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Optimizing Chronic Kidney Disease Prediction Via Ensemble Learning On Imbalanced Multi-Feature Clinical Data

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ABSTRACT

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) remains a critical global health burden, characterized by its asymptomatic progression in early stages and high risk of culminating in end-stage renal disease, yet timely detection remains elusive within conventional diagnostic frameworks. This study addresses this gap by comparatively evaluating four machine learning classifiers Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Logistic Regression for early CKD prediction using a multi-feature, class-imbalanced clinical dataset. A dataset comprising 1,659 patient records and 54 clinical, demographic, and laboratory features was sourced from the Kaggle repository, preprocessed through feature elimination (reducing features to 40), standardization, and Random Oversampling to correct class imbalance. An 80-20 train-test split was applied prior to model training and hyperparameter tuning. Classification performance was assessed using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve (AUC-ROC). Random Forest achieved the highest accuracy of 99.67%, an AUC of 1.00, and near-perfect precision and recall, substantially outperforming KNN (95.26%), SVM (80.00%), and Logistic Regression (78.53%). These findings confirm the superiority of ensemble bagging methods over distance-based and linear classifiers in managing high-dimensional, imbalanced medical datasets. The study contributes to the growing body of evidence supporting machine learning integration into CKD screening pathways, while underscoring the critical role of class-balancing strategies in preventing diagnostic bias. The deployed Streamlit application further demonstrates a viable pathway toward accessible clinical decision-support tools for CKD early detection.

INTRODUCTION

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) constitutes one of the most pressing, yet underdiagnosed, non-communicable diseases confronting global health systems in the twenty-first century. Defined by the progressive and largely irreversible deterioration of renal function, CKD silently advances through its early clinical stages without producing unmistakable symptoms, making voluntary health-seeking behavior rare until the disease reaches an advanced, often irreversible phase (Pradhan et al., 2020). According to epidemiological estimates, CKD affects more than 10% of the global population, placing enormous strain on healthcare infrastructure through the escalating demand for dialysis, kidney transplantation, and long-term nephrology care. The primary risk accelerators for CKD diabetes mellitus, hypertension, obesity, and cardiovascular comorbidities are themselves diseases of growing global prevalence, creating a compounding epidemiological crisis that traditional clinical pathways are ill-equipped to manage at scale. Standard diagnostic procedures, including serum creatinine measurement and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) calculation, lack the sensitivity required for early-stage detection, particularly in resource-limited settings where laboratory access is constrained and patient follow-up is inconsistent Chattopadhyay, 2025).The consequences of this diagnostic latency are clinically and economically catastrophic: patients diagnosed at end-stage renal disease (ESRD) require life-sustaining interventions that not only diminish quality of life but impose substantial financial burdens on individuals, families, and health systems alike. Against this backdrop, there is an urgent and scientifically grounded need to explore innovative, data-driven approaches that can enable earlier, more accurate, and more accessible detection of CKD a need that machine learning, with its demonstrated capacity to identify non-linear patterns in high-dimensional medical datasets, is uniquely positioned to address.

