Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI)

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Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI, as "Odyssey")

A multi-stakeholder, interdisciplinary, international collaborative with a coordinating center at Columbia University

Mission: To improve health, by empowering a community to collaboratively generate the evidence that promotes better health decisions and better care

Aiming for 1,000,000,000 patient data network

OHDSI's global research community

- >140 collaborators from 20 different countries
- Experts in informatics, statistics, epidemiology, clinical sciences
- Active participation from academia, government, industry, providers
- Currently 600 million patient records in 52 databases

http://ohdsi.org/who-we-are/collaborators/

Why large-scale analysis is needed in healthcare

All health outcomes of interest

All drugs

Patient-level predictions for personalized evidence requires big data

2 million patients seem excessive or unnecessary?

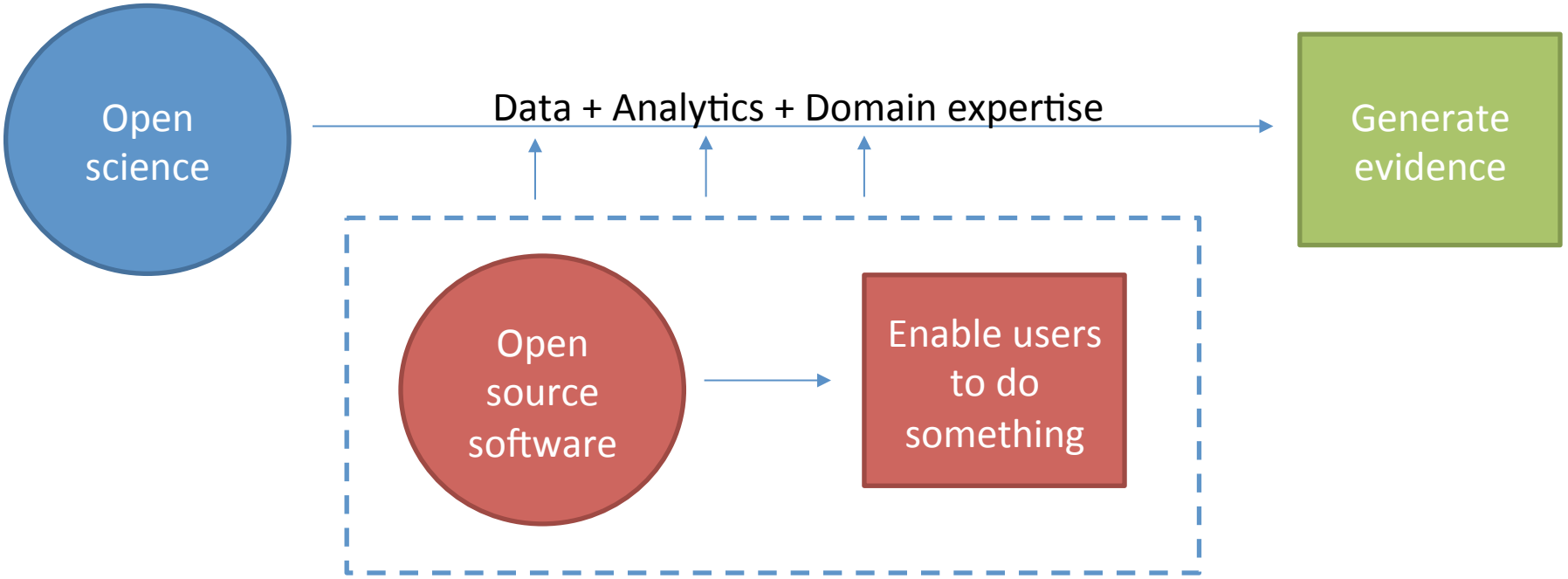
- Imagine a provider wants to compare her patient with other patients with the same gender (50%), in the same 10-year age group (10%), and with the same comorbidity of Type 2 diabetes (5%)
- Imagine the patient is concerned about the risk of ketoacidosis (0.5%) associated with two alternative treatments they are considering
- With 2 million patients, you'd only expect to observe 25 similar patients with the event, and would only be powered to observe a relative risk > 2.0

Aggregated data across a health system of 1,000 providers may contain 2,000,000 patients

Evidence OHDSI seeks to generate from observational data

- **Clinical characterization**
  - Natural history: Who has diabetes, and who takes metformin?
  - Quality improvement: What proportion of patients with diabetes experience complications?
- **Population-level estimation**
  - Safety surveillance: Does metformin cause lactic acidosis?
  - Comparative effectiveness: Does metformin cause lactic acidosis more than glyburide?
- **Patient-level prediction**
  - Precision medicine: Given everything you know about me, if I take metformin, what is the chance I will get lactic acidosis?
  - Disease interception: Given everything you know about me, what is the chance I will develop diabetes?

OHDSI's approach to open science



- Open science is about sharing the journey to evidence generation
- Open-source software can be part of the journey, but it's not a final destination
- Open processes can enhance the journey through improved reproducibility of research and expanded adoption of scientific best practices

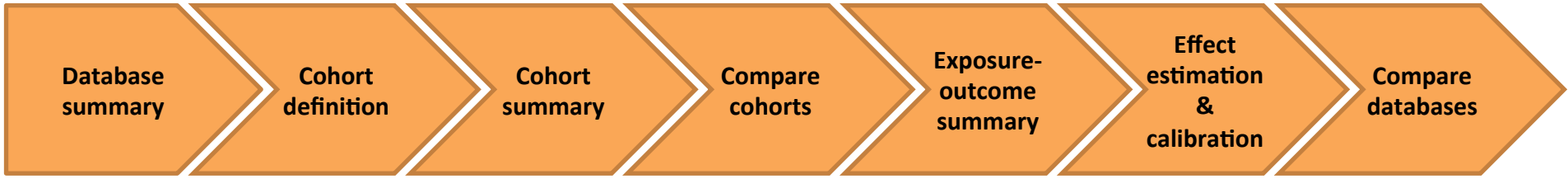
Standardizing workflows to enable transparent, reproducible research

Open science

Population-level estimation for comparative effectiveness research:

Is <intervention X> better than <intervention Y> in reducing the risk of <condition Z>?

