

**DR. CHARLES METZGER'S SATURDAY EVENING NEWSLETTER**

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**Medicare / Medicaid sets pay schedule for artificial intelligence assistance to P Ca testing, and that's just a start...**

**"CMS payment rate established for ArteraAI prostate cancer test".  
Urology Times, January 4, 2024 by Hannah Clark**

**[https://www.urologytimes.com/view/cms-payment-rate-established-for-arteraai-prostate-cancer-test?ekey=RUtJRDo5M0NBQzhEMS1FQTQzLTQyNDMtODIyNC00Nzg1REUxQUYxRUU%3D&hsmi=289376882&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=289376882&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&hsenc=p2ANqtz--yJgJtoXhgMb-8BWn\\_PJTkCqCOKibT4\\_ChcXRZiDZFxlk2dnWHzwcRCHtfLhLlqC-UKXH0LqQklyRDI7G67WpxKTXs7q](https://www.urologytimes.com/view/cms-payment-rate-established-for-arteraai-prostate-cancer-test?ekey=RUtJRDo5M0NBQzhEMS1FQTQzLTQyNDMtODIyNC00Nzg1REUxQUYxRUU%3D&hsmi=289376882&utm_medium=email&utm_content=289376882&utm_source=hs_email&hsenc=p2ANqtz--yJgJtoXhgMb-8BWn_PJTkCqCOKibT4_ChcXRZiDZFxlk2dnWHzwcRCHtfLhLlqC-UKXH0LqQklyRDI7G67WpxKTXs7q)**

Good evening!

Here's good news for the New Year.

Medicare / Medicaid have a schedule for paying for AI assisted prostate cancer diagnosis. Check out the short article hyperlink above. Not every P Ca patient benefits from ADT treatment. A recent validation study of the AI-based model showed that the test was able to identify patients likely to benefit from short-term androgen deprivation therapy. Why suffer through side effects from treatment that won't kill the cancer?

Artificial Intelligence is starting to serve ophthalmology and neurology too. Here's a quote from Wired.com <https://www.wired.com/story/us-government-pay-doctors-use-ai-algorithms/>

"The US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently said it would pay for use of two AI systems: one that can diagnose a complication of diabetes that causes blindness, and another that alerts a specialist when a brain scan suggests a patient has suffered a stroke. The decisions are notable for more than just Medicare and Medicaid patients—they could help drive much wider use of AI in health care".

And, AI will help hospitals streamline some four trillion dollars of combined medical expenses.

"AI's big test: Making sense of \$4 trillion in medical expenses" Politico.com:

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/12/31/ai-medical-expenses-00132557>

We see medical AI applications spreading out from making more precise diagnosis of mammograms to cell phone apps to help you diagnose some of your own symptoms.

We will feature artificial intelligence presenters throughout the year. Be sure to get on our email list so you don't miss out. Register on-line at [www.ProstateForum.org/contact](http://www.ProstateForum.org/contact) or email us at [ProstateForumOC@gmail.com](mailto:ProstateForumOC@gmail.com) and you will get our monthly presentation announcements for AI speakers and other top professionals.

Have a great rest of the weekend,

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