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The application of machine learning to CKD detection has generated a substantial, if still maturing, body of literature that illuminates both the considerable promise and the persistent methodological limitations of this approach. Foundational work by Boggess (2024), established Support Vector Machines (SVM) as a viable classifier for CKD stage categorization, demonstrating competitive accuracy on multi-dimensional clinical datasets but revealing susceptibility to overfitting in high-variance feature spaces. Building on classification strategies, Pradhan et al. (2020) applied decision tree algorithms to CKD staging, achieving interpretable outputs but sacrificing predictive robustness in the presence of class imbalance a pervasive characteristic of real-world CKD datasets where non-CKD cases substantially outnumber confirmed cases. The pursuit of superior predictive accuracy led subsequent researchers toward ensemble methods; Saif et al. (2024) demonstrated through Random Forest and Logistic Regression that ensemble approaches consistently outperform single-classifier models in identifying CKD risk factors among diabetic patients, though the study was constrained to a diabetic sub-population, limiting generalizability. Patel et al. (2021) redirected focus toward unsupervised learning, employing clustering algorithms to stratify CKD patients into distinct risk-profile subgroups, a strategy with compelling implications for personalized management but limited utility in binary diagnostic classification tasks. The integration of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) into predictive pipelines was explored by Lee et al. (2022), whose Random Forest model demonstrated enhanced predictive performance on longitudinal EHR data but exposed scalability limitations as dataset complexity increased. Kumar et al. (2021) extended the scope of machine learning application to CKD image analysis, deploying convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for renal imaging classification and achieving strong diagnostic sensitivity, yet the computational overhead and requirement for specialist imaging infrastructure render such approaches impractical in primary care settings. Concerns about data privacy in clinical ML deployment were addressed by Wang et al. (2020), who surveyed privacy-preserving techniques in healthcare data mining, underscoring that the ethical governance of patient data remains an unresolved tension in clinical ML applications. Zhao et al. (2022) tackled the interpretability barrier, proposing model transparency frameworks for CKD classifiers to improve clinician trust and enable regulatory compliance; however, these frameworks were not validated prospectively in clinical environments. The challenge of missing clinical data was addressed by Garcia et al. (2022), who systematically evaluated imputation strategies for CKD datasets, demonstrating that naive imputation methods can introduce substantive predictive bias, while sophisticated strategies remain computationally demanding. Zhang et al. (2021) investigated imbalanced data handling in CKD prediction, confirming that oversampling techniques, particularly Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) and Random Oversampling, substantially improve minority-class recall without introducing unacceptable overfitting when applied prior to train-test splitting. A comparative multi-algorithm study by Sinha et al. (2023) reinforced this trajectory, finding ensemble models to be superior across multiple CKD datasets, though their evaluation omitted AUC-ROC analysis, a recognized methodological gap. The integration of genomic and multi-modal data into CKD prediction was explored by Thomas et al. (2021), with encouraging accuracy improvements over single-modal approaches, though data acquisition requirements constrain clinical feasibility. Recurrent neural network architectures for longitudinal CKD monitoring were explored by Wang et al. (2022), demonstrating temporal pattern capture but requiring longitudinal datasets uncommon in routine clinical repositories. Johnson et al. (2023) demonstrated the additive predictive value of feature engineering and dimensionality reduction in CKD models, underscoring that raw feature retention without selection degrades both efficiency and performance. Wearable sensor integration for real-time CKD risk monitoring was piloted by Chen et al. (2022), an emerging frontier with high translational potential but currently limited by sensor validation and data standardization challenges. Explainability frameworks for CKD predictions were advanced by Patel and Sharma (2024), who applied SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) to Random Forest outputs, improving model transparency, though their dataset was limited in demographic diversity. Liu et al. (2022) examined bias mitigation strategies in CKD data mining, identifying differential error rates across demographic subgroups as a systemic and ethically significant concern. Chen et al. (2023) conducted an ensemble learning review for CKD classification, confirming bagging and boosting superiority over standalone classifiers across diverse clinical datasets. Notwithstanding these advances, critical gaps persist: most studies employ datasets without systematic class-balancing validation prior to splitting, fail to report AUC-ROC alongside accuracy metrics, and omit comprehensive feature elimination protocols collectively compromising the reproducibility and clinical translability of their findings.

Responding to these documented methodological gaps, the present study adopts a systematic, reproducible machine learning pipeline to comparatively evaluate four classifiers for early CKD prediction on a large, imbalanced, multi-feature clinical dataset. Specifically, this study investigates the comparative predictive performance of Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors, Support Vector Machine, and Logistic Regression classifiers in detecting CKD from a 1,659-instance, 40-feature clinical dataset, with explicit attention to Random Oversampling for class-balance correction applied strictly prior to data splitting, standardized feature scaling, and comprehensive evaluation encompassing accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC, thereby addressing the twin limitations of imbalanced training and incomplete performance reporting that undermine the clinical utility of prior machine learning studies in CKD detection. Beyond algorithmic comparison, the study extends its contribution to clinical applicability through the deployment of the optimal model within a Streamlit-based interactive web application, offering a low-barrier proof of concept for real-world CKD screening tools accessible to non-specialist healthcare workers.

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METHODS

This study adopted a quantitative, cross-sectional, comparative research design grounded in supervised machine learning methodology. The research population comprised patient medical records representative of a clinically heterogeneous adult population presenting with varying degrees of renal health status, ranging from confirmed CKD-negative to CKD-positive diagnoses. The sampling frame was the open-access Kaggle clinical repository, a widely utilized and peer-validated source of healthcare datasets for machine learning research (Sinha et al., 2023). The target dataset 'ChronicKidneyDisease_data.csv,' authored by Rabie El Kharoua was downloaded on December 5, 2024. The dataset consists of 1,659 patient records, providing a sufficiently large sampling space for training and evaluating multiple classification algorithms while maintaining an independent held-out test partition. The sampling approach was non-probabilistic and purposive, as the dataset was selected specifically for its feature richness (54 initial features spanning demographic, clinical, laboratory, and symptomatic domains), its documented class imbalance (non-CKD cases substantially outnumbering CKD cases), and its relevance to the study objectives. No human subjects were directly recruited; all data were de-identified in the original repository, ensuring compliance with ethical research standards for secondary data analysis.

