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# **Population Health Informatics**

## ***Challenges, Opportunities, and Case Studies***

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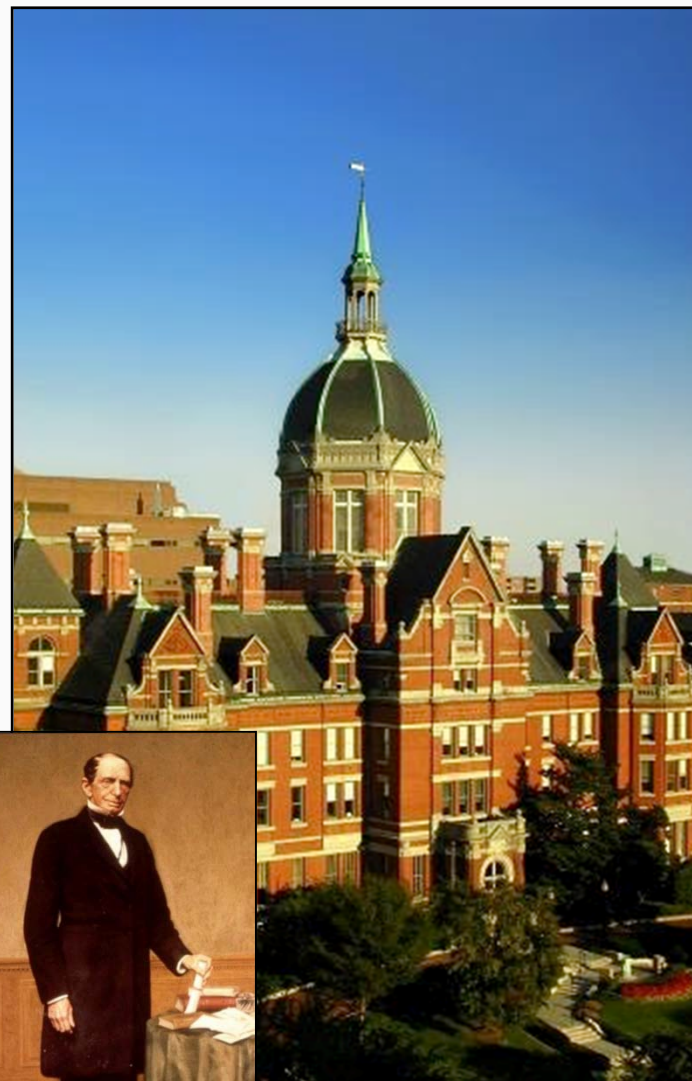
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# **Johns Hopkins University Center for Population Health IT (CPHIT)**

## JHU → JHSoM (School of Medicine)

- Johns Hopkins, the Quaker merchant, banker and businessman, left \$7 million in 1873 to create The JHU/Hospital to create new models and standards for medical education and health care.
  
- JHU/JHM/JHSoM
  - 6 hospitals + 35 outpatient clinics
  - \$8 billion in operating revenues
  - 2800 full time faculty + 1200 part time faculty (40k with staff members)
  - 2.8 million-plus annual outpatient visits
  - 360,000-plus annual ED visits
  - 115,000-plus annual hospital admissions
  - \$2 billion in total research and development spending based on NSF rankings (highest for 35 years) → \$420 mil NIH grants to SoM
  - Managed care health plan: JHHC (368k lives)



## JHU → JHSPH (School of Public Health)

- JHU/JHSPM
  - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (founded 1916)
  - 670 faculty + 709 part time
  - Research in 130 countries
  - Research budget: \$500+ mil
  - Degrees: 12 graduate including the largest MPH
  - Centers: 60+
  - Highlights:
    - First School of Public Health in the US
    - Largest school of public health in the world
    - Receives 20 percent of all grants and contracts awarded to the 57 accredited U.S. schools of public health
    - Ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report since 1994



## JHU → CPHIT

# The Johns Hopkins Center for Population Health Information Technology

(CPHIT, or “see-fit”)

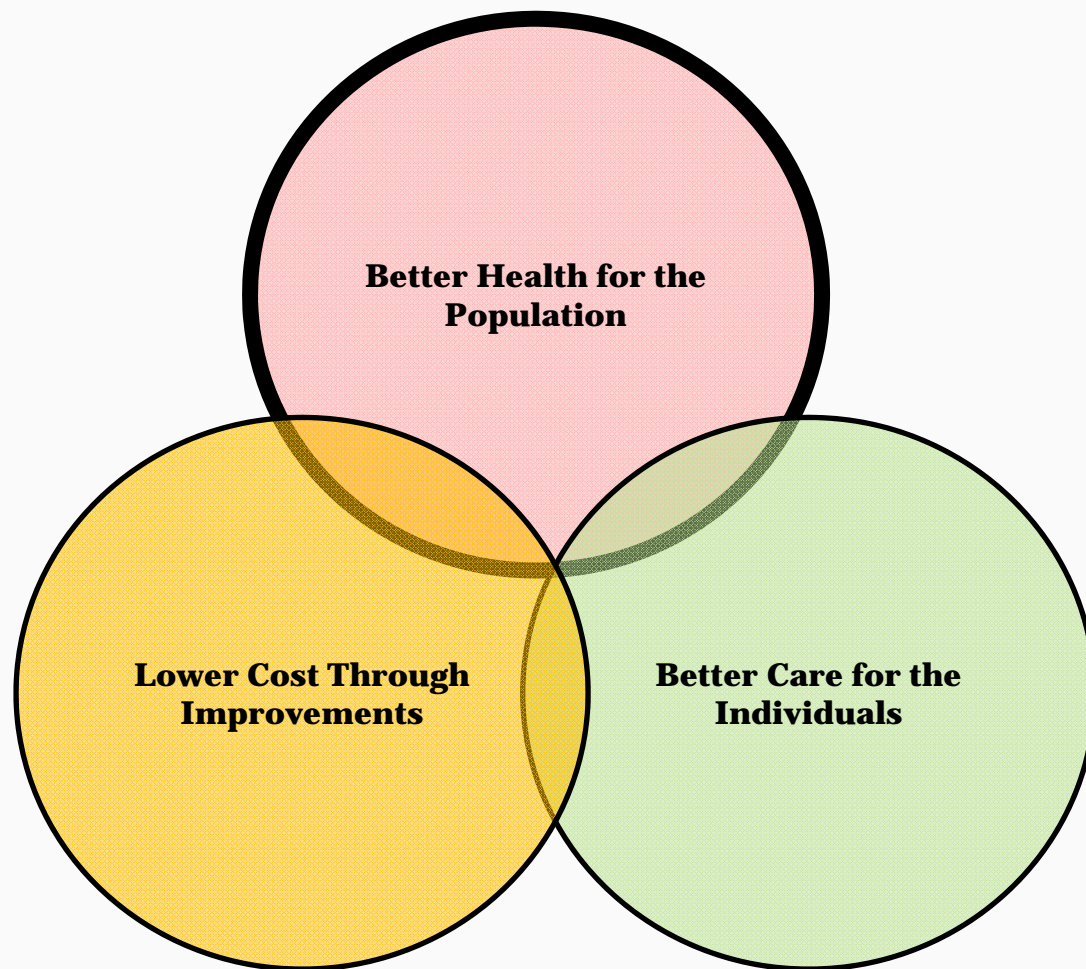
- The **mission** of this innovative, multi-disciplinary R&D center is to improve the health and well-being of populations by advancing the state-of-the-art of Health IT across public and private health organization.
- CPHIT **focuses** on the application of electronic health records (EHRs), mobile health and other e-health and HIT tools targeted at communities and populations.
- Director: Dr. Weiner
- Research Director: Dr. Kharrazi

[www.jhsph.edu/cphit](http://www.jhsph.edu/cphit)



# Population Health Informatics

## Population Health Informatics → Emerging Field

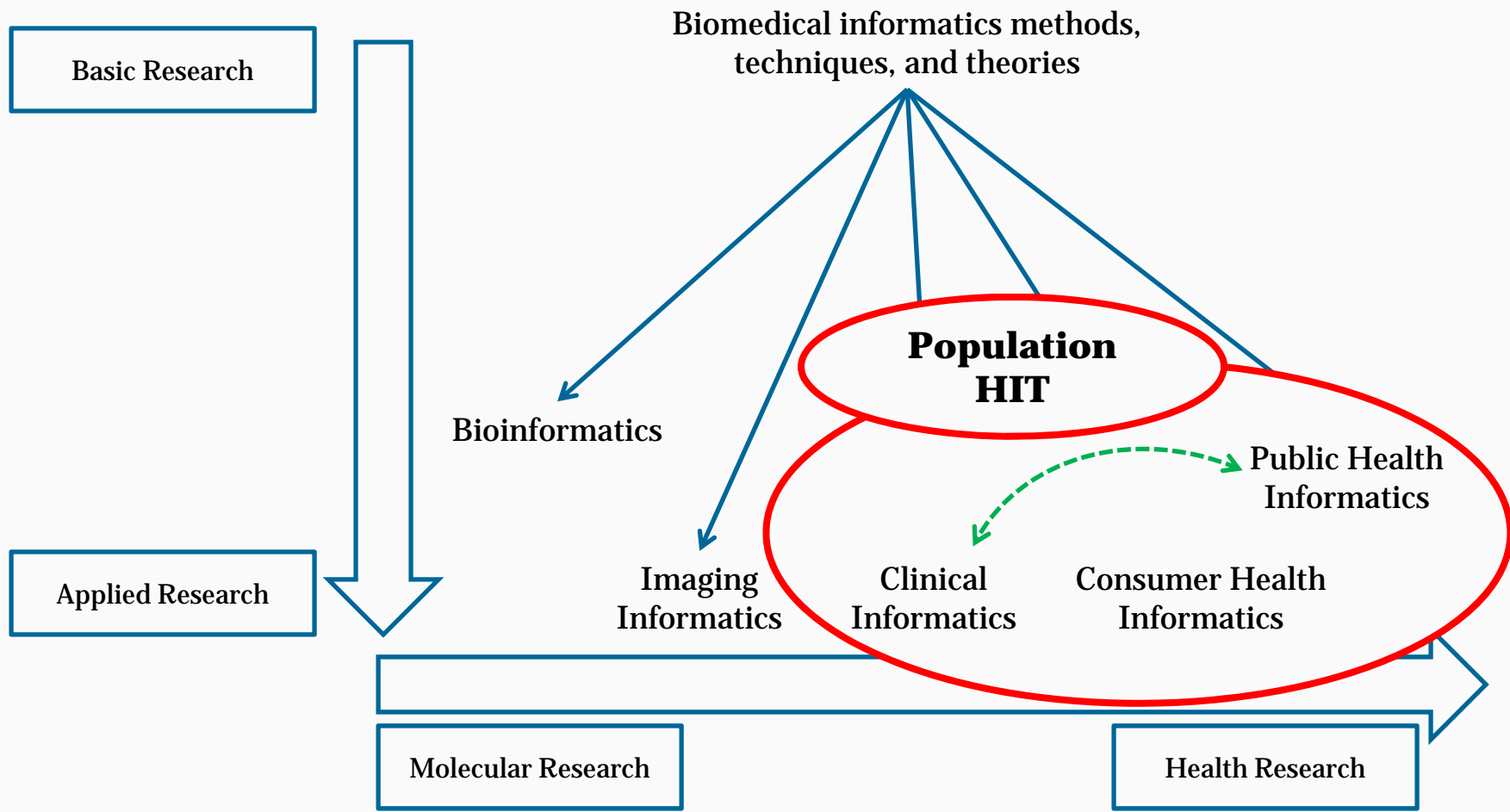


Triple Aims developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

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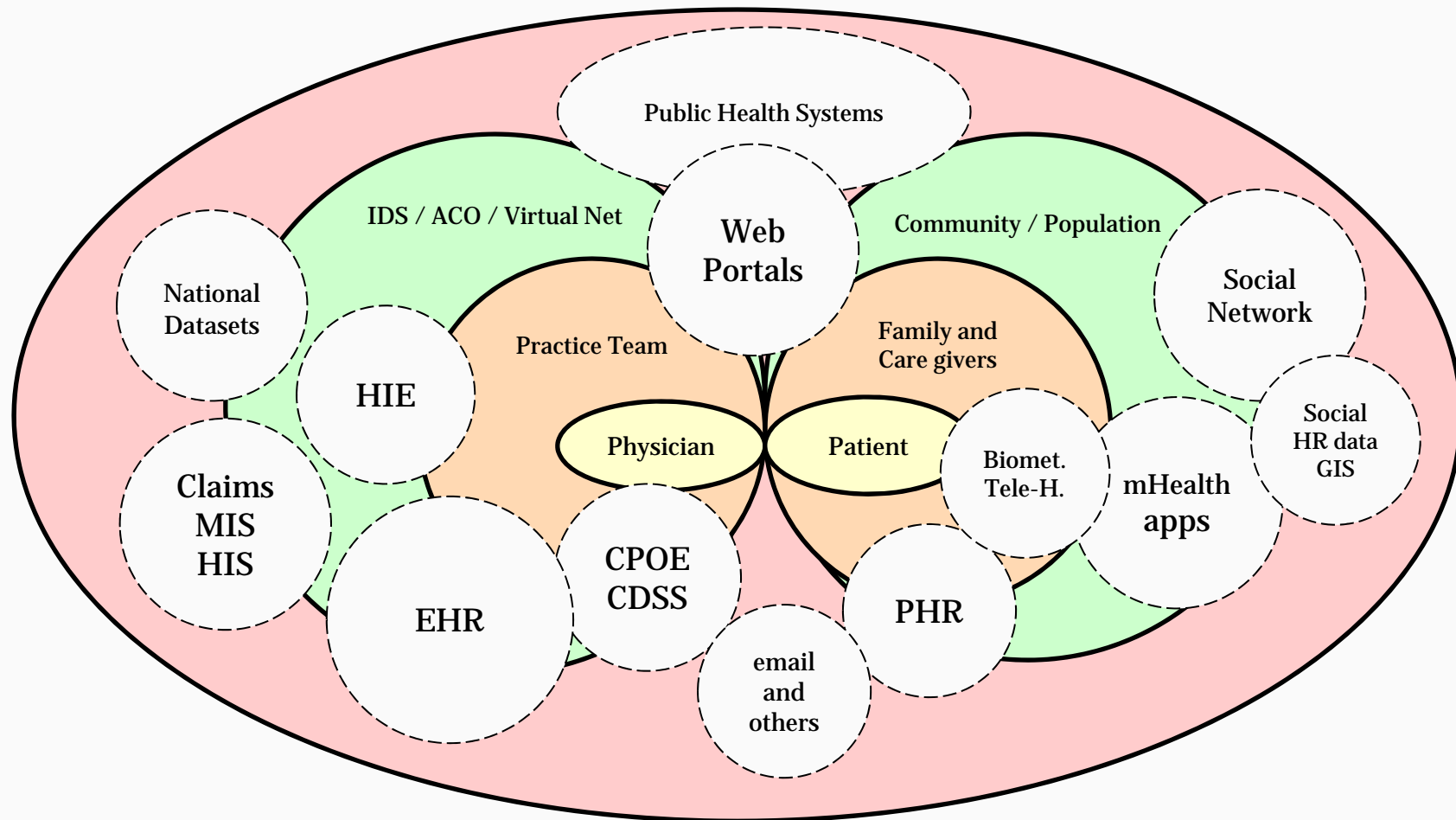
# Population Health Informatics → Emerging Field



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Biomedical informatics as a basic science

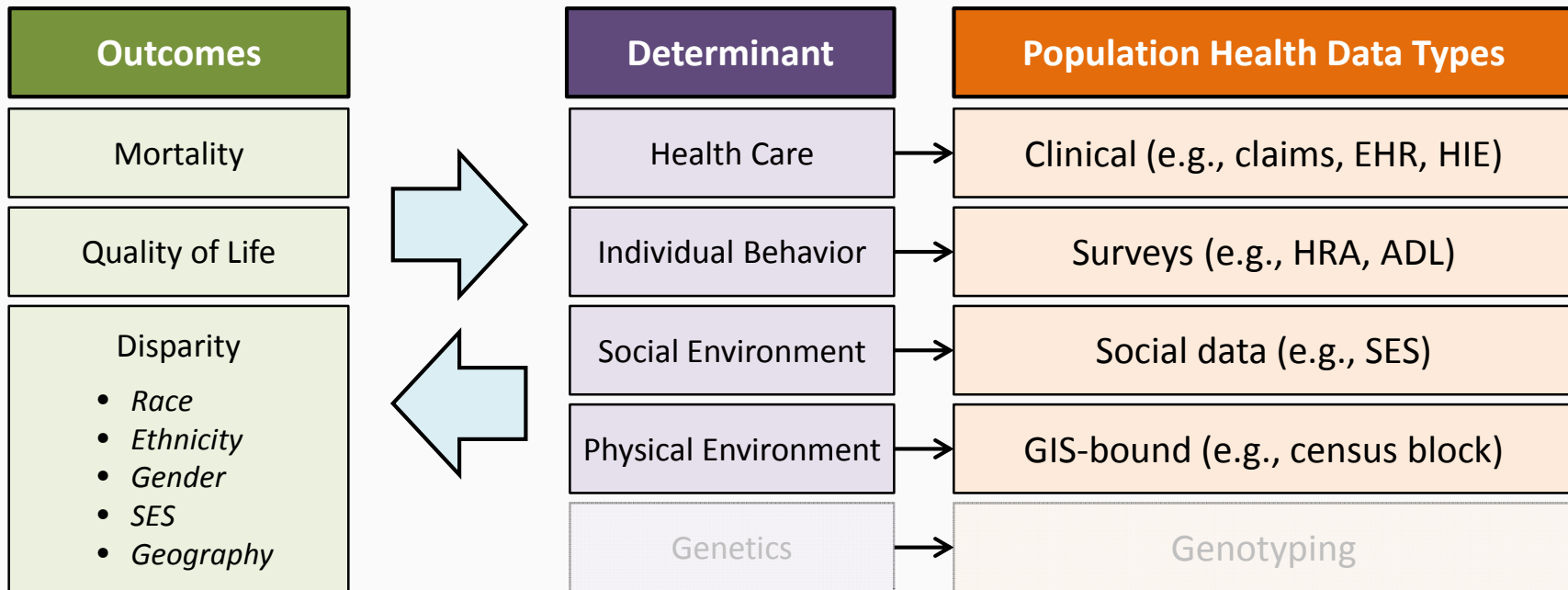
## Population Health Informatics → Data Sources



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Weiner, 2012 <http://www.ijhpr.org/content/1/1/33>

