Participatory Systems for Personalized Prediction

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Abstract

Machine learning models often request personal information from users to assign more accurate predictions across a heterogeneous population. Personalized models are not built to support *informed consent*: users cannot "opt out" of providing personal data, nor understand the effects of doing so. In this work, we introduce a family of personalized prediction models called *participatory systems* that support informed consent. Participatory systems are interactive prediction models that let users opt into reporting additional personal data at prediction time, and inform them about how their data will affect their predictions. We present a model-agnostic approach for supervised learning where personal data is encoded as "group" attributes (e.g., sex, age group, HIV status). Given a pool of user-specified models, our approach can create a variety of participatory systems that differ in their training requirements and opportunities for informed consent. We conduct a comprehensive empirical study of participatory systems in clinical prediction tasks and compare them to common approaches for personalization. Our results show that our approach can produce participatory systems that exhibit large improvements in the privacy, fairness, and performance at the population and group level.

1 Introduction

Machine learning models are routinely used to assign predictions to *people* – be it to predict if a patient has a rare disease, the risk that a consumer will default on a loan, or the likelihood that a student will matriculate. Models in such applications are *personalized*, in that they solicit users for their personal data to assign more accurate predictions [1]. In the simplest, most common approach, models are personalized using *group attributes* – i.e., categorical features that encode personal characteristics. For example, models for clinical decision support include group attributes that are *protected* [e.g., `sex` 2], *sensitive* [e.g., `HIV status` 3, 4], *self-reported* [e.g., `hours_of_sleep` 2], or *costly* in that they can only be acquired with time, money, or effort [e.g., `tumor_severity` as detected via CT scan 5 or biopsy 6].

Websites and software applications that solicit personal data from their users are designed to support *informed consent*: users can opt out of providing their personal data, and can see how their data will be used to support their decision [see e.g., GDPR consent banners 7, 8]. In contrast, personalized models do not provide such functionality: users cannot "opt-out" of reporting their personal data to a personalized model, nor tell if a model is using it to improve their predictions. This lack of functionality is alarming as standard techniques for personalization do not improve performance across all users who provide personal data [see 9]. In practice, a personalized model might perform worse or just as well as a *generic model* that did not solicit personal data for users with a specific personal characteristics. In such cases, personalized models violate the promise of personalization – as users in this group report their personal data without receiving a tailored gain in performance in return. *These effects are prevalent, hard to detect, and hard to fix* [9] – underscoring the need to let users opt out of personalization, and to understand its effects for people like themselves.

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In this paper, we propose a new family of prediction models that operationalize these basic principles of responsible personalization. We call these systems *participatory systems* – i.e., interactive machine learning models that let users report additional personal data to improve their performance at prediction time. We propose a *model-agnostic* approach for settings where personal data is encoded in group attributes. Our approach starts with a user-specified pool of personalized models, which it carefully arranges within a *reporting tree* – i.e., a tree that represents the sequence of reporting decisions for a user (see Fig. 1). The resulting architecture: (1) lets users opt out of reporting some or all personal data; (2) provides information to support this decision (e.g., expected performance gains; change in prediction); (3) ensures that reporting data leads to an expected gain in performance. In practice, this approach has three major benefits:

Performance & Fairness: Our approach builds participatory systems that assign personalized predictions using multiple models. This architecture can use personal data in a way that produces large gains in performance for each reporting group (i.e., users who report a specific subset of personal characteristics). In settings with heterogeneous data distributions, we can avoid performance tradeoffs imposed by a single model, and further improve performance by assigning predictions to each group using a personalized model that are specifically built for that group.
Privacy & Harm Mitigation: Participatory systems naturally mitigate harm while promoting privacy. Specifically, models that allow users to participate must incentivize participation. In this setup, users who are informed as to the gains of personalization will opt out of reporting personal data if it reduces performance. In light of this behavior, systems can be "pruned" to avoid soliciting personal data from users who would not report it – thus promoting privacy via data minimization.
Flexibility: Our approach can produce three kinds of participatory systems, providing practitioners with multiple options to support informed consent (see Fig. 1). These include: (1) a minimal system, which allows users to opt out of an existing personalized model by training one additional model (i.e., a generic model); (2) a flat system, which allows users to opt into partial personalization, and further improves personalization using a specific model for each reporting group; (3) a sequential system, which allows users to opt into partial personal by reporting each piece of personal data, and also improve personalization using a specific model for each reporting group.
Contextualization of these contributions can be found in Appendix A and B. We provide a Python package to develop and evaluate participatory personalization systems, available here.

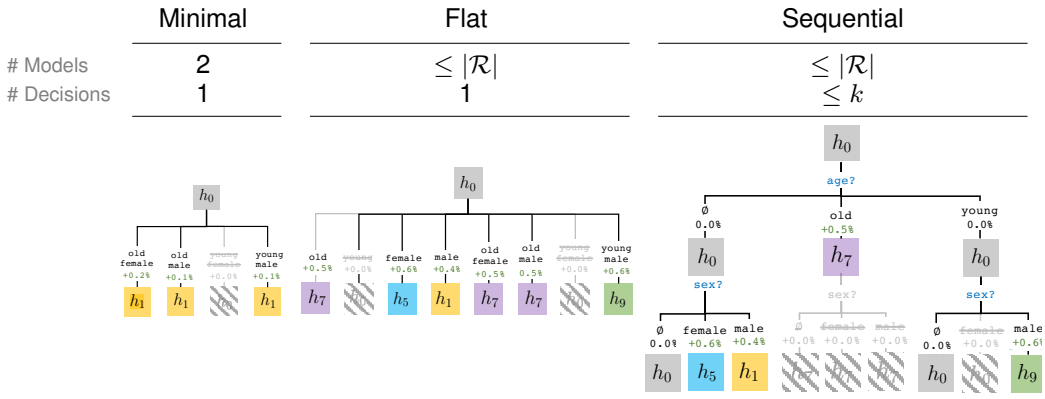

Figure 1: Participatory systems for a prediction task with $k = 2$ group attributes $\mathcal{R} = \texttt{age} \times \texttt{sex} = [\texttt{male}, \texttt{female}, \emptyset] \times [\texttt{old}, \texttt{young}, \emptyset]$. Each system allows users to opt out of personalization by reporting $\emptyset$, and informs their decision by revealing the gains of personalization (e.g., `+0.2%` reduction in error). Each system minimizes data use by removing reporting options that do not lead to gain (e.g., $[\texttt{young}, \texttt{female}]$ is pruned in all systems). We describe three kinds of systems with different training and implementation requirements, what users report, and how they report it. The minimal system allows users to opt into a single personalized model, while the flat and sequential systems allow for partial personalization and multiple models. In sequential systems, users can can make informed decisions to report each attribute.

2 Participatory Systems

Preliminaries We consider a supervised learning task where categorical attributes encode personal information. We start with a dataset of n examples $(\boldsymbol{x}_i, y_i, \boldsymbol{g}_i)_{i=1}^n$ where each example consists of d features $\boldsymbol{x}_i = [x_{i,1}, \ldots, x_{i,d}] \in \mathbb{R}^d$, a label $y_i \in \mathcal{Y}$, and k *group attributes* $\boldsymbol{g}_i = [g_{i,1}, \ldots, g_{i,k}] \in \mathcal{G}_1 \times \ldots \times \mathcal{G}_k = \mathcal{G}$ (e.g., $\boldsymbol{g}_i = [\texttt{female}, \texttt{HIV} = +]$). We refer to $\boldsymbol{g}_i$ as the *group membership* of i, and to the subset of examples $\{i \,|\boldsymbol{g}_i = \boldsymbol{g}\}$ as *group* $\boldsymbol{g}$. We let $n_{\boldsymbol{g}} := |\{i \,|\boldsymbol{g}_i = \boldsymbol{g}\}|$ denote the number of examples in group $\boldsymbol{g}$, and $m = |\mathcal{G}|$ denote the number of (intersectional) groups.

