



The Office of the National Coordinator for
Health Information Technology

Sync for Genes

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
Annual Meeting
December 1, 2017



Panelists and Agenda

- Tracy H. Okubo, PMP; Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) – Moderator
 - » Welcome and Introduction of Panelists
- Kevin Chaney, MGS; ONC
 - » Introduction to Sync for Genes, Background, and Importance
- Bradley Ozenberger, Ph.D; Program Director, All of Us Research Program, National Institute of Health (NIH)
 - » Introduction to *All of Research* Program, Background, and Importance
- Gil Alterovitz, Ph.D; Harvard Medical School, Boston Children’s Hospital, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - » Sync for Genes Phase 1 Overview and Approach
- Elaine Johanson; Director, Office of Health Informatics (Acting), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - » Sync for Genes Phase 1 Pilot Participation Overview
- Kevin Chaney, MGS; ONC
 - » Sync for Genes Next Steps
- Q&A



Syncing Up: ONC's Role in Precision Medicine

Kevin Chaney, MGS
Office of the Chief Scientist
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Overview

- **ONC's Mission**
- **Office of the Chief Scientist Overview**
- **Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI)**
- **ONC's Role in the PMI**
- **ONC PMI Activities**

ONC Mission

Improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities through the use of technology and health information that is accessible when and where it matters most.

Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) Overview

Responsible for:

- » developing and evaluating ONC's overall scientific efforts and activities and, as necessary, develops, establishes, or recommends scientific policy to the National Coordinator; and
- » identifying, tracking, and anticipating innovations in health care technology across the ONC organization.

The Precision Medicine Initiative

A federal effort launched in 2015

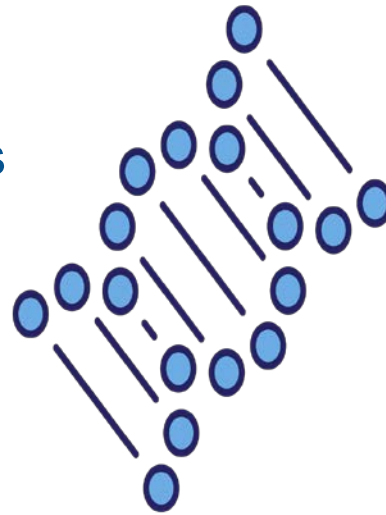
MISSION: To enable a new era of medicine through research, technology, and policies that empower patients, researchers, and providers to work together toward development of individualized care.



What is Precision Medicine?

Precision medicine is an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in lifestyle, environment, and biological makeup.

It is a radical shift in how each of us can receive the best care possible based on our unique characteristics.



ONC Role in the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI)

- Accelerate innovative collaboration around pilots and testing of standards that support health IT interoperability for research
- Adopt policies and standards to support privacy and security of cohort participant data
- Advance standards that support a participant-driven approach to patient data contribution

ONC PMI Activities

- **Sync for Science Pilot**
 - » Demonstrate the feasibility of open, standardized, API-based individual access to and donation of data for research
- **Sync for Science Application Programming Interface (API) Privacy and Security**
 - » Technical and administrative testing, analysis, and assessment of APIs developed under the S4S Pilot Project
- **Sync for Genes**
 - » Develop and pilot resources for standards for genomics information

<https://beta.healthit.gov/topic/precision-medicine>

All of Us Research Program



Brad Ozenberger, Program Director

December 1, 2017

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of Health

All of Us Mission and Objectives

Nurture relationships

with one million or more participant partners, from all walks of life, for decades



Our mission

To accelerate health research and medical breakthroughs, enabling individualized prevention, treatment, and care for all of us



Deliver the largest, richest biomedical dataset ever

that is easy, safe, and free to access

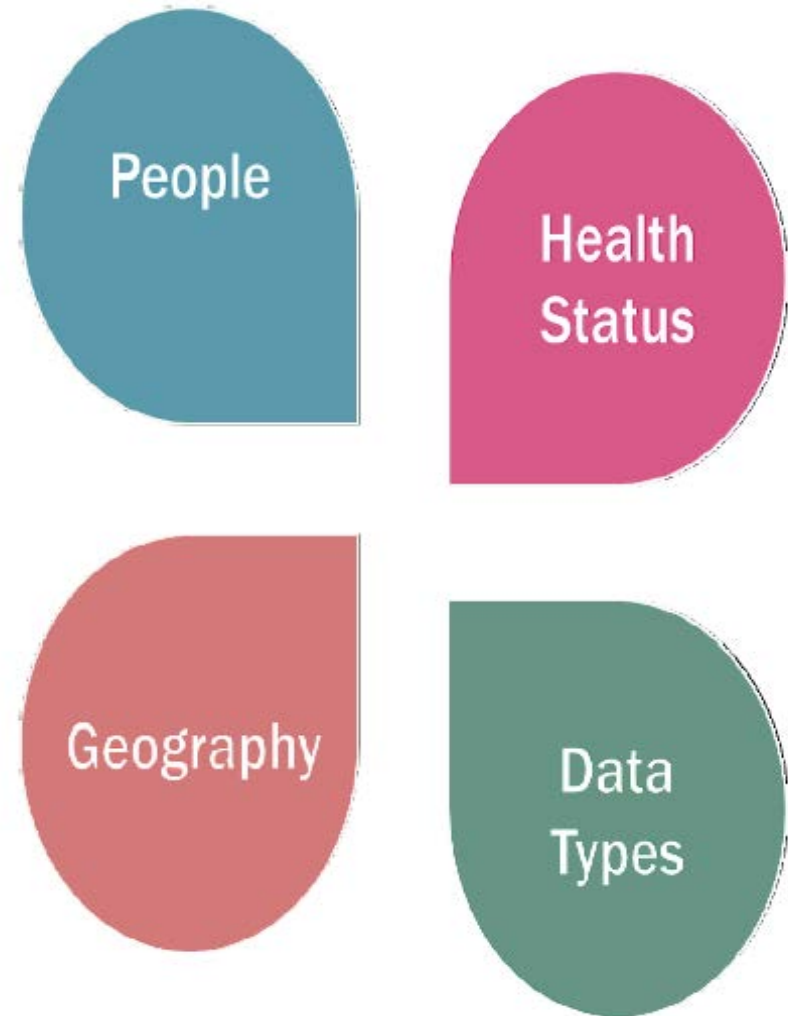
Catalyze the robust ecosystem

of researchers and funders hungry to use and support it



A Transformational Approach to Diversity

Reflecting the country's rich diversity to produce meaningful health outcomes for communities historically underrepresented in biomedical research.