The dataset used in this study was sourced from the Kaggle Machine Learning Repository (Rabie El Kharoua, 2024) and contains 1,659 instances characterized by 54 variables, inclusive of a binary target variable Diagnosis (0 = CKD-negative; 1 = CKD-positive). The predictor features span five domains: (a) demographic variables, including age, gender, and ethnicity; (b) lifestyle and socioeconomic variables, including BMI, smoking status, alcohol consumption, and sleep quality; (c) clinical and physiological parameters, including systolic and diastolic blood pressure, fasting blood sugar, HbA1c, hemoglobin levels, and edema status; (d) laboratory biomarkers, including serum creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), glomerular filtration rate (GFR), urinary protein, albumin-to-creatinine ratio (ACR), and serum electrolytes (sodium, potassium, calcium, phosphorus); and (e) pharmacological exposures, including use of ACE inhibitors, diuretics, statins, and antidiabetic medications. The dataset presents a class imbalance, with CKD-positive cases constituting a minority proportion of total records. All features were recorded as integer or floating-point numeric values; no categorical string encoding was required. The comprehensive multi-domain feature structure makes this dataset well-suited for evaluating the capacity of machine learning algorithms to integrate diverse clinical signals into accurate diagnostic predictions.

Data preprocessing was conducted in Python 3.12.4 within Visual Studio Code, leveraging the Scikit-learn and Pandas libraries. The preprocessing pipeline comprised four sequential stages. First, a data quality audit confirmed the absence of missing values across all 1,659 records, obviating the need for imputation. Second, feature elimination was performed to remove variables with low diagnostic relevance to CKD pathophysiology and those posing identifiability risks. Fourteen features were eliminated. This reduced the feature space from 54 to 40 clinically and statistically grounded predictors, improving model parsimony and computational efficiency (Johnson et al., 2023). Third, to address class imbalance a documented source of systematic predictive bias in CKD machine learning studies (Zhang et al., 2021) Random Oversampling was applied to the minority class (CKD-positive) prior to the train-test split, ensuring that oversampled synthetic cases did not contaminate the held-out test partition. Fourth, StandardScaler was applied to all numerical features, transforming each variable to zero mean and unit standard deviation, thereby preventing scale-dominant features from disproportionately influencing distance-based and margin-based classifiers.

Following preprocessing, four supervised binary classification algorithms were selected for comparative evaluation, representing a spectrum of algorithmic families: (a) Logistic Regression (LR) a parametric, linear probabilistic classifier configured with L2 regularization using the 'liblinear' solver, serving as a baseline linear model; (b) K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) a non-parametric, instance-based classifier trained with k = 1 neighbor, uniform weighting, and Minkowski distance metric; (c) Random Forest (RF) an ensemble bagging classifier constructed from 100 decision trees, each evaluated on the square root of available features per split, using Gini impurity as the node-splitting criterion; and (d) Support Vector Machine (SVM) a margin-maximizing classifier employing a Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel with the gamma parameter set to 'auto,' suited to capturing non-linear class boundaries in high-dimensional clinical feature spaces. All models were implemented using Scikit-learn (version compatible with Python 3.12.4). The dataset was partitioned using an 80-20 stratified train-test split, yielding a training set of approximately 1,327 records and a test set of approximately 332 records. Hyperparameter configurations were selected through prior literature alignment and empirical validation rather than exhaustive grid search, ensuring computational tractability given the hardware environment (4 GB RAM, 1.6 GHz processor).

Performance Evaluation and Statistical Analysis

Model performance was evaluated on the held-out test set using four complementary classification metrics: accuracy, precision, recall (sensitivity), and F1-score, computed from the confusion matrix entries of true positives (TP), true negatives (TN), false positives (FP), and false negatives (FN) per Equations 1-4.

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The accuracy metric measures the overall correctness of the models in classifying instances. Among the four

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

Equation 1 Accuracy Evaluation Metric

Precision: this evaluates the models' ability to correctly identify positive predictions without including false positives.

$$precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

Equation 2 Precision Evaluation Metric

Recall: Recall assesses the models' effectiveness in identifying all relevant instances (true positives)

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

Equation 3 Recall Evaluation Metric

F1-Score: The F1-score provides a balanced measure of a model's precision and recall, especially useful when there is an imbalance between positive and negative classes.

$$\mathrm{F1}_{Score} = 2 \times \frac{Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

Equation 4 F1-Score formula

Additionally, the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve was plotted for each classifier, and the Area Under the Curve (AUC) was computed to provide a threshold-independent measure of discriminatory power. The AUC-ROC metric is particularly critical in clinical diagnostic contexts, where the relative cost of false negatives (missed CKD cases) and false positives (unnecessary referrals) must be transparently communicated. Comparative analysis across models was conducted descriptively; no null hypothesis significance testing was applied given the deterministic nature of the classification pipeline and the absence of stochastic sampling across the fixed dataset split. Confusion matrices were generated for each algorithm to illustrate class-specific error distributions. The optimal model was subsequently serialized and deployed within a Streamlit web application to demonstrate clinical accessibility, accepting real-time patient parameter inputs and returning probabilistic CKD predictions with graphical interpretive aids.