We use the dataset to train a *personalized model* $h_{\boldsymbol{g}} : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{G} \to \mathcal{Y}$. We denote the *empirical risk* and *true risk* of a model h as $\hat{R}(h)$ and $R(h)$, respectively. We fit the personalized model via empirical risk minimization with a loss function $\ell : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \to \mathbb{R}_+$ so that $h_{\boldsymbol{g}} \in \operatorname{argmin} \hat{R}_{h \in \mathcal{H}}(h)$. We evaluate the quality of personalization of $h_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ by measuring how model performance would change for each group if they were to withhold or misreport their personal data. Specifically::

1. We check that personal data improves performance for each group by comparing their performance under a personalized model $h_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ to that of a *generic model* $h_0 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ – i.e., the best model fit on a dataset without group attributes $h_0 \in \operatorname{argmin} \hat{R}_{h \in \mathcal{H}_0}(h)$.
2. We check that personal data leads to gains that are *tailored* for each group by inspecting how the performance of the personalized model $h_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ for each group $\boldsymbol{g}$ changes when they "misreport" their group membership as $\boldsymbol{g}'$. When gains are tailored, then each group $\boldsymbol{g}$ should expect to receive the best possible model performance by reporting their actual group membership $\boldsymbol{g}$ rather than reporting the group membership of another group $\boldsymbol{g}'$.

Given a personalized model $h_{\boldsymbol{g}}$, we measure its true risk and empirical risk for group $\boldsymbol{g}$ when they report group membership as $\boldsymbol{g}'$ as:

$$R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}'}) := \mathbb{E}\left[\ell\left(h(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{g}'), y\right) \mid \mathcal{G} = \boldsymbol{g}\right] \qquad \hat{R}_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}'}) := \frac{1}{n_{\boldsymbol{g}}} \sum_{i:\boldsymbol{g}_i = \boldsymbol{g}} \ell\left(h(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{g}'), y_i\right).$$

Here, $h_{\boldsymbol{g}'} := h(\cdot, \boldsymbol{g}')$ denotes a personalized model where group membership is fixed to $\boldsymbol{g}'$.

Users should expect to receive tailored performance benefits in return for providing their personal data. In Definition 1, we formalize this principle in terms of collective preference guarantees.

Definition 1 (Fair Use, [9])**.** *A personalized model $h_{\boldsymbol{g}} : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{G} \to \mathcal{Y}$ guarantees the fair use of a group attribute $\mathcal{G}$ if it is*

$$\text{'rational' i.e.} \quad R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}}) \leq R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_0) \qquad \text{for all groups } \boldsymbol{g} \in \mathcal{G}, \text{ and} \tag{1}$$

$$\text{'envy-free' i.e.} \quad R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}}) \leq R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}'}) \qquad \text{for all groups } \boldsymbol{g}, \boldsymbol{g}' \in \mathcal{G} \tag{2}$$

Condition (1) captures *rationality* for group $\boldsymbol{g}$: a majority of group $\boldsymbol{g}$ prefers a personalized model $h_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ to its generic counterpart h_0. Condition (2) captures *envy-freeness* for group $\boldsymbol{g}$: a majority of group $\boldsymbol{g}$ prefers predictions that are personalized for their group to predictions that are personalized for any other group. The conditions are collective, in that performance is measured over individuals in a group, and weak, in that the expected performance gain is non-negative – i.e., no group will be harmed.

In applications where individuals prefer more accurate models, fair use conditions reflect necessary conditions for individuals will report their group membership to a personalized model. We express these preferences in terms of the *gain* $\Delta_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h, h') := R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h') - R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h)$, and make them explicit in Assumption 2.

Assumption 2 (Rational Preferences)**.** *Given a pair of models h and h', we assume that a group prefers to receive predictions from h to h' whenever $\Delta_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h, h') > 0$.*

Assumption 2 holds in applications where individuals prefer to receive correct predictions, such as when estimating disease risk [10, 11, 12] or when receiving content recommendations. This assumption does not hold in settings where individuals may prefer to receive incorrect predictions [see e.g, "polar" clinical prediction tasks in 13]. In insurance pricing, for example, more reliable risk predictions may not be in the best interest of groups whose premiums would increase.

Participatory Systems Participatory systems let users opt into personalization at prediction time. We denote a user's choice to opt out of reporting a group attribute with $\emptyset$. We denote the *reported group membership* for user i as $\boldsymbol{r}_i = [r_{i,1}, \ldots, r_{i,k}] \in \mathcal{R} = (\mathcal{G}_1 \cup \emptyset) \times \ldots \times (\mathcal{G}_k \cup \emptyset)$, and the number of reporting groups as $p := |\mathcal{R}|$. Thus, a user with $\boldsymbol{g}_i = [\texttt{female}, \texttt{HIV} = +]$ who opts out of reporting their HIV status would have $\boldsymbol{r}_i = [\texttt{female}, \emptyset]$. In Fig. 1, we show three participatory systems that operationalize informed consent:

Minimal systems let users opt into personalization by decide whether to receive predictions from a personalized model $h_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ or its generic model h_0. This architecture allows users to opt out of receiving unnecessarily inaccurate predictions from a personalized model. It is is bound to improve performance at the group and population level when users opt into the most accurate predictions from $h_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ or h_0, and may reduce the use of personal data (as we can avoid soliciting information if it does not lead to gain).

Flat systems let users opt into *partial* personalization by reporting any *subset* of their group attributes. This architecture allows users to receive personalized predictions without reporting *all* of personal data. Users can withhold personal data that they are unwilling or unable to share – e.g., a user with $\boldsymbol{g}_i = [\texttt{age} \geq 50, \texttt{HIV} = +]$ can report $\boldsymbol{r}_i = [\texttt{age} \geq 50, \emptyset]$. Flat systems can further improve performance by assigning a distinct personalized model to each reporting group. Thus, users can receive personalized predictions from a model that is fit to maximize performance for users such as themselves.

Sequential systems let users opt into *partial* personalization by reporting one attribute at a time. This architecture allows users to make a series of k decisions to report each of k group attributes. In turn, the system guides them in their decision to report or not report each group attribute by revealing: (i) the cumulative performance gain received as a result of all reporting decisions thus far; (ii) the range of additional gains in future steps. Sequential systems are well-suited for settings with *optional* information – e.g., clinical prediction models where group attributes encode the result of an optional medical procedure [e.g., the Gleason score from a prostate biopsy procedure 5]. Thus, a user with $\boldsymbol{g}_i = [\texttt{age} \geq 50, \texttt{HIV} = +]$ can report $\texttt{age}$ before deciding whether to report $\texttt{HIV}$.

Details on learning each system can be found in Appendix C.

3 Experiments

We present an empirical study of participatory systems on real-world datasets for clinical decision support. Our goals are to compare participatory systems against other kinds of personalized models in terms of performance, data use, and opportunities for informed consent. We include experimental details in Appendix D, results in Appendix E, and additional details in Appendix G.

Our results in Table 1 show that participatory systems can use group attributes in ways that improve performance at both the population level and the group level. In particular, participatory systems achieve the best overall and group-level performance on all datasets. In contrast, traditional approaches not only perform worse, but assign unnecessarily inaccurate predictions for specific group on at least 3/6 datasets (see # violations in red). For example, on the `saps` dataset, we find that mHot improves Test AUC at a population level but reduces Test AUC for the worst-off group by -0.002, leading to 1 statistically significant fair use violation. This means that at least one group would have been better off with the generic model using a hypothesis test with 10% significance. Our results for Minimal show that simple participatory systems can reap benefits in such cases: when a personalized model assigns unnecessarily inaccurate predictions, a minimal system that allows users to opt out can improve performance and reduce data collection. We offer a detailed discussion of the results in Appendix F.

