



# BIOINFORMATICS ANALYSIS



## VISUALIZING TRANSMISSION OF CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE

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## SIX STEPS TO *C. difficile* PREVENTION

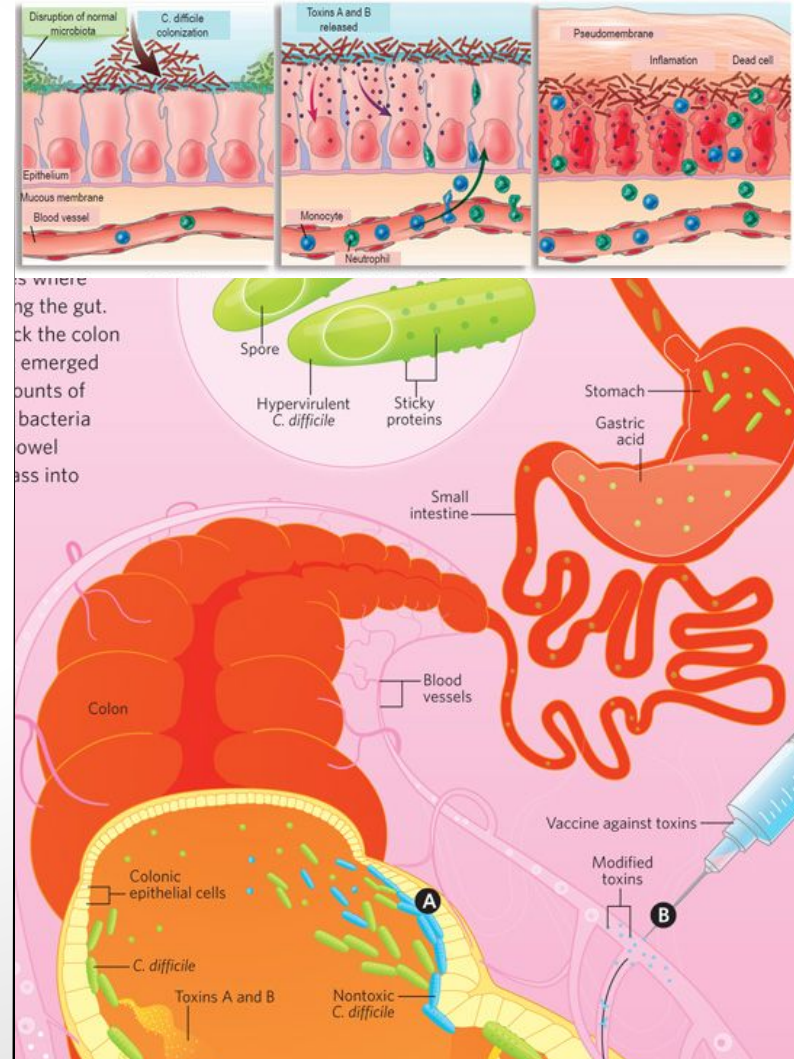
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) March 2012 Vital Signs report, *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*) infections remain at historically high levels whereas most other types of healthcare-associated infections are declining. *C. difficile* related-deaths increased by 400% between 2000 and 2007, due in part to a stronger germ strain. *C. difficile* causes an estimated 14,000 deaths annually. Almost all *C. difficile* infections (94%) are connected to all types of healthcare facilities.



For *C. difficile* prevention tips and educational resources, visit: [www.cloroxhealthcare.com/cdiff](http://www.cloroxhealthcare.com/cdiff)

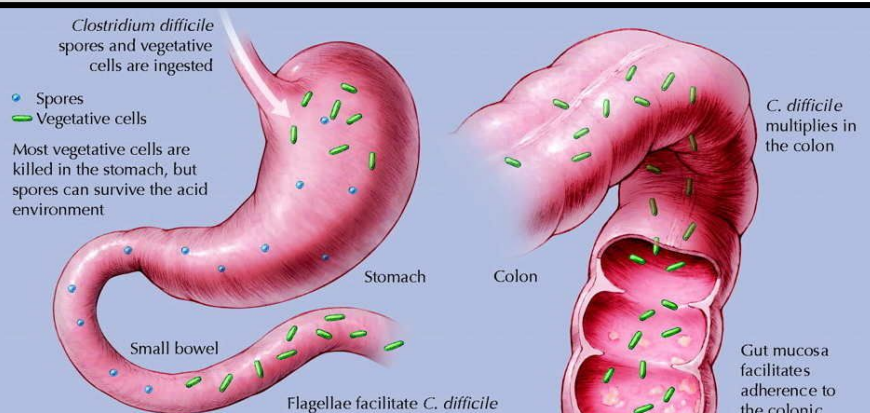
# Clostridium Difficile...