Generate evidence



Defined inputs:

- Target exposure
- Comparator group
- Outcome
- Time-at-risk
- Model specification

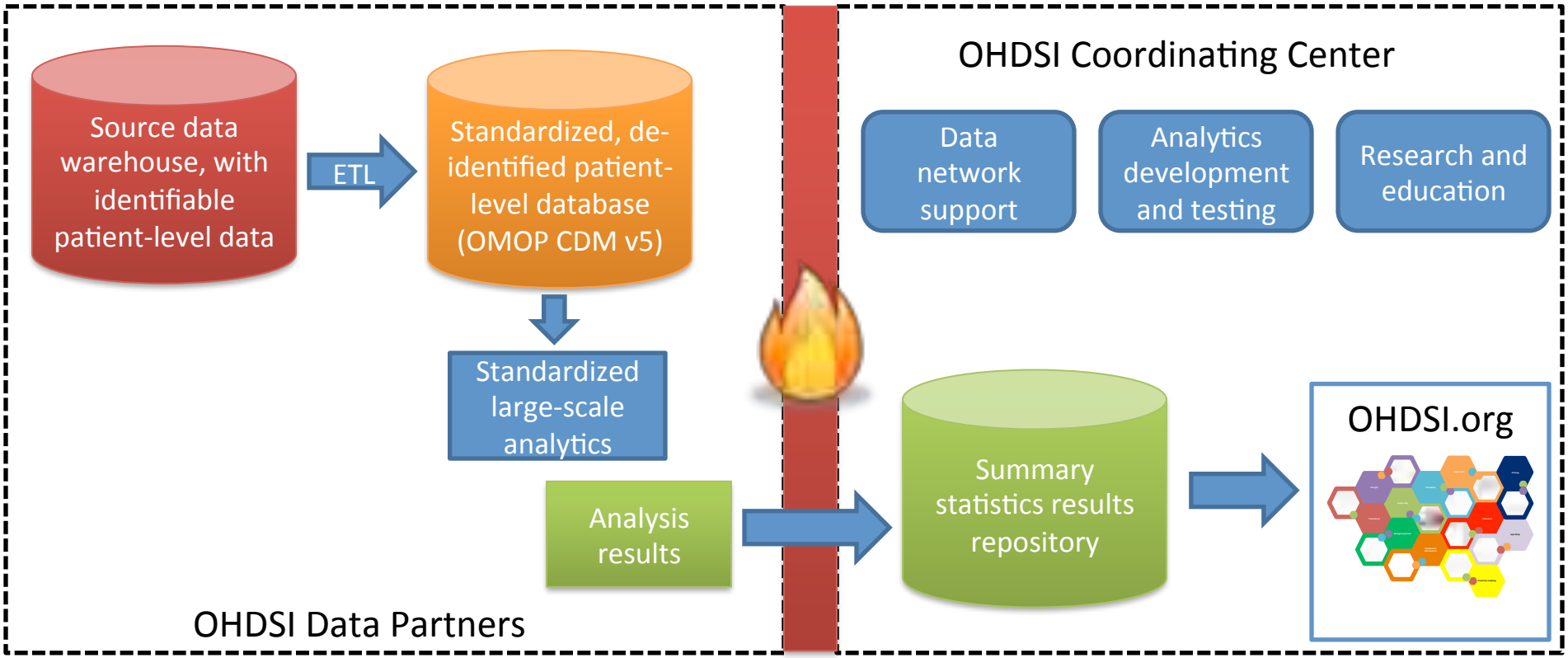
Consistent outputs:

- analysis specifications for transparency and reproducibility (protocol + source code)
- only aggregate summary statistics (no patient-level data)
- model diagnostics to evaluate accuracy
- results as evidence to be disseminated
  - static for reporting (e.g. via publication)
  - interactive for exploration (e.g. via app)

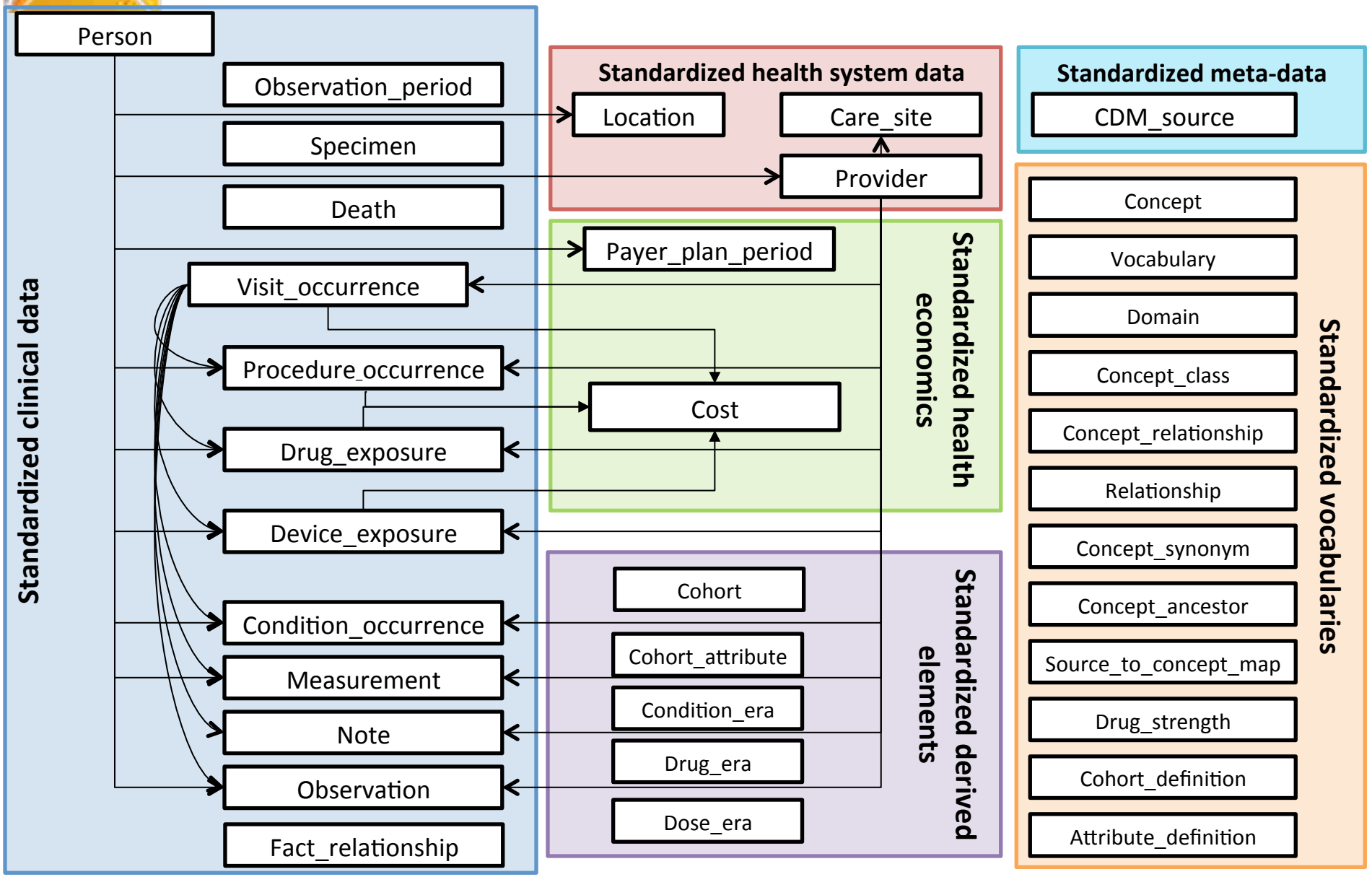
OHDSI Distinguishing Features

- International effort (size & coverage)
  - 43 sources terminologies from around the world
- Open science (depth)
  - Infrastructure serves the science
  - Stack: Terminology, CDM, ETL, QA, Visualization, Novel analytic methods, Clinical research
- Full information model