4 Concluding Remarks

This work describes methods for building participatory systems and demonstrates their benefits on real-world clinical prediction tasks. Participatory systems allow users to consent to the use of their personal data and provide them with information that can inform consent. We caution that presenting users with information does not necessarily mean that users will understand the information that is presented to them. Effectively informing users remains a key consideration when implementing participatory systems in practice and an avenue for future work.

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A Related Work

Algorithmic Fairness Our work is broadly related to research in algorithmic fairness in that we are interested in building models that perform well across groups.

Participatory systems are designed for applications where models use group attributes to assign more accurate predictions over a heterogeneous population [e.g., clinical decision support and precision medicine; 14, 15, 16]. Several works discuss the need for models to account for group membership in this setting [see e.g., 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24], noting that it is otherwise impossible for a model to perform equally well for all groups.

Participatory systems are designed to ensure the "fair use" of group attributes [9, 23]. Fair use conditions are preference-based notions of group fairness that incentivize truthful self-reporting for all groups who report personal data [see e.g., 17, 25, 26, 27, for other preference-based notions of fairness]. These conditions differ from the traditional goal of equalizing performance across groups [see 17, 23, for a discussion]. The latter goal – *parity* – is an ill-suited for personalization because methods to achieve parity can equalize performance by reducing performance for groups who perform well, rather than by improving performance for groups who perform poorly [28, 29, 30, 31].

Personalization We study personalization for prediction models with *group attributes* – i.e., categorical attributes encode personal characteristics. There is an extensive body of literature on predictive modeling with categorical data [see e.g., 24, 32, 33], as well as stream of research on new techniques for personalization with categorical attributes – e.g., methods to train models with higher-order interaction effects [34, 35, 36] or recursively partitioning data [37, 38, 39, 40]. Although the use of personal data in prediction models often stems from the belief that personalization can only improve performance, few works evaluate the gains from personalization and those that do often measure the gains at a population level rather than a group level [41, 42].

Data Privacy & Consent Participatory systems support key principles of responsible data use articulated in modern legislation – see e.g., guidelines in the OECD [43], GDPR [8], and California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 [44]. These include principles like *collection limitation* (i.e., data should be collected with the consent of a data subject, and restricted to only what is necessary) and *purpose specification* (i.e., the purpose of data collection should be made clear to users). A substantial body of work highlights the broader need for this functionality from the perspective of data subjects. For example, recent work shows that individuals care deeply about their ability to control personal data [45, 46, 47], that individual preferences with regards to sharing personal data varies considerably [48, 49], and that individuals face different costs in collecting, disclosing, or leaking information [50, 51, 52, 53, 54]. In effect, these findings show that we should not assume that data subjects would consent to sharing their personal data even in settings with legal protections [see e.g, 55, who show that underrepresented groups do not consent to report their demographic data in clinical settings].

B Informing Consent

Participatory systems can inform consent by providing users with precise information on how their decision to provide or withhold personal data their predictions and expected performance. In general, this information will change across applications – as the content and format of this information will depend on: (1) the performance metric for the task at hand, the type of participatory system, and the numeracy and technical expertise of users. In an online medical diagnostic built to output accurate "yes-or-no" predictions, for example, users would see how opting into personalization would change their prediction and their expected change in out-of-sample error. In an online medical risk assessment built to output reliable risk predictions, users would see how opting into personalization changes their risk prediction and their expected change in out-of-sample calibration error.

This information shown to users should reflect the uncertainty in estimation [see e.g., 56, 57]. Moreover, it should be tailored to technical expertise of users who interact with the systems. In settings where the diagnostic is soliciting information from patients, participatory systems should be grounded in best practices from uncertainty quantification and risk communication [58, 59, 60, 61, 62]. If the patient were assisted by a physician, however, we may be able to present information that is more technical.

While our approach can provide flexibility to practitioners in how they compute and present these quantities, we cannot ensure users who consent are truly informed.

C Learning Participatory Systems

In this section, we describe a model-agnostic procedure to learn participatory systems.

C.1 Representation

We represent the participatory systems in Fig. 1 as *reporting trees*. Each reporting tree consists of nodes that specify the personalized model assigned to a specific reporting group. The tree starts with a generic model at its root, branching out as users opt in or out of reporting personal data. The depth of each tree reflects the number of *reporting decisions* for a user. A flat system, which allows users to make 1 opt-in/out decision, corresponds to a p-ary tree of depth 1 with $p = |\mathcal{R}|$ leaves. A sequential system, which allows users to up to k consecutive opt-in/out decisions, corresponds to a v-ary tree with depth k where k is the number of group attributes and $v := \max_t |\mathcal{G}_t|$ is the maximum number of values for any group attribute.

C.2 Procedure

We present a model-agnostic procedure to construct participatory systems in Algorithm 1. The input to the system is a pool of candidate models and a validation dataset that is used for assigning and pruning routines. The procedure consists of three routines: (1) enumerate all possible trees (Step 1); (2) assign a model to each node within the tree (Step 3); (3) prune the trees for data minimization (Step 4). Sequential systems are built using all three routines, while Flat and Minimal systems only require Assignment and Pruning. In what follows, we describe these routines in greater detail.

Algorithm 1 Learning Participatory Systems

Input: $\mathcal{D} = \{(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{g}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ — validation dataset
Input: $\mathcal{M} : \{h : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \to \mathcal{Y}\}$ — pool of candidate models
1: $\mathcal{T} \leftarrow \mathsf{EnumerateTrees}(\mathcal{G})$ — *generate all reporting trees*
2: **for** $T \in \mathcal{T}$ **do** — *v-ary trees of models*
3: $\quad T \leftarrow \mathsf{AssignModels}(T, \mathcal{M})$ — *assign models based on*
4: $\quad$ **repeat**
5: $\quad\quad$ **for** $\boldsymbol{r} \in \mathsf{leaves}(T)$ **do** — *each tree is an ordering of reporting groups*
6: $\quad\quad\quad T \leftarrow \mathsf{Prune}(T, \boldsymbol{r})$ — *prune models based on*
7: $\quad\quad$ **end for**
8: $\quad$ **until** no leaves are pruned
9: **end for**
Output $\mathcal{T}$, collection of participatory systems for all reporting groups $\boldsymbol{r} \in \mathcal{R}$

Generating Candidate Models We generate a pool of personalized models $h : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \to \mathcal{Y}$ that can be assigned to nodes in a reporting tree. This pool should contain a generic model h_0 that can be assigned to groups who opt out of reporting all attributes. In practice, we generate the pool by fitting multiple models for each reporting option – i.e., each 2^k distinct combination of group attributes that a user could report. The models account for group membership using different personalization techniques (e.g., a one-hot encoding of group attributes, a one-hot encoding of intersectional groups, and variants of these with first degree interaction terms). By default, we include a "decoupled model" for each reporting group that is fit using only data for that group, as such models can perform well on heterogeneous subgroups [9, 18, 23].

