

# Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics, Interoperability, and Research

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

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

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



## OHDSI's global research community



- >300 collaborators from 30 different countries
- Experts in informatics, statistics, epidemiology, clinical sciences
- Active participation from academia, government, industry, providers
- Records on about 600 million unique patients in >100 databases



## Evidence OHDSI seeks to generate from observational data

### Clinical characterization - tally

- Natural history: Who has diabetes, and who takes metformin?
- Quality improvement: What proportion of patients with diabetes experience complications?

### Population-level estimation - cause

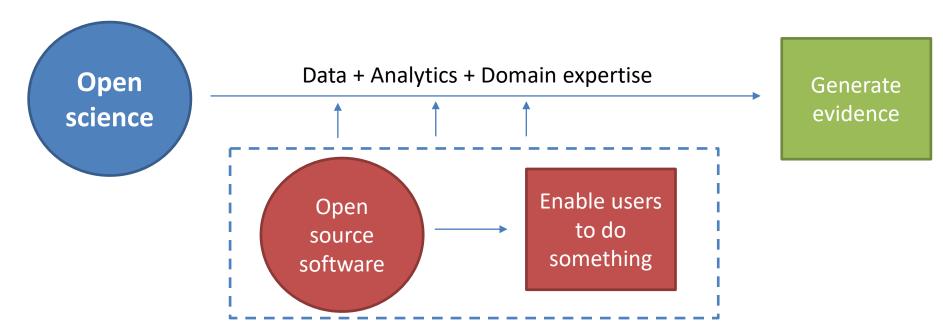
- Safety surveillance: Does metformin cause lactic acidosis?
- Comparative effectiveness: Does metformin cause lactic acidosis more than glyburide?

### Patient-level prediction - predict

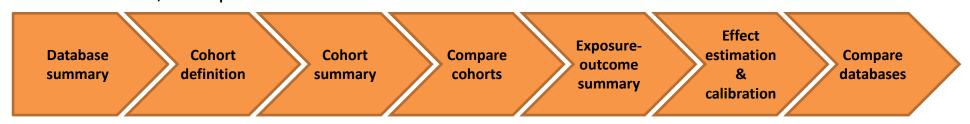
- Precision medicine: Given everything you know about me, if I take metformin, what is the chance I will get lactic acidosis?
- Disease interception: Given everything you know about me, what is the chance I will develop diabetes?