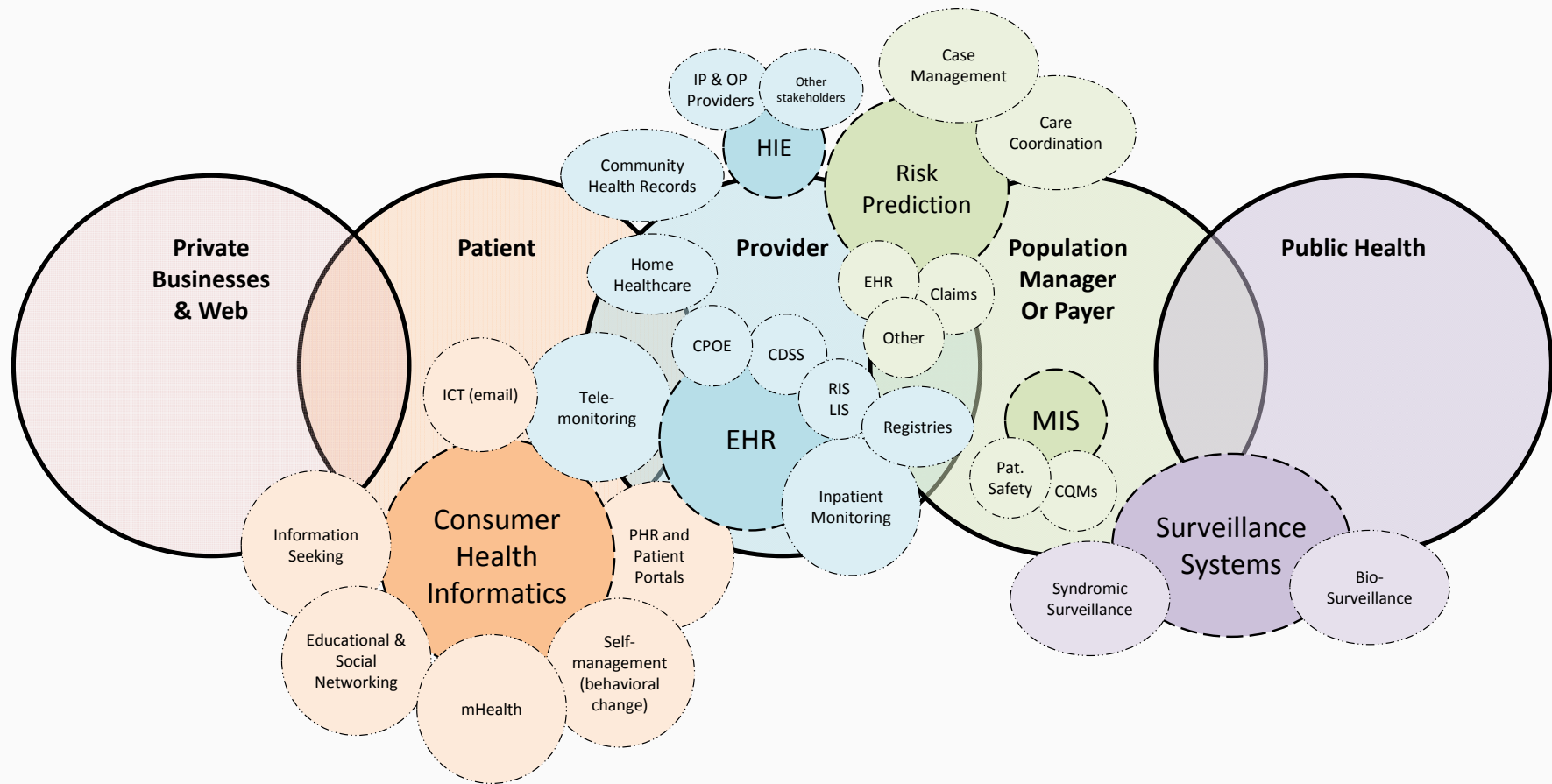
## Population Health Informatics → Data Types



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Health Determinants and Population Health Data Types

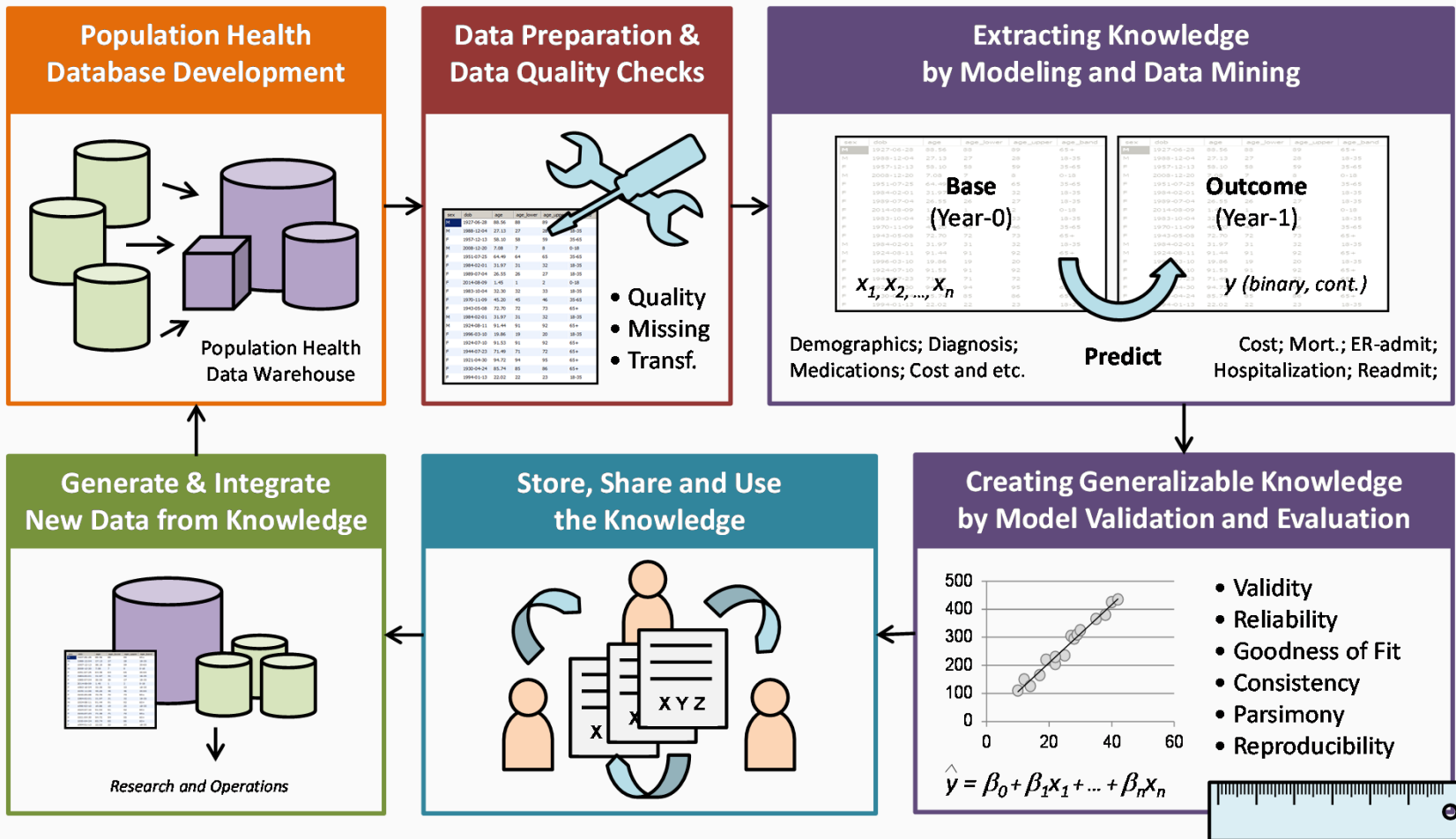
# Population Health Informatics → Data Spectrum



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Variety and Continuum of Information Systems in PopHI

# Population Health Informatics → Data Analytic Cycle



Overall Population Health Knowledge Management Process

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## Population Health Informatics → Drivers

- **Incentives:**

ARRA / HITECH →

- (1) EHR adoption [Meaningful Use (MU) measures];
- (2) state-wide HIEs;
- (3) Beacon Communities

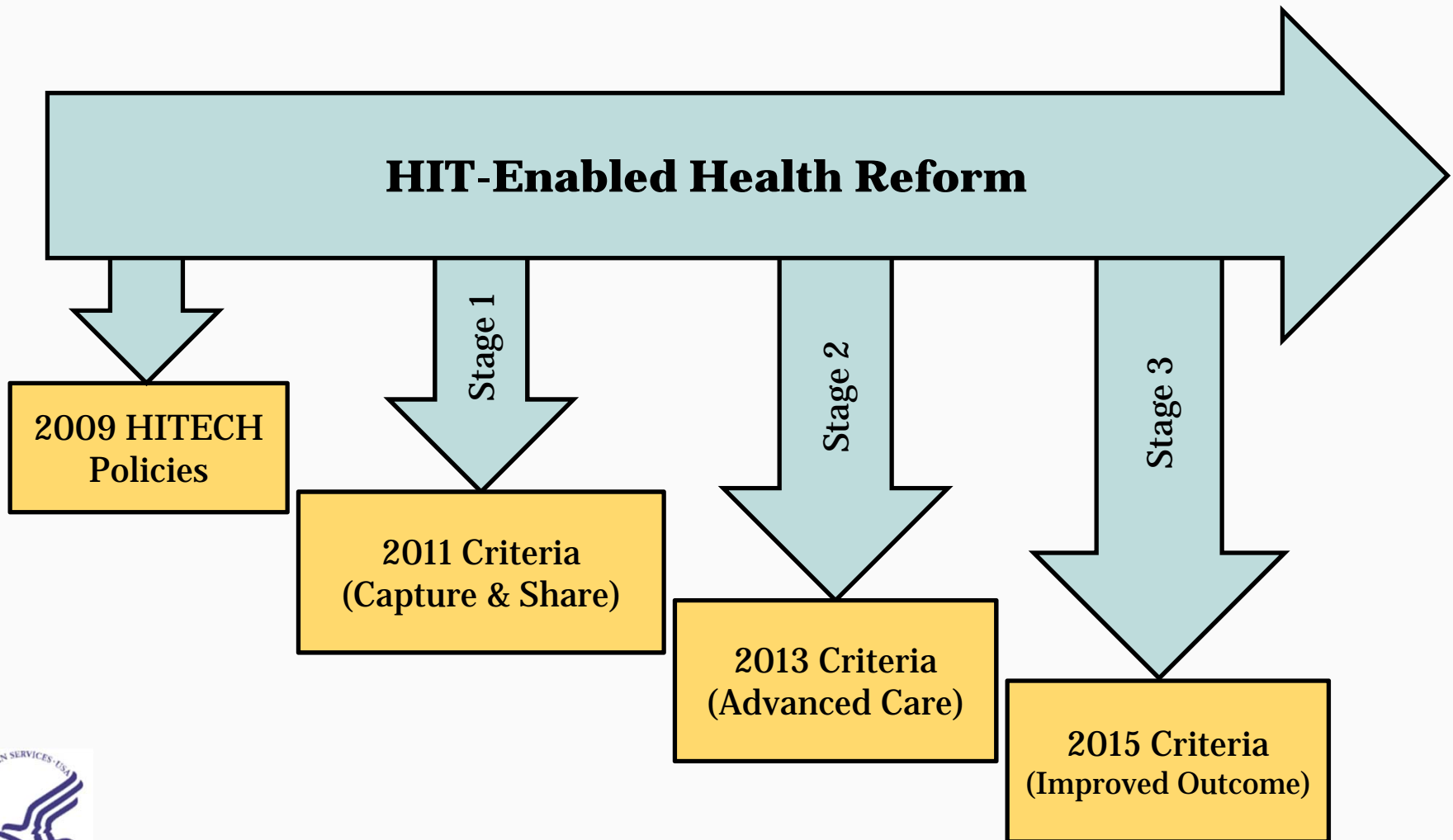
- **Mandates:**

ACA → Payment Reforms → PCMH and ACO initiatives → Value-based →  
Capitated models → Population health + MACRA

- **Facilitation:**

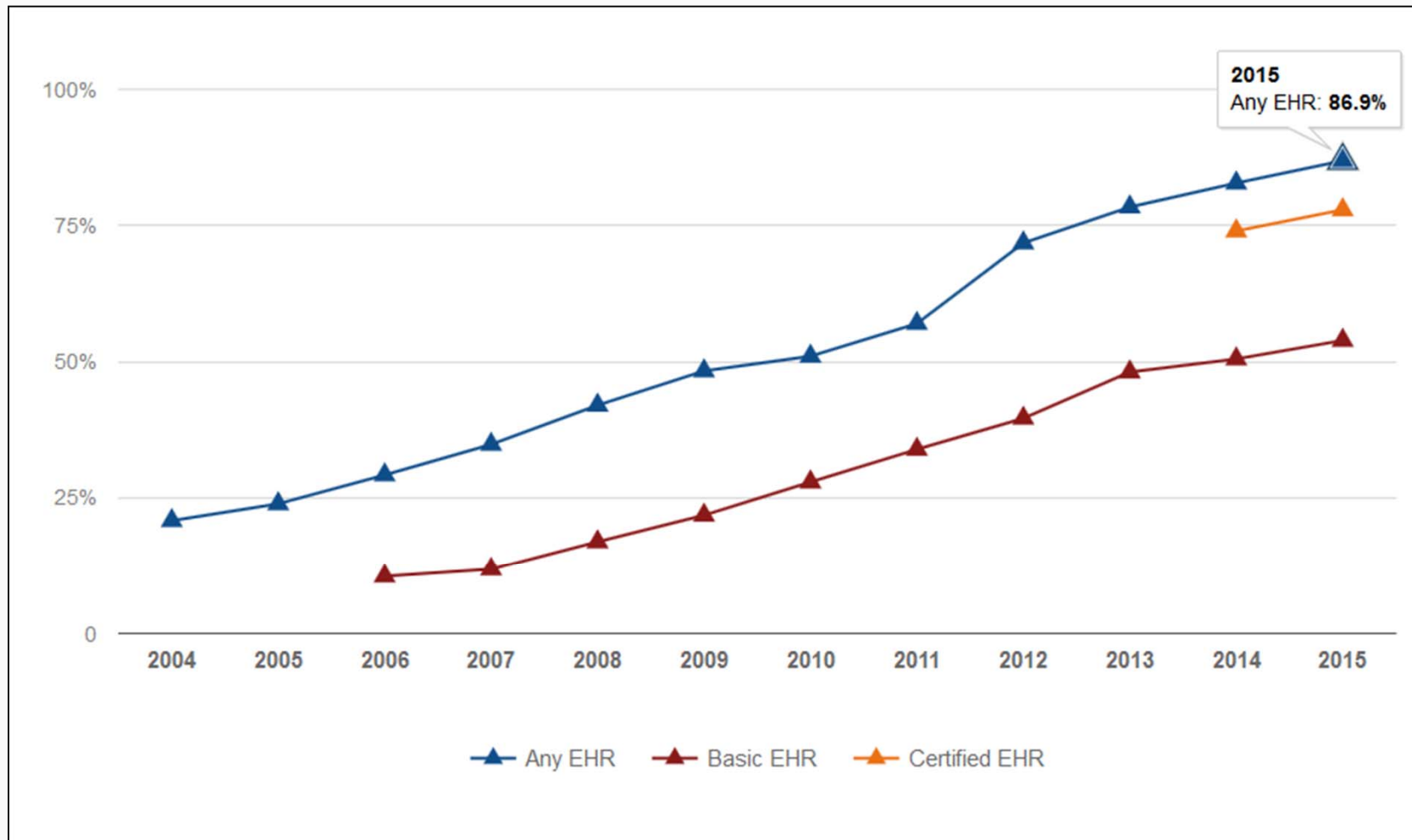
ONC → Data Standards, integration, and sharing → Distributed models

**Population Health Informatics → Drivers → EHR adoption**



Drivers → ARRA → HITECH / MU of EHRs + HIEs

## Population Health Informatics → Drivers → EHR adoption (cont.)

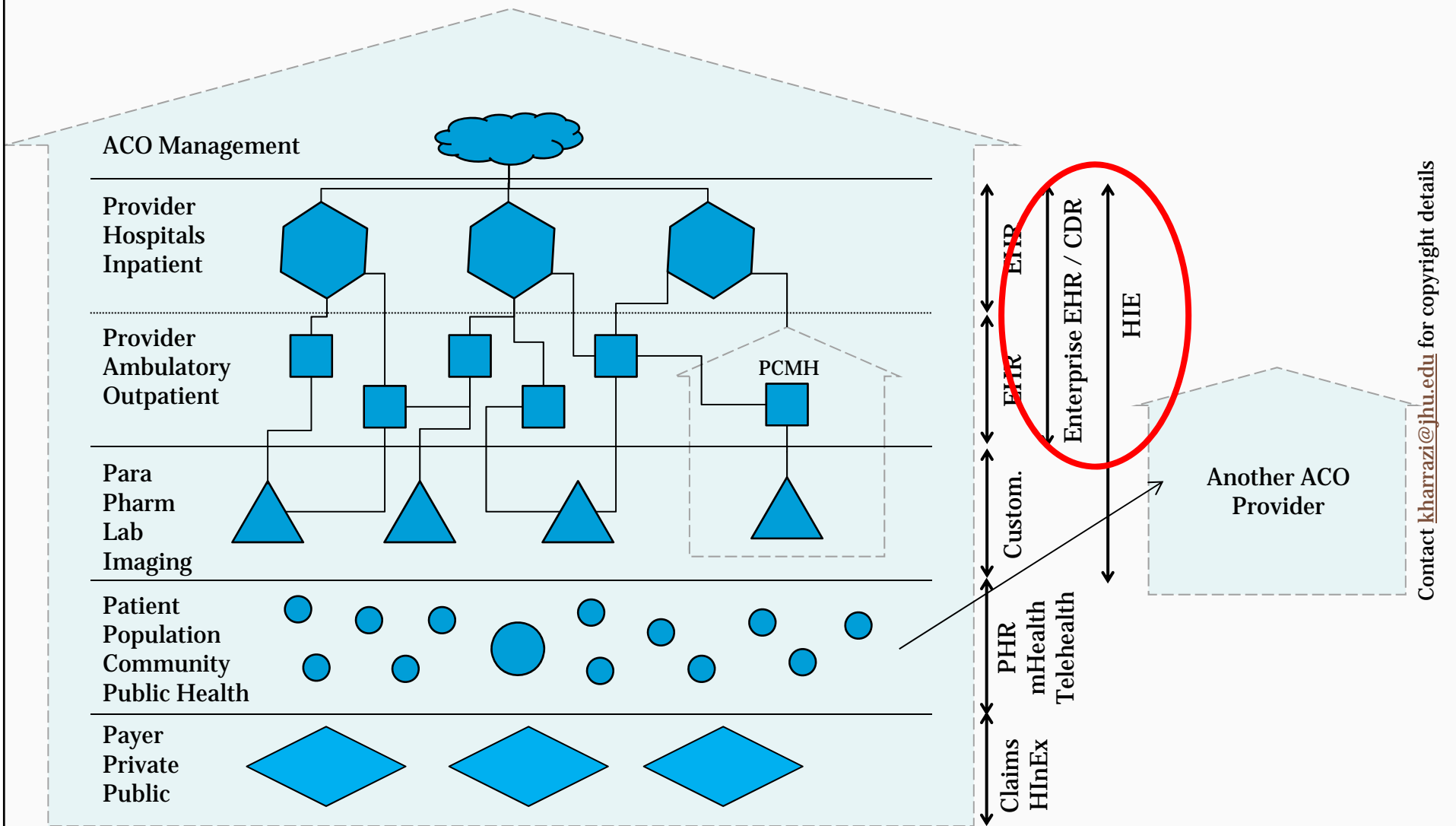


Percentage of EHR systems among office-based physicians

<https://dashboard.healthit.gov/quickstats/pages/physician-ehr-adoption-trends.php>



# Big Data and Healthcare → Drivers → Value-base Care (ACOs) (cont.)



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## Population Health Informatics → National Workshop on Pop Health IT

### A proposed national research and development agenda for population health informatics: summary recommendations from a National Expert Workshop

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#### ABSTRACT

**Objective** The Johns Hopkins Center for Population Health IT hosted a 1-day symposium sponsored by the National Library of Medicine to help develop a national research and development (R&D) agenda for the emerging field of population health informatics (PopHI).