- Bacterium
  - **Spore-forming**, gram-positive
  - “Colitis”
- Infection
  1. Spores survive stomach acid
  2. Bile acids activate
  3. Latch to epithelial Cells
  4. Enterotoxin & Cytotoxin
  5. Diarrhea, Inflammation, etc.
- Fecal-Oral Route in hospitals



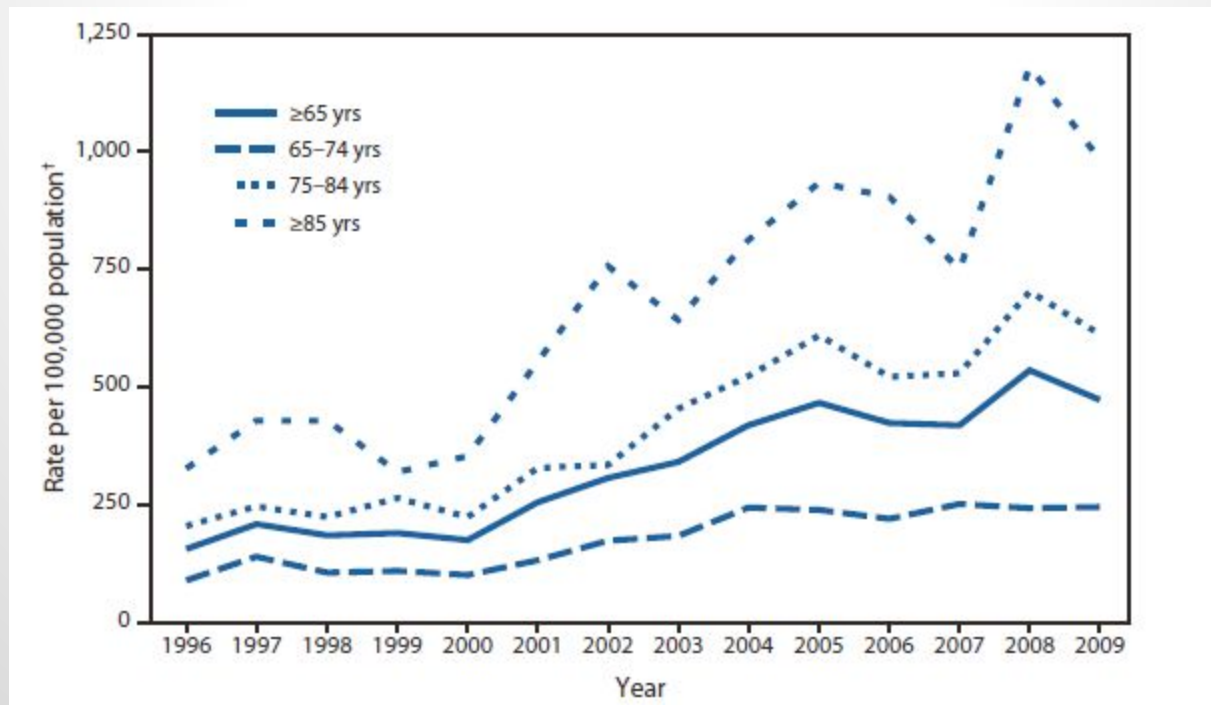
# A Nosocomial Disease

- Spores resistant to cleaners
  - not killed by alcohol/heat
  - survive in clinical environments for long periods
- Antibiotics help!
  - Replaces normal gut flora (impaired)
  - Further antibiotic treatment difficult



# As a Healthcare Problem

- 29,000 deaths in US in 2011 [1]
- Acquisition
  - 13% (stays of up to two weeks)
  - 50% (stays longer than four weeks)



# Review of Literature




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# Problem Statement and Hypothesis

- The purpose of this research was to investigate whether a data-driven visualization could be created to prove a higher rate of nosocomial infection of *Clostridium difficile* associated with different hospital caregiver jobs, ultimately shedding light on previously faulty infection control practices in the Mount Sinai Medical System.
- It was hypothesized that using the past hospital logs sufficient trends and correlations could be proven for future reference.