All of Us Research Program Data

The program will collect standardized data from sources that will include:

- Participant surveys
- Electronic health records
- Physical measurements
- Mobile/wearable technologies
- Geospatial/environmental data

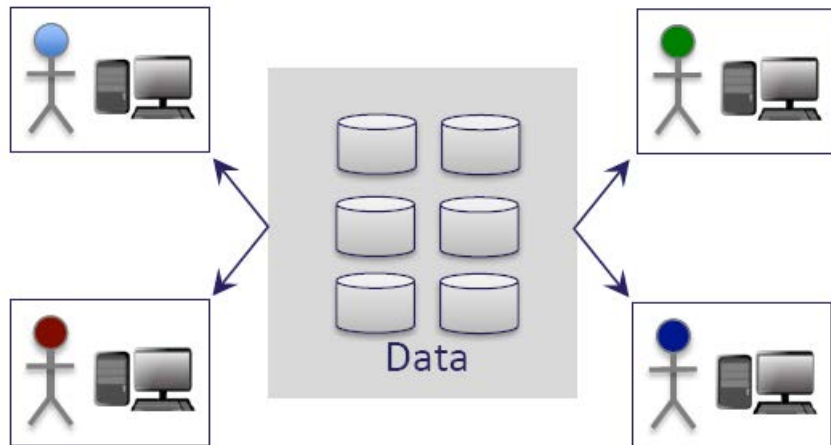
Also will collect biosamples (blood and urine) and begin generating genomic data in 2018.



AOU centralizes data to enhance security and improve usefulness

Traditional Approach

Bring data to researchers

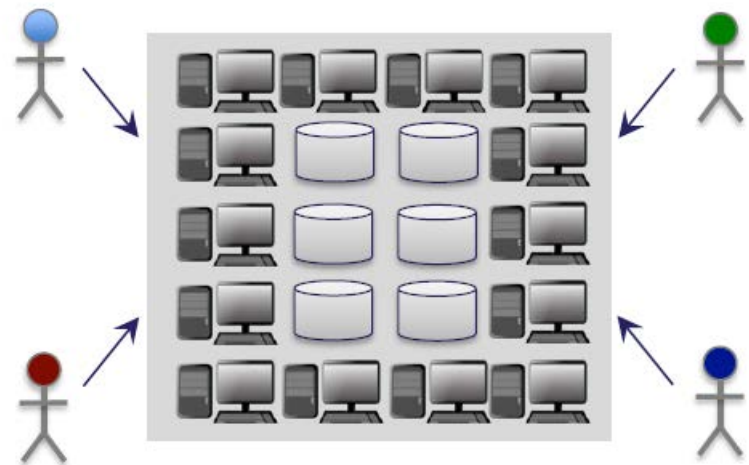


Problems

- *Data sharing = data copying*
- *Decreased security (data lots of places)*
- *Huge infrastructure needed*
- *Encourages siloed research*

AoU Approach

Bring researchers to the data

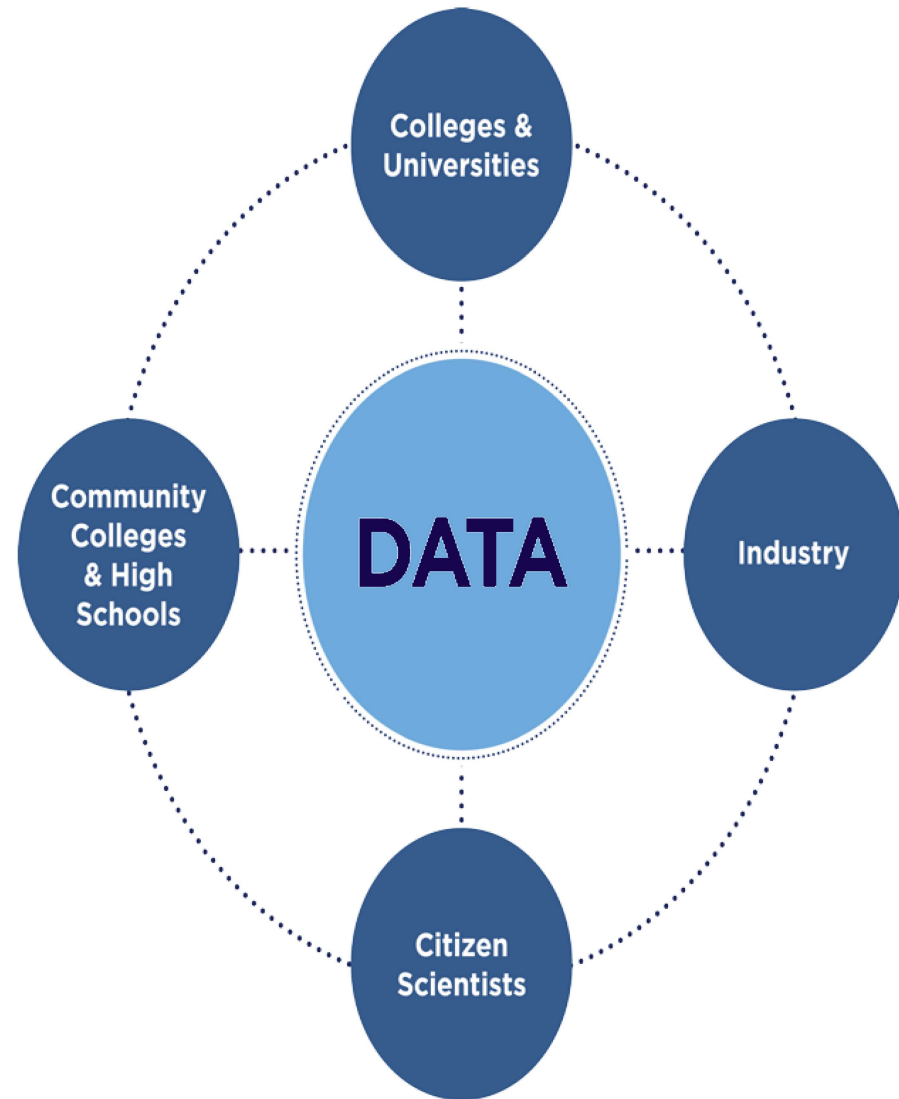


Advantages

- *Improved security and auditing*
- *Increased accessibility to researchers*
- *Shared compute*
- *Facilitates collaboration*