**Material and Methods** The symposium provided a venue for national experts to brainstorm, identify, discuss, and prioritize the top challenges and opportunities in the PopHI field, as well as R&D areas to address these.

**Results** This manuscript summarizes the findings of the PopHI symposium. The symposium participants' recommendations have been categorized into 13 overarching themes, including policy alignment, data governance, sustainability and incentives, and standards/interoperability.

**Discussion** The proposed consensus-based national agenda for PopHI consisted of 18 priority recommendations grouped into 4 broad goals: (1) Developing a standardized collaborative framework and infrastructure, (2) Advancing technical tools and methods, (3) Developing a scientific evidence and knowledge base, and (4) Developing an appropriate framework for policy, privacy, and sustainability. There was a substantial amount of agreement between all the participants on the challenges and opportunities for PopHI as well as on the actions that needed to be taken to address these.

**Conclusion** PopHI is a rapidly growing field that has emerged to address the population dimension of the Triple Aim. The proposed PopHI R&D agenda is comprehensive and timely, but should be considered only a starting-point, given that ongoing developments in health policy, population health management, and informatics are very dynamic, suggesting that the agenda will require constant monitoring and updating.

### JAMIA Paper Reporting on the Findings from the National Workshop

## Population Health Informatics → National Workshop on Pop Health IT *(cont.)*

### ❖ Population Health Definition

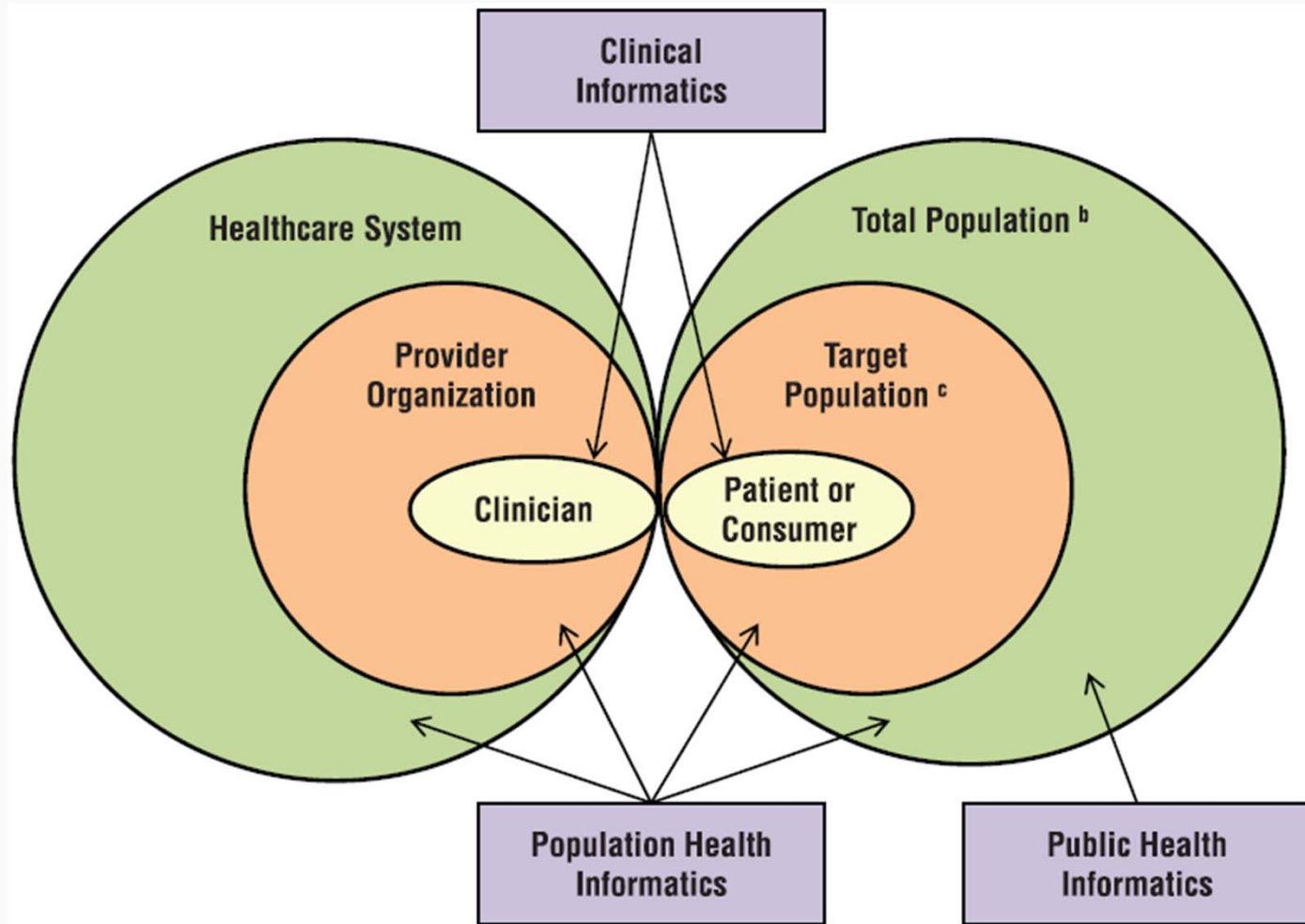
Population health comprises organized activities for assessing and improving the health and well-being of a **defined population**. Population health is practiced by both **private and public organizations**. The target “population” can be a specific geographic community or region, or it may **represent some other “denominator,”** such as enrollees of a health plan, persons residing in a provider’s catchment area, or an aggregation of individuals with special needs. The difference between population health and public health is subtle, and there is **not always a full consensus** on these definitions. That said, public health services are typically provided by government agencies and include the “core” public health functions of health assessment, assurance, and policy-setting. In the United States, most actions of **public health agencies represent population health**, but a considerable proportion, if not the majority, of population health services are provided by private organizations.

## Population Health Informatics → National Workshop on Pop Health IT *(cont.)*

Domain Context	Population Health Informatics	Public Health Informatics	Clinical Informatics
<b>Common Intervention Targets<sup>a</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total population</li> <li>• Target populations</li> <li>• Provider organization</li> <li>• Healthcare systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinician</li> <li>• Patient or consumer</li> <li>• Provider organization</li> <li>• Target population</li> </ul>
<b>Main Operational Goal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach and prevention</li> <li>• Care integration</li> <li>• Disease management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment</li> <li>• Prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment</li> <li>• Rehabilitation</li> </ul>
<b>Action Arm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population health organization</li> <li>• Care management organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health agencies</li> <li>• Non-for-profit and non-governmental organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical organizations</li> </ul>
<b>Key Stakeholders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider and payer systems</li> <li>• Government and community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal, state, and local governments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers</li> <li>• Consumers</li> </ul>
<b>Key Information Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capturing non-medical info</li> <li>• Information system interoperability across sectors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanding public health IT systems</li> <li>• Medical and public health interoperability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision support</li> <li>• EHR interoperability</li> </ul>

Population Health Informatics vs Public Health Informatics vs Clinical Informatics  
*(table of contexts and differences)*

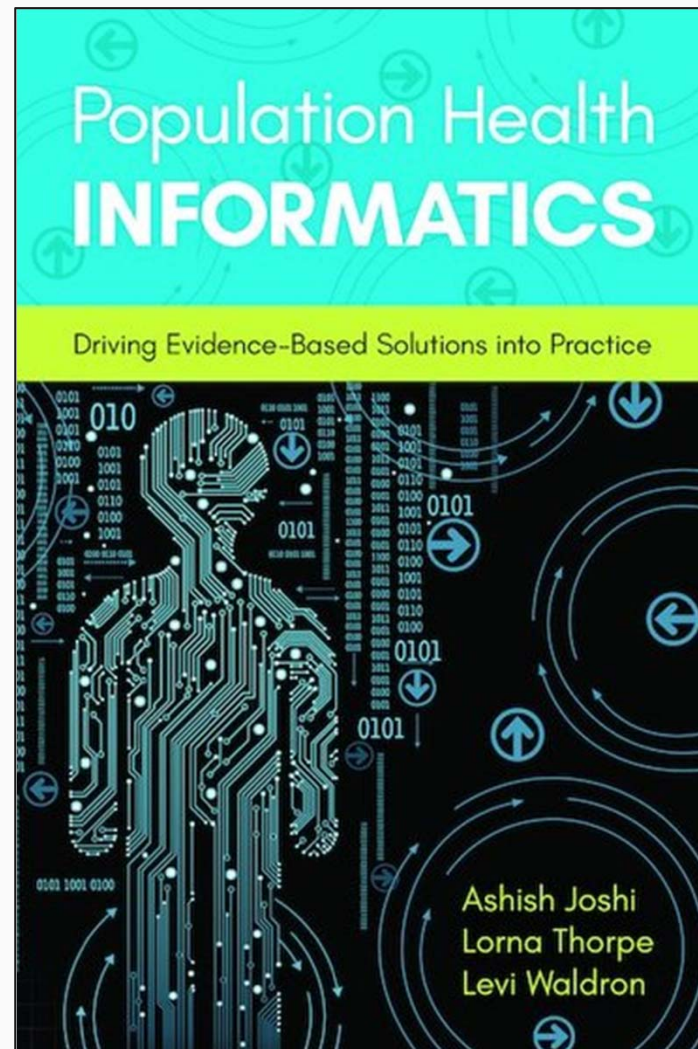
**Population Health Informatics → National Workshop on Pop Health IT (cont.)**



**Population Health Informatics vs Public Health Informatics vs Clinical Informatics**  
*(Venn diagram of population denominator)*

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## Population Health Informatics → Growing domain...



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# CPHIT Research Portfolio



**CPHIT Portfolio** *(cont.)*

- **Research Portfolio** *(selected list)*
- **EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG)**: Developing a wide range of EHR-based population focused predictive modeling tools
  - EHR ICD and e-prescribing Rx input (coordinated with claims)
  - Non-claims data: Lab Data; BMI and Vitals; and Social History
- **Geriatric Frailty**: Developing a new geriatric/frailty “e-risk” score utilizing structured and unstructured EHR data and Claims
- **Predicting Elderly Falls**: Developing analytics with Baltimore City Health Department for regional collaboration to identify and predict elder’s fall injuries in the community using social, medical, and public health data

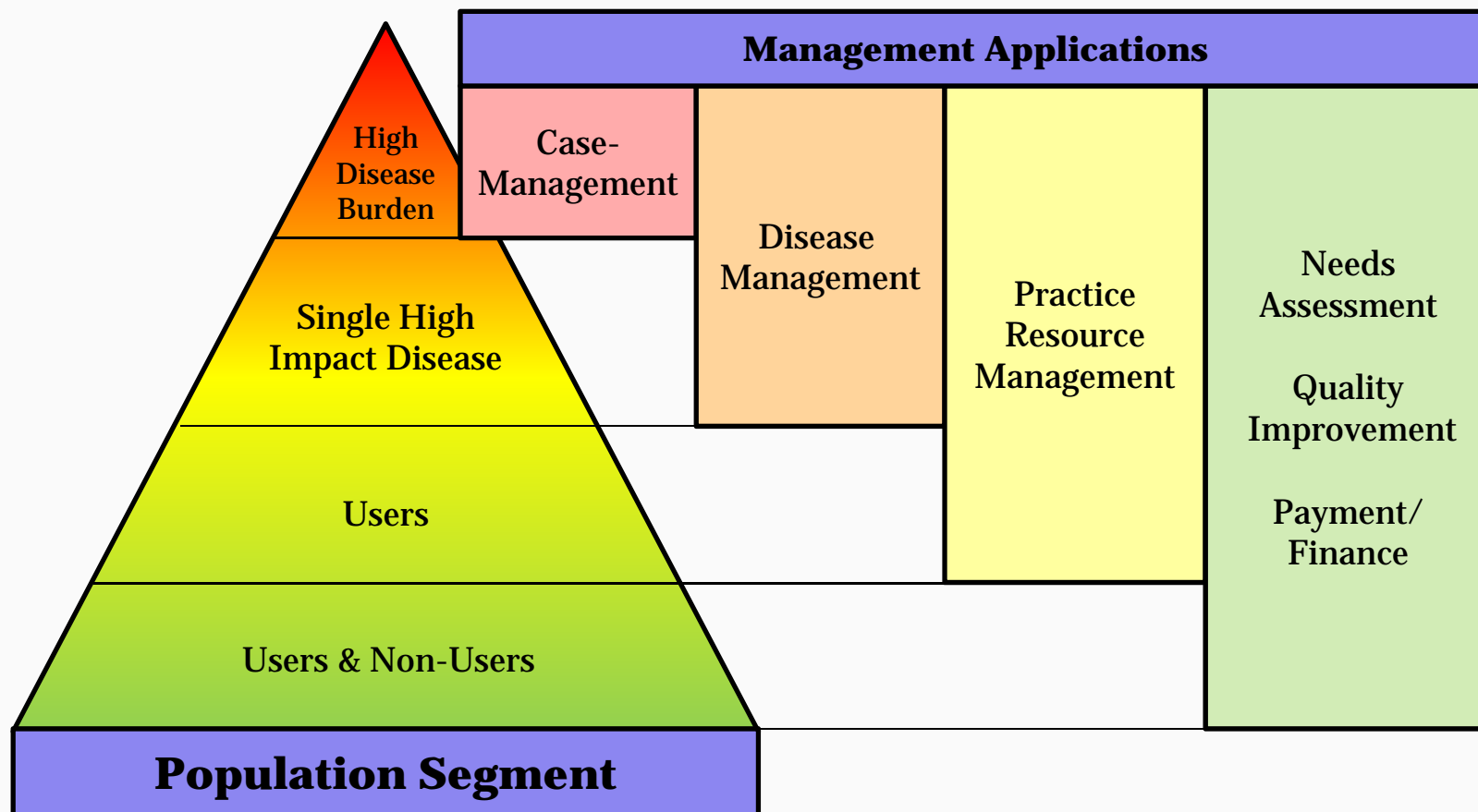
**CPHIT Portfolio** *(cont.)*

- **VHA Obesity:** Collaborating with the Veteran Health Administration
  - Developed population health analytic framework
  - Linking geo and social data for obesity trend analysis
  - Adding social/geo framework to PCMH (PACT) case finding program
  
- **Pop e-Measures:** Collaborating with Maryland State Health Department, HIE and Hospital Commission
  - Assist in the statewide pop health digital measurement infrastructure
  - Develop population health focused measures
  
- **Opioid:** Using multiple novel sources of data to develop predictive models to identify persons at risk for opioid overdose
  
- **Consumer Data:** Linking consumer/marketing data with medical data to identify health outcomes (e.g., consumer reports)

## CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG)

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- ACG system offers a unique approach to measuring morbidity that improves accuracy and fairness in evaluating provider performance, identifying patients at high risk, forecasting healthcare utilization and setting equitable payment rates.

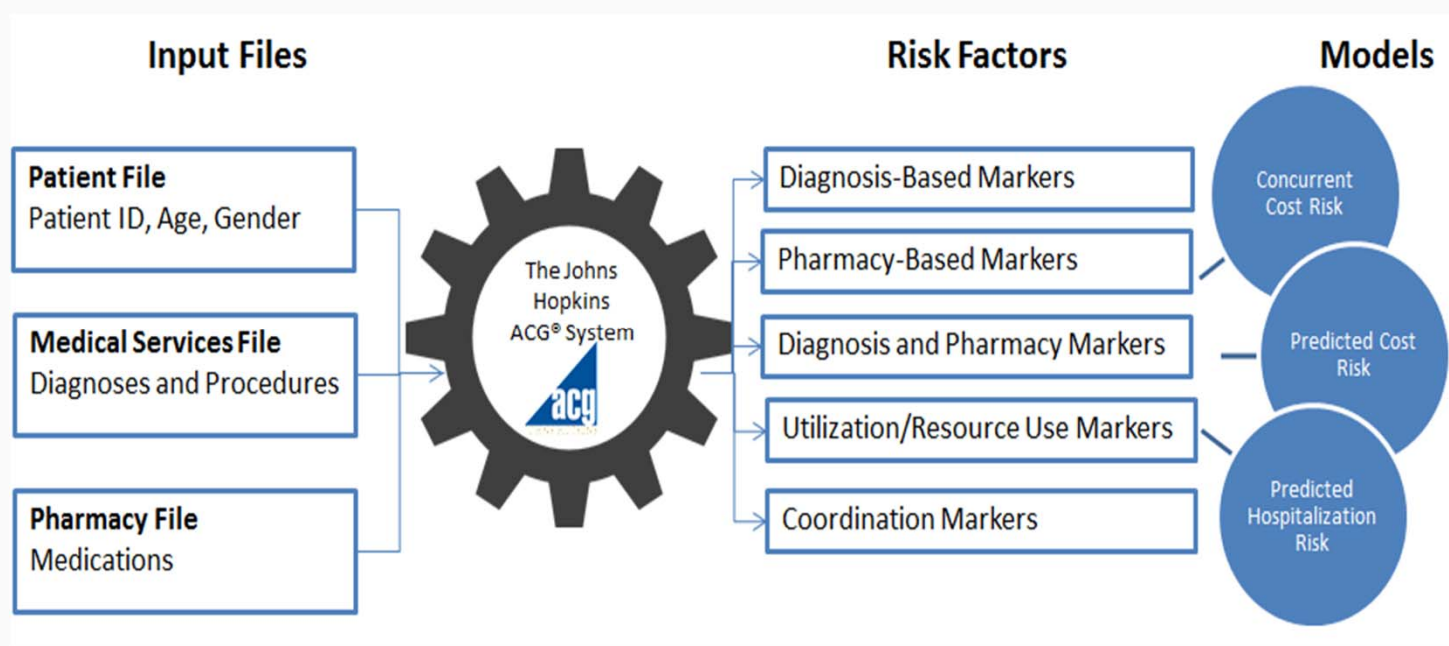


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## CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG) *(cont.)*

- Billions of dollars per year are now routinely exchanged using ACGs in almost every US State and in 16 + nations. Healthcare of as many as 100+ million patients is actively managed and monitored using ACGs on all continents. Over 700+ peer reviewed articles have been published that apply and evaluate ACGs.
- **Other EHR-only data:** Lab results; Vital Signs; Medical and Family history...
- **New applications:** Real time population health / community surveillance; Real time clinical action for individual consumer; Functional Status / Frailty



## CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG) (cont.)

Characteristic	Data Source <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Claims	EHR <sup>(b)</sup>
Purpose	Reimbursement	Clinical care
Scope	All providers, including out of network providers, for a given patient	Network providers of a patient
Data consistency	High consistency across sources	Lower consistency across sources
Data structure	Most of data is structured	Considerable unstructured data
Coding standard	Strict adherence to coding systems	Variable adherence to coding systems
Provider coverage	All providers accepting the insurance	Limited to providers using same EHR
Coding limit	Limited to encoded data	Provides ability to enter free text
Member limitation	Limited to insured patients	Insured and uninsured patients
Coverage limitation	Non-covered items are missing	Includes data on non-covered items
Data type	Limited (mainly enrollment, Dx, Rx)	Additional data types (see below)
Data Availability	Claims	EHR <sup>(b)</sup>
Demographics <sup>(a)</sup>	Yes	Yes
Race/ethnicity	Limited	Limited
Diagnosis <sup>(a)</sup>	Yes	Yes
Procedures	Yes	Yes
Eligibility	Yes	Limited
Medications <sup>(a)</sup>	Pharmacy data (drugs dispensed)	Prescriptions ordered & MedRec data
Socioeconomic data	Zip-code derived	Coded and zip-code derived
Family history	Not available	Yes
Problem list	Not available	Yes
Procedure results	Not available	Yes
Laboratory results	Not available	Yes
Vital signs	Not available	Yes
Behavioral risk factors	Not available	Limited
Standardized surveys	Limited	Limited

### Claims vs EHR

**CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG) (cont.)**

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Comparing Population-based Risk-stratification Model Performance Using Demographic, Diagnosis and Medication Data Extracted From Outpatient Electronic Health Records Versus Administrative Claims

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**Background:** There is an increasing demand for electronic health record (EHR)-based risk stratification and predictive modeling tools at the population level. This trend is partly due to increased value-based payment policies and the increasing availability of EHRs at the provider level. Risk stratification models, however, have been traditionally derived from claims or encounter systems. This study evaluates the challenges and opportunities of using EHR data instead of or in addition to administrative claims for risk stratification.