# Methodology - Getting Data

- Queried Mt. Sinai by Primary/Secondary Diagnosis
  - ↳ "008.45 INTestinal INFECTION DUE TO CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE"
  - ↳ for Patient's "LENGTH\_OF\_STAY", "AGE\_IN\_YEARS", "MASKED\_MRN", "CHECK\_IN\_DATE"
  - ↳ and their caregivers "FIRST\_NAME", "LAST\_NAME", "CAREGIVER\_ROLE"
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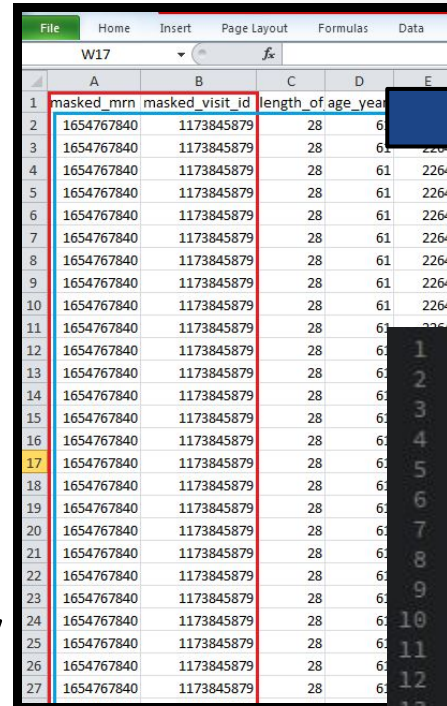
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# Methodology - Parsing

- JavaScript
- *Force Layout needs specific type of data*
- Underscore.js
  - ↳ CSV > JSON format
  - ↳ `[.each]` function
- Objects/Array Hierarchy
  - ↳ **Connections > Edges Array**
  - ↳ **People > Nodes Array**
- 63,254 lines of data