Enumerating Reporting Trees We design a custom algorithm for the EnumerateTrees routine in Step 1 (see Appendix H). This routine is only used for sequential systems since the reporting tree is fixed for minimal and flat systems. Our algorithm enumerates all k-ary trees that obey user-specified constraints on ordering and data availability. Thus, one could enforce an ordering constraint to require the trees to solicit lab tests last, allowing patients to avoid lab tests based on other personal characteristics. When used to enumerate the k-ary trees for a sequential system, it outputs all possible v-vary trees. For a dataset with 3 binary group attributes $\mathcal{G} = \texttt{sex} \times \texttt{age\_group} \times \texttt{blood\_type}$, $\mathcal{T}$

would contain $3^1 \times 2^3 \times 1^9 = 24$ possible 3-ary trees of depth 3. Our routine can scale to datasets with ≤ 8 group attributes, but does not scale beyond this task. In effect, enumeration p-ary trees is intractable as the number of group attributes increases as the number of possible trees is upper bounded by $|\mathcal{T}| \leq \prod_{i=1}^{k} i^{v^{k-i}}$.

Assigning Models to Reporting Groups We assign each reporting group a model using the AssignModels routine in Step 3. Given a reporting group, we consider all models in the pool that require any subset of personal data that a user could report. Thus, a group who reports `age` and `sex` could be assigned a model that requires `age`, `sex`, both, or neither. This implies that we can always assign the generic model to any reporting group, meaning that every system performs at least as well as a generic model in terms of the assignment metric. By default, we assign each reporting group a model from $\mathcal{M}$ that optimizes out-of-sample performance based on a user-specified metric (e.g., 5-CV AUC). This rule can be customized to account for other criteria based on training data (e.g., one can filter $\mathcal{M}$ so that we only consider models that generalize).

Pruning for Data Minimization Algorithm 1 may output trees where it might not make sense for a specific reporting group to report personal data. This could happen in two ways:

1. A tree could assign the same model to a pair of nested reporting groups, which would correspond to a participatory system in which a group who reports personal data receives the same predictions (see e.g., a tree that assigns a generic model to $[\texttt{female}, \emptyset]$ and $[\texttt{female}, \texttt{young}]$ in Fig. 1).
2. A tree could also assign distinct models to a pair of nested groups, which would correspond to a participatory system where a model would report personal only to receive predictions that are expected to reduce performance (see e.g., Fig. 1, where $[\texttt{female}, \texttt{young}]$ receives better performance from the generic model h_0 in the flat system).

In line 4, we Prune each tree to ensure that the corresponding participatory system does not solicit data in such cases. The routine prunes a tree where a leaf that is assigned the same model as its parent by simply checking the assignment (to ensure that the participatory system will not assign the same predictions). In addition, the routine prunes a tree where a leaf that is assigned a model that performs worse than its parent (to ensure that the participatory system only solicits data that can improve predictions). In the latter case, the decision to prune is based on a one-sided hypothesis test that checks if group $\boldsymbol{g}$ prefers the parent model h to the model at the leaf h':

$$H_0 : R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h) \leq R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h') \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_A : R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h) > R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h') \tag{3}$$

Here, the null hypothesis H_0 assumes that a group prefers the parent model h over the model at the leaf h'. Thus, we reject H_0 when there is enough evidence to suggest that h' performs better for $\boldsymbol{g}$ on a held-out dataset. The testing procedure varies based on the performance metric used to evaluate the gains of personalization. In general, we can apply a bootstrap hypothesis test [63], or choose a more powerful test for common performance metrics [see e.g., the McNemar test for accuracy 64]. In settings where we must test for gains multiple times, we can control for the false discovery rate using a standard Bonferroni correction [65], which is suitable even for non-independent tests.

Discussion Model developers can easily customize the system by swapping out the criteria used to fit a pool of candidate models, to assign models to groups, and to prune trees. This flexibility provides some ability to deal with real-world constraints in training and hosting multiple models. In such cases, one can minimal system which only requires training and hosting one additional model. If hosting is not a constraint, then developers can also train flat and sequential systems by limiting the number of component models to match their training constraints. In terms of scalability, the primary bottleneck in building participatory systems is data rather than computation. In a setting with $k = 20$ binary attributes, for example, we could have – at most – 2^{20} intersectional groups and $(2+1)^{20}$ reporting groups. Assuming 30 samples per intersectional group, we would need $\approx$ 30M samples to build a participatory system with $k = 20$ binary attributes.

D Experiment Setup

Datasets We consider six datasets for clinical decision support shown in Table 1 that include group attributes such as sex, age group, or HIV status. We focus on clinical prediction models since

they currently require users to report various kinds of personal data that should be optional (e.g., characteristics that are protected, self-reported, sensitive, or costly). We minimally process each dataset to handle missing data, binarize categorical features, and repair class imbalances at the group level. We split each dataset into training sample (60%) used to train models, a validation sample (20%) used to assign and prune models, and a test sample (20%) used to evaluate performance.

Methods We use each dataset to fit 6 kinds of personalized models: (1) 1Hot, a model fit with a one-hot encoding of group attributes; (2) mHot, a model fit with a one-hot encoding of intersectional groups; (3) Impute, a 1Hot model where users can opt out of personalization by imputing their group membership; (4) Minimal, a minimal system composed of 1Hot and its generic counterpart; (5) Flat, a flat system composed of 1Hot, mHot, and their generic counterparts; and (5) Seq: a sequential system composed of 1Hot, mHot, and their generic counterparts. We fit all models – i.e., the personalized models and the components of participatory systems – from a single hypothesis class. We report results for logistic regression, and defer results for random forests to Appendix E.[1]

Metrics We evaluate each model or system in terms of six metrics listed below. We measure performance and gains on a held-out test dataset. We assume that users report all their group attributes when they cannot opt out (e.g., for 1Hot, mHot). When a model or system does allow users to opt out, we assume that users will report their group attributes when it strictly improves performance for their reporting group as per Assumption 2 (i.e., a positive gain in terms of a performance metric on validation data).

Overall Performance: The population-level performance of a personalized system/model:. This is computed as a weighted average over all intersectional groups: $\sum_{\boldsymbol{g}\in\mathcal{G}} \frac{1}{n_{\boldsymbol{g}}} R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}})$.

Overall Gain: The population-level gain in performance of a personalized system/model over its generic counterpart: $\sum_{\boldsymbol{g}\in\mathcal{G}} \frac{1}{n_{\boldsymbol{g}}} (R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_0) - R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}}))$.

Group Gains: The range of group-level gains of a personalized system/model over its generic counterpart across all groups: $[\min_{g\in\mathcal{G}} R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_0) - R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}}), \max_{g\in\mathcal{G}} R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_0) - R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}})]$.

 # Violations: The number of reporting groups that receive unnecessarily poor predictions by a personalized system/model. We check this for each reporting group using the one-sided hypothesis test in Eq. (3) with $H_0 : R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_{\boldsymbol{g}}) \leq R_{\boldsymbol{g}}(h_0)$. We use a bootstrap hypothesis test with 100 resamples, and count a violation if we reject H_0 at 10% significance.

Data Reduction: The number of attributes that a system/model will not request from an average user: $\sum_{\boldsymbol{g}\in\mathcal{G}} \frac{1}{n_{\boldsymbol{g}}} A_{\boldsymbol{g}}/A_{h_{\boldsymbol{g}}}$. Here, $A_{h_{\boldsymbol{g}}}$ is the number of attributes requested by a system/model for group $\boldsymbol{g}$, and $A_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ is the maximum number of attributes that $\boldsymbol{g}$ could report.

Opportunity for Informed Consent: The number of opt-in decisions that a system/model provides an average user: $\sum_{\boldsymbol{g}\in\mathcal{G}} \frac{1}{n_{\boldsymbol{g}}} I_{\boldsymbol{g}}/A_{\boldsymbol{g}}$. Here, $I_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ is the number of opt-in/out decisions that a system provides for group $\boldsymbol{g}$, and $A_{\boldsymbol{g}}$ is the maximum number of attributes that $\boldsymbol{g}$ could report.