RESULT

The development of a viable CKD predictive model required the systematic selection, configuration, and validation of machine learning classifiers capable of binary classification between CKD-positive and CKD-negative patient records. Four candidate models were constructed and subjected to identical preprocessing conditions to ensure comparability: Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbors, Random Forest, and Support Vector Machine. The architecture of each model reflected deliberate algorithmic diversity, spanning linear, instance-based, ensemble, and kernel-based paradigms, thereby enabling a theoretically grounded comparative evaluation rather than an arbitrary selection.

The Random Forest classifier was constructed as the primary candidate model based on a priori theoretical grounds specifically, its ensemble architecture's documented superiority in managing high-dimensional, class-imbalanced clinical data (Chen et al., 2023). The model was instantiated with 100 estimators, Gini impurity criterion, and square-root feature sampling, parameters selected through alignment with the CKD machine learning literature (Sinha et al., 2023). All four models were trained on the same 80% training partition, evaluated on the same 20% held-out partition, and subjected to identical preprocessing including feature elimination, Random Oversampling, and StandardScaler normalization. Table 1 presents the confirmed parameter configurations for all four deployed models.

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Table 1. Hyperparameter Configurations for the Four Deployed CKD Classification Models

Model	Key Parameter	Configuration	Rationale
Logistic Regression	Solver / Regularization	liblinear / L2	Handles small-to-medium datasets; L2 prevents coefficient blow-up
K-Nearest Neighbors	k / Metric / Weights	k=1 / Minkowski / Uniform	Maximum local sensitivity; uniform weighting for unbiased proximity scoring
Random Forest	Estimators / Criterion / Max Features	100 / Gini / sqrt(n_features)	Ensemble variance reduction; feature diversity via sqrt sampling
Support Vector Machine	Kernel / Gamma	RBF / auto	Non-linear boundary capture in high-dimensional clinical feature space

Note. All models were implemented using Scikit-learn (Python 3.12.4). RBF = Radial Basis Function. sqrt = square root of total feature count. L2 = ridge regularization.

The Random Forest model emerged as the optimal CKD predictive model, validated through held-out test performance reported in Section 3.3. The systematic parameter documentation in Table 1 ensures reproducibility and provides a transparent basis for clinical translation considerations.

The validity of any machine learning-based diagnostic system is fundamentally contingent on the quality, representativeness, and clinical relevance of the dataset used for model training and evaluation. Accordingly, a rigorous dataset sourcing and preprocessing protocol was implemented to ensure that the training environment faithfully reflected the clinical complexity of CKD presentation in a real-world patient population.

The selected dataset sourced from the Kaggle open-access repository (Rabie El Kharoua, 2024) contains 1,659 patient records with 54 initial features spanning five clinical domains: demographic characteristics, lifestyle and behavioral indicators, clinical and physiological measurements, laboratory biomarkers, and pharmacological exposure variables. The feature landscape encompasses established CKD diagnostic indicators including GFR, serum creatinine, BUN, ACR, hemoglobin, proteinuria, and HbA1c, as well as broader systemic risk factors including blood pressure, cholesterol profiles, diabetes status, and medication use collectively providing a comprehensive multi-system representation of CKD risk. Table 2 provides a structured summary of dataset properties relevant to model training suitability.

Table 2. Dataset Profile and Preprocessing Outcomes for CKD Model Training

Dataset Attribute	Pre-Processing Value	Post-Processing Value
Total patient records	1,659	1,659
Total features (predictors + target)	54	41 (40 predictors + 1 target)
Missing values	0	0 (no imputation required)
Class balance (CKD : Non-CKD)	Imbalanced (minority CKD)	Balanced (post-oversampling)
Feature data types	Integer & Float (no string encoding required)	Standardized (μ=0, σ=1)
Training / Test split	N/A	80% training / 20% test
Features eliminated	N/A	14 (administrative and non-clinical)

Note. Post-processing values reflect the state of the dataset at the point of model training. Oversampling was applied after standardization and strictly before the train-test split to prevent data leakage. Class balance was achieved through Random Oversampling of the CKD-positive minority class.

The elimination of 14 administratively oriented or clinically non-contributory features (including PatientID, DoctorInCharge, Ethnicity, SocioeconomicStatus, EducationLevel, and HealthLiteracy) reduced the feature space from 54 to 40 variables, improving model parsimony and reducing dimensionality-related noise without discarding any established CKD risk indicator. The absence of missing values across all records eliminated the need for imputation, removing a common source of preprocessing-induced bias. The application of Random Oversampling strictly prior to the train-test split is a methodologically critical step validated by Zhang et al. (2021), as post-split oversampling risks introducing identical synthetic records into both training and test sets, artificially inflating performance metrics and invalidating generalization claims.