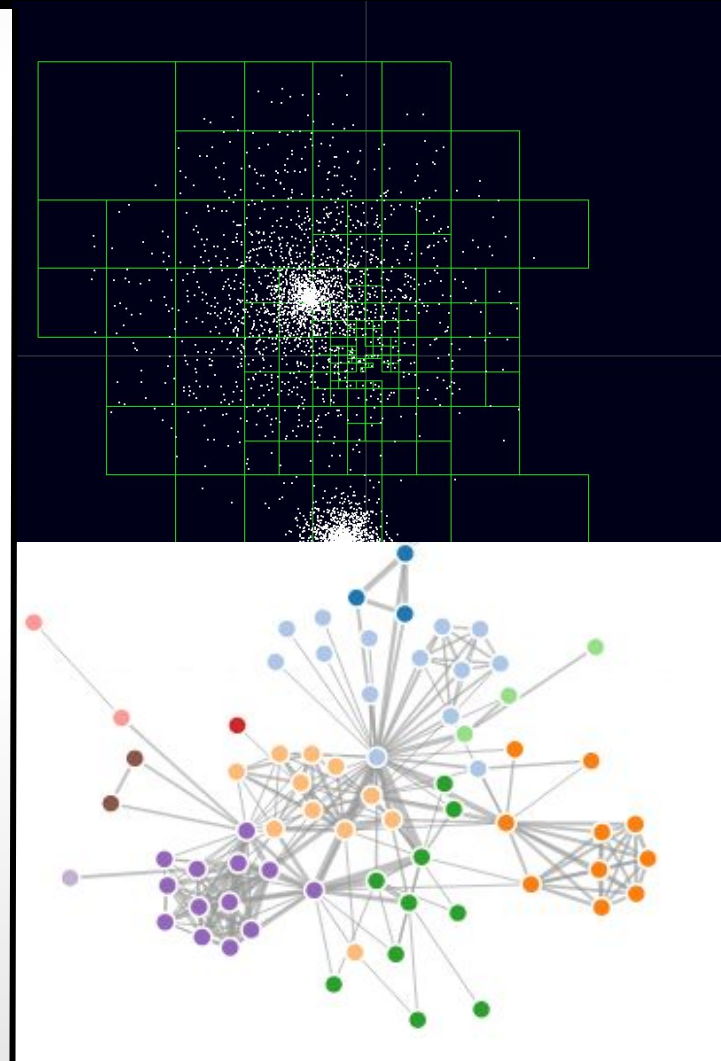
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  nodes: [
    { name: "assdfgsdf" },
    { name: "sfsdfgd" },
    { name: "assdfgsdfdf" },
    { name: "fggfsdhj" }
  ],
  edges: [
    { source: 0, target: 1 },
    { source: 0, target: 2 },
    { source: 0, target: 3 }
  ]
};
```

# Methodology - Visualization

- Force Layout in d3.js
  - ↳ ***Verlet integration*** to constraints
    - fixed-distance
    - geometric edges
  - ↳ ***Barnes–Hut approximation*** for charge interaction
  - ↳ "tick" event



# Methodology - Differentiation

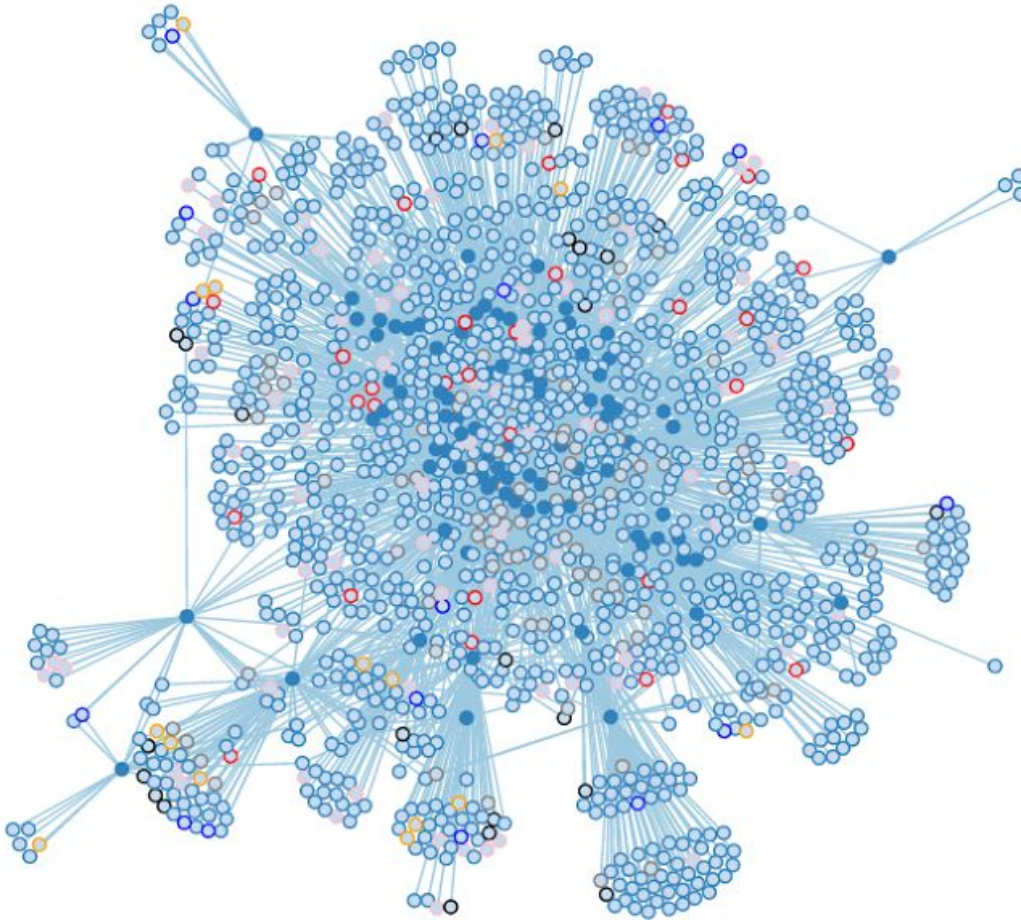
- Vis created, “Now what?”
  - just a bunch of dots
- NEED TO FIND TRENDS
  - ↳ Differentiation
    - caretakers vs. patients
    - roles/jobs
    - time
    - other information

