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Preface

This volume contains papers from the Workshop on Clinical Natural Language Processing (ClinicalNLP).

Clinical text offers unique challenges that differentiate it both from open-domain data and from other types of text in the biomedical domain. Narrative clinical notes are written by experts for other experts, while also intended to serve as a legal record. Clinical jargon, non-standard document structure, privacy and security concerns all present special challenges for natural language systems. The workshop’s goal is to attract more quality NLP researchers to the clinical domain, and thereby to allow us as a community to contribute more to the advancement of critical clinical research.
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