A Transformational Approach to Data Access

- Data sharing will be a priority to both researchers and participants
- Participants will have access to study information and data about themselves
- Data collection will start small and will grow over time
- Privacy and security will adhere to the highest standards
- NIH will invest to level the playing field so diverse researchers can play



National Standard for Genomic Data in Clinical Care

Clinical Care

Research

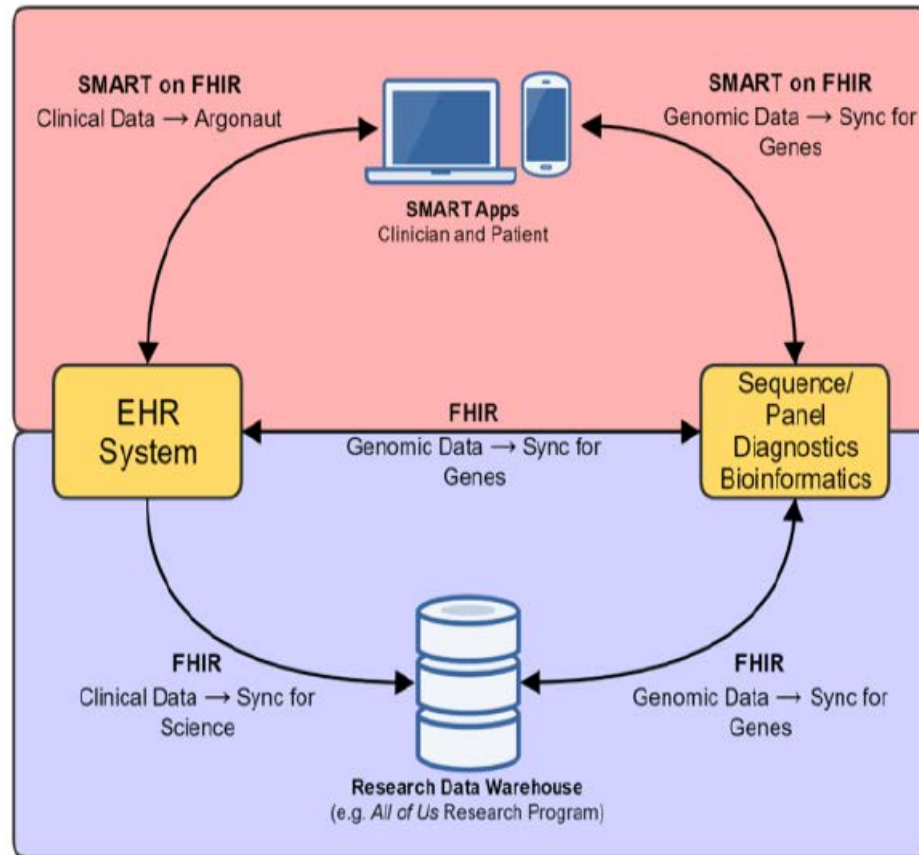


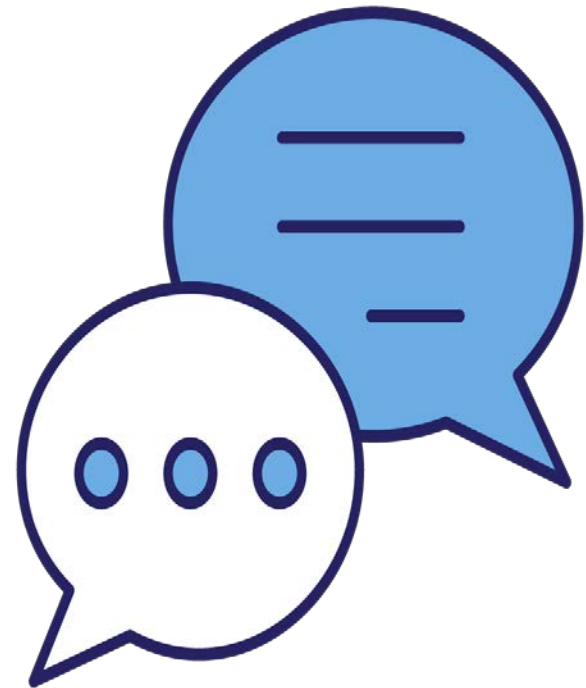
Figure 1 Enabling a single national standard for clinical care and research via FHIR.

Source: G Alterovitz. "FHIR's Promise and Genomics," HL7 2016 Genomics Conference, 2016

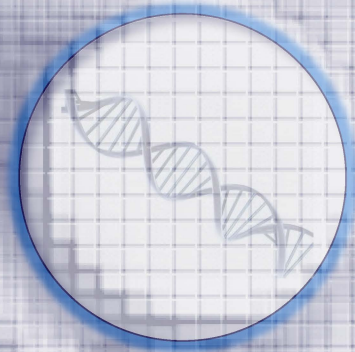
Questions?

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Sync for Genes



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Genomics in the Clinical Setting

Reports ...



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Oncogenomics Report for Patient SRR1027184

Name: Peppermint Patty Date of birth: 01.01.1990
 Address: 123 Cray Court, San Diego, CA, 12345

Clinical Diagnosis: Breast Cancer Stage: III
 Molecular-subtype: HER2 Receptor-status: HER2 + ER- PR-
 Date of first Diagnosis: 01.01.1999

Sampling-Date:	05.01.1999
Sample volume:	100 ml
Purity:	88%
Amount of RNA used:	25 ng
Seq-Type(s):	RNA-Seq
Seq-Protocol(s):	Illumina total RNA-Seq

FDA Approved Therapies (in patients tumor type)

Target	Drugs	Diff	Mut	Fus	PW
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Table 1: Diff: arrow indicates if target is up- or downregulated. Mut: if checked, drug targets known mutation. Fus: if checked, drug targets fusion. PW: if checked, target is member of altered pathway

FDA Approved Therapies (in another tumor type)

Target	Drugs	Diff	Mut	Fus	PW
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FCGR1A	Porfimer Methyl aminolevulinate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Table 2: Diff: arrow indicates if target is up- or downregulated. Mut: if checked, drug targets known mutation. Fus: if checked, drug targets fusion. PW: if checked, target is member of altered pathway

... even detailed ones ...