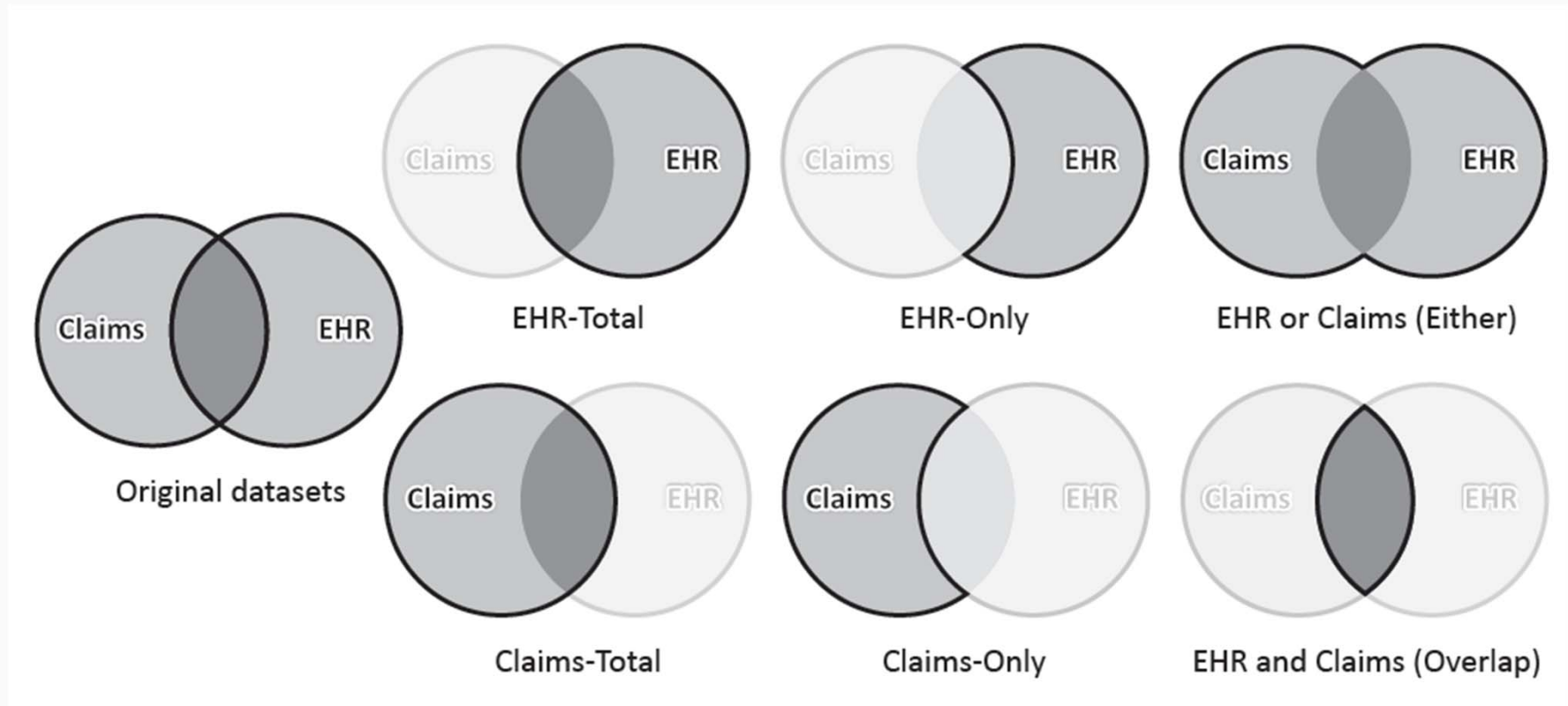
**Discussion:** The results show a promising performance of models predicting cost and hospitalization using outpatient EHR's diagnosis and medication data. More research is needed to evaluate the benefits of other EHR data types (eg, lab values and vital signs) for risk stratification.

**Key Words:** risk stratification, predictive modeling, electronic health records, administrative claims, The Johns Hopkins ACG System

*(Med Care 2017;55: 789–796)*

### Comparing Claims and EHR for Risk Stratification

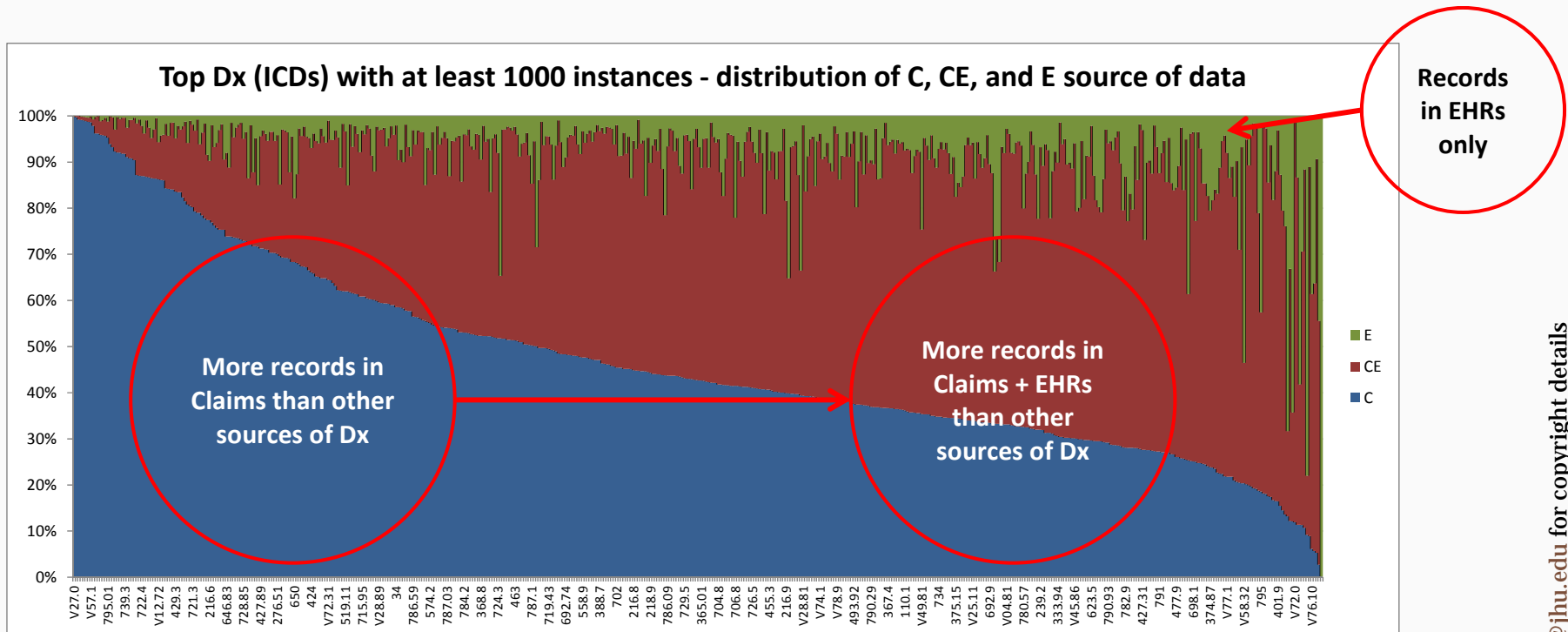
## CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG) (cont.)



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Comparing Various Overlaps of Claims and EHR for Risk Stratification

## CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG) (cont.)



Comparing Diagnostic Data Found in Claims (C) vs EHRs (E)

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## CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG) (cont.)

**TABLE 2.** Comparison of Case Findings of Selected Conditions Based on Diagnostic and Medication Information Extracted From Administrative Claims, EHR Data, and a Combination of Both

Condition <sup>†</sup>	Measure	N (% Population)			Overlaps (%)*				
		Dx and Rx	Claims	EHR	Claims or EHR	CLM-T	EHR-T	OVER	CLM-O
Diabetes	Dx (EDC)	4047 (4.73)	3872 (4.52)	4209 (4.92)	96.15	91.99	88.14	8.01	3.85
	Rx (RxMG)	3878 (4.53)	3632 (4.24)	4389 (5.13)	88.36	82.75	71.11	17.25	11.64
	Both (and)	3364 (3.93)	2912 (3.40)	3522 (4.12)	95.51	82.68	78.19	17.32	4.49
	Either (or)	4561 (5.33)	4592 (5.37)	5076 (5.93)	89.85	90.46	80.32	9.54	10.15
Hypertension	Dx (EDC)	10,152 (11.86)	10,225 (11.95)	11,656 (13.62)	87.10	87.72	74.82	12.28	12.90
	Rx (RxMG)	13,824 (16.15)	10,082 (11.78)	14,090 (16.46)	98.11	71.55	69.67	28.45	1.89
	Both (and)	9232 (10.79)	8132 (9.50)	10,600 (12.39)	87.09	76.72	63.81	23.28	12.91
	Either (or)	14,744 (17.23)	12,175 (14.23)	15,146 (17.70)	97.35	80.38	77.73	19.62	2.65
Depression	Dx (EDC)	5451 (6.37)	4853 (5.67)	6683 (7.81)	81.57	72.62	54.18	27.38	18.43
	Rx (RxMG)	15,814 (18.48)	9118 (10.65)	16,053 (18.76)	98.51	56.80	55.31	43.20	1.49
	Both (and)	4425 (5.17)	3126 (3.65)	5396 (6.31)	82.01	57.93	39.94	42.07	17.99
	Either (or)	16,840 (19.68)	10,845 (12.67)	17,340 (20.26)	97.12	62.54	59.66	37.46	2.88
Cancer	Dx (EDC)	2458 (2.87)	2210 (2.58)	2836 (3.31)	86.67	77.93	64.60	22.07	13.33
	Rx (RxMG)	806 (0.94)	356 (0.42)	827 (0.97)	97.46	43.05	40.51	56.95	2.54
	Both (and)	478 (0.56)	236 (0.28)	497 (0.58)	96.18	47.48	43.66	52.52	3.82
	Either (or)	2786 (3.26)	2330 (2.72)	3166 (3.70)	88.00	73.59	61.59	26.41	12.00

Cases found in EHR versus Claims:  
Diabetes, Hypertension, Depression, Cancer

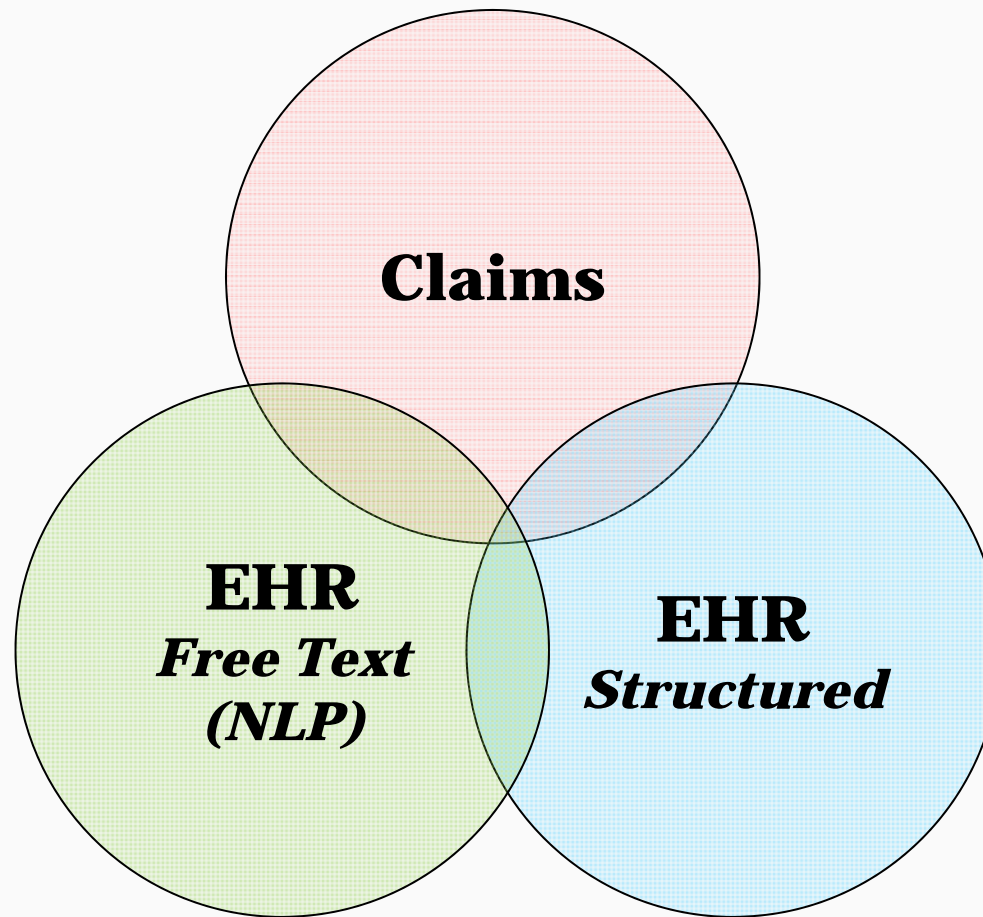
## CPHIT Portfolio → EHR-based Utilization Prediction (eACG) (cont.)

**TABLE 4.** Comparison of Concurrent and Prospective Performance (Area Under the Curve) for Hospitalization and Top 1% Cost Using Claims, EHRs Data, or Both

Outcome <sup>†</sup>	Year	Data Source and Model Variables*									
		Dem.	Claims			EHR			Claims or EHR		
		Sex + Age	Dx	Rx	DxRx	Dx	Rx	DxRx	Dx	Rx	DxRx
Hosp. <sup>‡</sup>	Concurrent	0.640	0.864	0.804	0.875	0.775	0.765	0.809	0.861	0.839	0.897
	Prospective	0.656	0.779	0.736	0.783	0.732	0.686	0.736	0.783	0.730	0.783
Top 1% cost <sup>§</sup>	Concurrent	0.649	0.925	0.864	0.938	0.842	0.774	0.845	0.926	0.888	0.941
	Prospective	0.666	0.832	0.800	0.835	0.782	0.663	0.752	0.823	0.776	0.818

Model performance using EHR versus Claims

## CPHIT Portfolio → Geriatric Frailty



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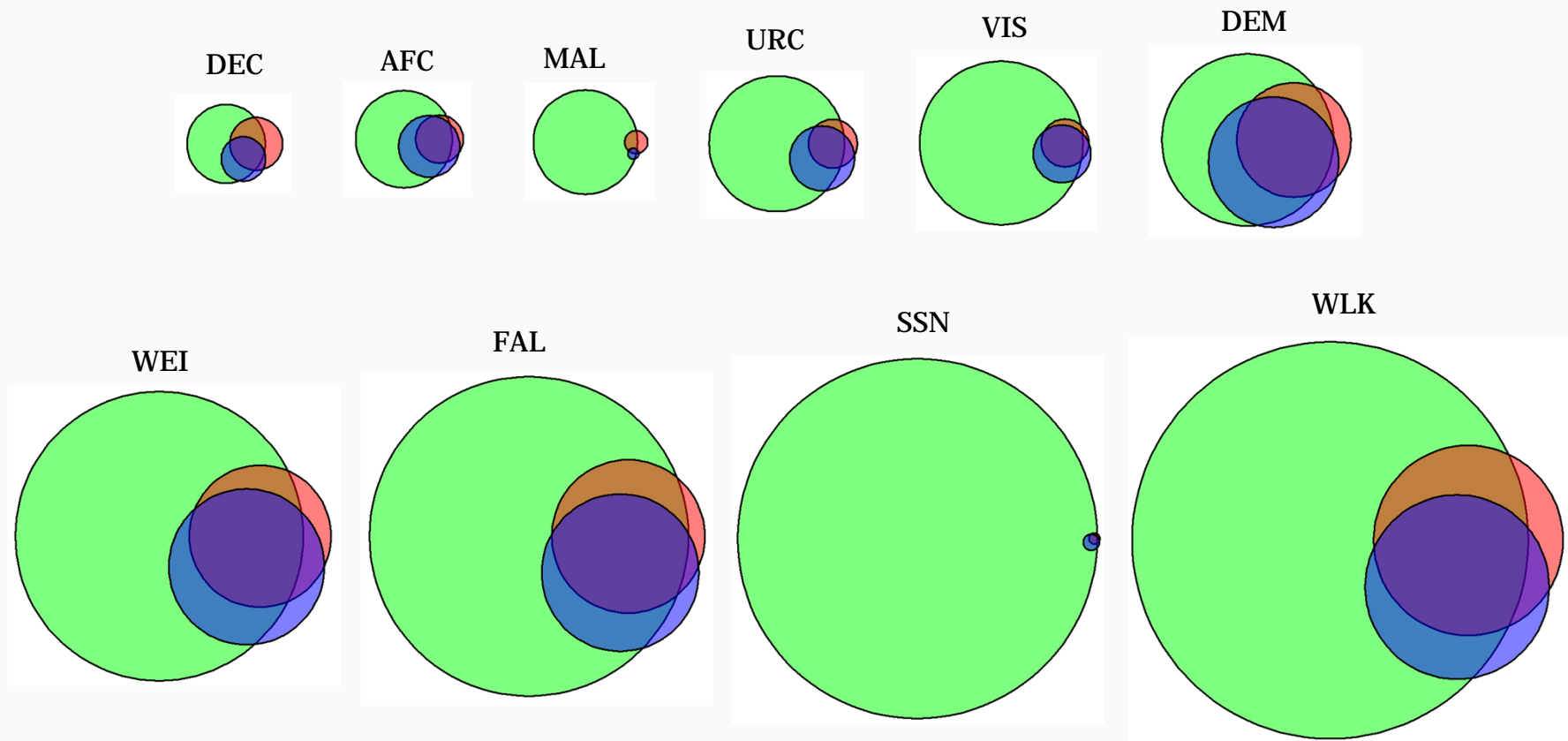
## CPHIT Portfolio → Geriatric Frailty *(cont.)*

- This study evaluates the added-value of EHR's unstructured text in identifying geriatric risk factors. Claims and structured EHR data give an incomplete picture about several constructs that influence geriatric risk. There is a high possibility to miss patients with geriatric risk markers when excluding free-text from an analysis.