## Open Science

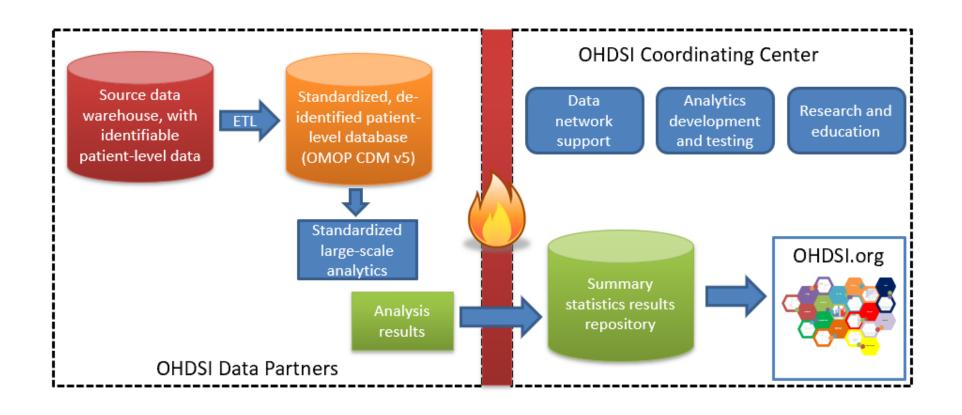


### Standardized, transparent workflows



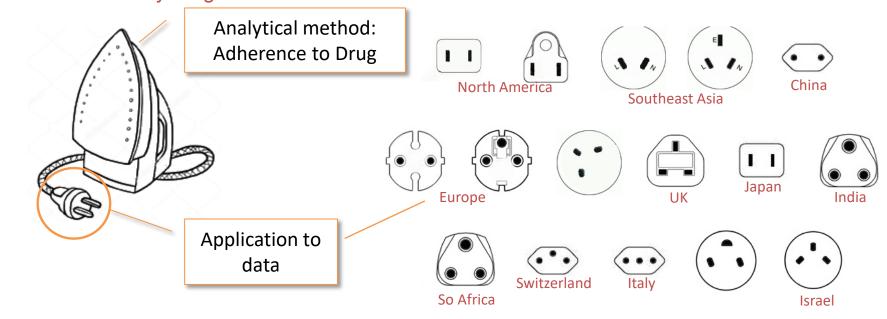


### **How OHDSI Works**

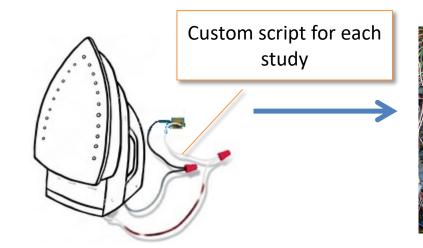


### Current Approach: "One Study – One Script"

"What's the adherence to my drug in the data assets I own?"

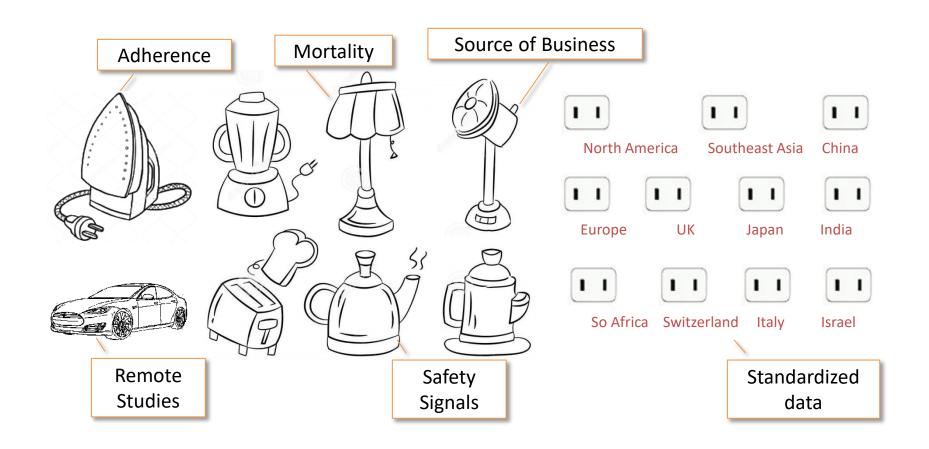






- Not scalable
- Expensive
- Slow
- Prohibitive to non-expert routine use

### Solution: Standardized Data and Analytics



- 1. ATLAS, Remote Studies 2. OMOP CDM
  - Standard Cohorts
  - Standardized Analytics
- - Standardized Format
  - Standardized Coding



