

Clinical Phenotyping from EHRs: Opportunities and Challenges

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- Clinician evaluation of disease & status
 - Diagnoses
 - Problems
 - Clinical notes
- Treatments, procedures, medications
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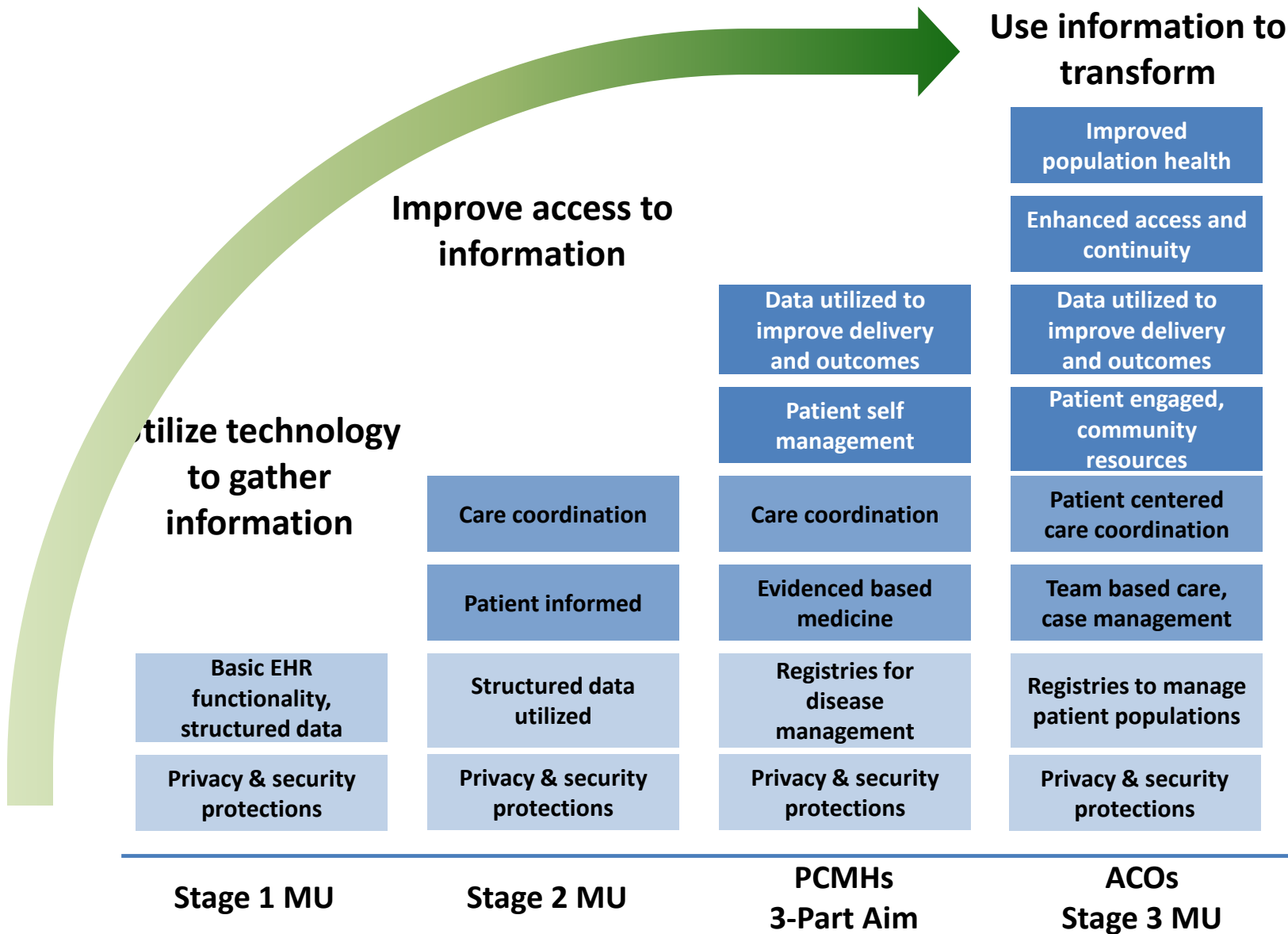
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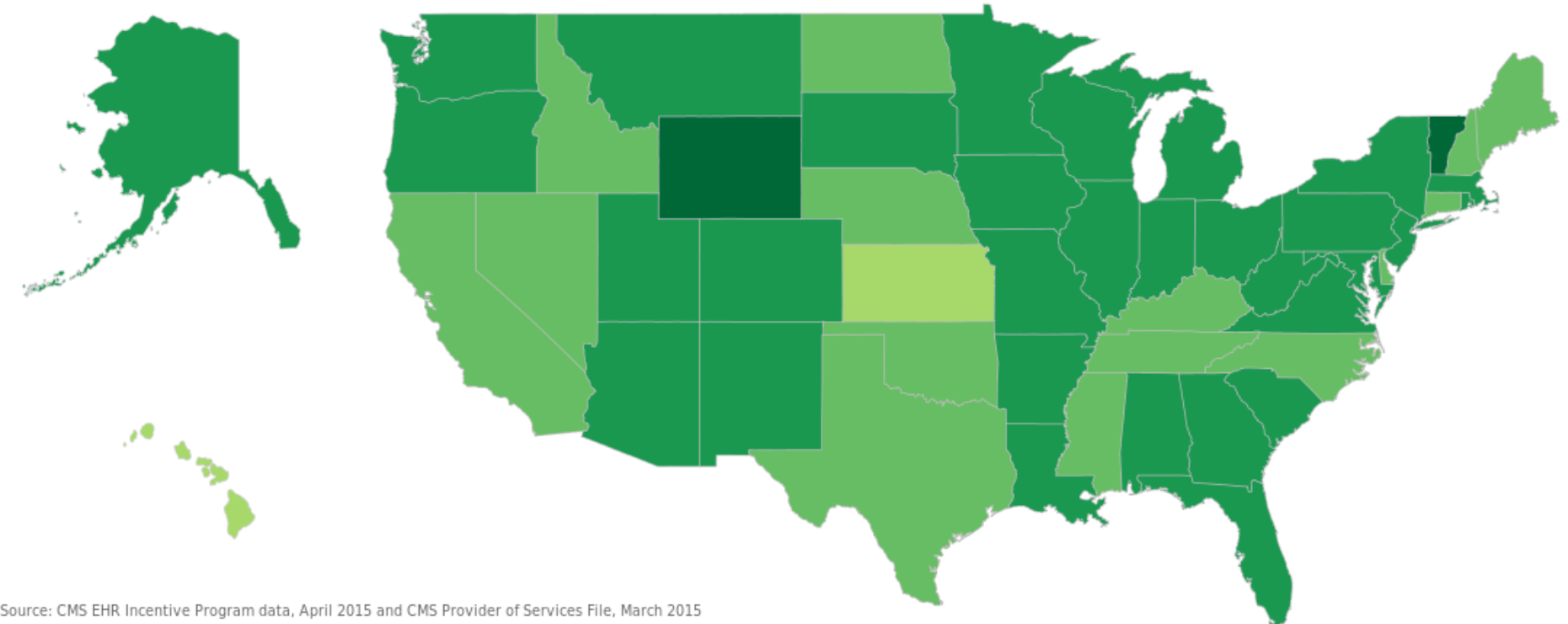
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91-95%