Construct	C%	E%	NLP%	C+E%	C+E+NLP%	E+NLP%
AFC	0.52	0.87	2.04	0.93	2.22	2.18
DEC	0.65	0.45	1.11	0.84	1.47	1.19
DEM	3.10	3.94	6.36	4.67	7.21	6.82
FAL	5.48	5.73	<b>22.10</b>	7.32	23.16	22.77
MAL	0.12	0.03	2.37	0.14	2.44	2.37
SSN	0.03	0.06	<b>28.02</b>	0.07	28.03	28.03
URC	0.55	0.97	3.10	1.09	3.38	3.30
VIS	0.53	0.76	4.81	0.85	4.94	4.92
WEI	4.68	5.60	9.11	6.65	11.96	11.18
WLK	8.39	7.88	<b>32.45</b>	10.80	34.93	34.02

Comparing rates of geriatric risk factors using claims and EHR data  
(structured and free text) within the larger population reference

**CPHIT Portfolio → Geriatric Frailty (cont.)**

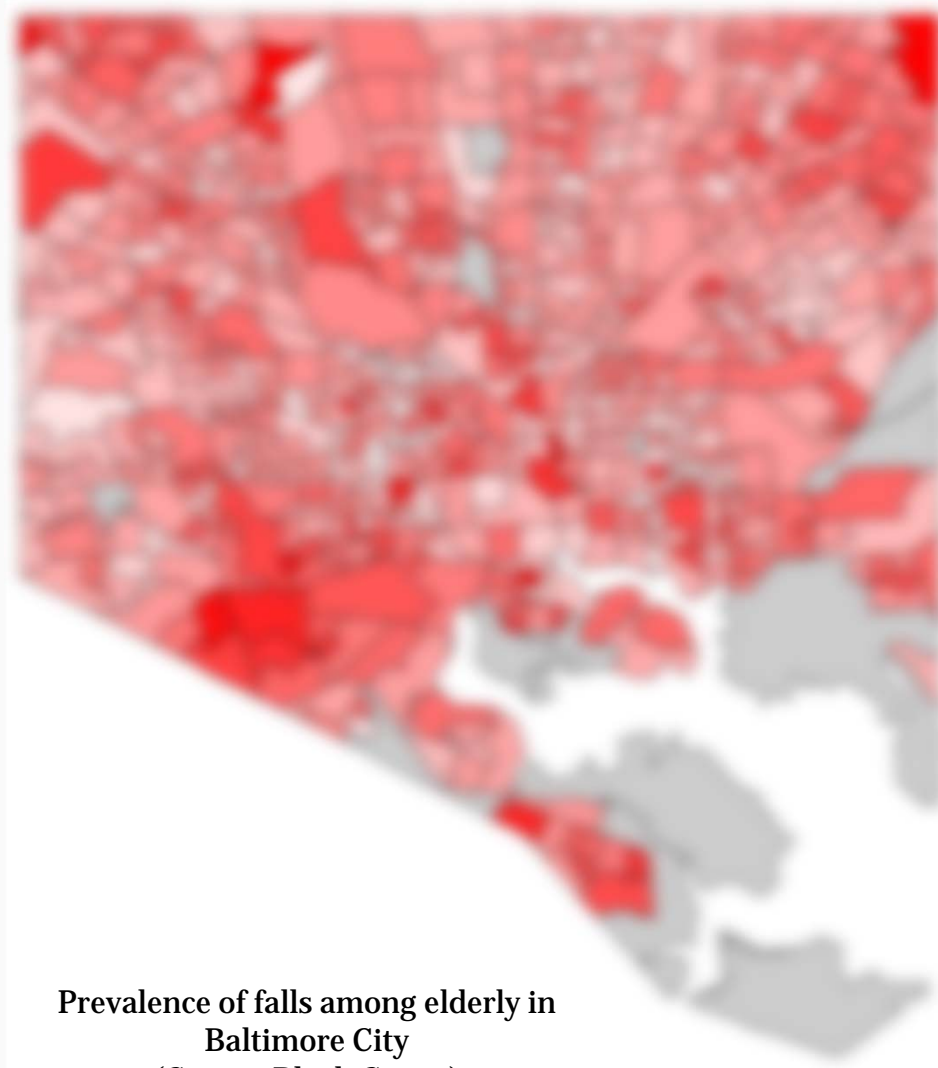


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Added value of free text represented by the Venn diagram  
 Circle sizes represent the number of patients identified by each methodology/data-source  
**Green**: EHR Free Text; **Blue**: EHR Structured; **Red**: Insurance Claims

## CPHIT Portfolio → Predicting Elderly Falls

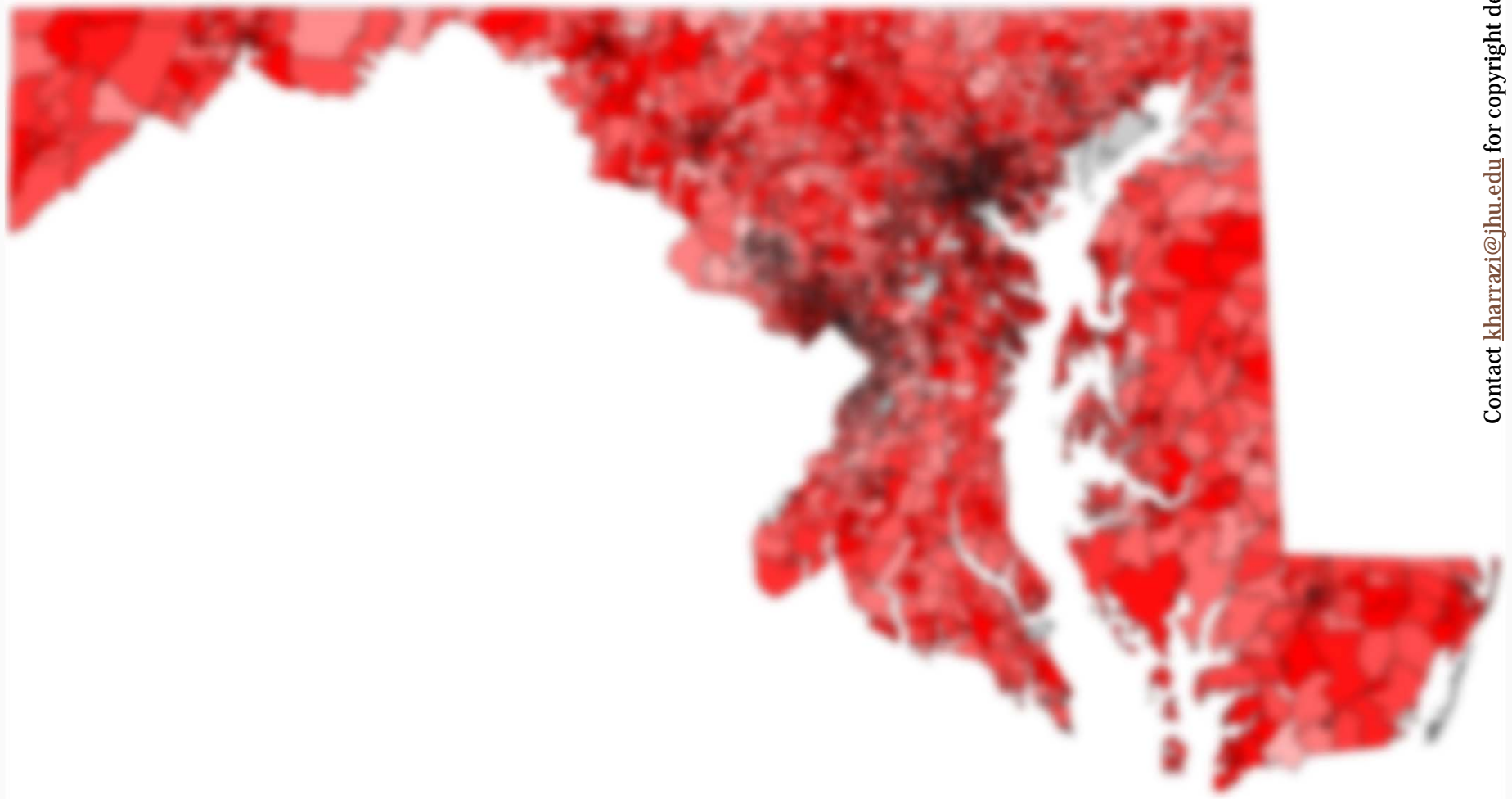
- Baltimore Falls Reduction Initiative Engaging Neighborhoods & Data (B’FRIEND)
- B’FRIEND is a public-private partnership in Baltimore City based on innovative use of health data to decrease the rate of falls leading to an emergency room (ER) or hospital admission among elderly.
- Aim (1): Develop and validate a case identification methodology;
- Aim (2): Develop and validate a fall’s risk prediction model
- Aim (3): Evaluate the fall risk score and disseminate results



Prevalence of falls among elderly in  
Baltimore City  
(Census Block Group)

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## CPHIT Portfolio → Predicting Elderly Falls *(cont.)*



Prevalence of falls among elderly in Maryland (Census Block Group)

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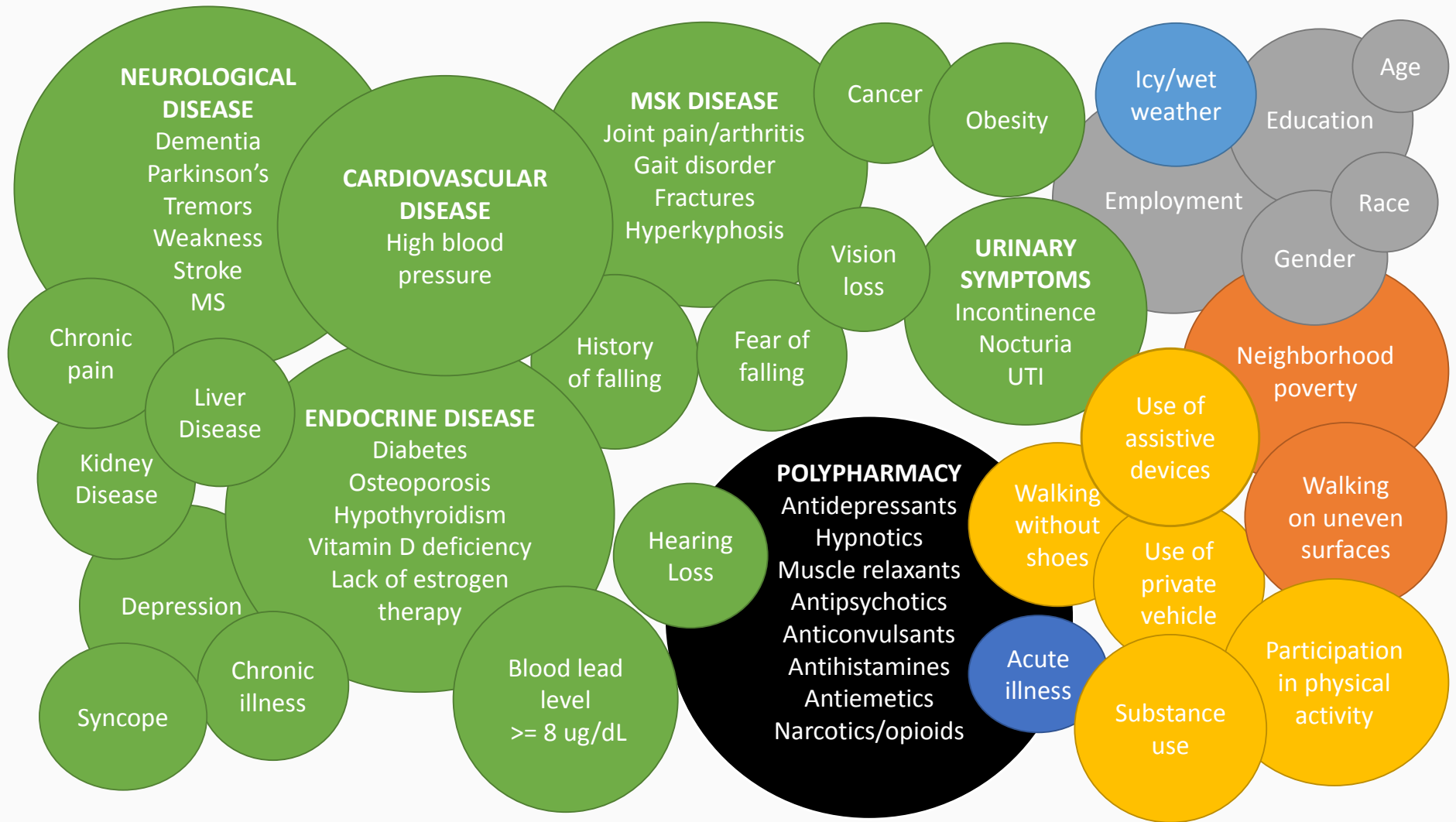
Predictors	Estimate	Std. error	z value	Pr(> z )	Significance	OR	2.50%	97.50%
<b>History of fall</b>	1.795	0.074	24.113	<2e-16	***	6.02	5.20	6.97
<b>Fracture</b>	0.604	0.104	5.821	5.85E-09	***	1.83	1.49	2.24
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	0.520	0.082	6.364	1.96E-10	***	1.68	1.43	1.97
<b>Parkinson</b>	0.337	0.178	1.895	0.058056	.	1.40	0.98	1.97
<b>Kyphoscoliosis</b>	0.322	0.153	2.102	0.035519	*	1.38	1.01	1.85
<b>Sex (female)</b>	0.173	0.046	3.736	0.000187	***	1.19	1.09	1.30
<b>Depression</b>	0.146	0.068	2.141	0.032238	*	1.16	1.01	1.32
<b>Mental Illness</b>	0.128	0.065	1.980	0.047652	*	1.14	1.00	1.29
<b>Age</b>	0.038	0.003	14.895	<2e-16	***	1.04	1.03	1.04
<b>Charlson Index</b>	-0.053	0.009	-5.711	1.12E-08	***	0.95	0.93	0.97
<b>Vision</b>	-0.211	0.057	-3.689	0.000225	***	0.81	0.72	0.91
<b>Obesity</b>	-0.251	0.076	-3.311	0.000931	***	0.78	0.67	0.90
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	-0.313	0.050	-6.301	2.95E-10	***	0.73	0.66	0.81
<b>Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms</b>	-0.345	0.074	-4.656	3.23E-06	***	0.71	0.61	0.82
<b>Hypertension</b>	-0.357	0.050	-7.080	1.44E-12	***	0.70	0.63	0.77
<b>Cancer</b>	-0.441	0.081	-5.418	6.02E-08	***	0.64	0.55	0.75
<b>Lower Back Pain</b>	-0.495	0.067	-7.368	1.73E-13	***	0.61	0.53	0.69
<b>Joint Trauma</b>	-0.526	0.197	-2.674	0.007487	**	0.59	0.39	0.85
<b>Lower Extremity Joint Surgery</b>	-1.069	0.182	-5.870	4.36E-09	***	0.34	0.24	0.48
<b>(Intercept)</b>	-4.372	0.197	-22.249	<2e-16	***	0.01	0.01	0.02

Significance codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Predictors and coefficients of the B'FRIEND model



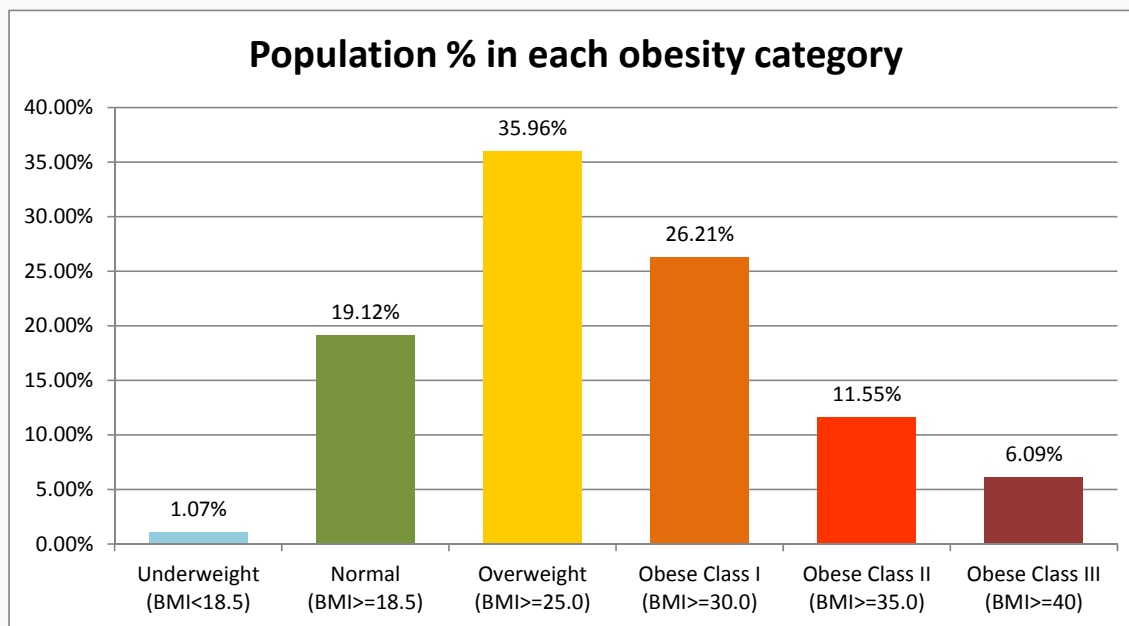
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**B'FRIEND data sources**