Pharmacogenomics Gene Panel Report

Patient Name: [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted]
Medical Record No: [Redacted]

Order Number: [Redacted] | Billing Code: [Redacted] | Order for: [Redacted]

Genotype-Derived Recommendation for Medications

Drugs as Directed

Drug	Genotype	Recommendation
Phenytoin	CYP2C9*1, CYP2C9*2	Standard Dose
Warfarin	CYP2C9*1, VKORC1*1	Standard Dose
... (many more rows)

Drugs with Labels

Drug	Genotype	Recommendation
Morphine	OPRM1*1	Standard Dose
... (many more rows)

The report provides pharmacogenomics information for the purpose of the following: it is intended to assist in the selection of drug therapy and to assist in the determination of drug dose. It is not intended to be used for the diagnosis of any disease, nor for the prediction of the clinical course of any disease, nor for the prediction of the response to any drug. It is not intended to be used for the prediction of the clinical course of any disease, nor for the prediction of the response to any drug. It is not intended to be used for the prediction of the clinical course of any disease, nor for the prediction of the response to any drug.

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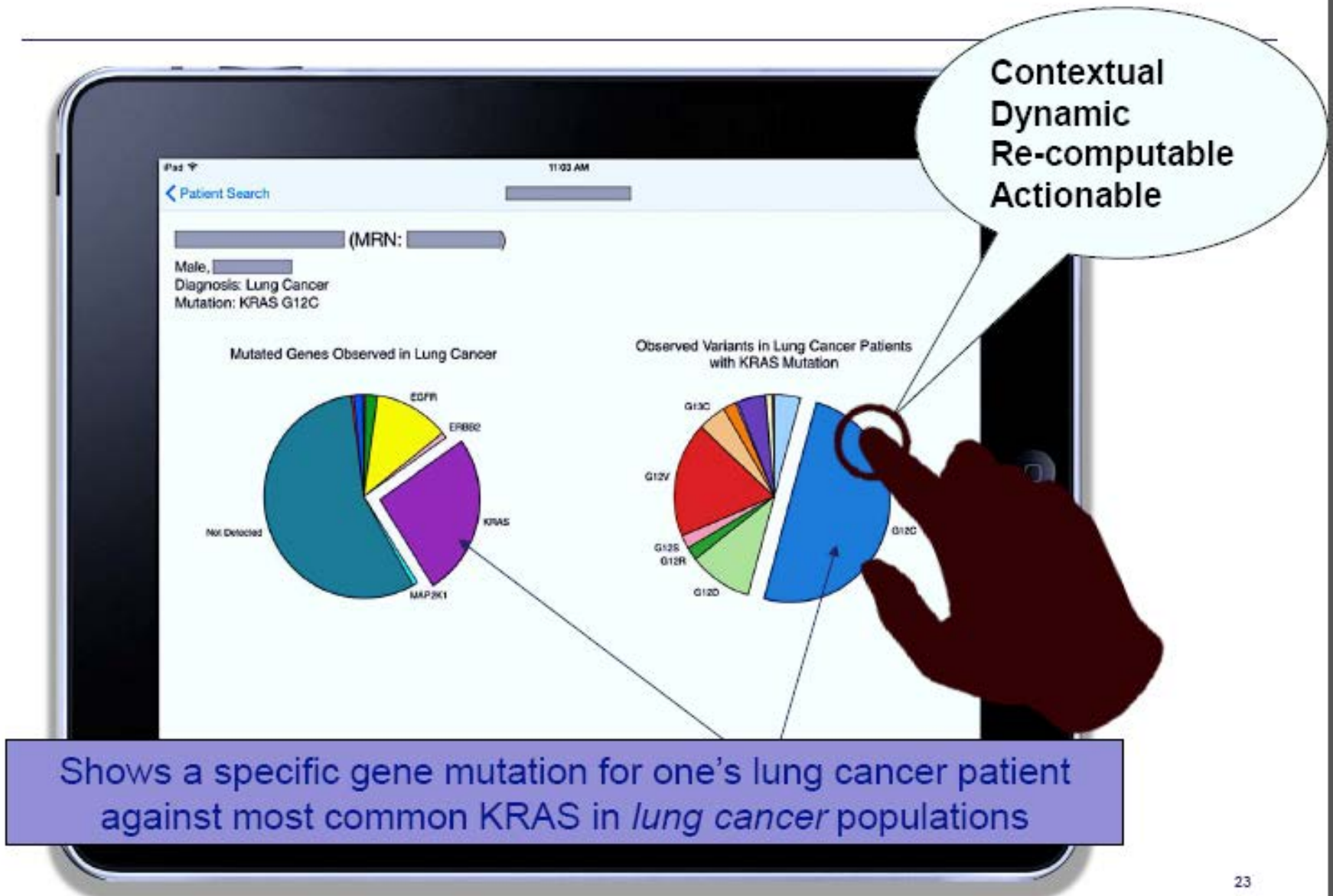
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**Standards-based
Structured data**