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95% of All Eligible and Critical Access Hospitals have Demonstrated Meaningful Use of Certified Health IT

■ N/A ■ 0-9% ■ 10-19% ■ 20-29% ■ 30-39% ■ 40-49% ■ 50-59% ■ 60-69% ■ 70-79% ■ 80-89% ■ 90-99% ■ 100%



Source: CMS EHR Incentive Program data, April 2015 and CMS Provider of Services File, March 2015

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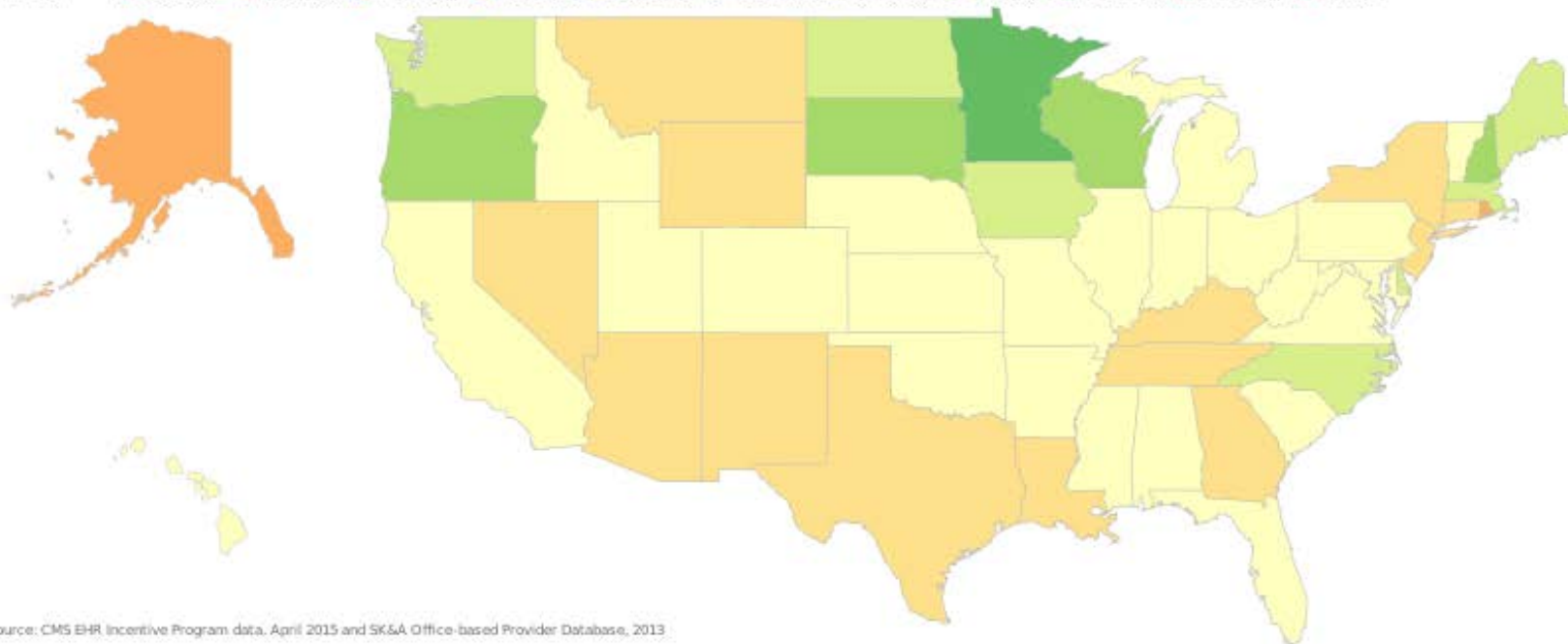
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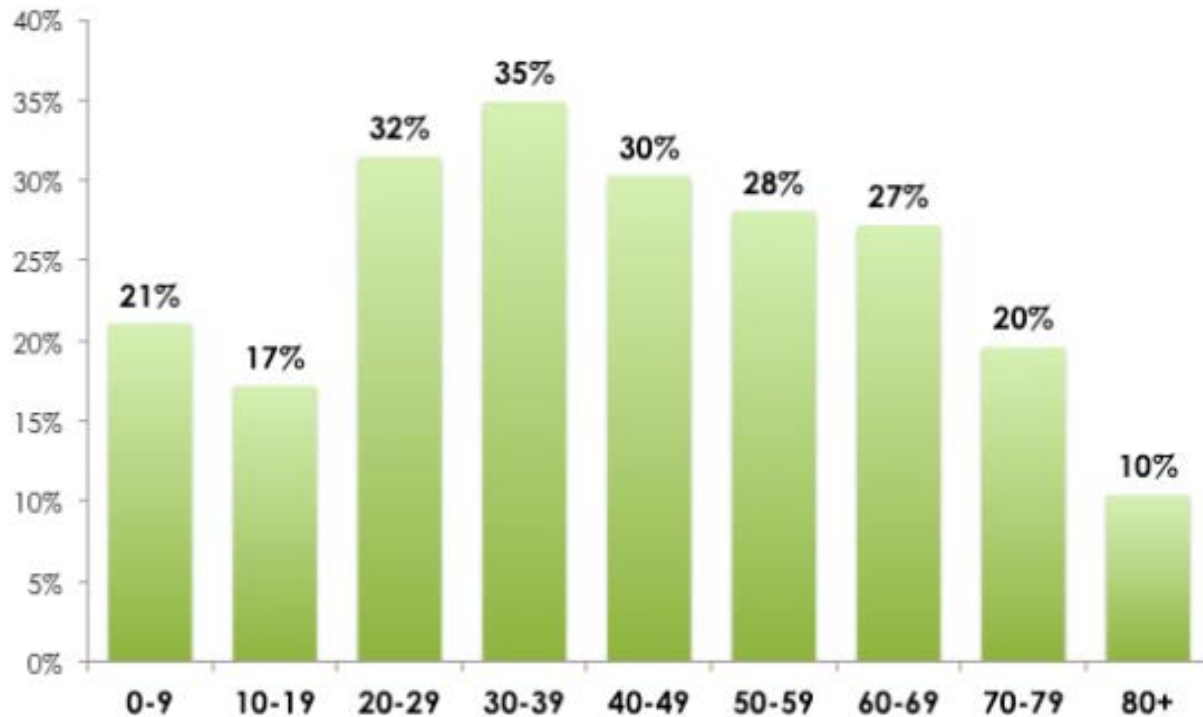