## CPHIT Portfolio → VHA Obesity

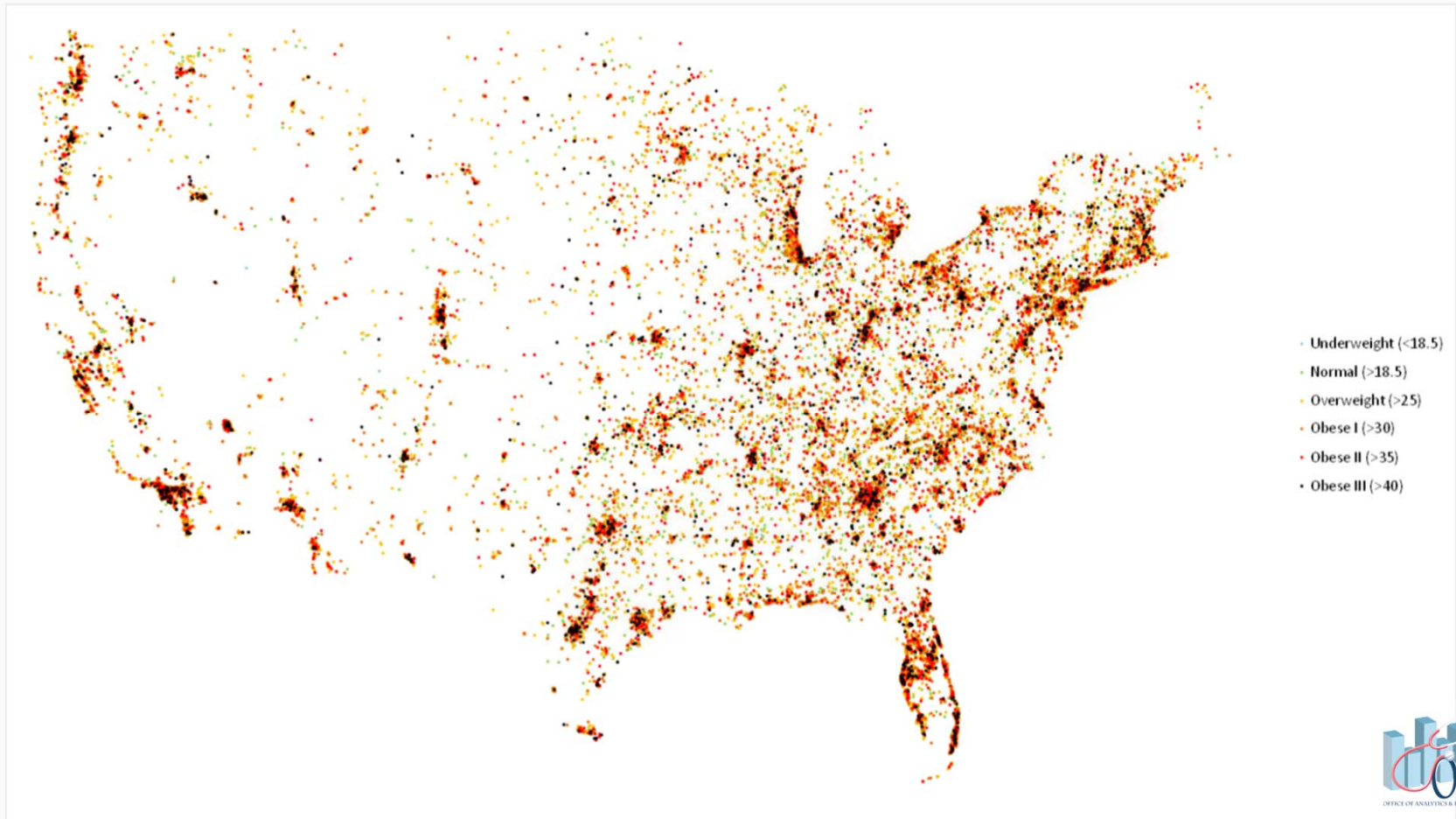
- Aim (1): Contextualize obesity factors within **VHA's population health framework**
- Aim (2): Design a **scalable pop-health 'technical' platform** and develop a pilot for obesity
- Aim (3): Derive and evaluate "**VHA's Obesity Trajectory Population-based Risk Prediction Model**" to measure the GIS-clustered population-based factors that affect the management of obesity



**Prevalence of obesity among VHA population**  
*(Limited to 29,322 visits occurred in one day of 2013; generated using CDW data)*



## Ongoing Projects → VHA Obesity *(cont.)*



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Geographic distribution of obesity among VHA population  
*(Limited to 29,322 visits occurred in one day of 2013; generated using CDW data)*



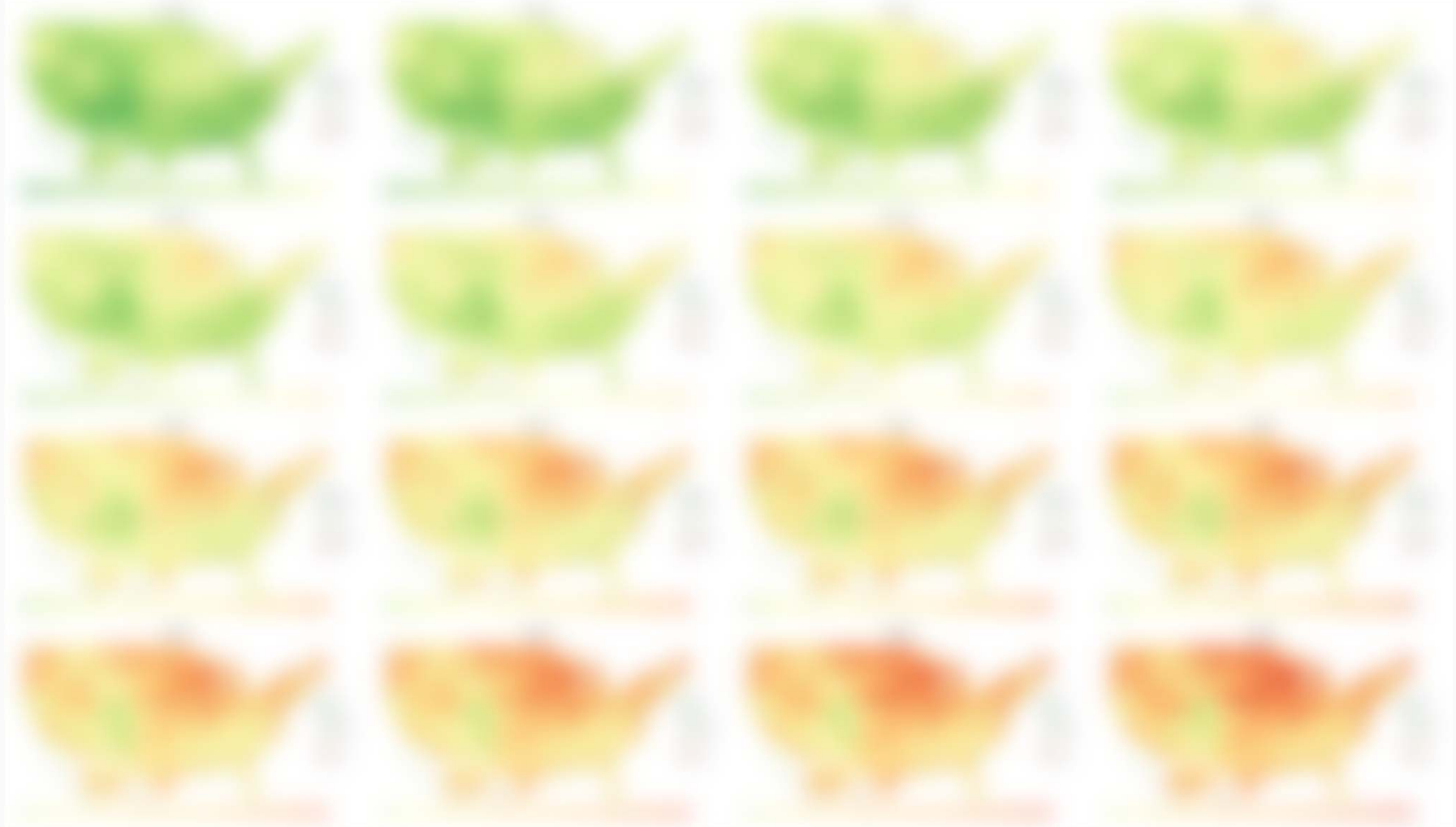
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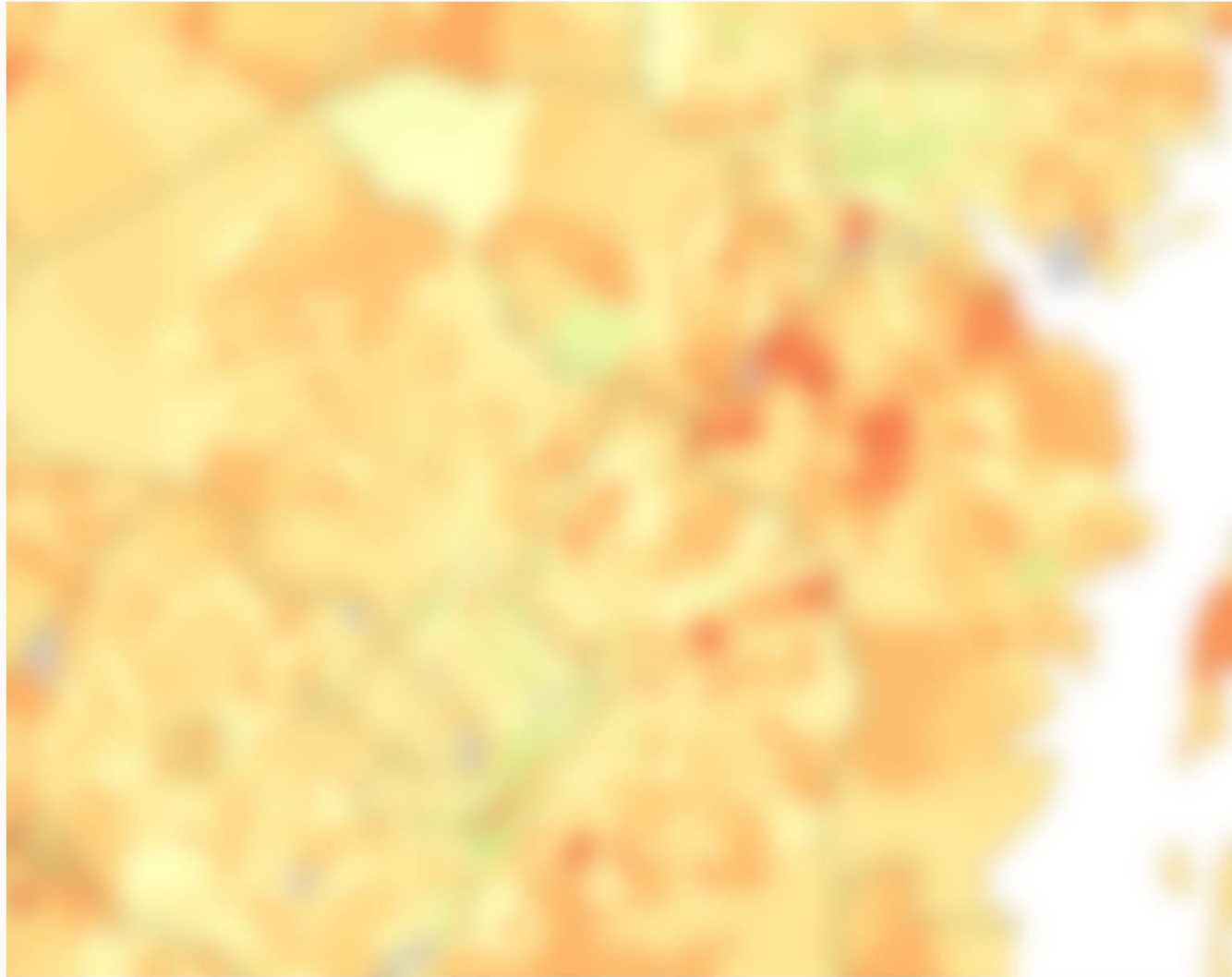
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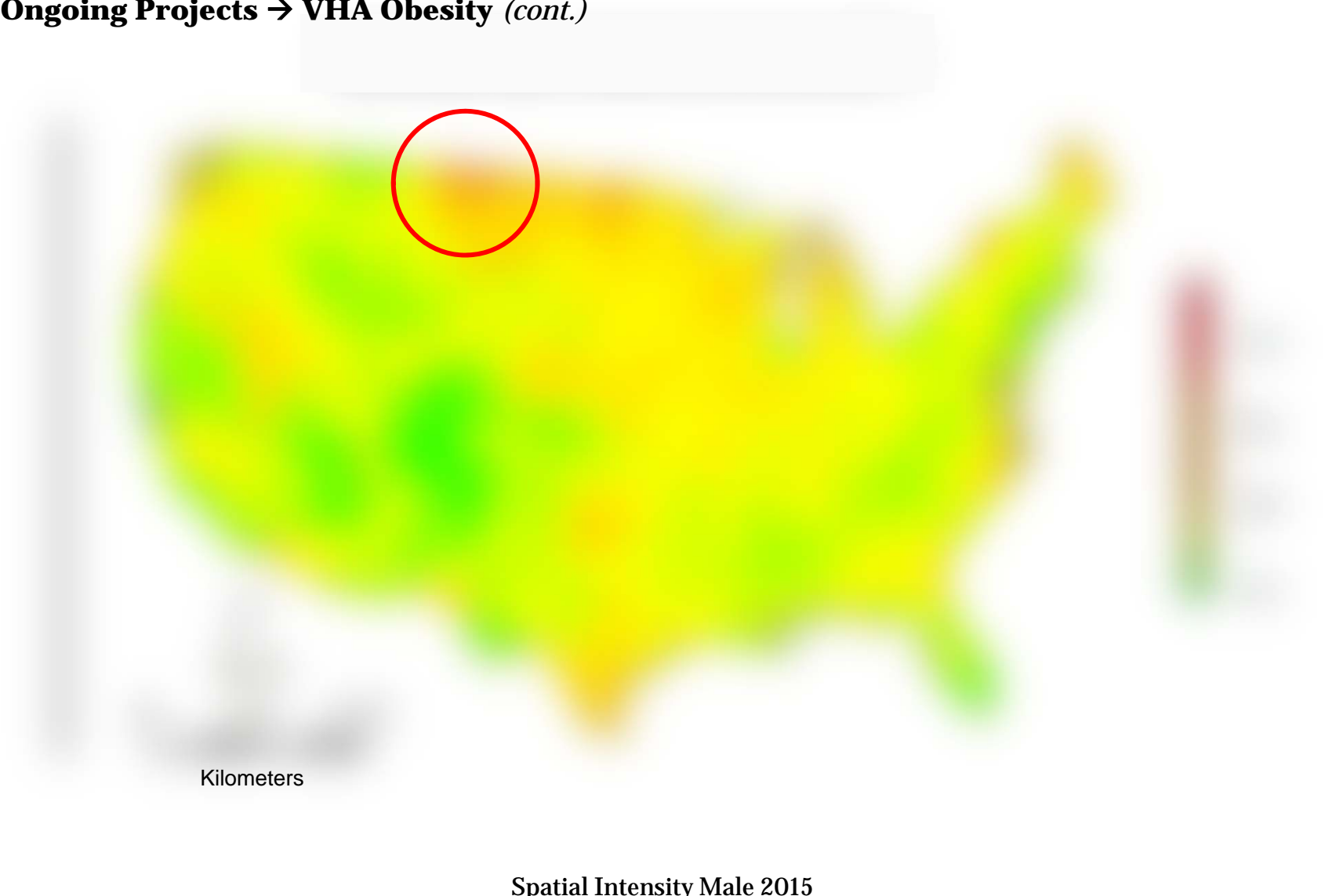
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County BMI (using MLM adjustment) for Males 2015 (DC and Baltimore)

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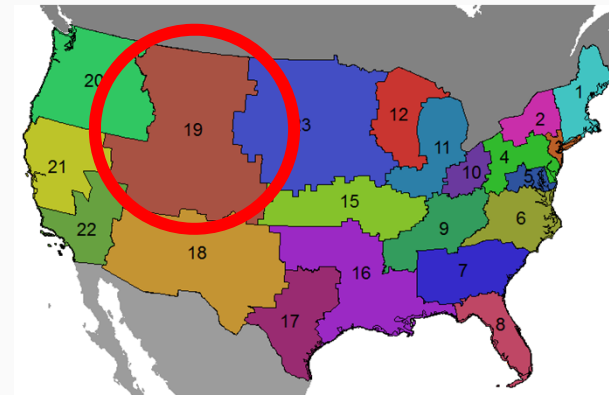
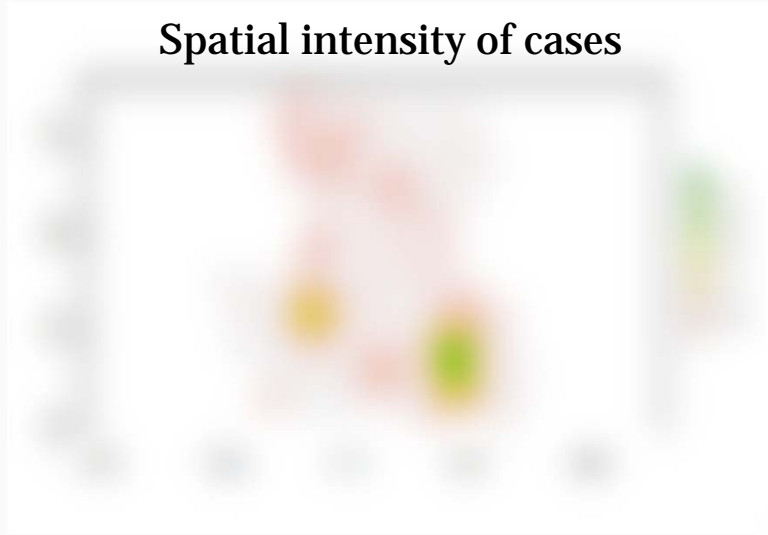
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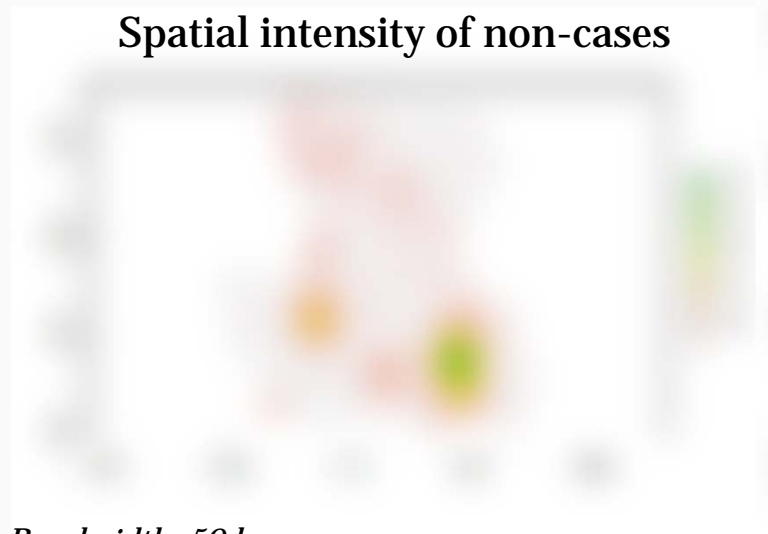
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Spatial intensity of cases