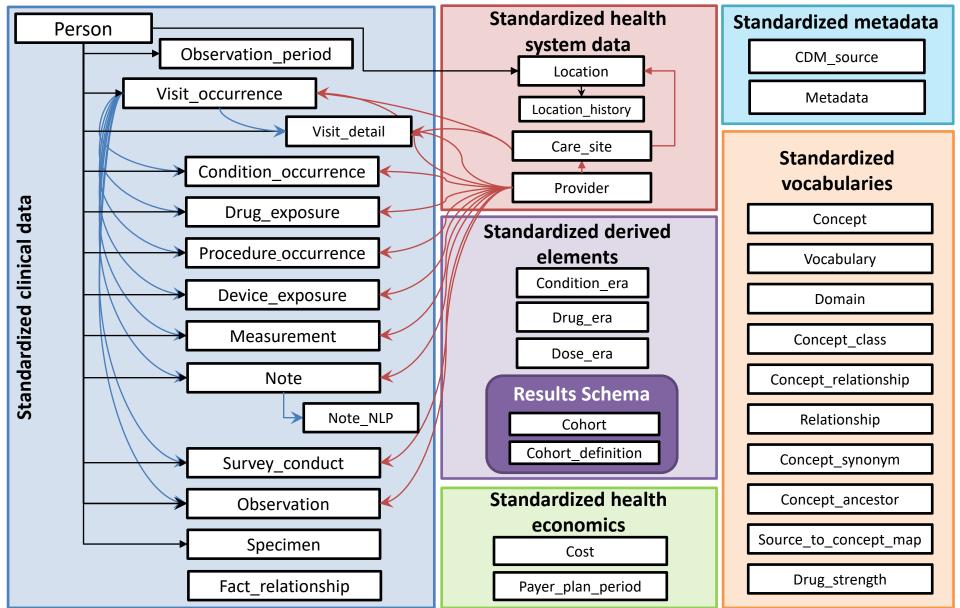
### Common Data Model

### OMOP

- Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership
- (Origin of OHDSI; kept the data model name)
- Components
  - Schema tables where you put data
  - Vocabulary what codes go in the table
  - Conventions how to store data
- Open committee structure to govern it
  - Contracted vocabulary maintenance



## Deep information model OMOP CDM





### **Extensive vocabularies**

Breakdown of OHDSI concepts by domain, standard class, and vocabulary





### OHDSI's standardized vocabularies

- 153 Vocabularies across 41 domains
  - MU3 standards: SNOMED, RxNorm, LOINC
  - Disparate sources: ICD9CM, ICD10(CM), Read, NDC, Gemscript,
     CPT4, HCPCS...
- >9 million concepts
  - >3.3 million standard concepts
  - ->5.1 million source codes
  - >629,000 classification concepts
- >55 million concept relationships
- >84 million ancestral relationships

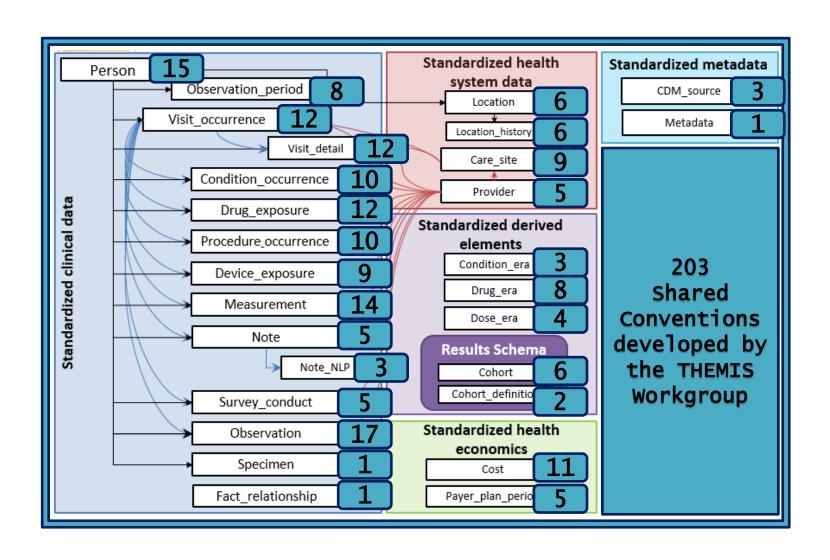


### Standard vocabularies

- Bring the world's data to a core set
- RxNorm
  - RxNorm Extensions cover non-US
- LOINC
- SNOMED CT
  - How to address non-US data
- In many areas, stuck adopting several
  - Procedures, ...

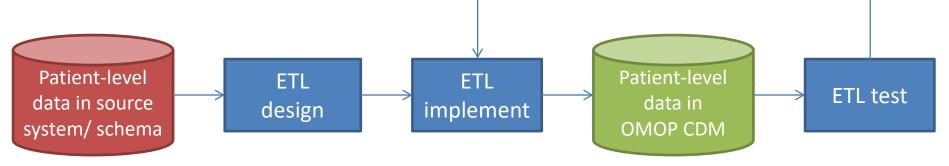


### Standardized conventions





## Preparing your data



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**:

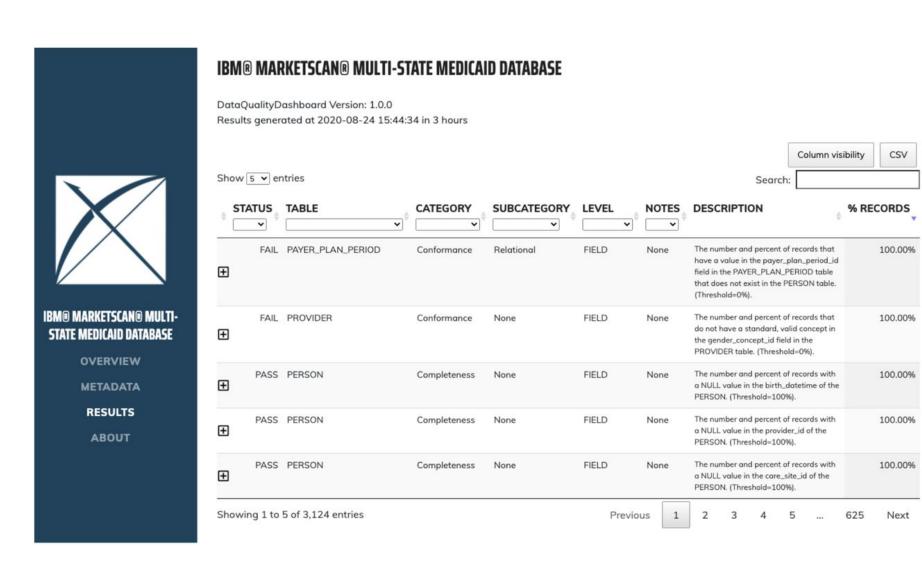
profile your
CDM data;
review data
quality
assessment;
explore
populationlevel summaries

### **OHDSI Forums:**

Public discussions for OMOP CDM Implementers/developers



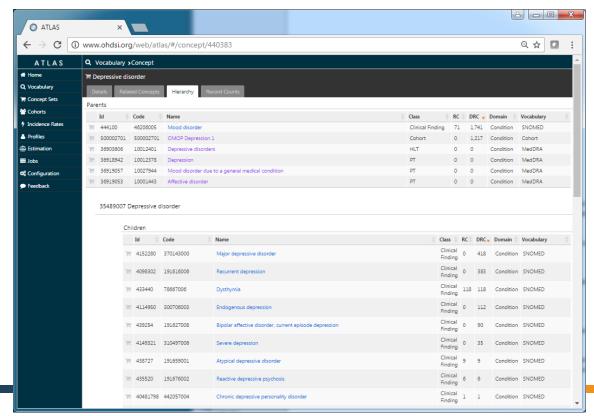
## Data Quality Dashboard





## ATLAS: Ontology support

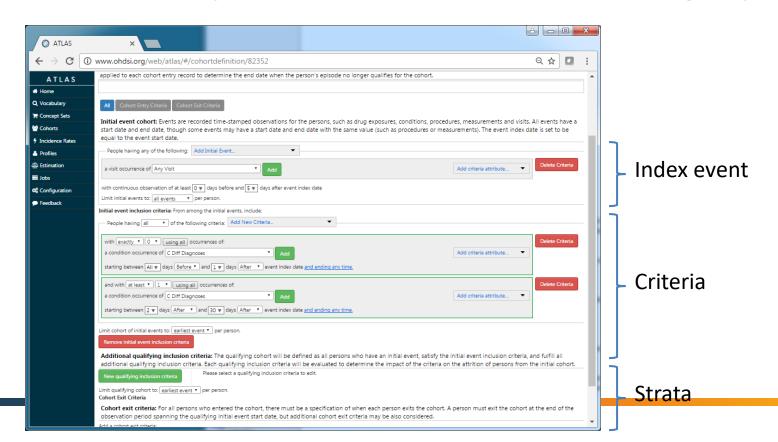
- What terms do I need to create a cohort
- Tied to the database: what terms are used
  - Especially important for someone else's database





## ATLAS: Cohort building

- Optimized for observational research
  - Time series: who and when (vs classification)
    - Observation period, event timing
  - Assume a complex definition Linearized AND-OR group