Deliver structured genomic data

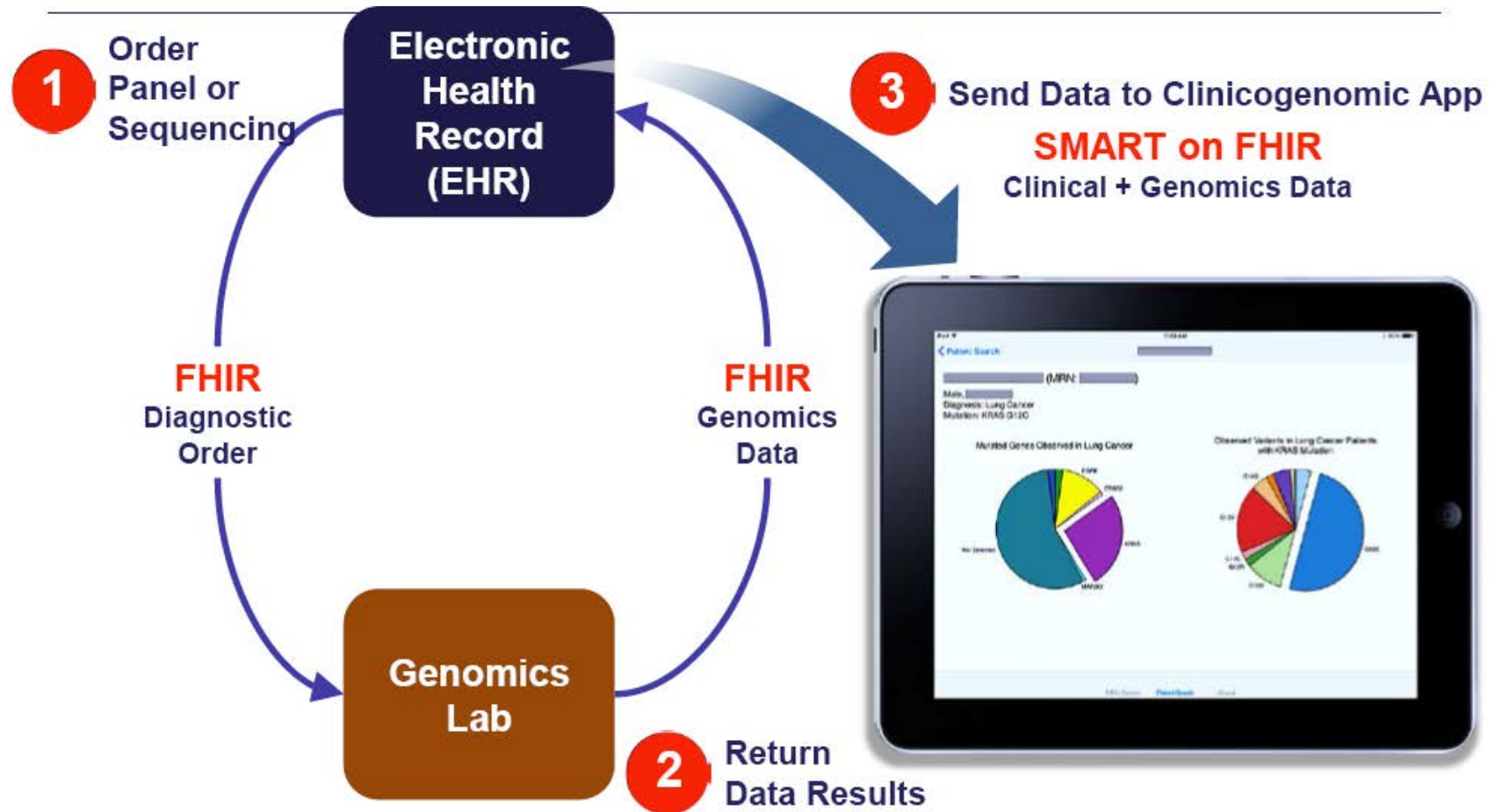
Use resource-based data model

Adopt a modern, web-savvy
application programming interface
(API)