Spatial odds for obesity

Spatial intensity of non-cases



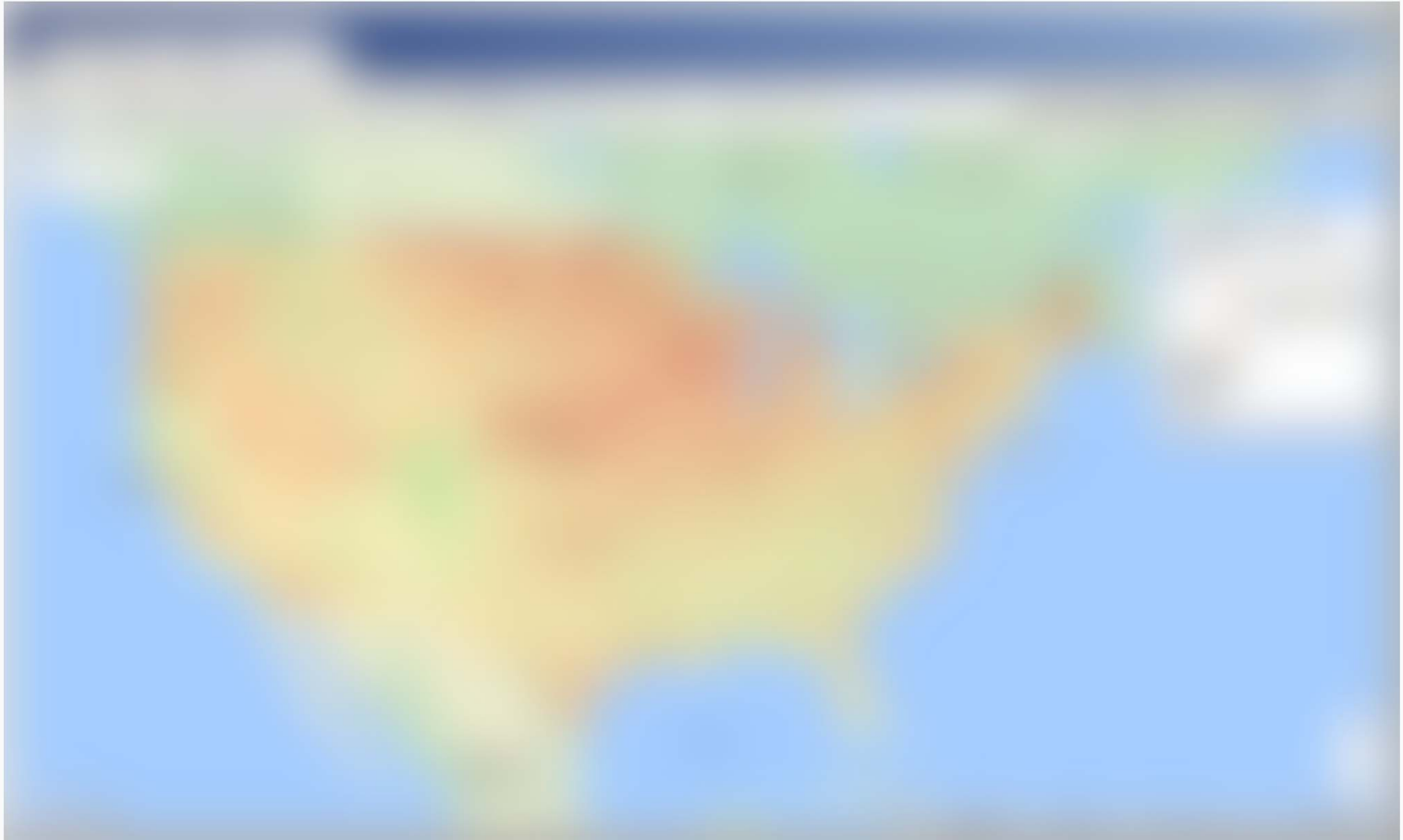
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VISN #19: VA Rocky Mountain Network (Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming)

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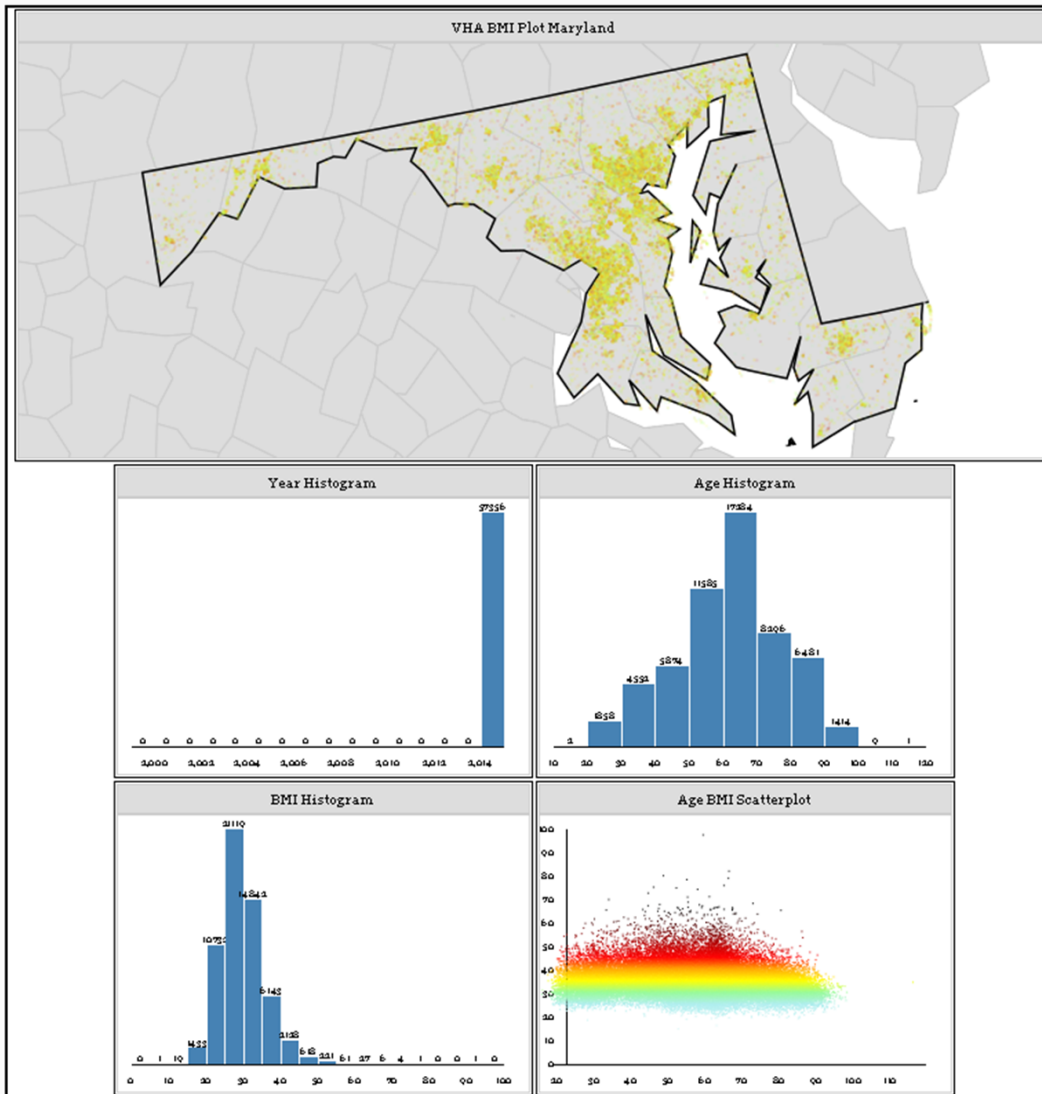


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## Ongoing Projects → VHA Obesity (cont.)



Select Data Source  
 Maryland

Select Year  
 2014

BMI Range  
 0 to 100

Marital Status  
 MARRIED



Name	Owner
VHA Corporate Data Warehouse	VHA
American Community Survey	Census
Census 2010	Census
National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey	CDC
Food Access Research Atlas + Others	USDA
National Vital Statistics Report	CDC
Reference USA	RefUSA
Open Street Map	OpenMap
Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer	NASA
Consumer Expenditure Survey	BLS
Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics (FBI)	FBI
Maryland Food Systems	MD
USDA Detailed Maps Baltimore	USDA
ArcGIS Internal Datasets	ESRI
Satellite data	Google

Interactive Web-based Real-time Geo-Temporal  
 Exploration of Obesity Data  
 (Showing averages of 2014 for MD)

## CPHIT Portfolio → Population Health Metrics

- **ACA** → Triple aims → ACO/PCMH
  
- **CMS** → Value-based Purchasing
  - Bundled models → Salaried models
  - Shared savings (MSSP) and/or Global payments (Pioneers)
  - Blended payments (Capitation + FFS)
  
- **MD's DHMH** → Maryland's All-Payer In-Patient Waiver program
  - Limit the growth of per capita hospital cost @ 3.58% (10 year compound MD's GDP) → saving Medicare \$330mil over the next 5 years
  - Shifting away from fee-for-service models into population-based payment models that reward providers for improving health outcomes → 95% of hospitals are on global budget
  - Immense need for population health management and IT infrastructure to operationalize it

**CPHIT Portfolio → Population Health Metrics (cont.)**



Maryland's All-Payer Waiver Program – Toolkit to align financial incentives

## CPHIT Portfolio → Population Health Metrics *(cont.)*

Population Health IT Infrastructure ?

Global Payment Strategies			
Method	Services Included	Hospital Participating	Estimated Percent of Revenue at Risk
<b>Total Patient Revenue (TPR)</b>	All regulated services	10	~100%
<b>Admission/Readmission Revenue (ARR)</b>	All-cause readmissions for 30 days	31	~10%
<b>Population Based Revenue (PBR) and Other Global Models</b>	Core services for specific DRGs in hospital community	TBD	~ 30% to 100% (estimated)
<b>Quality Programs with Revenue at Risk (Quality Based reimbursement and Maryland Hospital Acquired Conditions)</b>	All inpatient regulated services <i>State will expand to all regulated services in future years</i>	All	For each performance year, Maryland will place the same percentage of hospital revenue at risk as the national Medicare Value-Based Purchasing Program, Hospital Acquired Condition and Readmission Reduction programs a
<b>Balanced Update Factors</b>	All regulated services	All	N/A
<b>Volume Controls</b>	All regulated services under the models	All non-TPR/Global revenues	N/A

### Maryland's All-Payer Waiver Program – Global Payment Strategies

**CPHIT Portfolio → Population Health Metrics (cont.)**



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**Maryland’s All-Payer Approach to Delivery-System R**

Rahul Rajkumar, M.D., J.D., Ankit Patel, J.D., Karen Murphy, Ph.D., John M. Colmers, M.P.H., Jonathan D. Blum, M.P.P., Patrick H. Conway, M.D., and Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D.

On January 10, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the State of Maryland jointly announced the launch of a state-wide model that will transform Maryland’s health

care delivery system. Although some aspects of the new approach may be unique to Maryland and not applicable elsewhere, both the principles of this model and the process that led to its development

in Medicare payment per hospital admission.

This system has eliminated cost shifting among payers, more equitably spread the costs of uncompensated care and medical

prospective inpatient and resulted in hospital care among

The new possible by

to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation under the Affordable Care Act, will change the basis for Medicare’s participation in Maryland’s system. In place

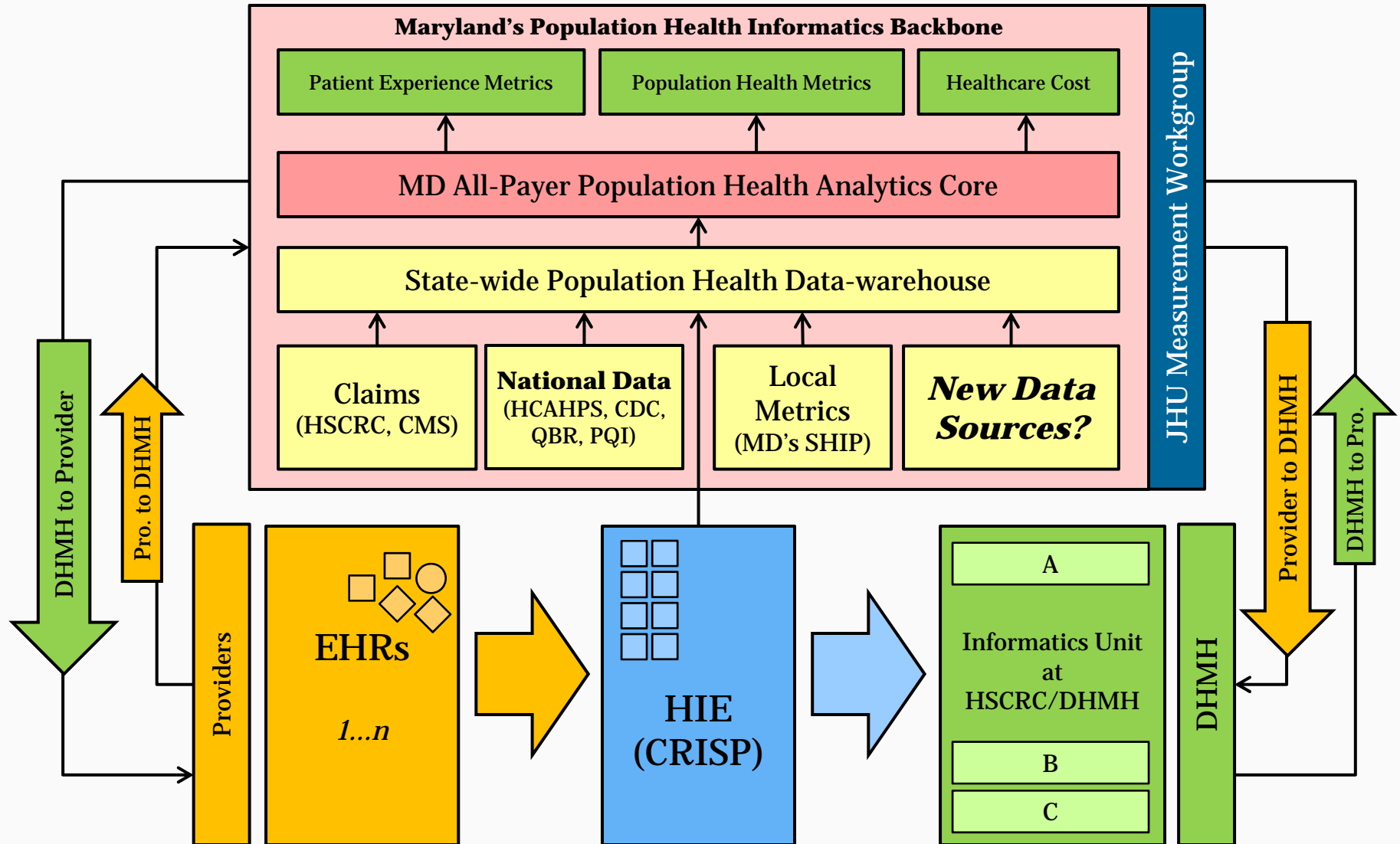
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The Strange Journey of Population Health

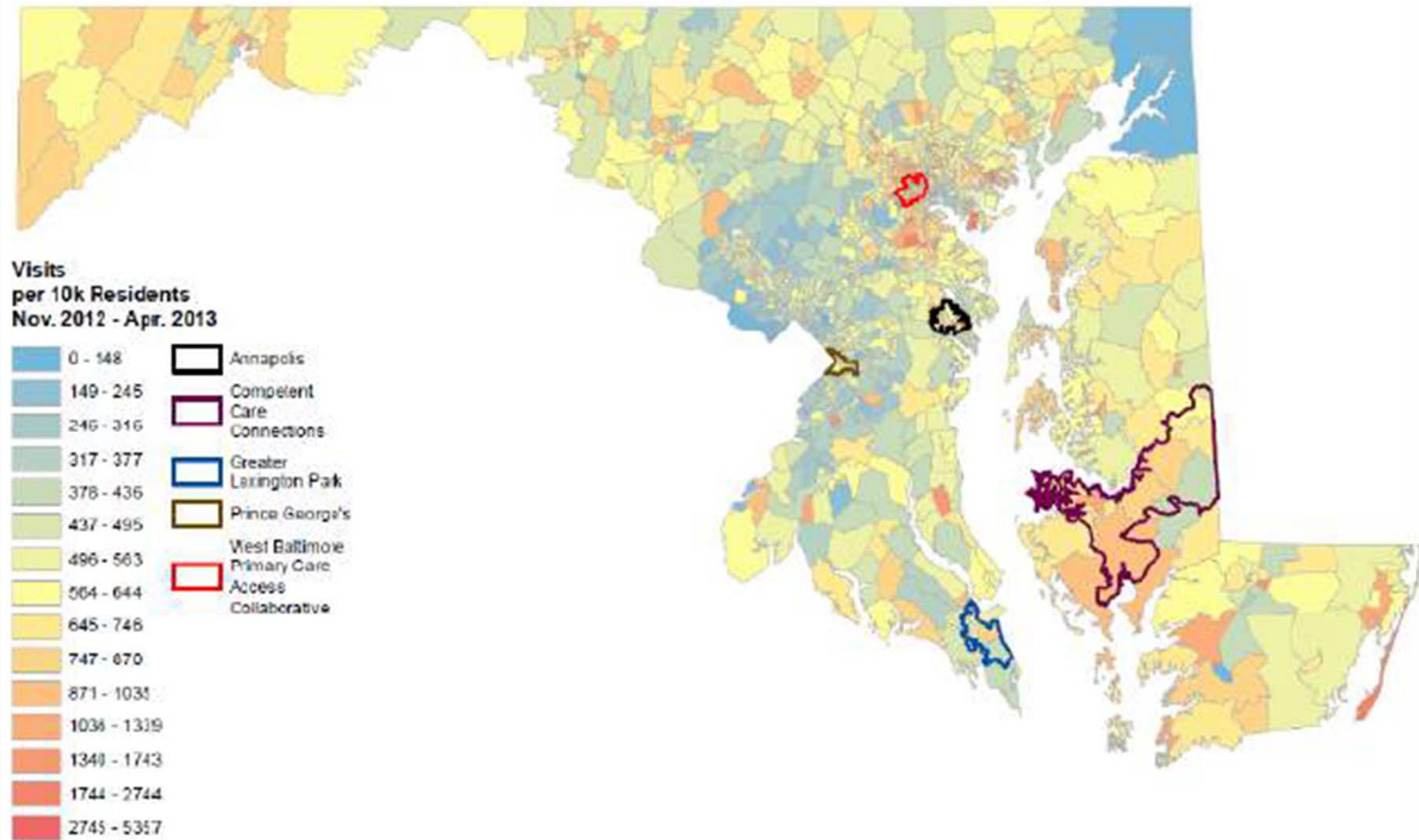
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ABOUT A DECADE AGO, RESEARCHERS DEFINED THE TERM “population health” to mean the “health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group.”<sup>2003</sup> Their goal was to broaden the discussion of health policy in the United States beyond the “biomedical paradigm” and to encourage investigation into and policy development of the underlying causes of illness. As originally conceived, the term encompassed the impact of income inequality, educational differences, and unjust disparities. Since then, population health has come to mean many different things to many different people.