E Experimental Results

[1] In practice, most clinical prediction models are built using logistic regression and a one-hot encoding of group attributes [see e.g., 33, 66, 67]. These simple models are well-suited for this setting since they perform well across multiple performance metrics for clinical decision support (i.e., accuracy, AUC) and generalize in small-sample regimes that arise when working with intersectional groups.

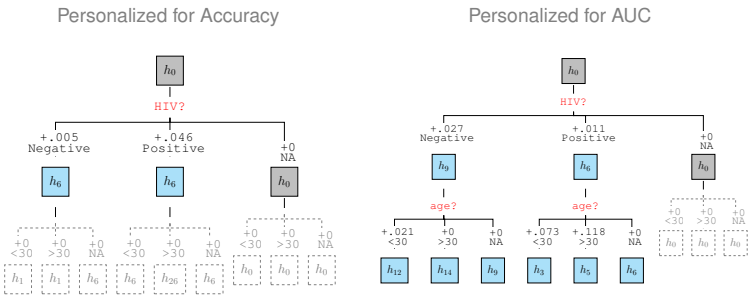

Figure 2: Sequential systems for the `saps` dataset optimized for error rate (left) and AUC (right). The systems differ structurally because models are assigned and pruned using different criteria (error rate vs AUC). The left system might be suitable for diagnosis, while the right system might be suitable for prioritization in an ICU setting. The left system achieves 16.6% test error while the right system achieves 0.960 test AUC. We provide additional information about these models and others in Appendix G.

		STATIC		IMPUTED	PARTICIPATORY		
Dataset	Metrics	1Hot	mHot	Impute	Minimal	Flat	Seq
`cardio_eicu` $n = 1341, d = 49$ $\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$ $m = 4$ Pollard et al. [68]	Overall Performance	0.858	0.857	0.858	0.858	**0.923**	**0.923**
	Overall Gain	0.001	-0.000	0.001	0.001	**0.067**	**0.067**
	Group Gains	-0.001 – 0.002	-0.001 – 0.002	-0.001 – 0.002	-0.001 – 0.002	0.008 – 0.094	0.008 – 0.094
	# Violations	2	1	3	1	**0**	**0**
	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
`cardio_mimic` $n = 5289, d = 49$ $\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$ $m = 4$ Johnson et al. [69]	Overall Performance	0.876	0.876	0.876	0.877	**0.896**	**0.896**
	Overall Gain	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	0.000	**0.020**	**0.020**
	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.001	-0.000 – 0.001	-0.000 – 0.001	-0.000 – 0.001	0.005 – 0.034	0.005 – 0.034
	# Violations	**0**	2	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	37.5%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	40.0%	100.0%
`lungcancer` $n = 120641, d = 84$ $\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$ $m = 6$ NCI [70]	Overall Performance	0.855	0.855	0.855	0.855	**0.861**	**0.861**
	Overall Gain	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	**0.007**	**0.007**
	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.000	-0.000 – 0.000	-0.000 – 0.000	-0.000 – 0.000	0.001 – 0.012	0.001 – 0.012
	# Violations	2	2	2	1	**0**	**0**
	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	29.2%	16.7%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	35.3%	100.0%
`saps` $n = 7797, d = 36$ $\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{HIV}, \texttt{age}\}$ $m = 4$ Allyn et al. [71]	Overall Performance	0.875	0.877	0.875	0.875	**0.960**	**0.960**
	Overall Gain	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.009	**0.095**	**0.095**
	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.015	-0.002 – 0.019	-0.000 – 0.015	0.000 – 0.015	0.035 – 0.139	0.026 – 0.139
	# Violations	**0**	1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	25.0%	31.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	33.3%	100.0%
`sleepapnea` $n = 1152, d = 26$ $\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$ $m = 6$ Ustun et al. [72]	Overall Performance	0.774	0.774	0.774	0.775	**0.850**	**0.850**
	Overall Gain	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.001	**0.074**	**0.074**
	Group Gains	-0.002 – 0.002	-0.002 – 0.003	-0.002 – 0.002	-0.002 – 0.002	0.004 – 0.115	0.004 – 0.115
	# Violations	2	3	2	1	**0**	**0**
	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
`support` $n = 9105, d = 55$ $\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$ $m = 6$ Knaus et al. [73]	Overall Performance	0.707	0.706	0.707	0.706	**0.712**	**0.712**
	Overall Gain	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.001	**0.007**	**0.007**
	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.003	-0.000 – 0.003	-0.000 – 0.003	0.000 – 0.003	-0.000 – 0.023	-0.000 – 0.023
	# Violations	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	60.0%	100.0%

Table 1: Performance and Data Use of personalized models for all datasets. We evaluate the proposed systems in terms of: (i) *Overall Performance*, (ii) *Gain in Personalization* (Overall Population and Group Level), (iii) *# of Fair Use Violations* (detected by a hypothesis test at 10% significance); (iv) *Data Reduction* (average reduction in attributes solicited); and (v) *Opportunity for Consent* (the percentage of solicited attributes for which gains are communicated).

		Static	Imputed		Participatory			
Dataset	Metrics	1Hot	mHot	Impute	Minimal	Flat	Seq
	Overall Performance	22.4%	21.9%	23.4%	21.7%	**16.1%**	**16.1%**
cardio_eicu	Overall Gain	0.2%	0.7%	-0.7%	0.9%	**6.5%**	**6.5%**
$n = 1341, d = 49$	Group Gains	-2.1% – 3.2%	-1.9% – 5.1%	-2.1% – 0.3%	0.0% – 3.2%	-1.9% – 17.8%	-1.9% – 17.8%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	5.3%	7.1%	2.4%	3.2%	19.7%	19.7%
$m = 4$	# Violations	2	2	2	**0**	1	1
Pollard et al. [68]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	19.5%	19.3%	19.1%	19.2%	**18.1%**	**18.1%**
cardio_mimic	Overall Gain	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	**1.1%**	**1.1%**
$n = 5289, d = 49$	Group Gains	-0.8% – 0.3%	-0.5% – 0.3%	-0.8% – 0.7%	0.0% – 0.0%	-0.6% – 3.3%	-0.6% – 3.3%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	1.1%	0.8%	1.5%	0.0%	3.9%	3.9%
$m = 4$	# Violations	2	2	1	**0**	1	1
Johnson et al. [69]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	62.6%	31.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	57.2%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.5%	**18.9%**	**18.9%**
lungcancer	Overall Gain	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.0%	**0.6%**	**0.6%**
$n = 120641, d = 84$	Group Gains	-0.4% – 0.1%	-0.3% – 0.1%	-0.4% – 0.0%	-0.1% – 0.0%	0.3% – 0.9%	0.4% – 0.9%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%
$m = 6$	# Violations	4	3	4	1	**0**	**0**
NCI [70]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	25.0%	41.6%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	33.3%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	20.4%	20.7%	26.8%	20.4%	**11.1%**	**11.1%**
saps	Overall Gain	1.3%	1.0%	-5.1%	1.3%	**10.6%**	**10.6%**
$n = 7797, d = 36$	Group Gains	0.0% – 3.6%	0.0% – 2.7%	-20.8% – 0.7%	0.0% – 3.6%	4.3% – 17.2%	3.9% – 17.2%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{HIV}, \texttt{age}\}$	Max Disparity	3.6%	2.7%	21.5%	3.6%	12.9%	13.3%
$m = 4$	# Violations	**0**	**0**	2	**0**	**0**	**0**
Allyn et al. [71]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	37.4%	31.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	39.9%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	29.1%	29.3%	30.3%	28.9%	**24.2%**	**24.2%**
sleepapnea	Overall Gain	0.1%	-0.1%	-1.1%	0.3%	**4.9%**	**4.9%**
$n = 1152, d = 26$	Group Gains	-1.1% – 1.2%	-0.8% – 0.4%	-2.7% – 0.4%	0.0% – 1.2%	0.0% – 13.8%	0.0% – 13.8%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	2.4%	1.2%	3.1%	1.2%	13.8%	13.8%
$m = 6$	# Violations	1	1	3	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ustun et al. [72]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	58.6%	29.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	54.7%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	35.0%	35.0%	35.8%	35.4%	**34.8%**	**34.8%**
support	Overall Gain	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	**1.1%**	**1.1%**
$n = 9105, d = 55$	Group Gains	0.0% – 2.3%	-0.5% – 2.6%	-1.8% – 1.9%	0.0% – 1.4%	-0.3% – 2.9%	-0.3% – 2.9%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	2.3%	3.0%	3.7%	1.4%	3.1%	3.1%
$m = 6$	# Violations	**0**	**0**	2	**0**	1	**0**
Knaus et al. [73]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%

Table 2: Overview of performance, data use, and consent for all personalized models on all datasets, as measured by *test error*.