How OHDSI Works

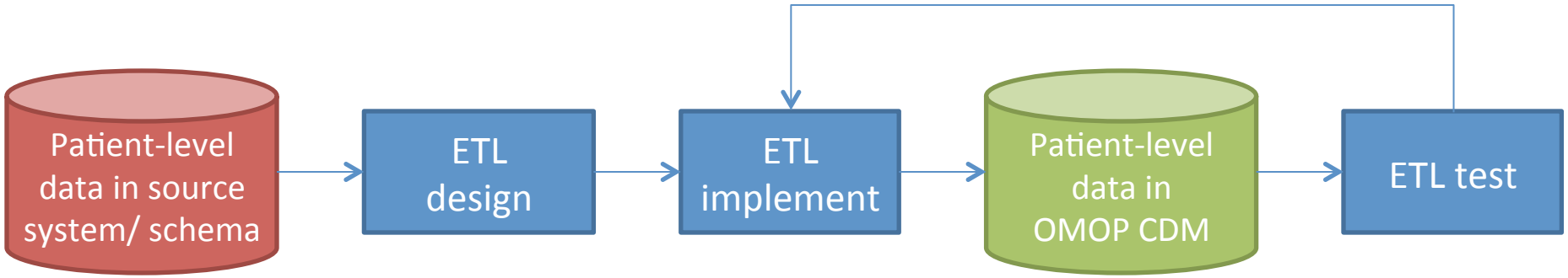


Deep information model
OMOP CDM v5.0.1



Extensive vocabularies

Preparing your data for analysis



OHDSI tools built to help

WhiteRabbit: profile your source data

RabbitInAHat: map your source structure to CDM tables and fields

ATHENA: standardized vocabularies for all CDM domains

Usagi: map your source codes to CDM vocabulary

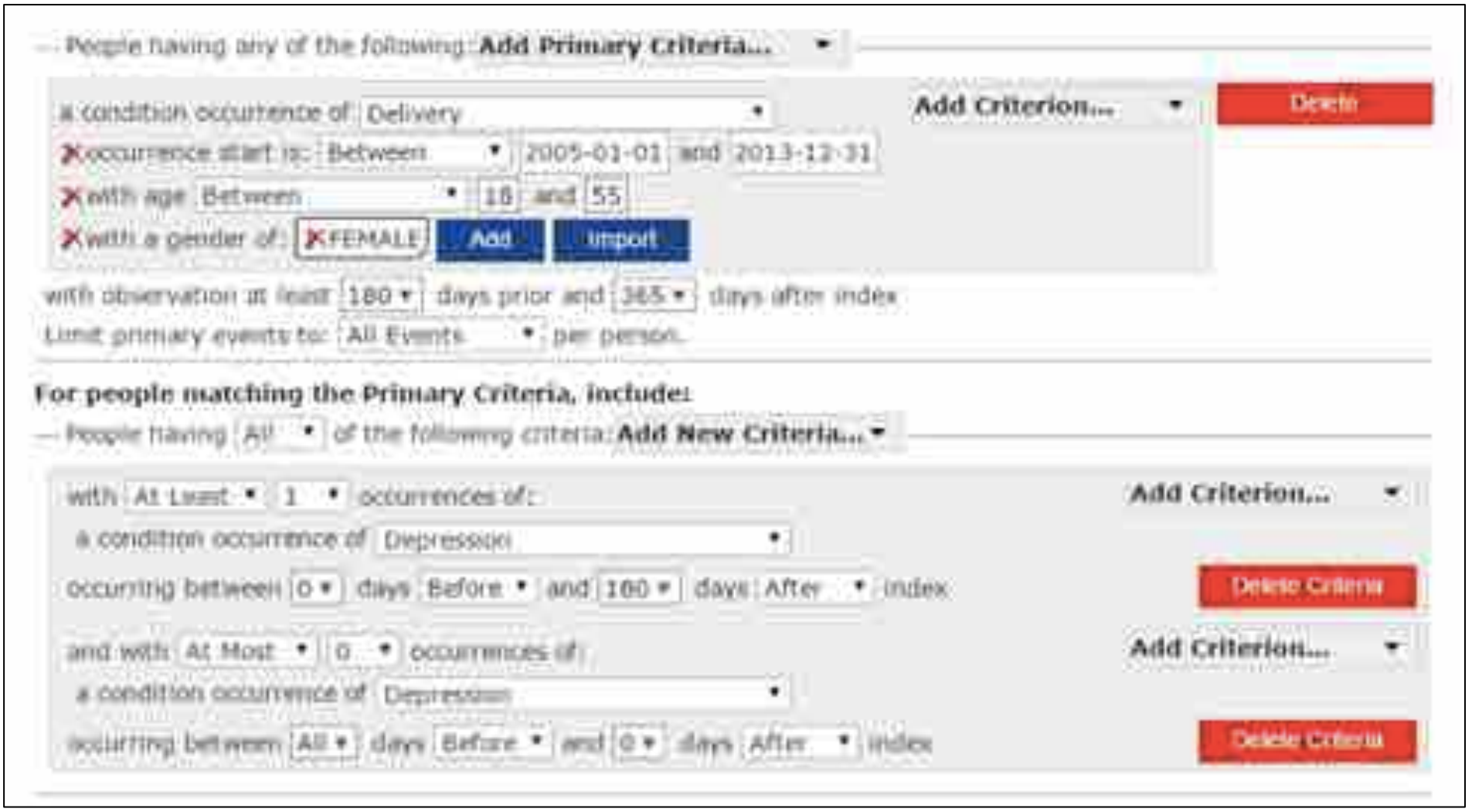
CDM: DDL, index, constraints for Oracle, SQL Server, PostgresQL; Vocabulary tables with loading scripts

ACHILLES: profile your CDM data; review data quality assessment; explore population-level summaries