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Patient Portal Use in Large Health Plan

Figure 1. Age Not a Major Driver of Portal Adoption
Proportion of Patients with Portal Accounts
By Age Group, Among Patients with Encounters in the Past 30 Days



Source: athenaResearch.

Sample: 973k patients visiting practices offering the athenaCommunicator portal.

Outstanding Challenges

- EHRs designed to support clinical care
- Completeness & accuracy vary



Outstanding Challenges

- Still not standardized
- 100+ EHR vendor products
- Coding systems used differently
- ICD-10 transition
- Researchers do not control EHR design or documentation/coding practices



Clinical Phenotype Definitions

- Specifications for **identifying patients or populations with a given characteristic or condition of interest from EHRs** using data that are routinely collected in EHRs or ancillary data sources.
- Can support research (cohort selection; study screening) and personalized medicine
- Include widely adopted coding systems
 - ICD-9-CM
 - CPT
 - SNOMED CT
 - LOINC
 - RxNorm
 - NDC

Example

ICD-9
codes

Diabetes defined as¹:

- one inpatient discharge diagnosis (ICD-9-CM 250.x, 357.2, 366.41, 362.01-362.07)

or any combination of two of the following events occurring within 24 months of each other:

- A1C \geq 6.5% (48 mmol/mol)
- fasting plasma glucose \geq 126 mg/dl (7.0 mmol/L)
- random plasma glucose \geq 200 mg/dl (11.1 mmol/L)
- 2-h 75-g OGTT \geq 200 mg/dl
- outpatient diagnosis code (same codes as inpatient)
- anti-hyperglycemic medication dispense (see details below)
- NDC in associated list
- **...etc., etc...**

Lab
codes

Medication
codes

The eMERGE Network

The mapping of the human genome has enabled new exploration of how genetic variations contribute to health and disease. To better realize this promise, researchers must now determine ways in which genetic make-up gives some individuals a greater chance of becoming sick with chronic conditions such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, or heart disease. The goal of gaining this knowledge is to translate it to bedside practice and ultimately improve patient care.

The Electronic Medical Records and Genomics (eMERGE) Network is a national consortium organized by NHGRI to develop, disseminate, and apply approaches to research. It combines DNA biorepositories with electronic medical record (EMR) systems for large-scale, high-throughput genetic research with the ultimate goal of returning genomic testing results to patients in a clinical care setting. The Network is currently exploring more than a dozen phenotypes (with 13 additional electronic algorithms having already been published). Various models of returning clinical results have been implemented or planned for pilot at sites across the Network. Themes of bioinformatics, genomic medicine, privacy and community engagement are of particular relevance to eMERGE.


What makes eMERGE unique?

Each center participating in the Network is studying the relationship between genome-wide genetic variation and a common human trait. Such studies commonly involve testing hundreds of thousands of genetic variants called single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) throughout the genome in people with and without the trait. A number of such studies are reporting an association between disease and a person's genetic make-up, but those studies are typically costly and take a long time to complete.











The eMERGE model is exploring use of data from the EMR – clinical systems that represent an alternative methodology. Electronic medical records are one of the most exciting potential applications. One member site has EMR data linked to genetic samples obtained in the course of existing care. Data is derived from residual tissue or blood samples. In the eMERGE model, there is no need to actively recruit a study population. Cases and controls are quickly and consistently identified from the EMR. Data is readily available. This approach is both cost-effective and time-efficient. More detailed information on the phenotypes being explored in eMERGE can be found on our [PheKB](#) and other freely downloadable [Resources](#) page.