```
function color(d) {  
  // TODO: check d.group ?  
  return d.group == "patients" ? "#3182bd" : "#c6dbef";  
}  
  
function outline(d) {  
  if (d.role == "Attending") {  
    return "pink";  
  }  
  if (d.role == "Technician") {  
    return "grey";  
  }  
  if (d.role == "Assessor") {  
    return "red";  
  }  
  if (d.role == "radiologist") {  
    return "green";  
  }  
  if (d.role == "Primary Surgeon") {  
    return "blue";  
  }  
  if (d.role == "Attending Anesthesiologist") {  
    return "black";  
  }  
  if (d.role == "Rn - Scrub") {  
    return "orange";  
  } else {  
    return "#3182bd";  
  }  
}
```

# Results

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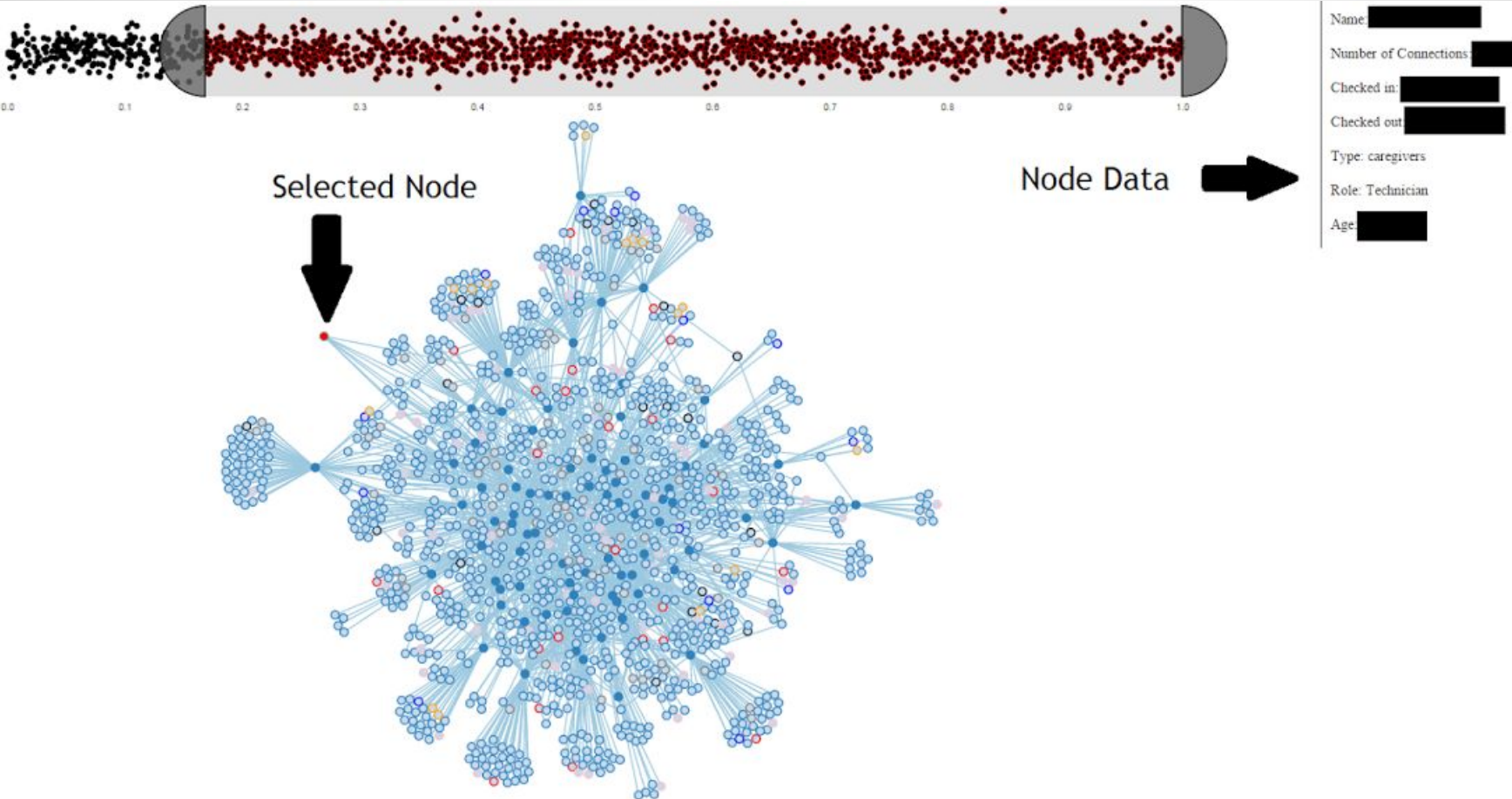
# Results - Trends



Large Amounts of  
Grey and Pink  
Outlined Nodes in  
the Center=

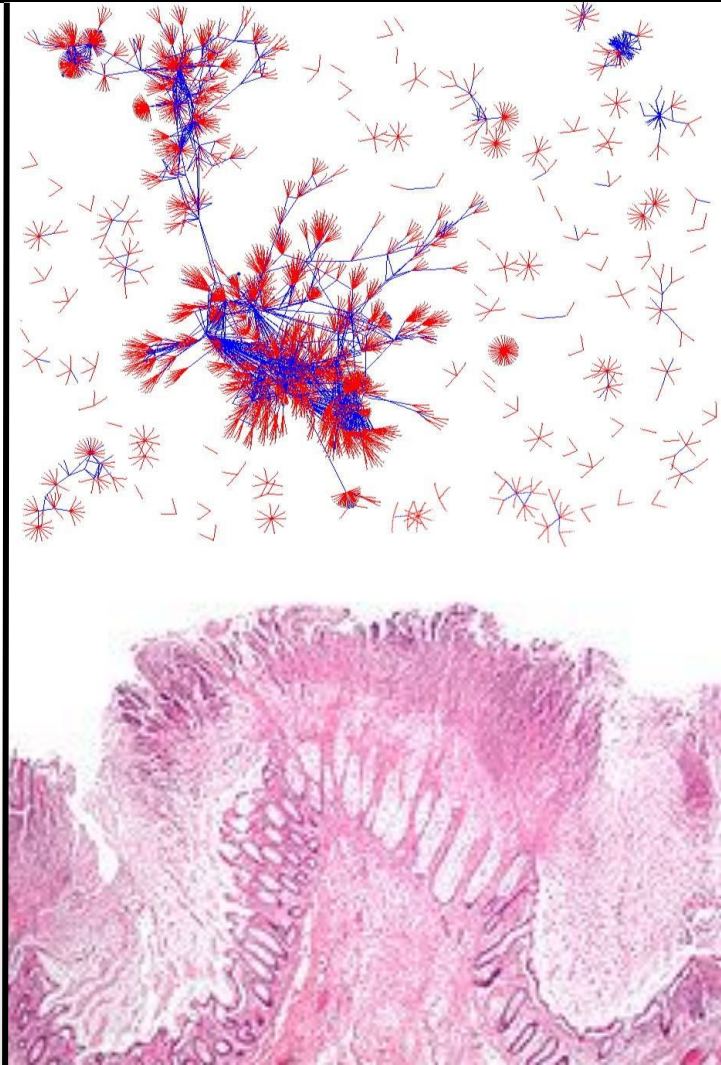
More Connectivity  
among Technicians  
and Attendants with  
Ill Patients

# Results - Node Selection



# Discussion/Conclusion

1. **High** Amount of Connectivity
  2. Caretaker Roles Trends
    - ✓ Anesthesiologists/Surgeons
    - ✗ Technicians/Attending
  3. Individual Trends
    - ↳ Quantitative Analysis  
(on top of visual)
- Future Work
    - ↳ DNA sequences



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