MedUIGym explained: training AI agents to operate electronic health record screens

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Short answer: MedUIGym is an interactive environment, described in an arXiv preprint submitted on 23 November 2026, with 15,739 tasks drawn from 17 benchmark sources across six clinical task families, in which vision-language agents read electronic health record (EHR) screenshots and act with mouse and keyboard. The authors benchmark twelve models and report that current agents struggle and that simply raising reasoning effort does not give consistent gains. This is an arXiv preprint. It has not been peer reviewed, and its numbers are the authors' own claims.

TL;DR The short version

- MedUIGym is an environment of 15,739 tasks in which vision-language agents operate electronic health record screens with mouse and keyboard.
- Twelve models were benchmarked; current agents struggle, and raising reasoning effort did not give consistent gains.
- It uses benchmark data, not a live EHR, so test any such agent only in a sandbox with synthetic data; screen-clicking agents break when interfaces change.

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What is MedUIGym?

Many medical agents call structured tools or work on text. The abstract notes that real EHRs are dense graphical interfaces, so MedUIGym lets agents see an EHR as screenshots and take mouse-and-keyboard actions. A paired native-tool interface over identical clinical data lets you compare the two routes.

How it works

- **Tasks.** 15,739 tasks from 17 benchmark sources across six clinical task families.
- **Dual interface.** The same clinical data is available through a GUI and through native tools.
- **Verification.** The environment checks both the final answer and the required clinical actions.
- **Training support.** Parallel trajectory collection supports offline learning from GUI trajectories and online reinforcement learning from task rewards.

What is new compared with earlier approaches

Earlier clinical benchmarks mostly score answers. MedUIGym scores whether the right actions were taken in a screen-based EHR, and doubles as a training gym.

Results reported by the source

- Twelve vision-language models were benchmarked; the authors say current agents struggle across diverse clinical workflows.
- Increasing reasoning effort did not give consistent gains.
- After training, both Qwen3.5 models improved on in-domain clinical tasks and generalised to tasks from external sources.

Limitations and open questions

- It uses benchmark data, not a live hospital EHR with its vendor-specific interfaces.
- The abstract gives no numbers for the gains after training.
- Safety, audit logging and permissions in a real deployment are outside what the abstract describes. Sources were read on 25 November 2026. Products, rules and standards change, so check the linked originals before you rely on any detail.

How a health-IT team could apply it

1. Choose one narrow EHR task with a clear correct end state, such as finding a result.
2. Test an agent in a sandbox copy with synthetic data only.
3. Score actions as well as answers, and log every click.
4. Compare the screen route with an API route before choosing one.

What it means for clinical informatics

Agents that click through screens may help where no API exists, but they are brittle if the interface changes. A benchmark that checks required actions gives a more honest picture than answer accuracy alone. See WARD for the evidence-to-action view.

Frequently asked questions

- **What is MedUIGym?** An environment of 15,739 tasks in which agents operate EHR screens by mouse and keyboard.
- **What did it find?** Twelve models struggled, and more reasoning effort did not help consistently.
- **Can it train agents?** Yes, through offline GUI trajectories and online reinforcement learning, per the authors.
- **Is it peer reviewed?** No, it is a preprint.

Related reading

- WARD: clinical agents and the evidence-to-action gap
- Gemini for healthcare
- AI Practitioner certification

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Sources and further reading

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