In addition, eMERGE focuses on ethical, legal, social, and policy issues such as privacy and



 » Phenotypes

Phenotypes

Group
Include Methods
Exclude Methods
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Title	Groups	Institutions	Data and Methods	Status
 Atrial Fibrillation - Demonstration Project	Vanderbilt - SD/RD Group	Vanderbilt University	CPT Codes, ICD 9 Codes, Natural Language Processing	Final
 Cardiac Conduction (QRS)	eMERGE Phenotype WG	Vanderbilt University	CPT Codes, ICD 9 Codes, Laboratories, Medications, Natural Language Processing	Final
 Cataracts	eMERGE Phenotype WG	Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation	CPT Codes, ICD 9 Codes, Medications, Natural Language Processing	Final
 Clopidogrel Poor Metabolizers	Denny's Group at Vandy, VESPA - Vanderbilt Electronic Systems for Pharmacogenomic Assessment		CPT Codes, ICD 9 Codes, Laboratories, Medications, Natural Language Processing	Final
 Crohn's Disease - Demonstration Project	Vanderbilt - SD/RD Group	Vanderbilt University	ICD 9 Codes, Medications, Natural Language Processing	Final
 Dementia	eMERGE Phenotype WG	Group Health Cooperative	ICD 9 Codes, Medications	Final
 Diabetic Retinopathy	eMERGE Phenotype WG	Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation	CPT Codes, ICD 9 Codes, Medications, Natural Language Processing	Final
 Drug Induced Liver Injury	eMERGE Phenotype WG	Columbia University	ICD 9 Codes, Laboratories, Medications, Natural	Final

Most Recent Phenotypes

-  Severe Early Childhood Obesity
-  Warfarin dose/response
-  Drug Induced Liver Injury
-  Clopidogrel Poor Metabolizers
-  Rheumatoid Arthritis - Demonstration Project

Other Sources for Clinical Phenotypes

- Clinical Classifications Software , “AHRQ Bundles”
- CMS Chronic Conditions Warehouse
- Quality Net (CMS and Joint Commission)
- Mini-Sentinel
- OMOP/OHDSI
- SHARPN
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A comparison of phenotype definitions for diabetes mellitus

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ABSTRACT

Objective This study compares the yield and characteristics of diabetes cohorts identified using heterogeneous phenotype definitions.

populations. Furthermore, standard phenotype definitions can streamline the development of patient registries from healthcare data, and enable consistent inclusion criteria to support regional surveillance and

► Additional material is published online only. To view please visit the journal online (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/amiajnl-2013-001952>).

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Table 1 Data domain criteria used in selected phenotype definitions

Phenotype definitions:	Data domain criteria							
	ICD-9-CM 250.xx	ICD-9-CM 250.x0 and 250.x2 (excludes type 1 specific codes)	Expanded ICD-9-CM Codes (249.xx, 357.2, 362.0x, 366.41)	HbA1c	Fasting glucose	Random glucose	Abnormal OGTT	Diabetes-associated medications*
ICD-9-CM 250.xx	●							
CMS CCW	▲*		▲*					
NYC A1c Registry				●				
Diabetes-associated medications								●
DDC		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
SUPREME-DM	▲*		▲*	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
eMERGE†		●*		▲	▲	▲		▲

*Medications vary by phenotype definition and are listed for each in the supplementary appendix (available online only).

†The eMERGE phenotype definition consists of five case scenarios with varying combinations of criteria. Any instance of type 1 specific codes (ie, 250.x1, 250.x3) results in the exclusion of the patient.

● = Sole criteria.

▲ = Optional criteria, one of many.

* = Distinction made between inpatient and outpatient context.

/// = Distinction made for multiple instances and/or time points.

CMS CCW, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Chronic Condition Data Warehouse; DDC, Durham Diabetes Coalition; eMERGE, electronic medical records and genomics; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c; ICD-9-CM, International Classification of Disease, revision 9, clinical modification; NYC, New York City; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; SUPREME-DM, Surveillance, Prevention, and Management of Diabetes Mellitus.

