

# AI in Healthcare: Value vs. Hype

A Practical Framework for Evaluating AI in Your Practice

## THE 5-QUESTION FRAMEWORK

Ask before any AI adoption decision

**1** **What specific, bounded problem does this solve?** AMA Domain 01  
If the answer is vague, stop there. Operational tasks work; broad clinical claims don't.

**2** **Where does the physician stay in the loop?** AMA Domain 03  
The final clinical decision must remain with a clinician. Always.

**3** **What was it trained on — and does it reflect OUR patients?** AMA Domain 02  
Local validation is not optional. Remember: Epic Sepsis Model, Optum algorithm.

**4** **How were clinicians involved in building this?** AMA Domain 05  
Not just consulted at the end. Actually involved in design.

**5** **What does failure look like — and who's accountable?** AMA Domain 04  
If no one can answer this clearly, that IS your answer.

\* AMA Domain labels reference the AMA AI Tool Evaluation Guide (5 evaluation domains). Full guide: [ama-assn.org](https://ama-assn.org)

## YOUR ACTION STEPS

Ask for your institution's AI inventory

30 DAYS

Download the AMA AI Tool Evaluation Guide

THIS WEEK

Apply this 5-question framework to one tool

30-60 DAYS

Advocate for an AI governance committee

60-90 DAYS

Attend an AI demo — bring the 5 questions

NEXT AVAIL.

Ask your EHR vendor what AI is running

30 DAYS

## KEY RESOURCES

**AMA AI Tool Evaluation Guide**  
[ama-assn.org](https://ama-assn.org)

**AMA STEPS Forward Governance**  
[ama-assn.org/steps-forward](https://ama-assn.org/steps-forward)

**ECRI Top 10 Patient Safety 2026**  
[ecri.org](https://ecri.org)

**FDA AI/ML Device Database**  
[fda.gov](https://fda.gov)

**Manatt Health AI Policy Tracker**  
[manatt.com](https://manatt.com)

**Arizona Medical Association (HB 2175)**  
[azmed.org](https://azmed.org)

## THE CORE INSIGHT

**AI tools that work solve narrow, bounded problems with clean data and a physician still in the loop.**

*The ones that fail are solving a vendor's pitch deck.*