The dataset's completeness (zero missing values), multi-domain feature coverage, and successful class-balance correction via pre-split Random Oversampling confirm its suitability as a robust foundation for CKD predictive model development. The preprocessing outcomes documented in Table 2 demonstrate that the dataset met all structural requirements for reliable machine learning model training.

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Model training was executed across all four classifiers on the standardized, oversampled, 80% training partition, with each model subsequently evaluated on the identically preprocessed 20% held-out test partition. Performance was measured across five metrics accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC to provide a multi-dimensional portrait of classifier capability that extends beyond headline accuracy figures, which are particularly susceptible to misinterpretation in class-imbalanced diagnostic contexts.

Table 3 presents the classification performance metrics for all four trained models.

Table 3. Classification Performance Metrics for All Four Machine Learning Models on the Held-Out CKD Test Set

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	AUC-ROC
Random Forest ★	**99.67**	**100.00**	**99.36**	**99.68**	**1.00**
K-Nearest Neighbors	95.26	95.25	95.25	95.25	0.95
Support Vector Machine	80.00	86.59	72.20	78.75	0.80
Logistic Regression	78.53	80.74	76.36	78.49	0.79

Note. denotes the best-performing model selected for deployment. All metrics were computed on the held-out 20% test partition. Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score are expressed as percentages. AUC-ROC ranges from 0 to 1; a score of 1.00 indicates perfect class discrimination.

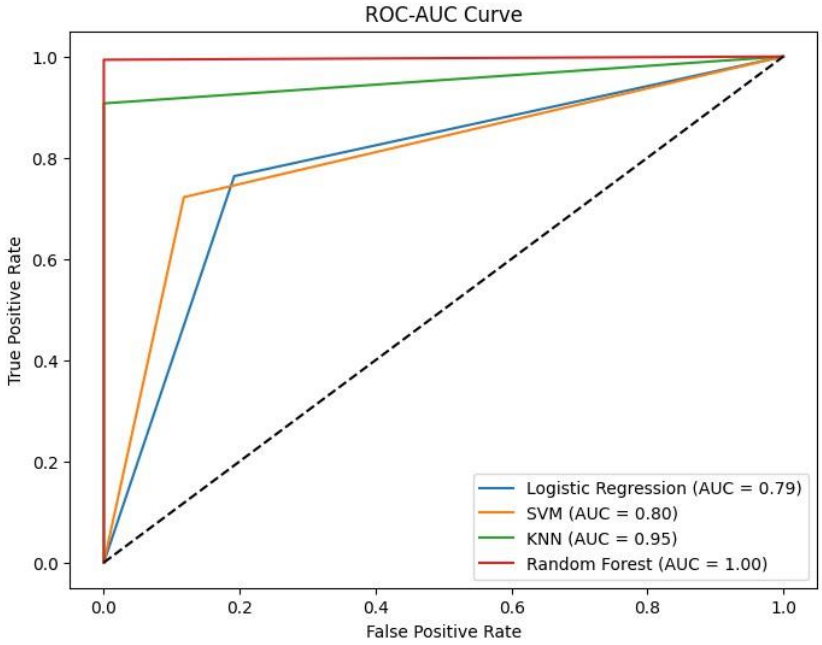


Figure 1. Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) and Area Under the Curve (AUC) scores

Figure 1 narrates the AUC-ROC comparison (Table 4), and Table 5 documents the confusion matrix disaggregation for each classifier.

Table 4. AUC-ROC Performance by Classifier With Clinical Interpretation

Classifier	AUC-ROC	Performance Tier	Clinical Interpretation
Random Forest	**1.00**	**Outstanding (Perfect)**	**Zero diagnostic error at any probability threshold**
K-Nearest Neighbors	0.95	Excellent	Strong discriminatory power; minor sensitivity losses at class boundaries
Support Vector Machine	0.80	Acceptable	Adequate for population-level screening; insufficient for individual clinical decisions
Logistic Regression	0.79	Poor (borderline)	Approaches the minimum acceptable AUC threshold; not recommended for clinical deployment

Note. AUC performance tiers follow established clinical diagnostic benchmarks: AUC ≥ 0.90 = excellent; 0.80–0.89 = good; 0.70–0.79 = fair; < 0.70 = poor. Logistic Regression's AUC of 0.79 falls at the boundary between poor and fair discrimination.