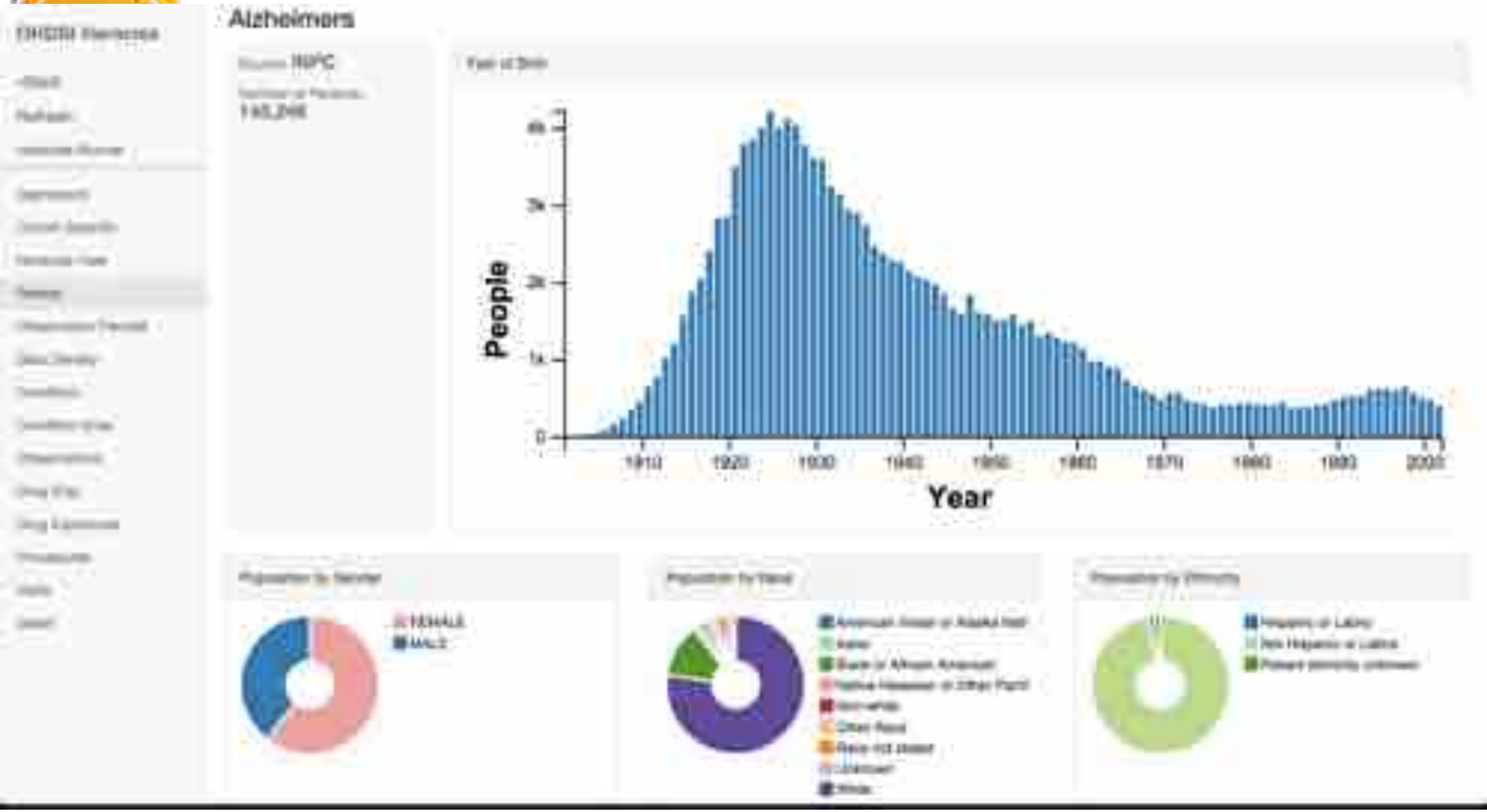
OHDSI Forums: Public discussions for OMOP CDM Implementers/developers

ACHILLES Heel Data Validation

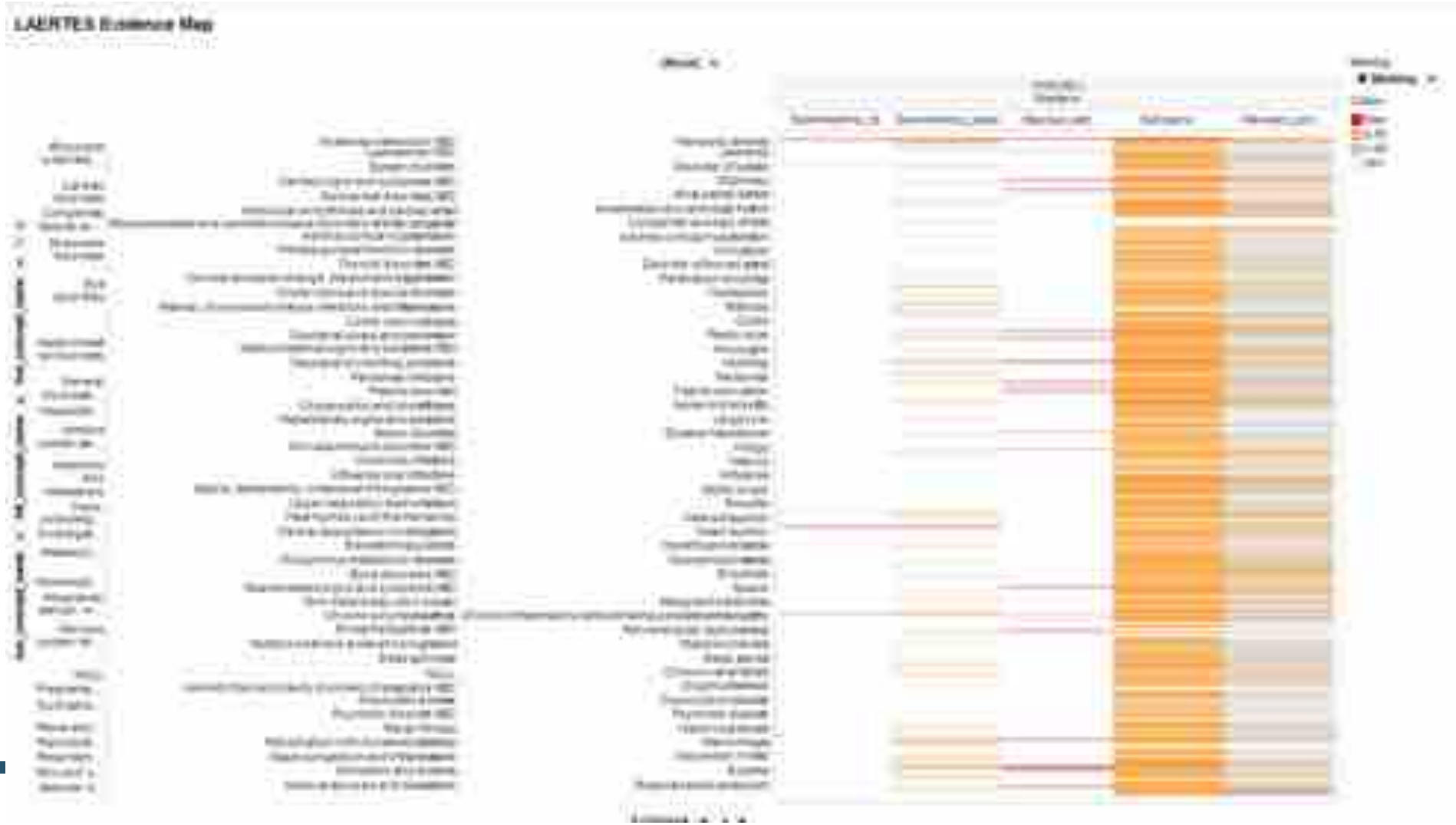
ATLAS to build, visualize, and analyze cohorts



Characterize the cohorts of interest



LAERTES: Knowledge base of what we know: literature, labeling, spontaneous reporting