An open industry standard

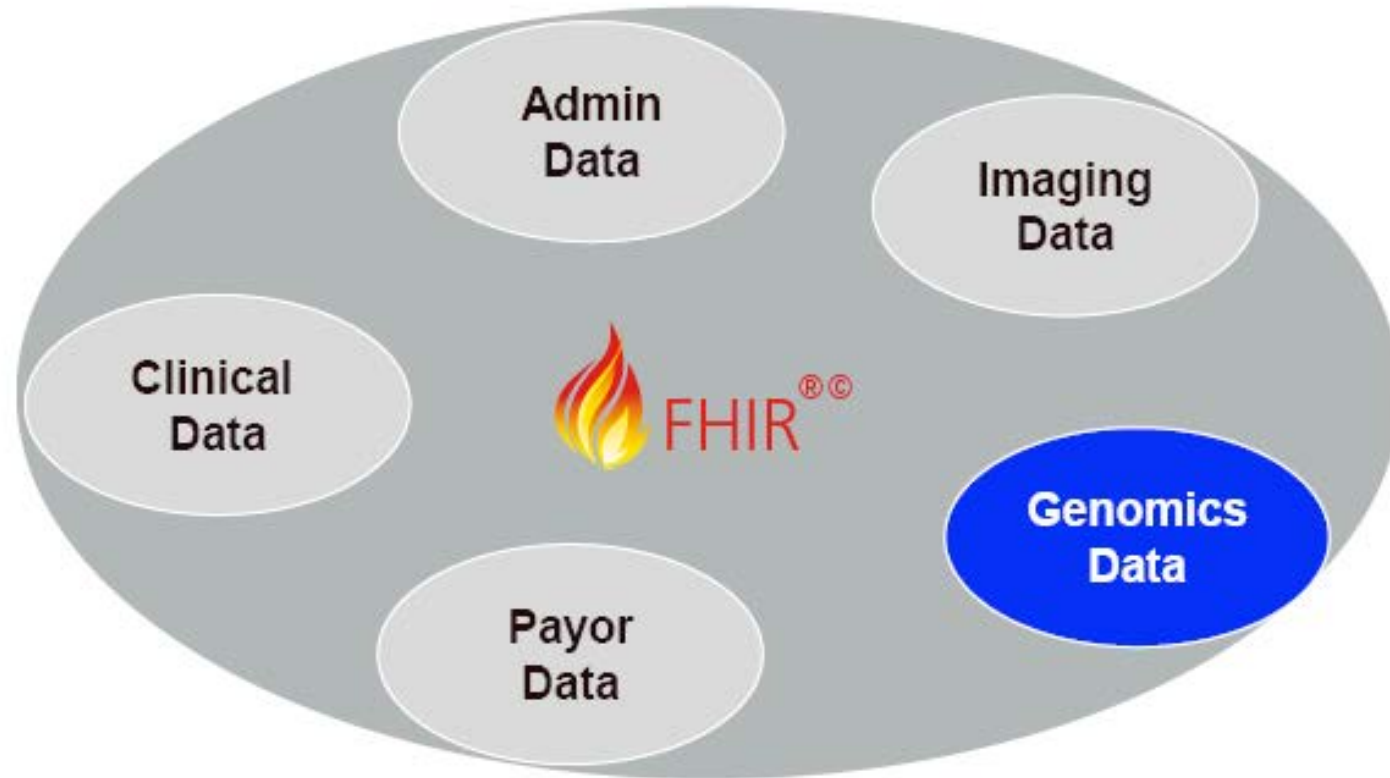


Genomics data cycle

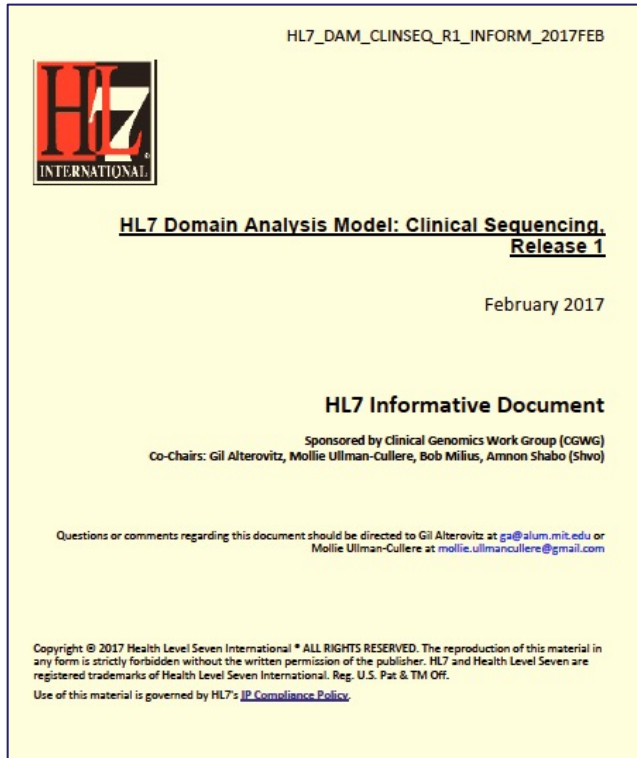


Warner & Alterovitz, JAMIA 2016

An Encompassing Standard?



There are many use cases...



Specimen Identification + Germline testing for biomarkers/mutations (usually inherited) + Tumor testing for biomarkers/mutations (somatic / tumor specific) + Pediatric Testing + Prenatal Testing + Infectious Disease Testing + Emerging Specimen scenarios + Microbiome analysis of the patient + Free-cell cell-free circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) + Cell-free fetal DNA (cffDNA) + Clinical Sequencing – Germline Testing + Description of Primary Clinical Sequence Workflow – Germline Testing + Alternative Germline Workflows + Alternative Flow 1: Chart Review + Alternative Flow 2: New Genetic Knowledge + Alternative Flow 3: New Clinical Indication + Cancer Profiling – Somatic Testing + Description of Primary Clinical Sequence Workflow – Somatic Testing + Alternative Workflows – Somatic Testing + Alternate Workflow 1: Referral + Alternate Workflow 2: Pathologist Ordered Testing + Decision Making Tools – Family History and Drug Dosage Calculators + Public Health Reporting + Description of Public Health Reporting Scenario + Cancer Registry workflow + Clinical and Research Data Warehouses + Cytogenetic Marker identification via sequencing + Pharmacogenomics + Description of Scenario + Pharmacogenomics – Somatic Profiling + Pharmacogenomics – Germline + Primary Germline Pharmacogenomics Germline Testing Workflow + Alternate Germline Pharmacogenomics Workflow – Pharmacist Involvement + State & Regional Health Information Exchanges (HIE) + Human leukocyte antigen (HLA) Typing + Somatic Profiling + Background on NMDP + HML and HL7 + Preimplantation Testing + Fetal Testing – Prenatal Testing + Prenatal Testing + Newborn Screening – Early Alternative Research-Based Newborn Screening + Targeted Panel Testing + Public Health Testing – Microbial