Dataset	Metrics	STATIC 1Hot	STATIC mHot	IMPUTED Impute	PARTICIPATORY Minimal	PARTICIPATORY Flat	PARTICIPATORY Seq
	Overall Performance	0.858	0.857	0.858	0.858	**0.923**	**0.923**
`cardio_eicu`	Overall Gain	0.001	-0.000	0.001	0.001	**0.067**	**0.067**
$n = 1341, d = 49$	Group Gains	-0.001 – 0.002	-0.001 – 0.002	-0.001 – 0.002	-0.001 – 0.002	0.008 – 0.094	0.008 – 0.094
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.087	0.087
$m = 4$	# Violations	2	1	3	1	**0**	**0**
Pollard et al. [68]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.876	0.876	0.876	0.877	**0.896**	**0.896**
`cardio_mimic`	Overall Gain	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	0.000	**0.020**	**0.020**
$n = 5289, d = 49$	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.001	-0.000 – 0.001	-0.000 – 0.001	-0.000 – 0.001	0.005 – 0.034	0.005 – 0.034
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.028	0.028
$m = 4$	# Violations	**0**	2	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Johnson et al. [69]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	37.5%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	40.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.855	0.855	0.855	0.855	**0.861**	**0.861**
`lungcancer`	Overall Gain	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	**0.007**	**0.007**
$n = 120641, d = 84$	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.000	-0.000 – 0.000	-0.000 – 0.000	-0.000 – 0.000	0.001 – 0.012	0.001 – 0.012
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.011	0.011
$m = 6$	# Violations	2	2	2	1	**0**	**0**
NCI [70]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	29.2%	16.7%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	35.3%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.875	0.877	0.875	0.875	**0.960**	**0.960**
`saps`	Overall Gain	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.009	**0.095**	**0.095**
$n = 7797, d = 36$	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.015	-0.002 – 0.019	-0.000 – 0.015	0.000 – 0.015	0.035 – 0.139	0.026 – 0.139
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{HIV}, \texttt{age}\}$	Max Disparity	0.015	0.020	0.015	0.015	0.105	0.114
$m = 4$	# Violations	**0**	1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Allyn et al. [71]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	25.0%	31.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	33.3%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.774	0.774	0.774	0.775	**0.850**	**0.850**
`sleepapnea`	Overall Gain	-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.001	**0.074**	**0.074**
$n = 1152, d = 26$	Group Gains	-0.002 – 0.002	-0.002 – 0.003	-0.002 – 0.002	-0.002 – 0.002	0.004 – 0.115	0.004 – 0.115
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.003	0.111	0.111
$m = 6$	# Violations	2	3	2	1	**0**	**0**
Ustun et al. [72]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.707	0.706	0.707	0.706	**0.712**	**0.712**
`support`	Overall Gain	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.001	**0.007**	**0.007**
$n = 9105, d = 55$	Group Gains	-0.000 – 0.003	-0.000 – 0.003	-0.000 – 0.003	0.000 – 0.003	-0.000 – 0.023	-0.000 – 0.023
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.023	0.023
$m = 6$	# Violations	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Knaus et al. [73]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	60.0%	100.0%

Table 3: Overview of performance, data use, and consent for all personalized models on all datasets, as measured by *test AUC*.

Dataset	Metrics	Static		Imputed	Participatory		
		1Hot	mHot	Impute	Minimal	Flat	Seq
	Overall Performance	0.893	0.893	0.893	0.893	**0.949**	**0.949**
cardio_eicu	Overall Gain	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.003	**0.059**	**0.059**
$n = 1341, d = 49$	Group Gains	-0.006 – 0.012	-0.008 – 0.010	-0.006 – 0.012	-0.006 – 0.012	0.017 – 0.070	0.017 – 0.070
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.053	0.053
$m = 4$	# Violations	2	2	2	2	**0**	**0**
Pollard et al. [68]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	12.6%	12.6%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	28.6%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.880	0.881	0.880	0.880	**0.920**	**0.920**
cardio_mimic	Overall Gain	-0.000	0.001	-0.000	0.000	**0.039**	**0.039**
$n = 5289, d = 49$	Group Gains	-0.002 – 0.001	-0.000 – 0.002	-0.002 – 0.001	0.000 – 0.000	0.016 – 0.048	0.016 – 0.048
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.000	0.032	0.032
$m = 4$	# Violations	2	**0**	1	**0**	**0**	**0**
Johnson et al. [69]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.849	0.849	0.849	0.848	**0.856**	**0.856**
lungcancer	Overall Gain	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.000	**0.008**	**0.008**
$n = 120641, d = 84$	Group Gains	-0.001 – 0.003	-0.001 – 0.002	-0.001 – 0.003	0.000 – 0.003	0.002 – 0.020	0.002 – 0.020
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.018	0.018
$m = 6$	# Violations	1	1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
NCI [70]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	29.2%	20.8%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	35.3%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.921	0.922	0.921	0.922	**0.966**	**0.966**
saps	Overall Gain	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.004	**0.048**	**0.048**
$n = 7797, d = 36$	Group Gains	-0.002 – 0.010	-0.002 – 0.013	-0.002 – 0.010	-0.000 – 0.010	0.009 – 0.109	0.009 – 0.109
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{HIV}, \texttt{age}\}$	Max Disparity	0.012	0.015	0.012	0.011	0.100	0.100
$m = 4$	# Violations	2	1	2	1	**0**	**0**
Allyn et al. [71]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.825	0.824	0.825	0.824	**0.944**	**0.944**
sleepapnea	Overall Gain	0.008	0.006	0.008	0.006	**0.126**	**0.126**
$n = 1152, d = 26$	Group Gains	-0.004 – 0.009	-0.005 – 0.012	-0.004 – 0.009	-0.003 – 0.009	0.059 – 0.159	0.059 – 0.159
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.012	0.017	0.012	0.012	0.100	0.100
$m = 6$	# Violations	2	2	**0**	1	**0**	**0**
Ustun et al. [72]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	41.7%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	42.9%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	0.695	0.698	0.695	0.695	**0.722**	**0.722**
support	Overall Gain	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.001	**0.027**	**0.027**
$n = 9105, d = 55$	Group Gains	-0.004 – 0.007	0.001 – 0.007	-0.004 – 0.007	0.000 – 0.007	0.008 – 0.052	0.008 – 0.052
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.011	0.006	0.011	0.007	0.044	0.044
$m = 6$	# Violations	2	**0**	1	**0**	**0**	**0**
Knaus et al. [73]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	41.6%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	42.8%	100.0%

Table 4: Performance and Data Use of personalized models for all datasets, as measured by **test AUC** using random forest component classifiers.