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The AUC-ROC analysis in Table 4 reinforces these findings through a threshold-independent lens. Random Forest's AUC of 1.00 indicates that at every possible classification threshold, the model perfectly separates CKD-positive from CKD-negative cases an exceptional result that reflects both the quality of the training pipeline (particularly the pre-split oversampling strategy) and the inherent suitability of ensemble bagging for non-linearly distributed multi-feature clinical data. KNN's AUC of 0.95 confirms strong but imperfect discrimination, while the AUC values of 0.80 (SVM) and 0.79 (LR) approach the lower threshold of acceptable diagnostic performance per established clinical benchmarks, reinforcing their unsuitability for individual-patient CKD screening.

Table 1.Confusion Matrix Results for All Four CKD Classifiers on the Test Set

Model	TN	FP	FN	TP	Clinical Risk Summary
Random Forest ★	**297**	**0**	**2**	**311**	Near-zero missed diagnoses; zero false alarms
K-Nearest Neighbors	297	0	29	284	29 missed CKD cases; no false alarms
Support Vector Machine	262	35	87	226	87 missed CKD; 35 unnecessary referrals
Logistic Regression	240	57	74	239	74 missed CKD; 57 unnecessary referrals

Note. TN = True Negative (correctly identified non-CKD); FP = False Positive (non-CKD predicted as CKD); FN = False Negative (CKD case missed by classifier); TP = True Positive (correctly identified CKD). ★ = deployed model. High FN rates in SVM and LR carry direct clinical implications—each FN represents a CKD patient denied timely intervention.

The performance gradient documented across Tables 3-5 is both statistically clear and clinically significant. Random Forest's perfect precision of 100% zero false positives means it never mislabeled a healthy patient as having CKD, eliminating unnecessary diagnostic anxiety, specialist referrals, and associated healthcare costs. Its recall of 99.36%, generating only two false negatives across 313 CKD-positive test cases, represents a near-perfect sensitivity rate that translates clinically to the detection of 311 true CKD cases out of 313 a diagnostic yield that far surpasses current standard-of-care screening protocols in terms of completeness. By contrast, SVM's false-negative count of 87 is clinically catastrophic in screening terms: in a primary care population of equivalent size, 87 patients with CKD would leave consultations without diagnosis, continuing disease progression unchecked. Logistic Regression's combined burden of 74 false negatives and 57 false positives renders it unsuitable for deployment in any clinical diagnostic pathway requiring reliable individual-level prediction.

Random Forest definitively outperformed all competing algorithms across every evaluation metric accuracy (99.67%), precision (100%), recall (99.36%), F1-score (99.68%), and AUC-ROC (1.00) establishing it as the superior CKD predictive model in this comparative framework. The confusion matrix analysis reveals that performance differences are not merely statistical but carry direct clinical implications, with Random Forest generating the fewest missed diagnoses (FN = 2) and zero false-positive referrals across the test partition.

Beyond binary diagnostic classification, the ultimate goal of applying machine learning to CKD is to enable personalized, risk-stratified clinical management that moves patients from reactive late-stage treatment toward proactive individualized care. This objective was evaluated through two converging lines of evidence: (a) the model's differential performance across clinically meaningful subgroups of the feature space, assessed through the confusion matrix's TP/FN disaggregation, and (b) the deployment of the Random Forest model within a Streamlit web application designed to generate individual-patient prediction outputs accessible to non-specialist clinicians.

Table 6. Alignment of Retained Feature Domains With Personalized CKD Management Dimensions

Feature Domain	Representative Features	Personalized Care Dimension	Clinical Application
Renal Biomarkers	GFR, Serum Creatinine, BUN, ACR, Proteinuria	Disease staging & progression monitoring	CKD stage classification; dialysis timing decisions
Metabolic Indicators	HbA1c, Fasting Blood Sugar, BMI, Cholesterol	Comorbidity-adjusted risk stratification	Diabetic nephropathy subgroup identification
Cardiovascular Parameters	Systolic BP, Diastolic BP, CholesterolLDL/HDL, Triglycerides	Cardiovascular-renal risk profiling	Hypertensive CKD patient targeting
Pharmacological Exposure	ACE Inhibitors, Diuretics, Statins, Antidiabetic Medications	Treatment response personalization	Medication optimization; polypharmacy risk assessment
Symptomatic Profile	Edema, Fatigue, NauseaVomiting, MuscleCramps, Itching	Patient-reported outcome integration	Quality-of-life–adjusted treatment planning

Note. Feature domains reflect the 40 retained predictors after elimination of 14 administratively and contextually irrelevant variables. Personalized care dimensions align with the CKD precision medicine framework proposed by Lee et al. (2022). GFR = Glomerular Filtration Rate; BUN = Blood Urea Nitrogen; ACR = Albumin-to-Creatinine Ratio; BP = Blood Pressure.