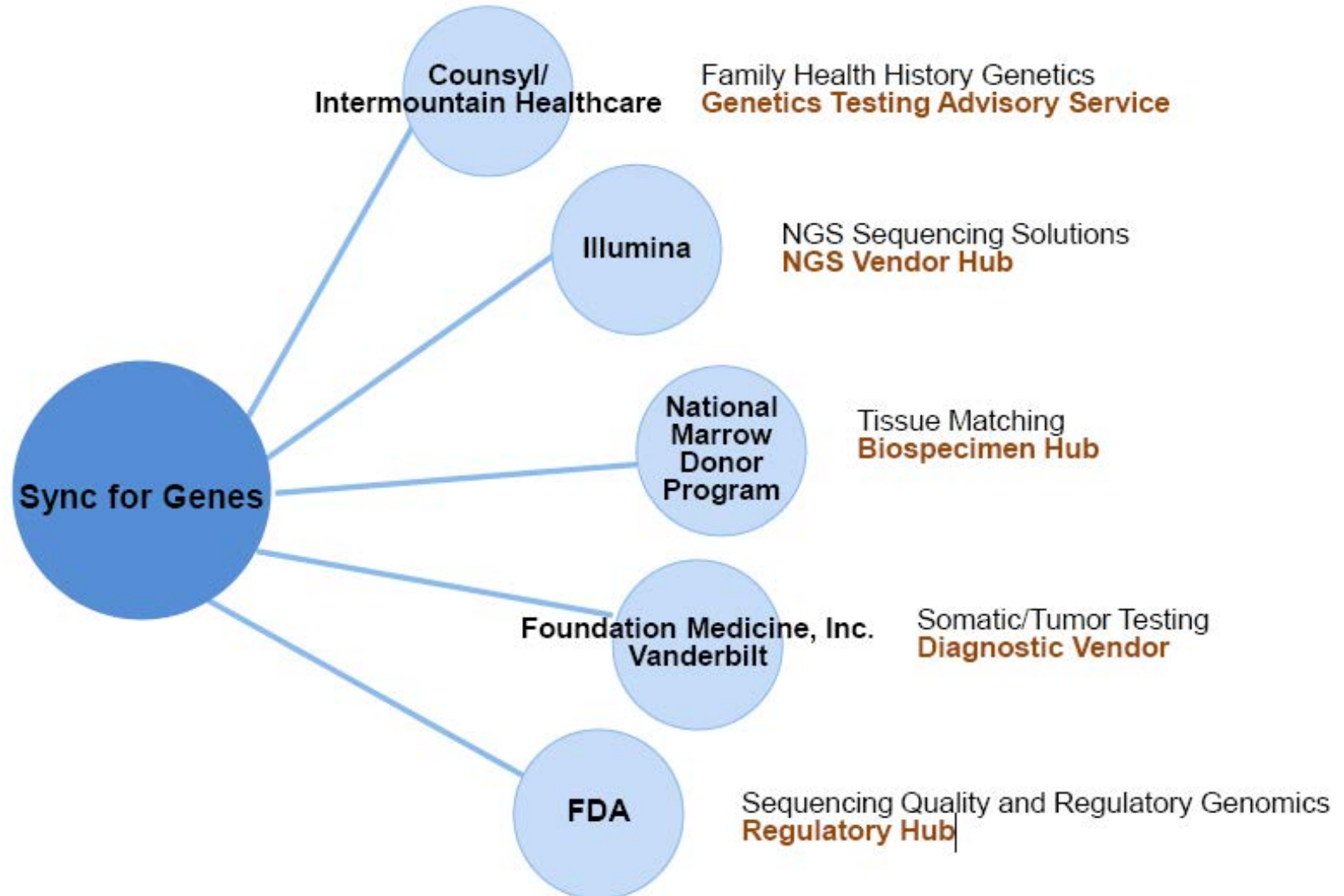
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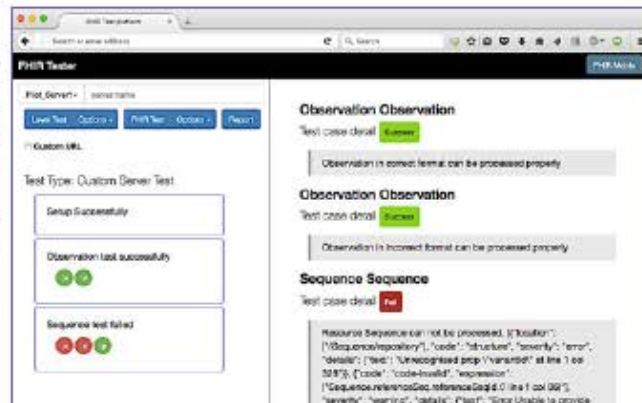
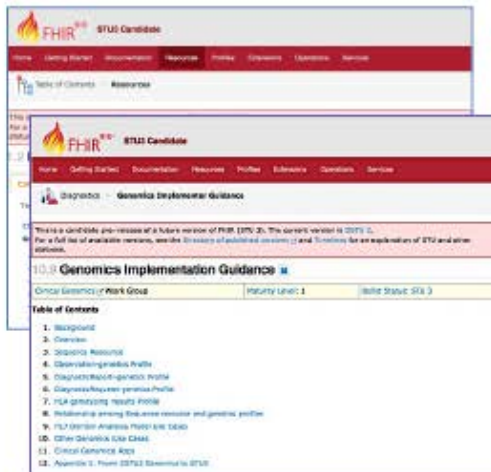
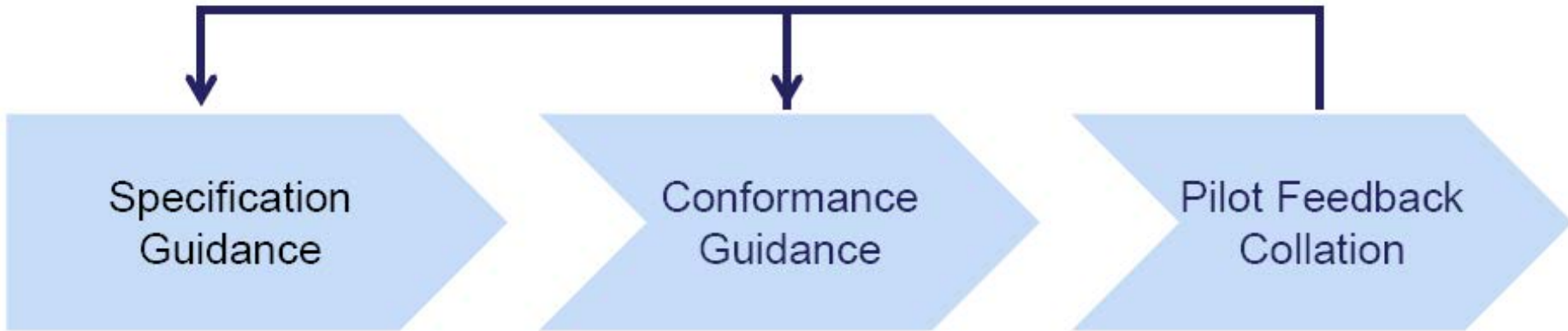
Sync for Genes Pilots' Timeline



National Sync for Genes Pilots



Coordinate Pilot Implementations



The screenshot shows a dashboard with a summary of test results: 12 Warnings, 106 Issues in review, 73 Issues Done, 4 Issues In Progress, and 29 Issues In Hold. Below the summary is a table of test cases.

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+	W	T0-115	Afterburner version 30 substantial	Dylan	Done
+	W	T0-128	Afterburner version 31 beta1	Drew	Done
+	W	T0-128	Afterburner version 31 beta	Drew	Done
+	W	T0-127	Afterburner version 30rc2style	Jay	Done
+	W	T0-108	Add video chat interface	Kate	Done
+	W	T0-105	Create video of launch	Sara	Done
+	W	T0-104	Write blog post for launch	Carla	Done
+	W	T0-103	Review pre-launch checklist	Patty	Done
+	W	T0-102	Afterburner version 30rc2substant	Kristi	Done

Utilize Feedback

Conformance
Guidance Site

Pilot Feedback
Collation

Dissemination



Global Alliance
for Genomics & Health

Recommendations

- Created list of standard development process recommendations
- Enhanced FHIR Profiles
 - <http://build.fhir.org/genomics>

Summary

- Solve a real clinical point-of-care need
- Augment FHIR to handle genomics data
- FHIR genomics being piloted nationally
- Create a universal, modern health data standard