Clinical Trial Reporting

Patient characteristics:

Table 1. Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	No. (%) of Patients ^a	
	Gentamicin-Collagen Sponge (n = 753)	Control (n = 749)
Patient demographics		
Age, median (IQR), y	64.2 (58.0-71.5)	64.9 (57.2-72.1)
White race	688 (91.4)	683 (91.2)
Weight, median (IQR), kg	98.0 (86.1-113.0)	98.8 (85.0-111.1)
Body mass index, median (IQR)	33.1 (30.2-37.2)	32.8 (30.0-36.2)
Body mass index >30	574 (76.2)	563 (75.2)
Male sex	530 (70.4)	530 (70.8)
Medical history		
History of hypertension	659 (87.5)	659 (88.0)
History of diabetes	493 (65.5)	513 (68.5)
Current or history of smoking	458 (60.8)	450 (60.1)
Current smoking	136 (29.7)	123 (27.3)
History of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	117 (15.5)	107 (14.3)
History of peripheral vascular disease	105 (13.9)	89 (11.9)
Previous median sternotomy	52 (6.9)	42 (5.6)
History of TIA or stroke	77 (10.2)	84 (10.8)
History of myocardial infarction	233 (31.0)	245 (32.7)
History of congestive heart failure	89 (11.8)	90 (12.0)
History of hyperlipidemia	619 (82.2)	607 (81.0)
Steroid use ≤1 mo prior to surgery	28 (3.7)	33 (4.4)
Receiving dialysis preoperatively	4 (0.5)	2 (0.3)
Preoperative diagnostic values		
Left ventricular ejection fraction, median (IQR), %	55 (45-60)	55 (45-60)
Serum glucose, median (IQR), mg/dL	125 (101-160)	124 (103-167)
Serum hemoglobin A _{1c} , median (IQR), %	6.5 (5.9-7.6)	6.6 (5.9-7.7)
Hematocrit, median (IQR), %	39 (36-42)	39 (36-42)
Serum creatinine, median (IQR), mg/dL	1.0 (0.9-1.3)	1.0 (0.9-1.2)
Preoperative core temperature, median (IQR), °C	97.6 (97.0-98.2)	97.7 (97.0-98.2)
Preoperative hospital stay, median (IQR), d	1.0 (0-3.0)	1.0 (0-3.0)
Parsonnet risk score, median (IQR) ^b	9.0 (6.0-14.5)	9.0 (6.0-16.0)

Abbreviations: IQR, interquartile range; TIA, transient ischemic attack.
 SI conversion factors: To convert creatinine to μmol/L, multiply by 88.4; glucose to mmol/L, multiply by 0.0555.
^aUnless otherwise indicated.
^bTheoretical range is 0 to 148; 50% in Parsonnet et al¹¹ had a score between 0 and 9.

Multiple phenotype definitions:

SUPREME-DM Phenotype

Definition:

Adult Durham Population patients who meet **ONE OR MORE** of the following criteria during a DukeMed encounter between 2007-2011:

- One or more instances of the specified ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes (see table 7) on an inpatient encounter
- OR 2 or more instances of the specified ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes (see table 7) on outpatient encounters on separate days
- OR 1 or more instances of active stand-alone medication (see table 8) reported during outpatient medication reconciliation³
- OR 1 or more Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) 2-hour 75g result \geq 200 mg/dl where there is NO DIAGNOSIS CODE on the same encounter indicating pregnancy (V22, V23)⁴
- OR 2 or more hemoglobin A1c results \geq 6.5% on 2 different days within 730 day span
- OR 2 or more fasting glucose results \geq 126 mg/dl on 2 different days within 730 day span
- OR 2 or more random glucose results \geq 200 mg on 2 different days within 730 day span
- OR within a 730 day span on 2 different days:
 - Fasting glucose results \geq 126 mg/dl
 - AND Random glucose results \geq 200 mg
- OR within a 730 day span (can be same day):
 - Hemoglobin A1c results \geq 6.5%
 - AND Fasting glucose results \geq 126 mg/dl

Abnormal Lab Results

Source:

Laboratory results

Definition:

Adult Durham Population patients who meet **ONE OR MORE** of the following criteria during a DukeMed encounter between 2007-2011:

- One or more instances of hemoglobin A1c results \geq 6.5%
- OR one or more fasting glucose results \geq 126 mg/dl within 365 day span
- OR one or more random glucose results \geq 200 mg/dl within 365 day span

Abnormal HbA1c (NCY A1c Registry Definition)

Source:

Glycated hemoglobin laboratory results

Definition:

Adult Durham Population patients who meet **ONE OR MORE** of the following criteria during a DukeMed encounter between 2007-2011:

- One or more instances of hemoglobin A1c results \geq 6.5%

ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Multicenter Study Comparing Case Definitions Used to Identify Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