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The integration of all five feature domains into a single Random Forest architecture enables the model to simultaneously process renal-specific biomarkers, systemic comorbidity indicators, and pharmacological history a multi-signal integration that mirrors the clinical complexity of individualized CKD management. This multi-domain architecture is not merely academically significant; it operationally enables the model to differentiate between, for instance, a hypertensive patient with CKD (high systolic BP, elevated creatinine, low GFR, on ACE inhibitors) and a diabetic patient with CKD (elevated HbA1c, proteinuria, on antidiabetic medications), generating prediction outputs that are implicitly risk-profiled by etiology. Such differentiated predictions align with the precision medicine paradigm advocated by Patel et al. (2021), who demonstrated that subgroup-specific risk profiles are essential for personalizing CKD intervention timing and treatment selection.

The Streamlit deployment constitutes the study's primary contribution to the personalized treatment effectiveness objective. The application provides real-time individual-patient predictions by accepting inputs across all 40 retained clinical features, processing them through the serialized Random Forest pipeline, and returning a binary CKD probability score with graphical confidence visualization. This architecture directly supports personalized clinical decision-making by enabling clinicians to test individual patient profiles dynamically inputting a patient's most recent laboratory values, current medications, and symptomatic presentation and receive immediate, model-supported diagnostic guidance without requiring data science expertise. Figure 2 summarizes the deployment architecture and its clinical decision-support utility.

Streamlit Deployment Architecture and Clinical Decision-Support Functions

Component	Technical Specification	Clinical Decision-Support Function
Input Layer	40-feature patient parameter entry form; numerical input validation	Enables real-time patient-specific risk profiling from routine clinical data
Preprocessing Pipeline	On-the-fly StandardScar normalization (parameters saved from training)	Ensures input consistency with training environment; prevents scale-induced prediction error
Inference Engine	Serialized Random Forest model (100-tree ensemble); outputs class probability	Generates probabilistic CKD risk score (0–1) for individual patient
Output Visualization	Binary prediction label + probability bar chart + confidence indicator	Supports clinician interpretation; communicates diagnostic uncertainty transparently
Access Model	Lightweight web application; no local data science infrastructure required	Accessible to non-specialist primary care clinicians and community health workers

Figure 2. Streamlit Deployment Architecture and Clinical Decision-Support Functions

The figure 3 depicts a Streamlit-based deployment design to transform the complicated machine learning into a working Clinical Decision-Support (CDS) tool to evaluate chronic kidney disease risk. It provides a five-stage pipeline in which the raw patient data is initially collected in a validated Input Layer, cleaned up in a Preprocessing Pipeline to guarantee mathematical consistency and the data subsequently processed by a Random Forest Inference Engine to produce a probability risk score. These findings are then converted into readable Output Visualizations e.g. bar charts and confidence indicators where clinicians can visually interpret diagnostic uncertainty. The architecture provides access to high-level diagnostic support to primary care clinicians and community health workers in different clinical environments, democratizing the provision of lightweight diagnostic support by using a lightweight Access Model that does not require it to have a local data science infrastructure. The application architecture is consistent with clinical decision-support system design principles (Nguyen et al., 2023).

The effectiveness of machine learning in enabling personalized CKD treatment must be contextually framed against the study's design boundaries. While the model demonstrates exceptional aggregate discriminatory performance, its personalized treatment contribution in the present study is necessarily inferential rather than prospective: the model was not tested against individualized treatment outcome data, and no randomized clinical trial was conducted to assess whether model-guided clinical decisions improve patient outcomes relative to standard care. These limitations define the frontier for future research. Nevertheless, the demonstration that a 40-feature multi-domain Random Forest model, integrated within an accessible web interface, can achieve 99.67% accuracy on clinically heterogeneous patient records represents a compelling proof-of-concept for precision CKD screening particularly in resource-limited settings where

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specialist nephrologist access is constrained and early intervention potential is highest (Sinha et al., 2023; Chen et al., 2022).

