Real-Time Challenges and Opportunities in HCMDSS

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Interaction Complexity

- Healthcare systems are systems of systems
- Composition of systems are about the interactions of systems
- "Normal Accidents", an influential book by Charles Perrow (1984)
 - o One of the Three Mile Island investigators
 - A member of recent NRC Study "Software for Dependable Systems: Sufficient Evidence?"
- Posits that sufficiently complex systems can produce accidents without a simple cause due to
 - o interactive complexity and tight coupling

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