		Static		Imputed	Participatory		
Dataset	Metrics	1Hot	mHot	Impute	Minimal	Flat	Seq
	Overall Performance	17.9%	17.5%	19.2%	17.7%	**12.9%**	**12.9%**
cardio_eicu	Overall Gain	0.9%	1.2%	-0.4%	1.1%	**5.9%**	**5.9%**
$n = 1341, d = 49$	Group Gains	-0.4% – 3.2%	-0.7% – 2.9%	-1.8% – 0.3%	0.0% – 3.2%	2.6% – 8.1%	2.6% – 8.1%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	3.5%	3.6%	2.1%	3.2%	5.5%	5.5%
$m = 4$	# Violations	**0**	1	1	**0**	**0**	**0**
Pollard et al. [68]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	21.3%	20.9%	21.3%	20.3%	**16.8%**	**16.8%**
cardio_mimic	Overall Gain	-1.2%	-0.7%	-1.2%	-0.2%	**3.4%**	**3.4%**
$n = 5289, d = 49$	Group Gains	-1.9% – -0.6%	-1.1% – -0.3%	-1.8% – -0.7%	-0.7% – 0.0%	0.5% – 5.0%	0.5% – 5.0%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	4.5%	4.5%
$m = 4$	# Violations	4	4	4	1	**0**	**0**
Johnson et al. [69]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	20.0%	20.2%	20.0%	20.0%	**19.3%**	**19.3%**
lungcancer	Overall Gain	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	**0.8%**	**0.8%**
$n = 120641, d = 84$	Group Gains	-0.3% – 0.2%	-0.5% – 0.0%	-0.3% – 0.3%	0.0% – 0.2%	0.0% – 2.3%	0.0% – 2.3%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.2%	2.3%	2.3%
$m = 6$	# Violations	1	4	1	**0**	**0**	**0**
NCI [70]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	33.3%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	37.5%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	14.1%	15.0%	17.0%	13.9%	**9.8%**	**9.8%**
saps	Overall Gain	0.9%	-0.0%	-1.9%	1.1%	**5.2%**	**5.2%**
$n = 7797, d = 36$	Group Gains	-0.8% – 3.4%	-0.5% – 0.3%	-5.1% – 0.8%	0.0% – 3.4%	0.0% – 16.4%	0.0% – 16.4%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{HIV}, \texttt{age}\}$	Max Disparity	4.2%	0.8%	5.9%	3.4%	16.4%	16.4%
$m = 4$	# Violations	1	1	3	**0**	**0**	**0**
Allyn et al. [71]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	37.3%	18.6%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	36.3%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	26.3%	26.0%	26.9%	26.2%	**12.5%**	**12.5%**
sleepapnea	Overall Gain	1.5%	1.8%	0.9%	1.6%	**15.3%**	**15.3%**
$n = 1152, d = 26$	Group Gains	-0.8% – 4.2%	0.4% – 3.8%	-2.2% – 4.2%	0.0% – 4.2%	3.3% – 22.2%	3.3% – 22.2%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	5.0%	3.4%	6.5%	4.2%	18.9%	18.9%
$m = 6$	# Violations	1	**0**	1	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ustun et al. [72]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	33.5%	25.0%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	37.6%	100.0%
	Overall Performance	36.0%	35.9%	35.9%	35.8%	**35.6%**	**35.6%**
support	Overall Gain	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.0%	**0.1%**	**0.1%**
$n = 9105, d = 55$	Group Gains	-0.9% – 0.2%	-1.2% – 1.3%	-1.0% – 0.9%	-0.8% – 0.2%	-1.6% – 1.4%	-1.6% – 1.1%
$\mathcal{G} = \{\texttt{age}, \texttt{sex}\}$	Max Disparity	1.2%	2.5%	1.9%	1.0%	3.1%	2.7%
$m = 6$	# Violations	3	3	4	**1**	**1**	**1**
Knaus et al. [73]	Data Reduction	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	33.4%	33.3%
	Opportunity for Consent	0.0%	0.0%	NA%	0.0%	37.5%	100.0%

Table 5: Performance and Data Use of personalized models for all datasets, as measured by **test error** using random forest component classifiers.

F Results Discussion

On the Benefits of Complex Participatory Architectures Our results highlight some of the benefits of using a flat or sequential system over minimal systems. We find that flat and sequential systems can further improve performance – with gains ranging from small to large (e.g., 0.006 AUC on `lungcancer` vs. 0.085 AUC on `saps`). More complex participatory systems can also solicit less personal data and provide more opportunities for consent. For example, the flat and sequential systems lead to a data reduction of 50% and 25.0% on `cardio_eicu`, meaning that they require 50% to 75% of the data collected by a traditional system. In this dataset, sequential systems provide additional opportunities for consent (e.g., 100% compared to 50.0% for a flat system).

On the Beneficiaries of Participation The ranges of group gain suggest that most groups, and not only those harmed by a static system, benefit from participatory systems. For example, on $5/6$ datasets, both the worse case and best case gains improve for the flat system compared with the static or imputed systems. This translates to better predictions for users across a range of sex, age, and HIV status intersectional groups. These gains are likely a consequence of added capacity provided by the use of multiple models in the flat and sequential systems.

On the Potential for Data Reduction Our results highlight how participatory systems can reap the benefits of personalization without requiring all users to report personal data. In practice, the potential for data reduction varies across datasets and our choice of performance metric. In Fig. 2, we show a pair of sequential systems we obtain for the `saps` dataset. Here, a system built to optimize error has fewer nodes than one built to optimize for AUC since we can prune more nodes when we measure gains in terms of the error rate (see e.g., our results for error rate in Appendix G). In practice, this means that we can avoid requesting age entirely if we care about error rate.

On the Pitfalls of Imputation Imputation is an alternative way to allow users to opt out of personalization. In theory, imputation could resolve fair use violations when a harmed group is imputed the value of a group that they would have been better off reporting. Here, we impute group membership using mean imputation as an illustrative example. Our results for Impute demonstrate the potential pitfalls of this approach. Although the imputed system does not introduce additional fair use violations and maintains performance across all datasets, we still observe fair use violations on $3/6$ datasets.This suggests that limiting the system to a single model, even with careful imputation, may not achieve the capacity required to mitigate fair use violations.

G Supporting Material for Experiments

Software to reproduce results: https://anonymous.4open.science/r/psc_public-164C/

In what follows, we present supporting material for the experiments in Section 3. In Appendix G.1, we include additional information about the datasets. In Appendix G.2, we summarize the performance of component models for the participatory systems in Fig. 2. In Appendix E, we include tables showing the performance of models and systems built to minimize error (i.e., for decision-making applications), and expected calibration error (i.e., for risk prediction).

G.1 Additional Information on Datasets

`cardio_eicu` & `cardio_mimic` Cardiogenic shock is an acute condition in which the heart cannot provide sufficient blood to the vital organs. We create a cohort of patients who have cardiogenic shock in an intensive care unit (ICU) stay using data from either the Collaborative Research Database V2.0 [68] or MIMIC-III [69]. Here, the outcome variable indicates whether a patient with cardiogenic shock will while in the ICU. The features reflect an exhaustive set of relevant clinical criteria derived from lab tests and vital signs (e.g. systolic BP, heart rate, hemoglobin count), and reflect measurements obtained up to 24 hours before the onset of cardiogenic shock.

`sleepapnea` We use the obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) dataset outlined in Ustun et al. [72]. This dataset includes a cohort of 1152 patients where 23% have OSA. We use all available features (e.g. BMI, comobordities, age, and sex) and binarize them, resulting in 26 binary features.