### CPHIT Portfolio → Population Health Metrics *(cont.)*



## CPHIT Portfolio → Population Health Metrics *(cont.)*

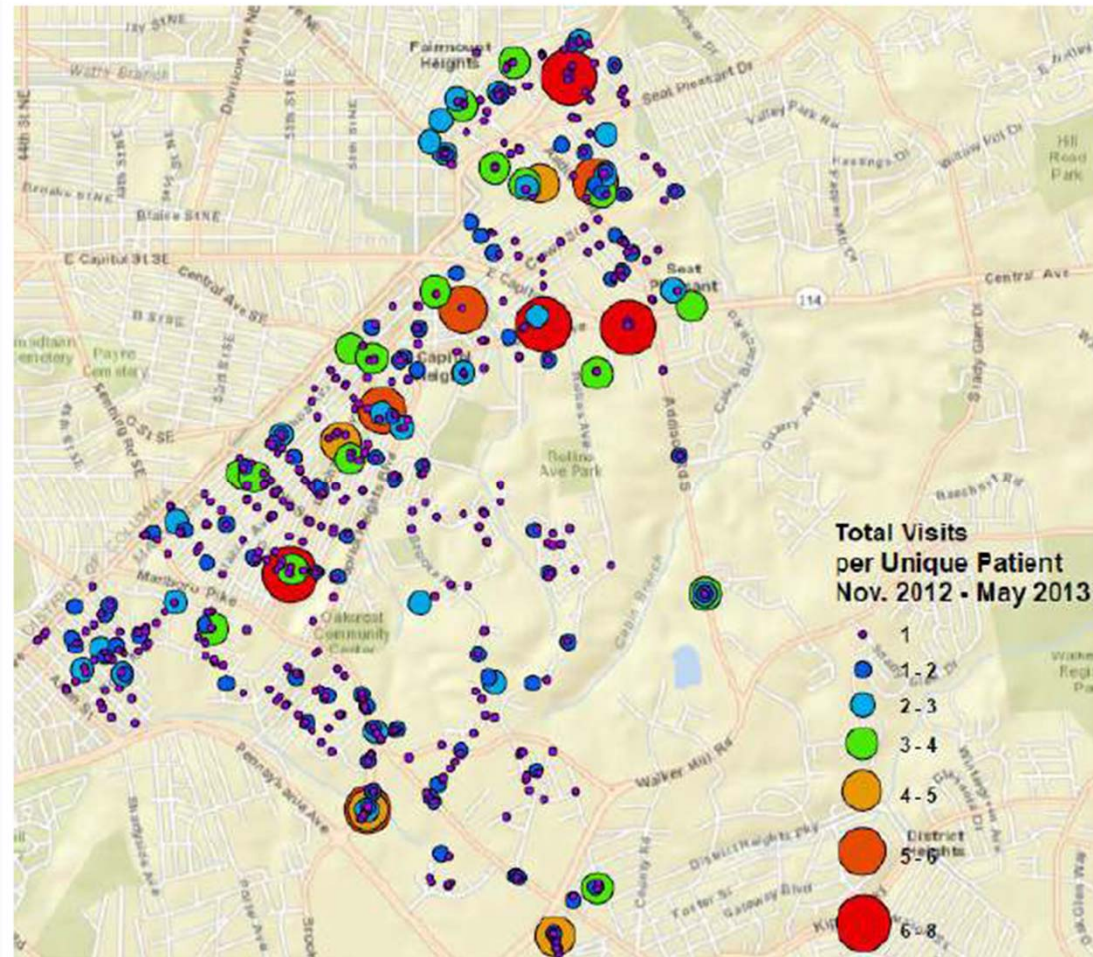


Inpatient Utilization By Census Tract – State Level View

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**CPHIT Portfolio → Population Health Metrics (cont.)**



**Inpatient Utilization By Census Tract – Neighborhood View (Capitol Heights Area)**

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## CPHIT Portfolio *(cont.)*

- **National Pop Health IT Curriculum and Workforce Training:**  
 Developing a national curriculum for Population Health IT and training more than 7000 healthcare professional incumbents
- <https://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/health-it-education-opportunities>
- <http://learnhit.com>



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**FREE HIT TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

ONC has awarded seven grantees \$6.4 million to update instructional materials from the original Workforce Curriculum Development program funded under HITECH. In addition to updating these materials, the goal of this program is to train 6,000 incumbent health care professionals to use new health information technologies in a variety of settings including:

-  Patient-centered medical homes
-  Team-based care environments
-  Accountable care organizations
-  Long-term care facilities
-  Hospitals
-  Clinics

The updates will focus on the **5** new key topic areas of

- Care Coordination & Interoperable Health IT Systems
- Health Care Data Analytics
- Patient-Centered Care
- Population Health
- Value-Based Care



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 The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
 

 Some of the grantees are recruiting incumbent health care professionals to participate in their training offerings.

Funded by ONC, all of these training courses will be available **free of charge**.

On this table are fliers with more information about the available programs



# Discussion

## Discussion → Challenges and Opportunities *(cont.)*

- **Data sources/types:**
  - How to compare data types and their added value?
  - What are the limits of each data type? What are we missing?
  - What can be used from unstructured data?
- **Data quality:**
  - How much juice is left in this data type (e.g., claims)?
  - Do objective measures have data quality issues (e.g., BMI)?
  - How can we measure the quality of subjective data?
- **Denominator:**
  - Are we excluding noise or signal?
  - Is this a too big of a cut or too narrow – sample size issues?
  - Patient attribution issues...

## Discussion → Challenges and Opportunities *(cont.)*

- **Comparing models:**
  - What are the guidelines?
  - How to compare models across different subpopulations?
- **Feature reduction:**
  - How can we mix multiple approaches such as expert opinion + automated approaches to reduce the feature space?
- **Temporal data:**
  - What window is appropriate?
  - How to deal with large zero fills in temporal data?
- **Privacy and Security:**
  - Is HIPAA helping or hurting HPM's data scientists?

## Discussion → Challenges and Opportunities (cont.)

- **Big Data:**

- Data volume/quantity (e.g., VHA data query)
- Data veracity/quality (e.g., VHA BMI data)
- Data variety/sources (e.g., EHR vs Claims)
- Data velocity/timeliness (e.g., VHA vital signs)
- Unstructured data → NLP and HIPAA De-identification issues

A proposed national research and development agenda for population health informatics: summary recommendations from a National Expert Workshop

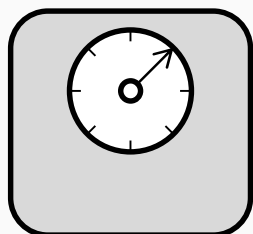
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## Discussion → Data Quality

Actual value:  
200.6 lbs.



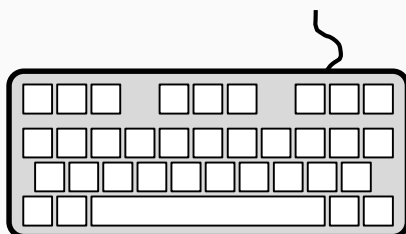
### Measured (same day)

- Validity challenge  
198.9 | 198.9 | 198.9 lbs.
- Reliability challenge  
200.6 | 198.9 | 202.2 lbs.

### Measured (diff. days)

- Missing data challenge  
NULL | 200.6 | NULL lbs.

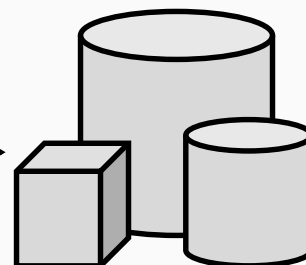
Recorded value:  
200 lbs.



### User Typed (one entry)

- Typos  
200.6 lbs. → 20.06, 2006
- Mismatching units  
200.6 lbs. → 200.6 kg
- Assumptions/truncations  
200.6 lbs. → 200 lbs.
- Cleaning  
NULL → 0
- Free-text additions  
200.6 lbs. → 200.6 pounds

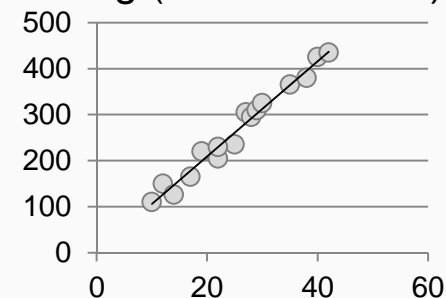
Data warehouse value:  
200 kg



### DB Operations (one entry)

- Truncations/Rounding  
200.6 → 200.0
- Error conversions  
200.6 pounds → NULL  
200.6 lbs. → 200.6 kg
- Cleaning  
200+ lbs. → 200.0

Analytic value:  
100 kg (mean 200 & 0)



### Analytics (data points)

- Aggregation of data points  
200 | 0 → mean of 100
- Selecting a representative  
190 | 200 | 210 → 210 (first)  
190 | 200 | 210 → 200 (mean)  
190 | 200 | 210 → 210 (last)
- Removing outliers  
200 | 200 | 350 → 200 | 200 | NULL

Example of data quality issues across various data collection and use stages



**Thank you!**

**Q & A**

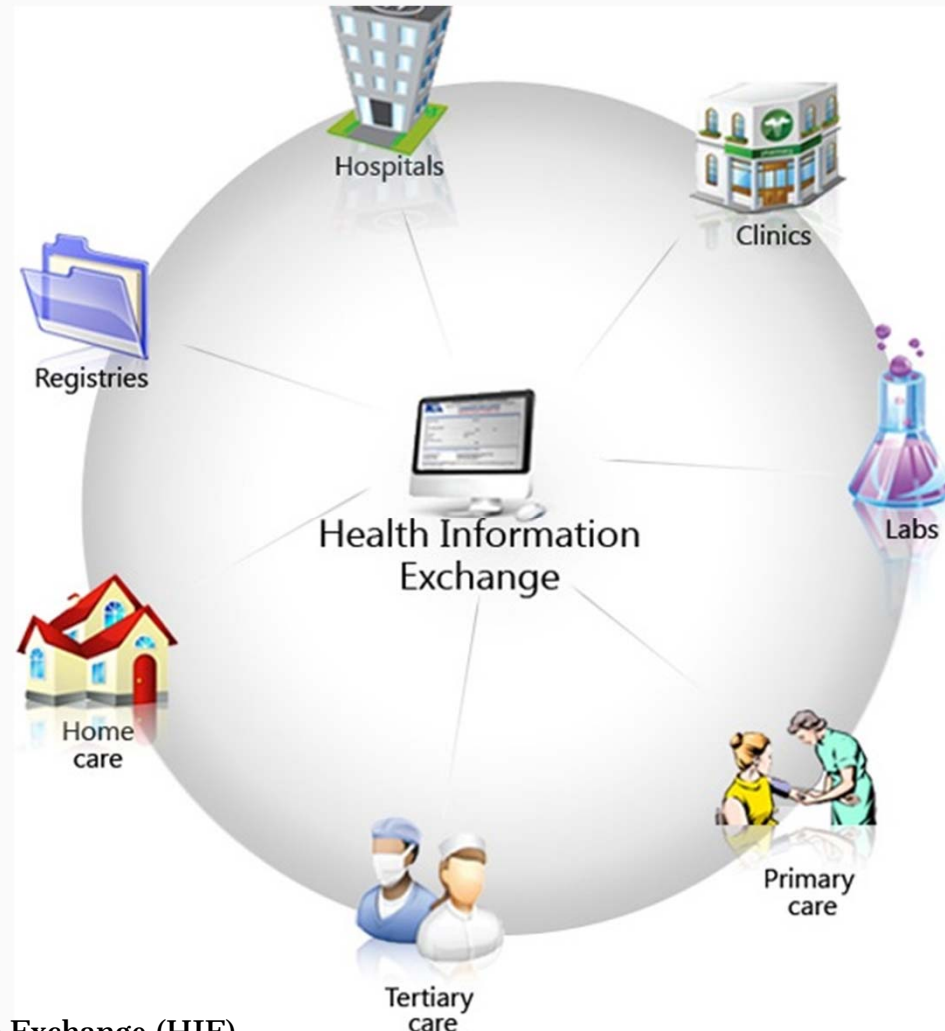
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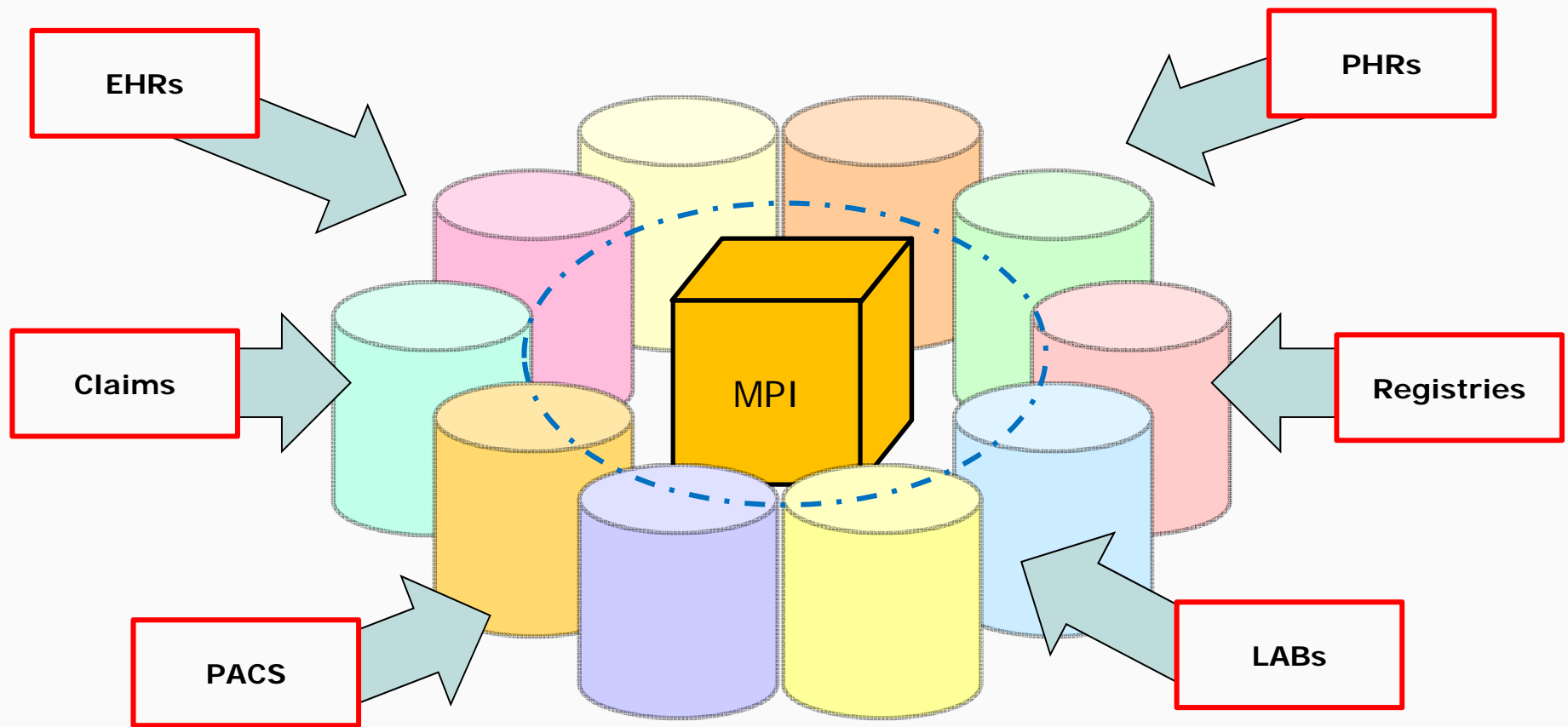
## CPHIT Portfolio → HIE-based Readmission Prediction



Health Information Exchange (HIE)



## CPHIT Portfolio → HIE-based Readmission Prediction (cont.)



Federated Consistent HIE

## CPHIT Portfolio → HIE-based Readmission Prediction *(cont.)*

### ■ Focus Areas:

- Query Portal Growth
- Direct Secure Messaging
- Encounter Notification System (ENS)
- Encounter Reporting System (ERS)
- Health Benefits Exchange integration

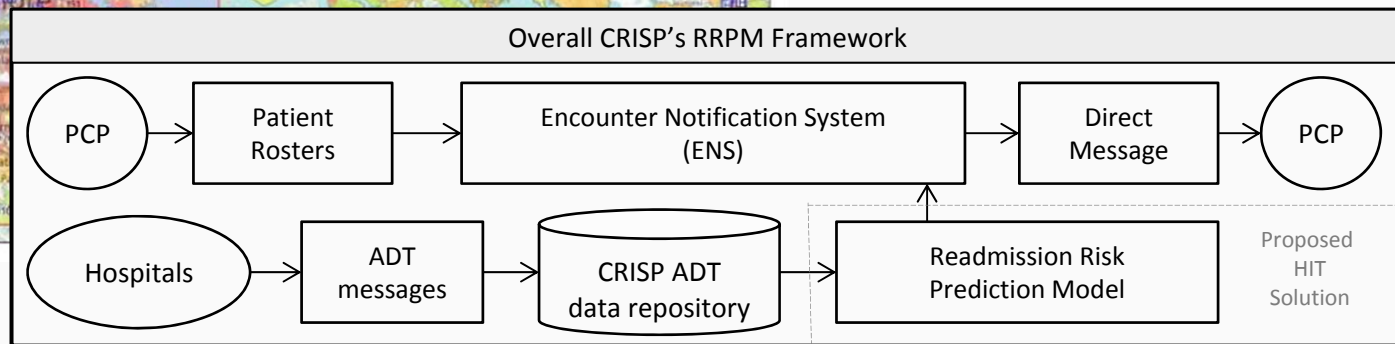
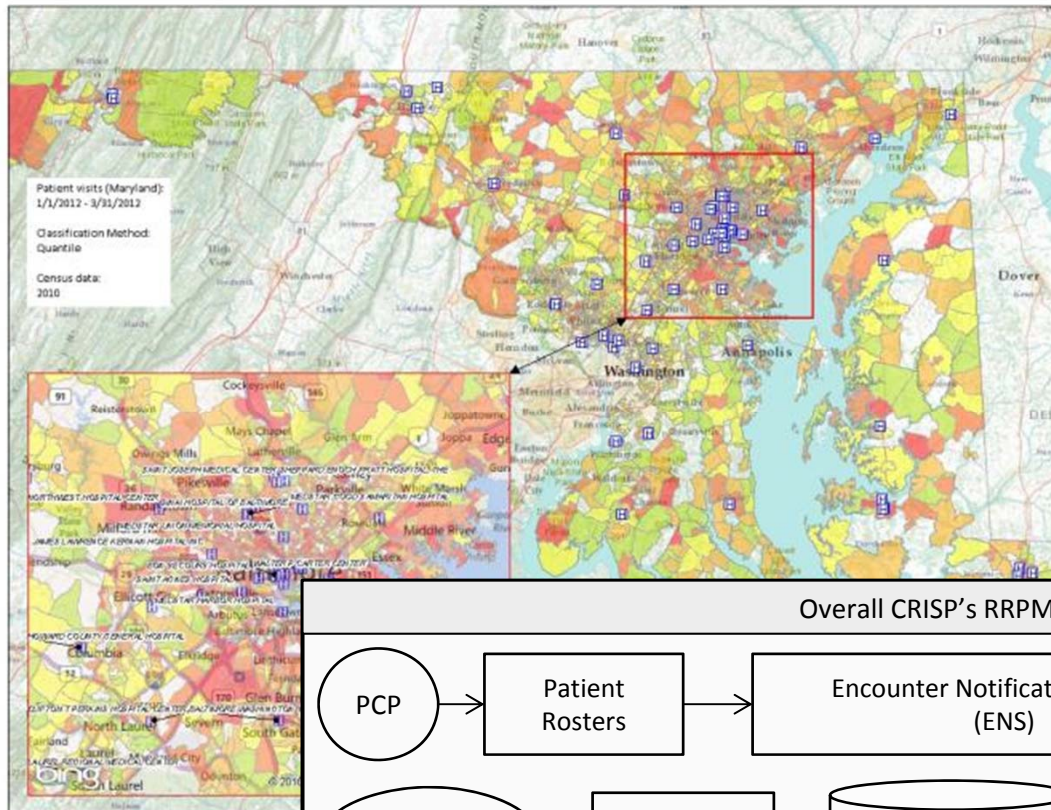
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<b>Organizations Live</b>	
Hospitals (Total 48)	48
Hospital Clinical Data Feeds (Total 143 - Lab, Radiology, Clinical Docs)	86
National Labs	2
Radiology Centers (Non-Hospital)	5
<b>Identities and Queries</b>	
Master Patient Index (MPI) Identities	~4M
Opt-Outs	~1500
Queries (Past 30 Days)	~3500
<b>Data Feeds Available</b>	
Lab Results	~16M
Radiology Reports	~5M
Clinical Documents	~2M



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## CPHIT Portfolio → HIE-based Readmission Prediction (cont.)



CRISP Encounter Notification System + Readmission Risk Prediction Model (RRPM) integration

## CPHIT Portfolio → HIE-based Readmission Prediction (cont.)

**Notice: Risk of readmission for patient is high.**

var1	55%
var2	85%
var3	20%
var4	5%
var5	100%

Simulate outcome

Simulate a different outcome...

var1	55%
var2	85%
var3	20%
var4	5%
var5	100%

83%

Drag sliders to see the estimated effect on readmission risk score

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Advance RRPM integration in CRISP Encounter Notification System