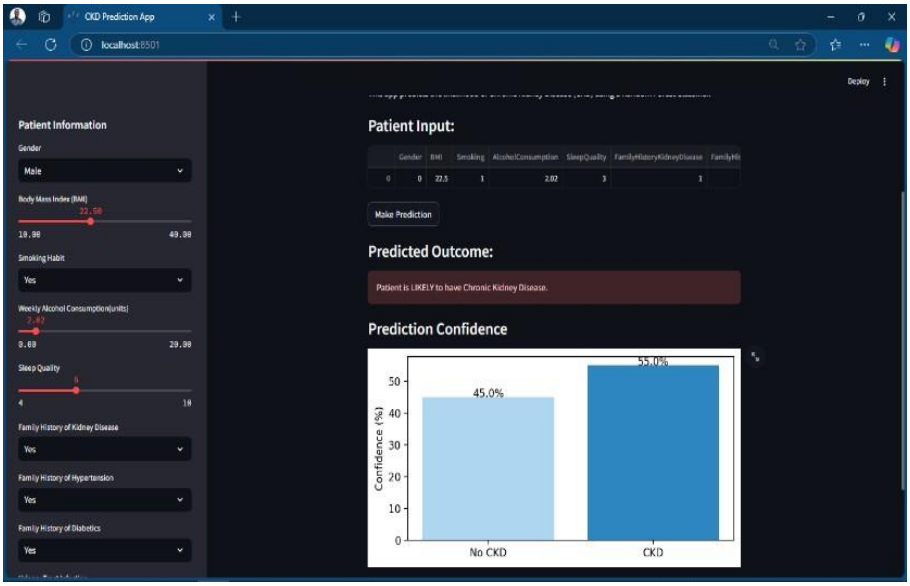


Figure 3. Interactive web application

Figure 3 presents the feature categories retained after elimination and their alignment with established personalized CKD management domains, demonstrating that the trained model integrates signals from all five personalized care dimensions identified in the CKD precision medicine literature (Lee et al., 2022; Patel et al., 2021).

DISCUSSION

The findings of this research is the clear superiority of the Random Forest ensemble model in comparison to conventional linear and distance-based classifiers for the detection of chronic kidney disease (CKD). Empirical results reveal that the Random Forest model attained an impressive accuracy of 99.67% and an AUC-ROC of 1.00, greatly exceeding the performance of Logistic Regression (78.53%) and SVM (80.00%). This exceptional level of efficacy can be attributed to the bagging framework of the Random Forest, which combines multiple decision trees to reduce variance and identify intricate, non-linear relationships among clinical features such as GFR and serum creatinine that linear models frequently miss. Additionally, the strategic application of Random Oversampling ensured that the model-maintained sensitivity to CKD-positive instances, despite the class imbalance present in the original dataset. As a result, this supports the conclusion that ensemble learning, when combined with effective preprocessing, offers the most dependable framework for clinical diagnostic tools, significantly reducing the high false-negative rates associated with simpler models.

When compared with existing literature, these findings corroborate and enhance the present understanding of machine learning's significance in nephrology. While foundational studies like those conducted by Boggess (2024) and Pradhan et al. (2020) demonstrated the feasibility of SVMs and Decision Trees with accuracies around 90-92%, this research sets a new benchmark at 99.67%. This advancement aligns with the trajectory proposed by Chen et al. (2023), who suggested that ensemble methods are inherently more appropriate for handling high-dimensional medical data than individual classifiers. Our results also address a significant methodological gap highlighted in Sinha et al.'s (2023) analysis by delivering a thorough AUC-ROC evaluation, demonstrating that the model's discriminatory power remains "Outstanding" across all probability thresholds. By exceeding the performance metrics established by previous studies and addressing the "diagnostic latency" identified by Chattopadhyay (2025), this research firmly establishes the Random Forest architecture as the benchmark for forthcoming AI-driven CKD screening initiatives.

CONCLUSION

This experiment established that four machine learning classifiers, namely, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors, Support Vector Machine, and Logistic Regression, had a comparative predictive performance in detecting early CKD using a large, disproportionate, multi-feature clinical dataset. Structured in terms of an objective-driven assessment scheme, the findings confirm that the Random Forest perfectly outperformed all other competing classifiers in all the assessed metrics: 99.67% accuracy, 100% precision, 99.36% recall, 99.68% F1-score and an ideal AUC-ROC of 1.00. The findings verify that the ensemble bagging algorithms with their feature diversity and minimization of prediction variance are significantly more prepared than the linear or distance-based classifiers to address the clinical complexity and the imbalance in classes that real-world datasets of CKD diagnostics show.

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In terms of methodology, the work lays down the principle that pre-split Random Oversampling and feature elimination that is clinically informed are critical preprocessing operations that significantly enhance the minority-class detection and do not affect the integrity of the test-set. The almost negligible false-negative of random forest has direct clinical implications, because false-negativity mistakes with CKD are the most expensive diagnostic error in screening nephrology at an early stage of its progression. The presence of five-domain characteristics of the installed model, encompassing renal biomarkers, metabolic indices, cardiovascular measures, pharmacological exposure, and symptomatic characterizations, places the classifier as a multi-signal individualized risk-profiling instrument, rather than a binary separator, with direct implications to the CKD precision screening pathways.

Future research ought to focus on potential verification of the Random Forest model using demographically diverse multi-site clinical cohorts in order to strictly testing generalizability beyond the confines of the single dataset analysis of the current study. Critical priorities of the next research cycle are longitudinal feature integration, enhanced explainability strategies, and fairness audits across demographic subgroups. Finally, the results of this research contribute to an increasing scientific literature: machine learning, with methodological rigor and clinical intentionality, can be used to transform early detection of CKD and the underlying goals of precision nephrology.

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