### ATLAS: Visualization

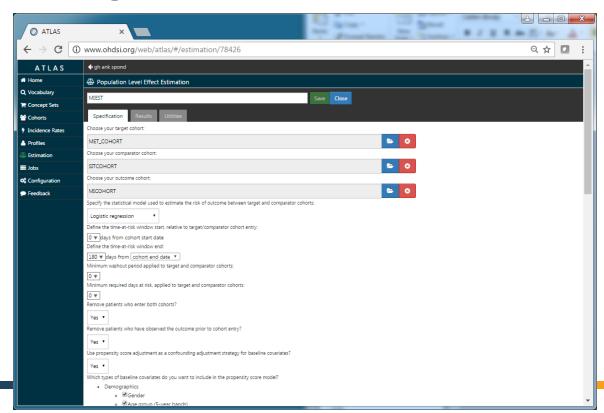
- Tables
- Graphs





## ATLAS: Analysis (observational)

- Approach: log regression, Poisson regression, survival
- Confounder: regularized-regression propensity score
- Residual confounding: calibration
- Diagnostics





### **OHDSI** in Action



## OHDSI "LEGEND" Hypertension Study Filling in the evidence gaps

### Clinical Practice Guideline: Executive Summary

2017 ACC/AHA/AAPA/ABC/ACPM/AGS/APhA/ASH/ ASPC/NMA/PCNA Guideline for the Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Management of High Blood Pressure

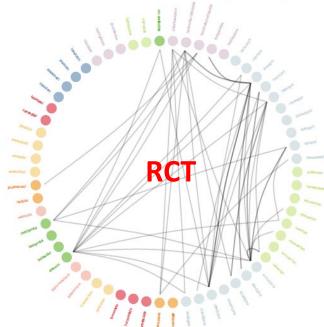
in Adults: Executive Head-to-head HTN drug comparisons
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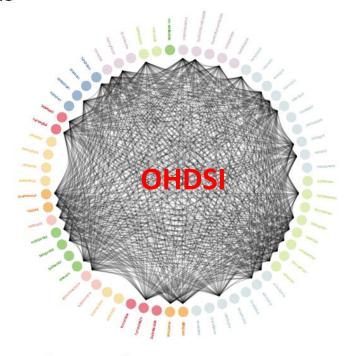
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Trials: 40

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$$N = 102 - [1148] - 33K$$



Comparisons: 10,278

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$$N = 3502 - [212K] - 1.9M$$



### Hypertension, cardiac research

### The Medical Letter

Supplemental content

on Drugs and Therapeutics

### THE LANCET

olume 394 - Number 10 211 - Pages 1779-1878 - November 16-22, 2019



(W) Comprehensive comparative effectiveness and safety of first-line antihypertensive drug classes: a systematic, multinational, large-scale analysis

> Marc A Suchard, Martijn J Schuemie, Harlan M Krumholz, Seng Chan You, Ruijun Chen, Nicole Pratt, Christian G Reich, Jon Duke, David Madigan, George Hripcsak, Patrick B Ryan

encet 2019; 394: 1816-26 Background Uncertainty remains about the optimal monotherapy for hypertension, with current guidelines recom-Published Online mending any primary agent among the first-line drug classes thiazide or thiazide-like diuretics, angiotensin-converting

## Hypertension

### BETA-BLOCKER THERAPY

Comprehensive Comparative Effectiveness and Safety of First-Line β'-Blocker Monotherapy in Hypertensive Patients

A Large-Scale Multicenter Observational Study

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ABSTRACT: Evidence for the effectiveness and safety of the third-generation β-blockers other than atenolol in hypertension remains scarce. We assessed the effectiveness and safety of β-blockers as first-line treatment for hypertension using 3

### **JAMA Internal Medicine**

Comparison of Cardiovascular and Safety Outcomes of Chlorthalidone vs Hydrochlorothiazide to Treat Hypertension

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IMPORTANCE Chlorthalidone is currently recommended as the preferred thiazide diuretic to treat hypertension, but no trials have directly compared risks and benefits.

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Association of Ticagrelor vs Clopidogrel With Net Adverse Clinical Events in Patients With Acute Coronary Syndrome Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

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IMPORTANCE Current guidelines recommend ticagrelor as the preferred P2V12 platelet





### COVID-19 Research

- 4.5 million COVID-19 patient records
  - Academic centers (CDW)
  - EHR and claims data aggregators
  - Government databases
- 41 studies carried out in past year



## Safety of hydroxychloroquine

- Evidence was needed around the use of hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) alone and in combination with azithromycin (AZ). We examined the use of these drugs in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients.
- Findings:
  - In history use in RA population, HCQ alone is generally safe but in combination with AZ it shows a doubling of risk of 30-day cardiovascular mortality.