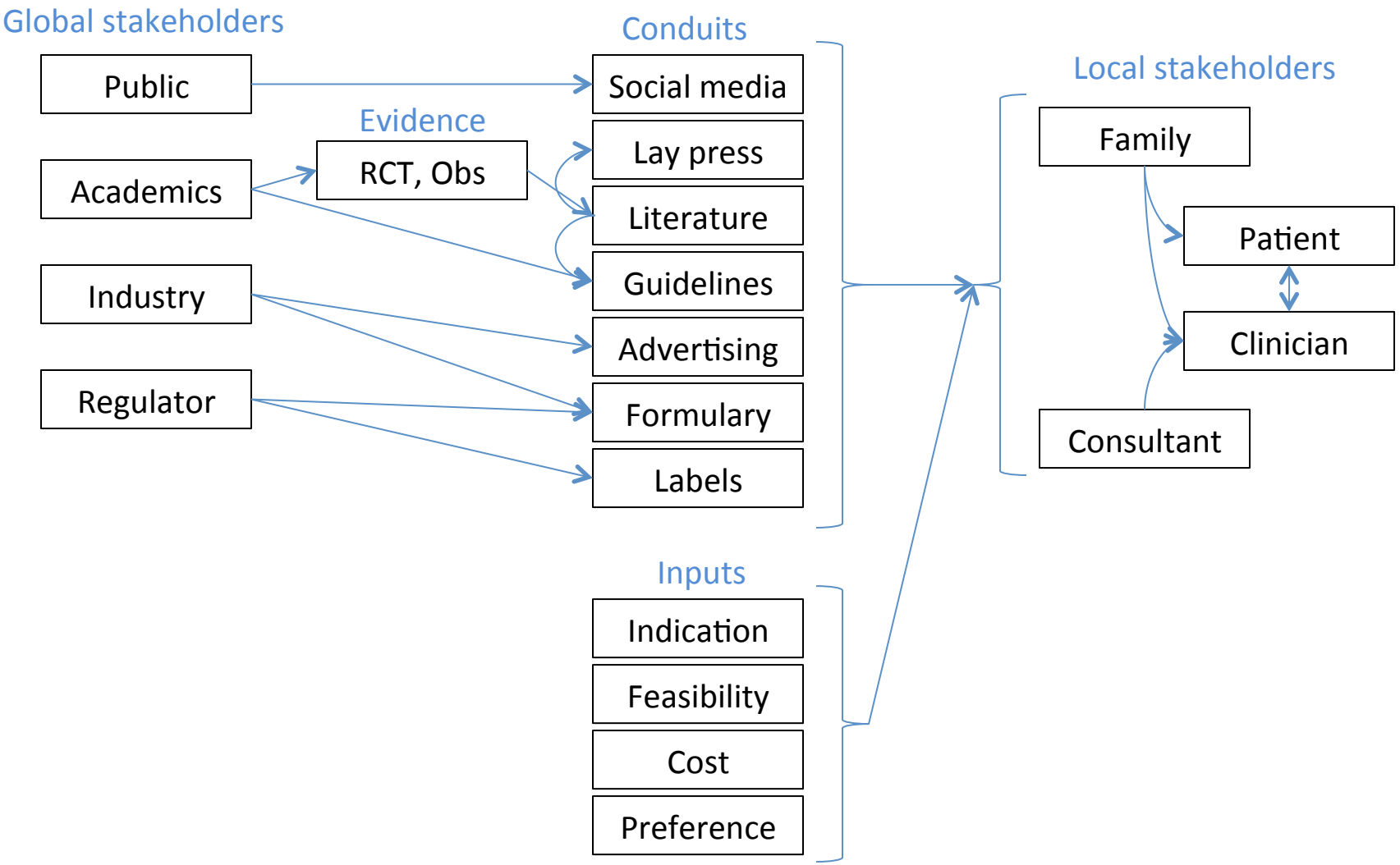
OHDSI in Action

- Generate evidence
  - Randomized trial is the gold standard
  - Observational research is supporting
    - Can it become a partnership?

Characterization

- Today we carry out RCTs without clear knowledge of actual practice
- There will be no RCTs without an observational precursor
  - It will be required to characterize a population using large-scale observational data before designing an RCT
  - Disease burden
  - Actual treatment practice
  - Time on therapy
  - Course and complication rate
  - Done now somewhat through literature and pilot studies

Treatment Pathways



Network process

1. Join the collaborative
2. Propose a study to the open collaborative
3. Write protocol
   - http://www.ohdsi.org/web/wiki/doku.php?id=research:studies
4. Code it, run it locally, debug it (minimize others' work)
5. Publish it: https://github.com/ohdsi
6. Each node voluntarily executes on their CDM
7. Centrally share results
8. Collaboratively explore results and jointly publish findings

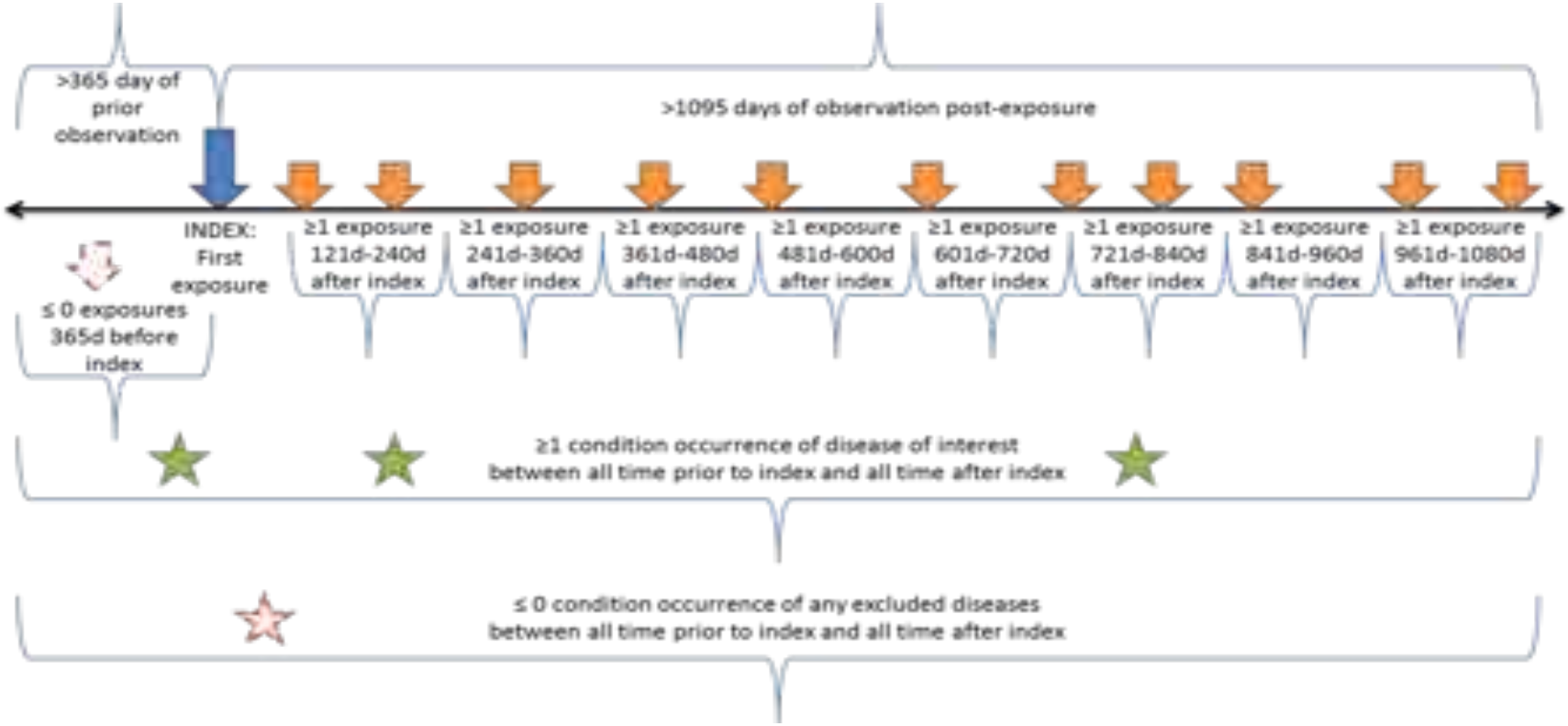
OHDSI in action:
Chronic disease treatment pathways

