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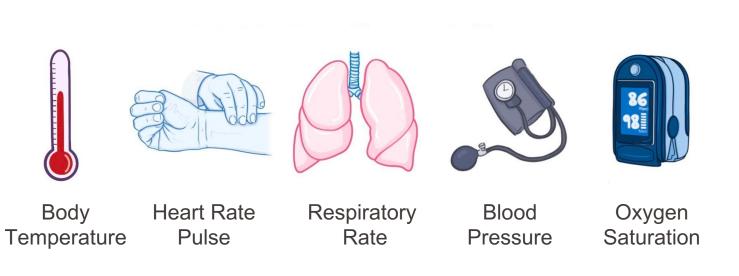


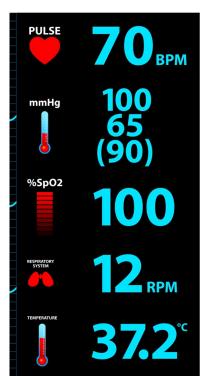
Oximeter adaptation for colored patient skins

Abtin, Nicolas and Weilin



Vital Signs- Objective measurements of body's essential functions







Pulse oximeter readings

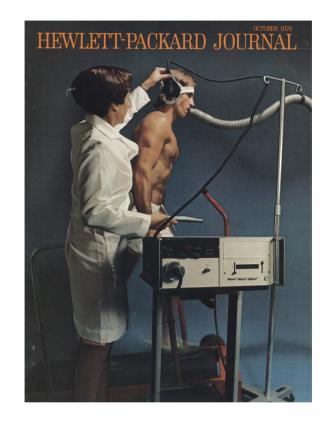
An ideal oxygen level is between 96% and 99%

Observation	Oxygen saturation (SpO2) %
Normal readings	96% or more
Acceptable to continue home monitoring	95%
Seek advice from your GP	93-94%
Need urgent medical advice – call 999	92% or less



Inequity kept in the dark

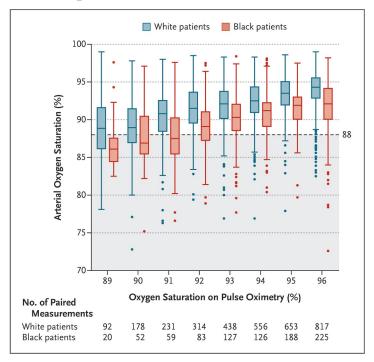
- As early as 1976, scientists at Hewlett-Packard recognized that pulse oximeters needed to be calibrated to different skin tones.
 - "Because skin pigmentation and other absorbers affect the measurement, the method is not capable of making absolute measurements"
- Other scientists began picking up on the discrepancy as early as the 1990s, but it didn't break into the medical mainstream.
- The few papers on racial bias in pulse oximeters were not reaching medical textbooks or top tier journals.

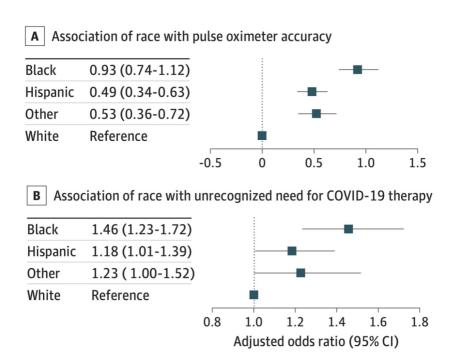


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Flawed pulse oximeter readings among colored patients can be life-threatening





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Fifty shades of pigmentation - the many hues of skin tones



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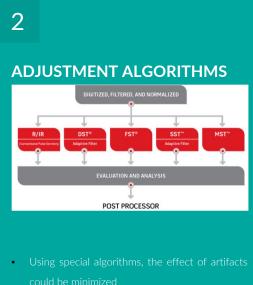


Solution



Skin Color-Inclusive Monitoring

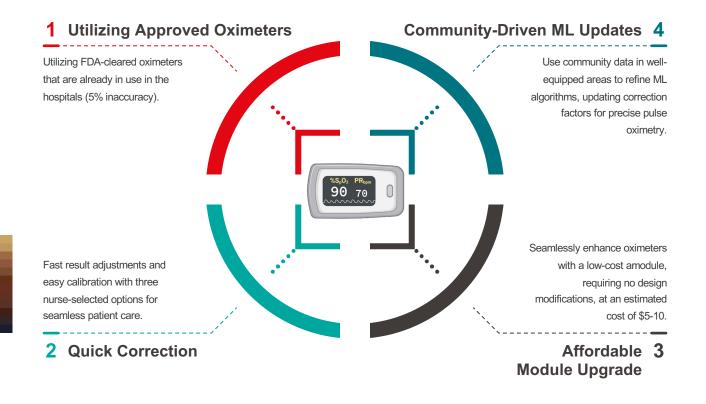




3 MANUAL CORRECTION Calibration with empirical data using a large number of volunteers Movement artifact, Hand or finger tremor,

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Our Solution

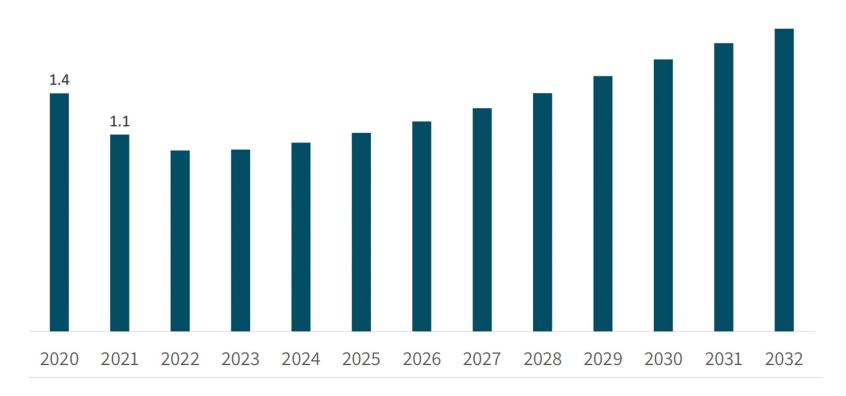




Market Analysis

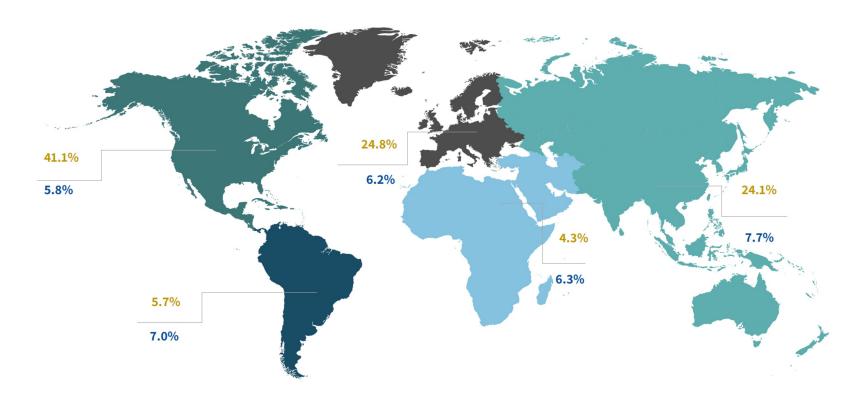


North America Pulse Oximeter Market Size, 2020 -2032 (USD Billion)





Global market prognosis





Steady growth prognosis for bedside pulse oximeters