## ACE Inhibitors and susceptibility to COVID-19

• Patients with cardiovascular diseases and hypertension treated with angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEs) angiotensin-II receptor blockers (ARBs) may influence susceptibility to COVID-19 and worsen its severity.

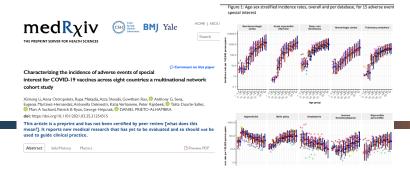


As stated by <u>Watson et al</u>.in relation to one of the published studies, lack of transparency and uncertainties about research standards applied raise doubts about published results. <u>Morales et al.</u> supported the reproducibility of their study by publishing the study protocol in the <u>EU PAS Register</u> ahead of time, providing <u>a start-to-finish executable code</u>, facilitating the sharing and exploration of the complete result set with an <u>interactive web application</u> and asking clinicians and epidemiologists to perform a blinded evaluation of propensity score diagnostics for the treatment comparisons.



## COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Methods Research

- AstraZeneca vaccine
  - March 11-15, 2021 13 European countries suspend use for fears of blood clots
    - Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Bulgaria, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Italy, France, ...
  - As of March 16, 2021 of 20 million persons vaccinated in Europe several deaths
    - 469 thromboembolic events reported after vaccination
    - 7 cases disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
    - 18 cases cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST)
  - March 18, 2021 EMA determines benefits outweigh the risks
    - Thromboembolic events "lower than that expected in the general population"
    - DIC and CVST above baseline but very rare
    - "The number of reported events exceeds those expected, and causality although not confirmed, cannot therefore be excluded. However, given the rarity of the events, and the difficulty of establishing baseline incidence since COVID-19 itself is resulting in hospitalisations with thromboembolic complications, the strength of any association is uncertain."
- Partnered with FDA Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)
  - Vaccine safety methods research, network and local studies

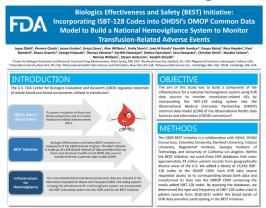






### OHDSI OMOP Common Data Model

### FDA CBER BEST Program



### All of Us Research Program



### eMERGE Network



### **N3C National COVID Cohort**



Collaborations: PCORnet, S4S, ...



## HL7 – OHDSI Partnership

- Announced March 1, 2021
  - FHIR and OMOP
  - "The organizations will align their standards to capture data in a clearly defined way into a single common data model. This will allow clinicians as well as researchers to pull data from multiple sources and compile it in the same structure without degradation of the information."
- Early in creation of joint working groups and scope
  - Starting with existing mapping work
    - Georgia Tech, EHDEN, MIRACUM, Leiden University, Denmark CSS
- Range
  - Mapping, shared knowledge engineering, common standard
- Welcome the feedback



## Themes



## Research as "secondary use"

- Research is not an afterthought
  - It drives health care and saves millions of lives
- Jonas Salk invented the polio vaccine
  - No one remembers his billing records
- Without research we would be billing for leeches
- Perhaps (after patient care) research should become paramount and billing should make due



### Mission

You can store data or you can generate evidence, but you cannot do both



## Coupling

- Therefore, need a tightly coupled enterprise, evidence generation & standards development
  - OHDSI governance structure
  - Need analytic standards as well as data
  - Standard must be connected to community
  - Open source



## It's not magic

- Someone has to pay the data-quality price
  - In All of Us RP, found conversion is best close to data generation
  - FHIR dump of all data to a distance central warehouse will be tough



## **US-specific standards**

- US is 5% of the population
  - Continued focus on US standards hurts US citizens
- Modern causal inference is data hungry
  - Cannot do most research on just the US population



## Join the journey

http://ohdsi.org