- Conceived at AMIA 15Nov2014
- Protocol written, code written and tested at 2 sites 30Nov2014
- Analysis submitted to OHDSI network 2Dec2014
- Results submitted for 7 databases 5Dec2014

OHDSI participating data partners

Abbre-viation	Name	Description	Population, millions
AUSOM	Ajou University School of Medicine	South Korea; inpatient hospital EHR	2
CCAE	MarketScan Commercial Claims and Encounters	US private-payer claims	119
CPRD	UK Clinical Practice Research Datalink	UK; EHR from general practice	11
CUMC	Columbia University Medical Center	US; inpatient EHR	4
GE	GE Centricity	US; outpatient EHR	33
INPC	Regenstrief Institute, Indiana Network for Patient Care	US; integrated health exchange	15
JMDC	Japan Medical Data Center	Japan; private-payer claims	3
MDCD	MarketScan Medicaid Multi-State	US; public-payer claims	17
MDCR	MarketScan Medicare Supplemental and Coordination of Benefits	US; private and public-payer claims	9
OPTUM	Optum ClinFormatics	US; private-payer claims	40
STRIDE	Stanford Translational Research Integrated Database Environment	US; inpatient EHR	2
HKU	Hong Kong University	Hong Kong; EHR	1

Treatment pathway event flow



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Characterizing treatment pathways at scale using the OHDSI network

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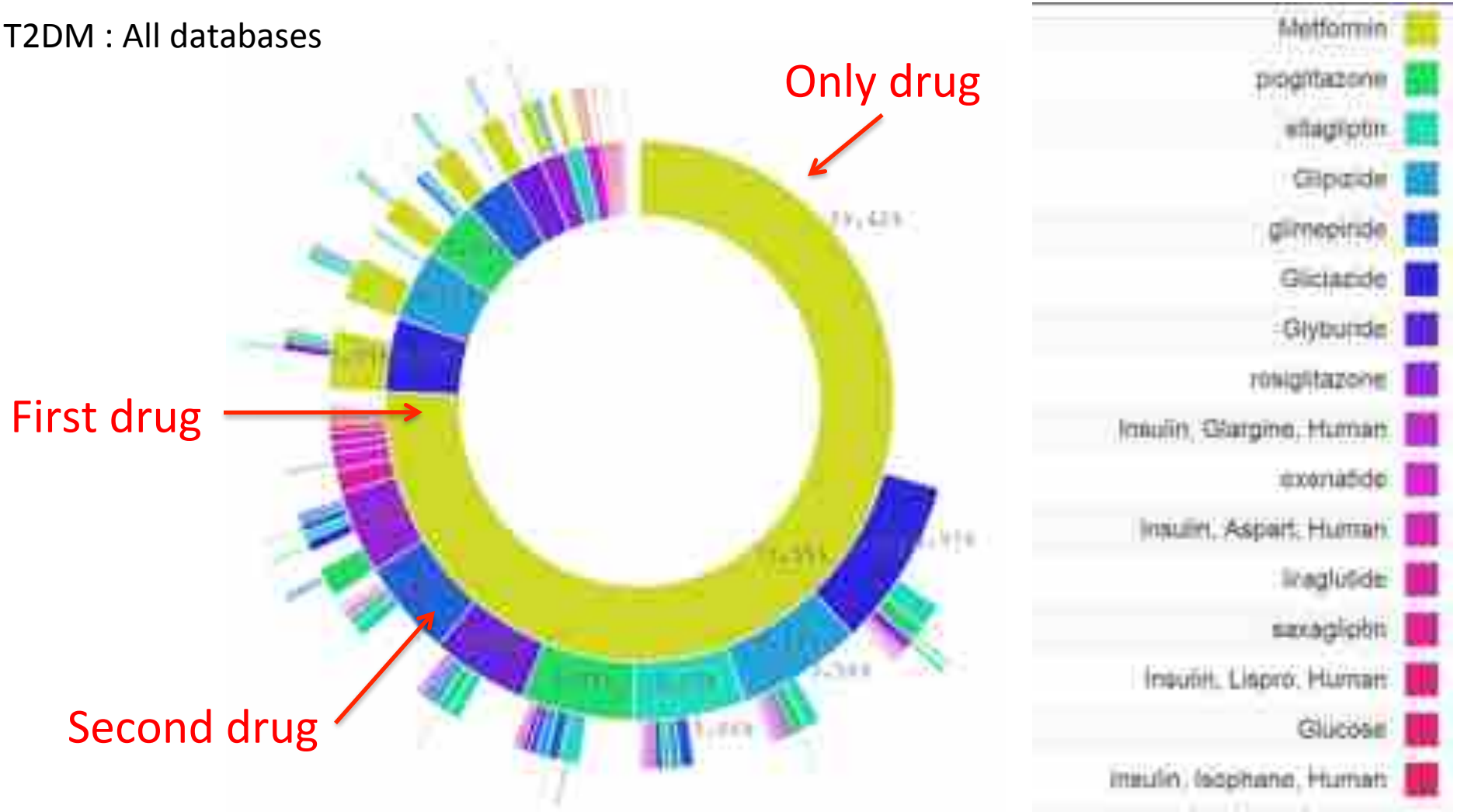
Observational research promises to complement experimental research by providing large, diverse populations that would be infeasible for an experiment. Observational research can test its own clinical hypotheses, and observational studies also can contribute to the design of experiments and inform the generalizability of experimental research. Understanding the diversity of populations