Dataset	Reference	Outcome Variable	n	d	m	$\mathcal{G}$
cardio_eicu	Pollard et al. [68]	patient with cardiogenic shock dies	1,341	49	4	{age, sex}
cardio_mimic	Johnson et al. [69]	patient with cardiogenic shock dies	5,289	49	4	{age, sex}
lungcancer	NCI [70]	patient dies within 5 years	120,641	84	6	{age, sex}
saps	Allyn et al. [71]	ICU mortality	7,797	36	4	{age, HIV}
sleepapnea	Ustun et al. [72]	patient has obstructive sleep apnea	1,152	28	6	{age, sex}
support	Connors et al. [74]	mortality within 6 months of discharge	9,105	55	6	{age, sex}

Table 6: Datasets used in Section 3. n and d denote the number of examples and features in each dataset, respectively. All datasets are de-identified and available to the public. The cardio_eicu, cardio_mimic, lungcancer datasets require access to public data repositories listed under the references. The saps and sleepapnea datasets must be requested from the authors. The support dataset can be downloaded directly from the URL below.

saps The SAPS II score is an ICU risk score used to predict the mortality of critically ill patients in the ICU [11]. The data contains records of 7,797 patients from 137 medical centers in 12 countries. Here, the outcome variable indicates whether a patient dies in the ICU, with 12.8% patient of patients dying. The features reflect comorbidities, vital signs, and lab measurements.

support The support Connors et al. [74] dataset is derived from a study of survival risk score of critically-ill patients who were discharged from the ICU. Here, we have records of 9,105 patients. The outcome variable indicates that a patient has died within six months of discharge. The features cover chronic health conditions(e.g., diabetic status, number of comorbidities), vital signs (e.g., mean blood pressure) and results of lab tests (e.g., white blood cell count). The dataset is publically available for research here: https://biostat.app.vumc.org/wiki/Main/DataSets.

lungcancer We consider a cohort of 120,641 patients who were diagnosed with lung cancer between 2004-2016 and monitored as part of the National Cancer Institute SEER study NCI [70]. Here, the outcome variable indicates if a patient die within five years from any cause, with 16.9% patients died within the first five years from diagnosis. The cohorts only represents patients from Greater California, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey and Louisiana, and does not cover patients who were lost to follow up (censored). Age and Sex were considered as group attributes. The features reflect the morphology and histology of the tumor (e.g., size, metastasis, stage, node count and location, number and location of notes) as well as interventions that were administered at the time of diagnosis (e.g., surgery, chemo, radiology).

G.2 Performance of Component Models for the Participatory Systems in Fig. 2

			Training			Validation			Test		
			ERROR			ERROR			ERROR		
Group	Model	Parent	$\Delta_0(h)$	$\Delta_{pa}(h)$	$R(h)$	$\Delta_0(h)$	$\Delta_{pa}(h)$	$R(h)$	$\Delta_0(h)$	$\Delta_{pa}(h)$	$R(h)$
-	h_0	h_0	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	21.1%	0.0%	0.0%	21.7%
negative	h_6	h_0	-0.8%	-0.8%	18.8%	-0.4%	-0.4%	19.2%	-0.8%	-0.8%	19.7%
positive	h_0	h_0	0.0%	0.0%	22.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.6%	0.0%	0.0%	22.8%
<30 & positive	h_3	h_0	-12.3%	-12.3%	0.0%	-13.5%	-13.5%	0.0%	-14.2%	-14.2%	0.0%
>30 & positive	h_{26}	h_0	-3.1%	-3.1%	28.6%	-3.1%	-3.1%	28.9%	-2.7%	-2.7%	28.6%

Table 7: Group-level performance as measured by error on dataset (`saps`). $\Delta_0(h)$ represents the change in error compared with the generic classifier (negative is a decrease in error). $\Delta_{pa}(h)$ is the change in error compared with the parent classifier in the reporting tree (see column Parent). $R(h)$ is the error rate for the group. Performance is reported across training, validation and test.

			Training			Validation			Test		
			AUC			AUC			AUC		
Group	Model	Parent	$\Delta_0(h)$	$\Delta_{pa}(h)$	$R(h)$	$\Delta_0(h)$	$\Delta_{pa}(h)$	$R(h)$	$\Delta_0(h)$	$\Delta_{pa}(h)$	$R(h)$
-	h_0	h_0	0.000	0.000	0.874	0.000	0.000	0.870	0.000	0.000	0.865
negative	h_9	h_9	0.025	0.000	0.911	0.026	0.000	0.911	0.026	0.000	0.906
positive	h_6	h_6	0.011	0.000	0.881	0.011	0.000	0.876	0.011	0.000	0.871
<30 & negative	h_{27}	h_9	0.033	0.020	0.959	0.030	0.018	0.954	0.035	0.022	0.954
<30 & positive	h_3	h_6	0.082	0.075	1.000	0.092	0.086	1.000	0.101	0.093	1.000
>30 & positive	h_{30}	h_6	0.136	0.121	0.937	0.135	0.121	0.937	0.141	0.123	0.941

Table 8: Group-level performance as measured by AUC on dataset (`saps`). $\Delta_0(h)$ represents the change in AUC compared with the generic classifier (positive is an increase in AUC). $\Delta_{pa}(h)$ is the change in AUC compared with the parent classifier in the reporting tree (see column Parent). $R(h)$ is the AUC for the group. Performance is reported across training, validation and test.

H Supporting Material for Appendix C

In what follows, we provide details on the routine used for the EnumerateTrees procedure in Algorithm 1. We summarize the routine in Algorithm 2, and discuss it below. The input to Algorithm 2 is an

Algorithm 2 Routine to Enumerate All Possible Reporting Trees for Reporting Options $\mathcal{R}$

procedure ENUMERATETREES($\mathcal{R}$)
  if dim($\mathcal{R}$) = 1 **return** $[T_{\mathcal{R}}]$ *base case: we are left with only a single attribute on which to branch*
  AllTrees $\leftarrow$ [ ]
  for $\mathcal{A}$ in $\mathcal{R}$ **do** *Each attribute in list of attributes $\mathcal{R}$*
    $T_{\mathcal{A}} \leftarrow$ reporting tree with $n_{\mathcal{A}} := |\mathcal{A}|$ leaves
    $\mathcal{U} \leftarrow$ unsolicited attributes $\mathcal{R} \setminus \mathcal{A}$
    AllSubtrees $\leftarrow$ ENUMERATETREES($\mathcal{U}$) *All subtrees using all attributes except $\mathcal{A}$*
    for $\mathcal{P}$ in ALLPERMUTATIONS(AllSubTrees, $n_{\mathcal{A}}$) **do**: *Each permutation of $n_{\mathcal{A}}$ subtrees*
      $T_{a,\mathcal{P}} \leftarrow T_a$.copy()
      $T_{a,\mathcal{P}} \leftarrow T_{a,\mathcal{P}}$.assign_to_leaves($\mathcal{P}$) *assign_to_leaves extends the tree by assigning subtrees to each leaf*
      AllTrees $\leftarrow$ AllTrees $\cup\, T_{a,s}$
    end for
  end for
  return AllTrees, set of all distinct reporting trees for reporting options $\mathcal{R}$
end procedure

ordered collection of reporting options $\mathcal{R}$. The algorithm uses the reporting options to construct the set of all possible reporting trees, each of which branches on all of the attributes in $\mathcal{R}$. At a high level, Algorithm 2 recurses through the attributes one at a time, building trees that begin with each attribute sequentially. Enumerating all possible trees ensures we can recover the best tree given the selection criteria and allows for flexible post-hoc selection criteria (e.g., let a developer choose among the top k trees). In settings constrained by computational resources, we can impose additional stopping criteria and modify the ordering such that we enumerate more plausible trees first or exclusively (e.g., by changing the ordering of $\mathcal{R}$ or imposing constraints in ALLPERMUTATIONS).