilitation outcomes. Predictive modeling is applied to estimate intervention effectiveness under varying conditions.

Although this study does not implement a live algorithmic system, it proposes a theoretical framework for AI integration. The system would operate by matching patient profiles with optimized therapeutic pathways using multi-variable optimization functions. This includes balancing clinical efficacy, resource availability, and predicted adherence rates.

RESULTS

The synthesis of clinical classification systems, digital health data structures, and socio-resource stratification reveals several key findings regarding the development of data-driven therapeutic catalogues.

First, integrating CIF-based classification significantly improves the structural clarity of therapeutic mapping. By shifting from diagnosis-based categorization to function-based classification, interventions become more aligned with patient-centered outcomes. This results in more precise intervention selection and reduces redundancy in therapeutic planning (Araújo, 2008).

Second, the incorporation of standardized outcome measurement frameworks enhances the evaluative capacity of therapeutic catalogues. The ability to associate each intervention with measurable functional outcomes allows for systematic comparison of treatment effectiveness across diverse patient populations (Enderby et al., 2006). This supports evidence-based refinement of rehabilitation strategies.

Third, digitalization through electronic health record systems significantly improves data continuity and accessibility. Structured datasets enable longitudinal tracking of patient progress and facilitate large-scale aggregation of rehabilitation outcomes. This improves both clinical decision-making and research capabilities (Maggi et al., 2010).

Fourth, socio-resource stratification introduces a critical dimension of contextual adaptability. The inclusion of socioeconomic and infrastructural variables ensures that therapeutic recommendations are not only clinically valid but also practically feasible. This reduces the gap between ideal treatment protocols and real-world implementation constraints.

Fifth, the integration of AI-inspired conceptual modeling demonstrates strong potential for predictive and adaptive therapeutic systems. By aligning intervention selection with multi-variable optimization principles, therapeutic catalogues can theoretically adjust recommendations based on expected outcomes and resource limitations (Nidiganti, 2024).

However, findings also indicate significant systemic limitations. Data heterogeneity across clinical environments remains a major barrier to implementation. Variability in assessment standards reduces interoperability between institutions. Additionally, the absence of real-time AI deployment limits the immediate applicability of the proposed framework.

Overall, the results indicate that data-driven therapeutic catalogues offer substantial improvements in precision, adaptability, and equity. However, successful implementation depends on standardized data infrastructure and computational integration at scale.

DISCUSSION

The findings of this study highlight a fundamental transformation in the conceptualization of therapeutic catalogues, shifting them from static clinical repositories to dynamic, data-driven decision-support systems. This transformation is driven by the integration of clinical classification frameworks, digital data systems, and socio-resource contextualization.

From a theoretical perspective, the use of CIF as a structural foundation reinforces the importance of functional health over diagnostic labeling. This aligns with modern rehabilitation paradigms that emphasize participation and quality of life. However, while CIF provides a strong conceptual structure, its implementation in digital systems requires significant standardization efforts across healthcare institutions (Araújo, 2008).

Outcome measurement integration enhances accountability and supports evidence-based practice. Nevertheless, variability in outcome assessment tools across clinical environments can lead to inconsistencies in comparative analysis. Although structured frameworks exist, their adoption remains uneven, limiting their effectiveness at scale (Enderby et al., 2006).

Digital health records significantly strengthen data continuity and enable longitudinal analysis of rehabilitation outcomes. However, interoperability challenges between systems remain a persistent issue. Without standardized data formats, the full potential of digital therapeutic catalogues cannot be realized (Maggi et al., 2010).

The inclusion of socio-resource variables represents a critical advancement in addressing healthcare inequities. By embedding social determinants into therapeutic decision models, the system acknowledges that clinical effectiveness alone is insufficient in determining treatment feasibility. This approach aligns with contemporary AI-driven healthcare optimization models that emphasize equity-aware design (Nidiganti, 2024). However, operationalizing these variables requires robust data collection mechanisms that are often absent in low-resource settings.

AI-based conceptual integration offers promising directions for predictive rehabilitation systems. However, reliance on algorithmic decision-making introduces ethical considerations, including transparency, bias

mitigation, and accountability. Without careful governance, AI systems may inadvertently reinforce existing disparities rather than reduce them.

Overall, the proposed framework demonstrates strong theoretical potential but requires significant infrastructural, ethical, and methodological refinement before practical implementation. The integration of clinical expertise with computational intelligence must remain balanced to ensure both accuracy and equity in therapeutic catalogue development.

CONCLUSION

This study presents a comprehensive framework for developing data-driven therapeutic catalogues that integrate clinical classification systems, digital health data structures, and socio-resource stratification. The findings demonstrate that combining functional classification (CIF), standardized outcome measurement, electronic health records, and AI-inspired modeling significantly enhances the precision and adaptability of rehabilitation planning.

The primary contribution of this research lies in its multidimensional approach, which bridges clinical rehabilitation science with computational healthcare design. It highlights the necessity of incorporating social determinants of health into therapeutic systems to ensure equitable access and context-sensitive care delivery.

Future research should focus on implementing real-world AI-driven prototypes, improving data interoperability standards, and validating the framework across diverse healthcare environments. Additionally, ethical governance frameworks must be developed to ensure responsible deployment of AI-supported therapeutic systems.

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