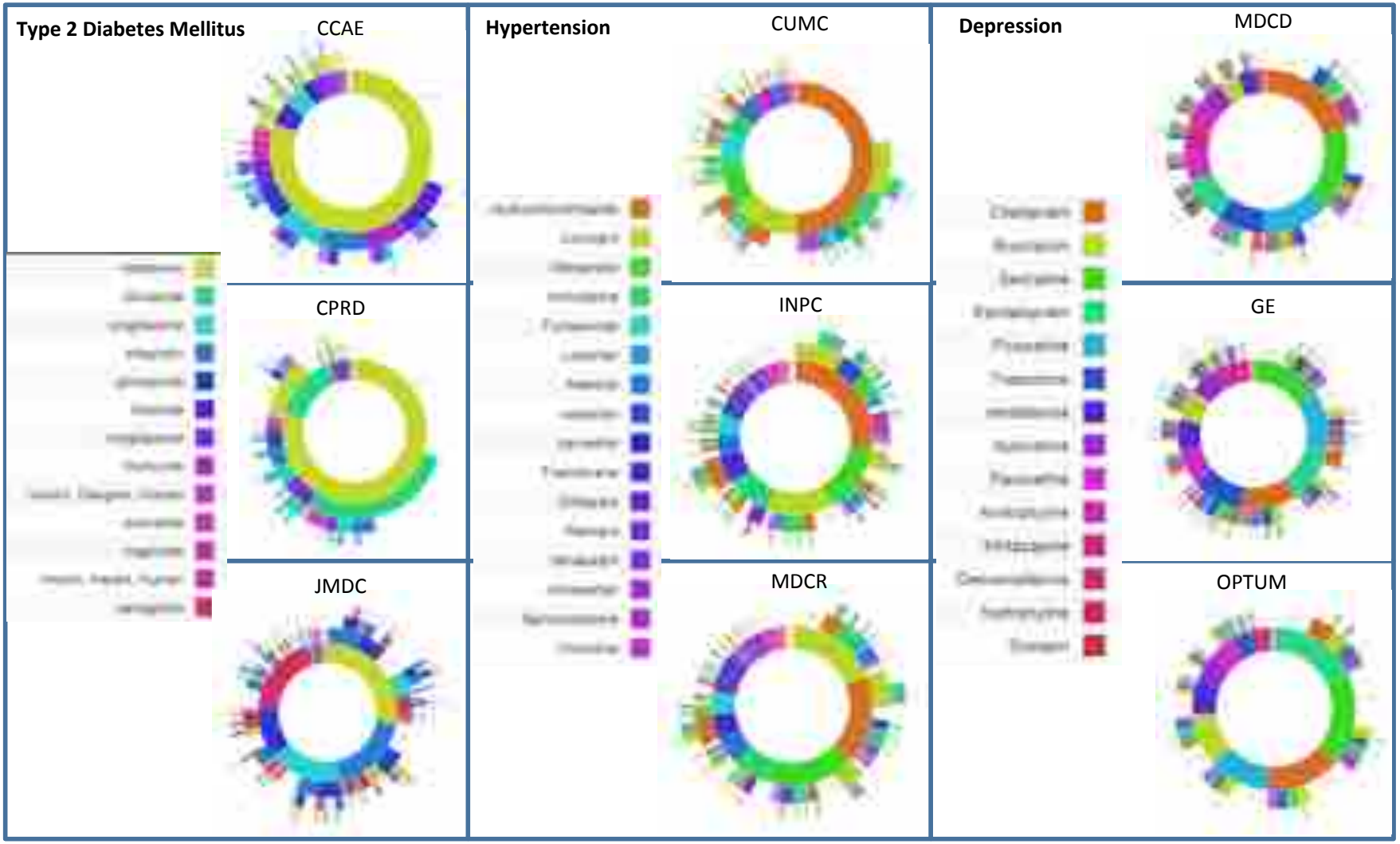
Without sufficiently broad databases available in the first stage, randomized trials are designed without explicit knowledge of actual disease states and treatment practice. Literature reviews are restricted to the population choices of previous investigations, and pilot studies usually are limited in scope. By exploiting the ClinicalTrials.gov national trial registry (9) and electronic health

Treatment pathways for diabetes

T2DM : All databases

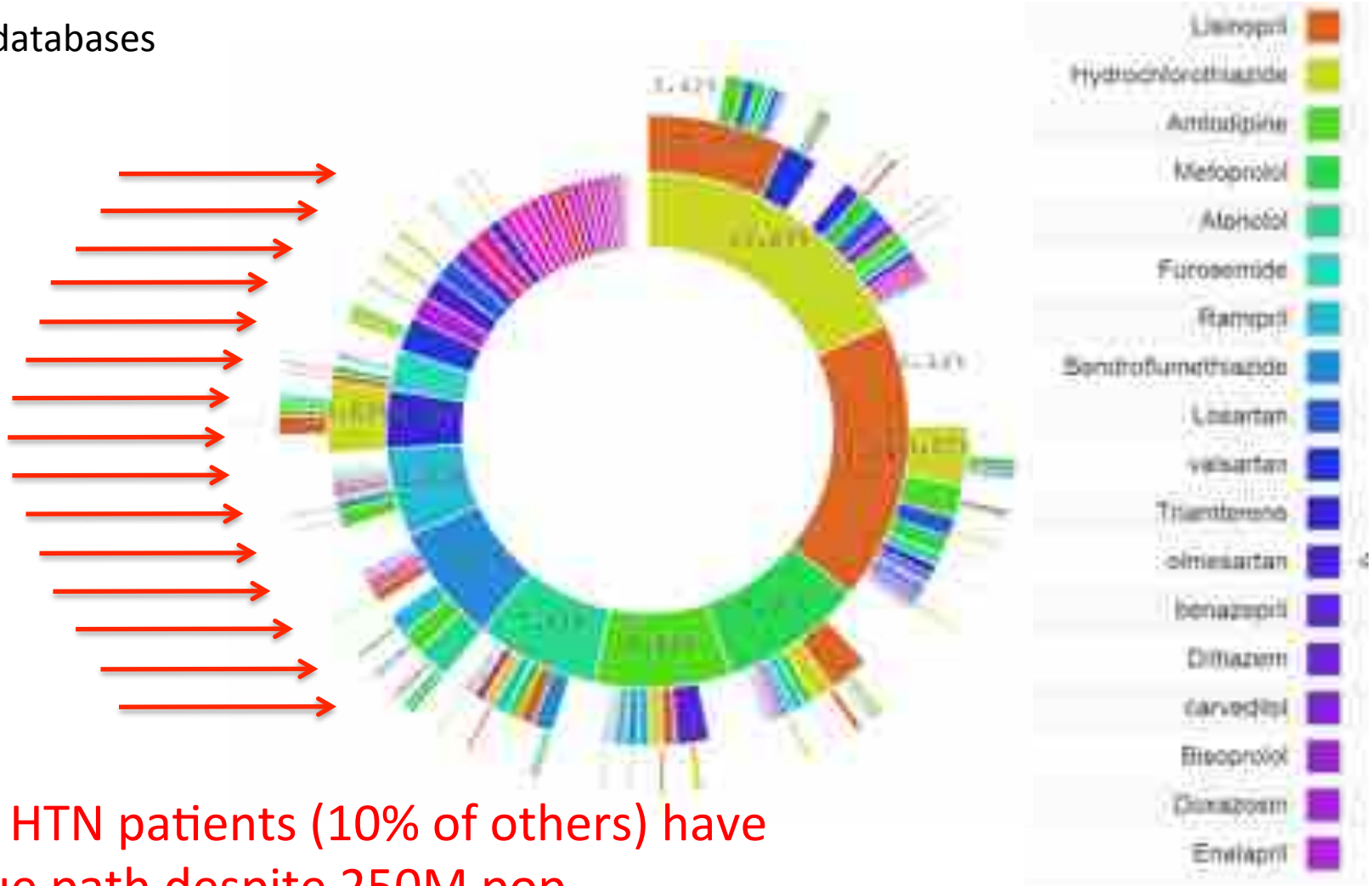


Population-level heterogeneity across systems, and patient-level heterogeneity within systems