PrecisionFDA and the Sync for Genes Pilot



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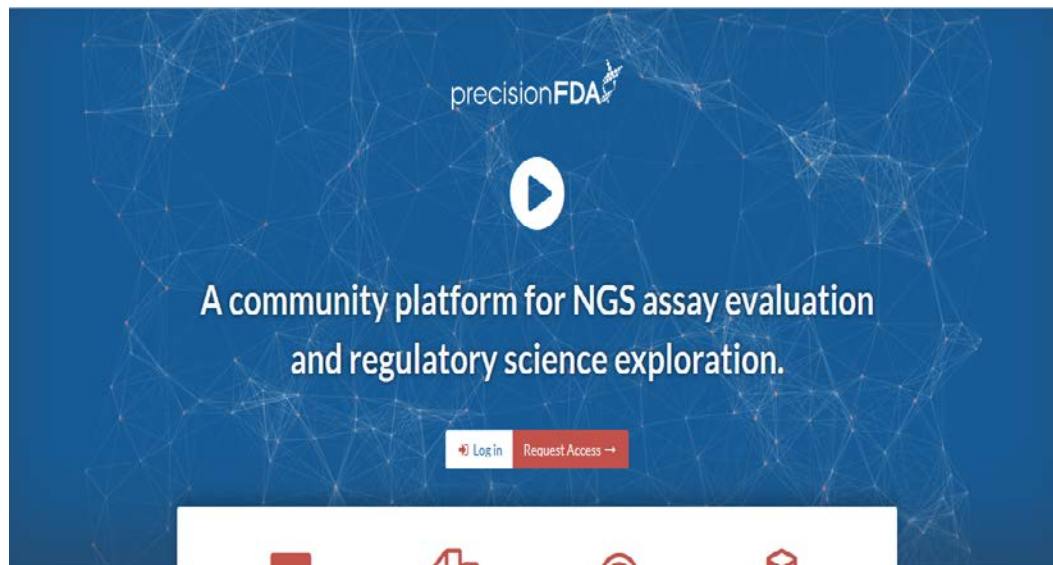
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precisionFDA

A Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) collaboration platform that provides...



- An integrated VCF Comparator
- Access to Experts
- Public Challenges
- A Genomics Workspace
- Discussion Areas
- File Storage & Sharing
- A Library of NGS Tools & Applications
- Ability to “dockerize” applications for ease of use, transportability and consistency in performance across platforms



NOTES

✓ Write and publish rich notes describing your



FILES

📁 Upload your own files on cloud storage



COMPARISONS

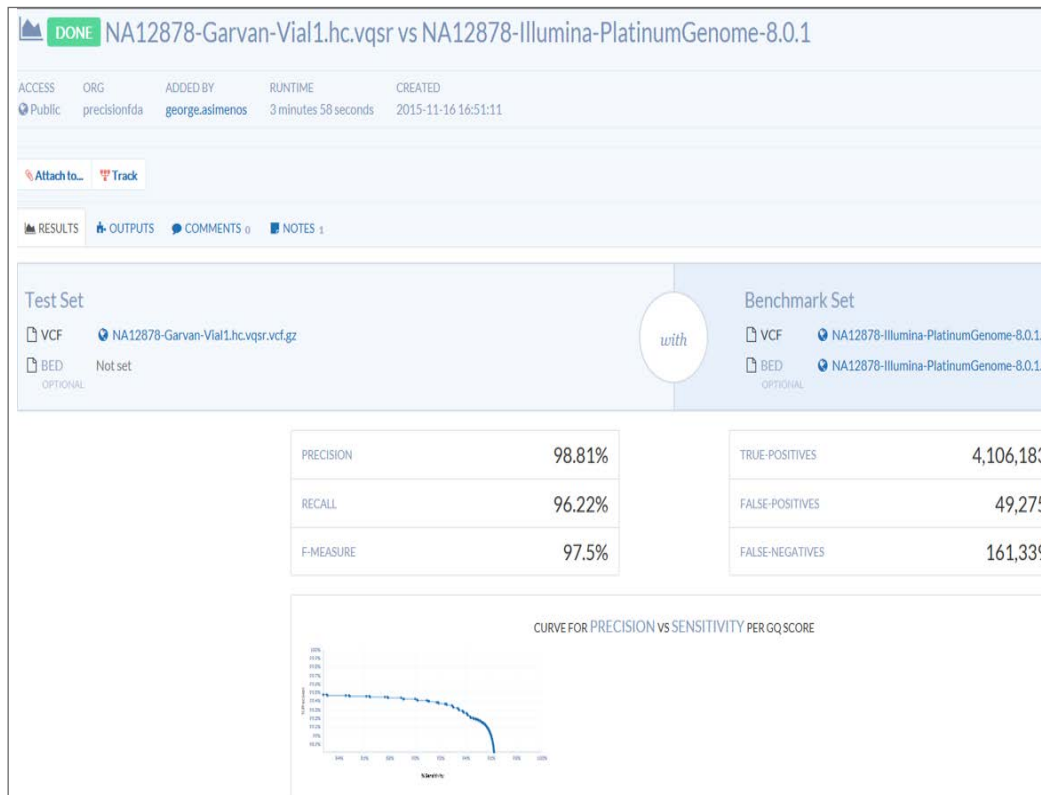
📊 Quantify the similarity between two sets of



APPS

⚡ Run mapping and variation calling pipelines or other

Comparing Files with Gene Sequence Variations on precisionFDA



- The "comparisons" feature of precisionFDA uses vcfeval 3.5.1.
- With the comparison tool integrated into precisionFDA, a test data set (provided by the user) and a benchmark set (representing the "truth") can be analyzed across specific regions of the genome.

The Comparison Tool and



What we did as part of the Sync for Genes pilot...

1. Informed the FHIR standard (sequence resource) as it relates to comparisons of vcf files (FHIR format was modified to be able to represent precisionFDA comparisons). The full sequence resource is at:
<http://www.hl7.org/fhir/sequence.html>
2. Utilizing the specification, changed the precisionFDA code to be able to output FHIR sequence resource objects. A portion of the comparison shown on the previous page on precisionFDA is show to the right when exported to FHIR...

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The Comparison Tool and (cont.)



What is available...

The results from hundreds of comparisons on PrecisionFDA are available publicly in a JSON format in accordance with the FHIR spec at <https://precision.fda.gov/fhir/sequence>

Possible Future steps...

Include a new version of the comparison tool that will allow multiple vcf comparisons against a benchmark.

Develop a tool that demonstrates consumption and rendering of the comparison data.

Thank You!

**For additional questions after this
meeting, please email...**

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Next Steps

- Report and Blog post available from:
 - » https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/sync_for_genes_report_november_2017.pdf
 - » <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/precision-medicine/genes-fhir-advances-standardizing-genomics-hl7-fhir/>
- ONC will continue its role as a coordinator and collaborator with NIH to advance the underlying standards necessary to support precision medicine and the *All of Us* Research Program

Stay Tuned . . .



SYNCFORGENES
PHASE2

Questions?



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Thank You!

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