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## AN INVESTIGATION INTO FEATURE SELECTION AND MACHINE LEARNING FOR DETECTING DISEASE FROM LUNG SCANS

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## PRESENTATION

This project has been proposed in the context of a combined collaboration between the Bristol Royal Infirmary's Department of Radiology and the University's Faculty of Engineering to develop programs for the automatic detection of pulmonary diseases.

The development of new techniques and tools in computer-aided diagnostic systems has proved to be a powerful and encouraging tool for the future of the diagnostic field, and many investigations are being carried out nowadays in this sense.

The aim of this project is to merge medical digital imaging and computer processing capabilities into an automatic diagnosis program able to detect potential abnormalities in the lungs, using artificial intelligence techniques.

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