Patient-level heterogeneity

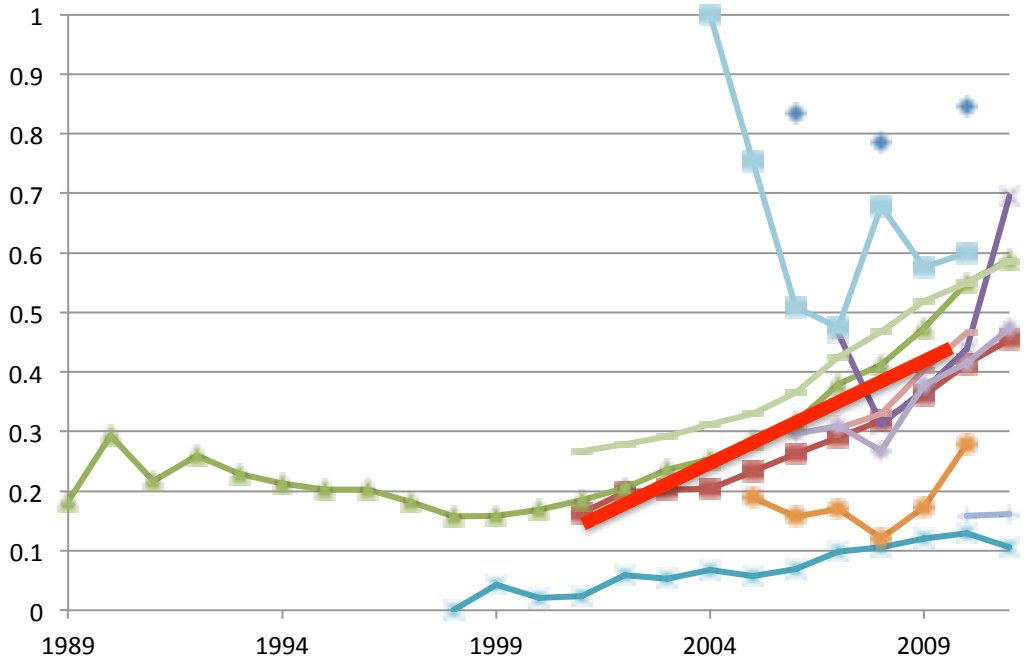
HTN: All databases



25% of HTN patients (10% of others) have a unique path despite 250M pop

Monotherapy – diabetes

General upward trend in monotherapy



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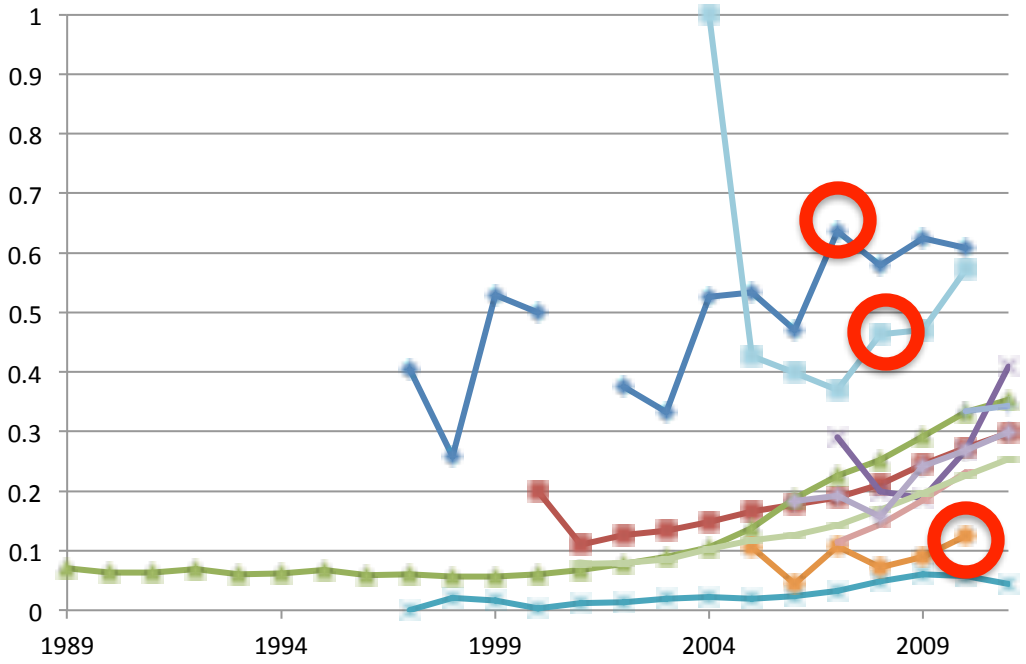
Monotherapy – HTN

Academic medical centers differ from general practices



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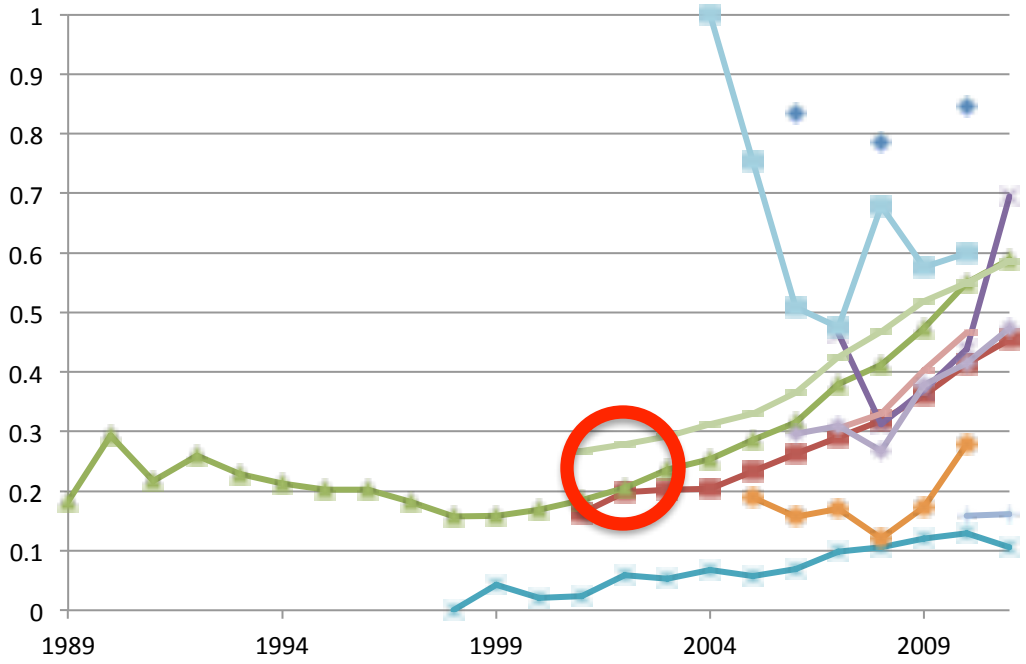
Monotherapy – diabetes

General practices, whether EHR or claims, have similar profiles



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Conclusions: Network research

- It is feasible to encode the world population in a single data model
  - Over 600,000,000 records by voluntary effort (682,000,000)
- Generating evidence is feasible
- Stakeholders willing to share results
- Able to accommodate vast differences in privacy and research regulation