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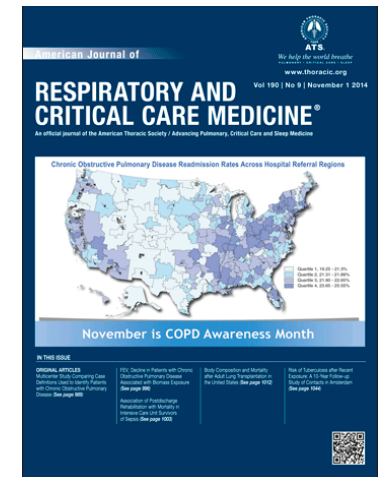


Table 2. Clinical Characteristics of Patients Who Met and Did Not Meet the Clinical Trial Reference Standard

Characteristic	Total Sample (n = 998)	Clinical Trial Reference Standard		P Value
		Yes* (n = 560)	No† (n = 438)	
Comorbid conditions, %				
Cardiovascular disease	76	74	78	0.15
Hypertension	66	63	69	0.03
Heart failure	18	16	22	0.01
Coronary artery disease	23	22	24	0.66
Myocardial infarction	19	18	20	0.43
Stroke	15	14	15	0.95
Depression	42	36	50	<0.0001
Arthritis	36	33	41	0.006
Diabetes	28	22	34	<0.0001
Cancer history	23	26	19	0.02
Anemia	28	26	30	0.17
Kidney disease	20	18	21	0.30
Dementia	2	2	3	0.15
Dyspnea at rest (Borg), %				
0, no dyspnea	52	54	50	0.02
0.5–2, slight	38	38	37	
≥3, moderate to very severe	10	7	13	
Spirometry, post-bronchodilator, %				
FEV ₁ /FVC <70%	61	100	11	<0.0001
FEV ₁ <80% predicted	72	86	55	<0.0001
6-minute-walk distance, %				
Distance walked <350 m	53	52	54	0.67

Patients who met the trial reference standard are more likely to have airflow obstruction by spirometry but report being less dyspneic. Patients who met the reference standard also have different prevalence of comorbidities. For example, they are more likely to have hypertension, heart failure, and depression. Data for 6-minute-walk distance missing in 9% patients (9% and 10%) and dyspnea scores missing in 8% patients (8% and 9%) in those who met and did not meet the clinical trial reference standard, respectively.

* $(A + D + E + G)$ and † $(B + C + F)$ in Figure 2.

Table 3. Characteristics Associated with Meeting the Clinical Trial Reference Standard

Characteristics	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Race (vs. white)	
Black	0.37 (0.26–0.53)*
Other	0.52 (0.27–1.00)
Education (vs. high school or less)	
College/professional degree	0.38 (0.26–0.56)*
Some college	0.68 (1.06–2.03)*
BMI, kg/m ² (vs. normal)	
<18.5 (underweight)	4.00 (1.27–12.50)*
25–29.99 (overweight)	0.87 (0.58–1.30)
≥30 (obese)	0.51 (0.35–0.75)*
Depression (yes vs. no)	0.53 (0.40–0.71)*
Diabetes (yes vs. no)	0.67 (0.48–0.93)*
Cancer (yes vs. no)	1.47 (1.05–2.08)*

Definition of abbreviations: BMI = body mass index; CI = confidence interval.

Clinical trial reference standard (*A + D + E + G*) versus others (*B + C + F*) in Figure 2. Multivariable logistic regression model that included characteristics listed in Tables 1 and 2 (characteristics significantly associated with meeting the trial reference standard). Results indicate that patients who are black (vs. white), with college or higher (vs. high school or less) education, obese (vs. normal weight), with depression, or diabetes are less likely to meet the trial reference standard. Patients with a history of cancer and underweight patients (vs. normal weight) are more likely to meet the trial reference standard. Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness-of-fit test (*P* value = 0.17) demonstrates adequate model fit.

**P* < 0.05.

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Stop CRC featured on NPR Health Blog
02/26/2014: Gloria Coronado, PhD, was recently featured on the NPR Health Blog discussing the Stop CRC study.



Joe Selby writes perspective piece for the New England Journal of Medicine on PCORI
02/13/14: Joe Selby, MD, MPH, Executive Director of PCORI, published a perspective piece in the latest issue of the New England Journal of Medicine on lessons learned in PCORI's 3-year history.



First patient enrolled in Collaboratory trial
01/13/14: The TIME Demonstration Project, led the University of Pennsylvania's Laura Dember, MD, has enrolled its first patient.

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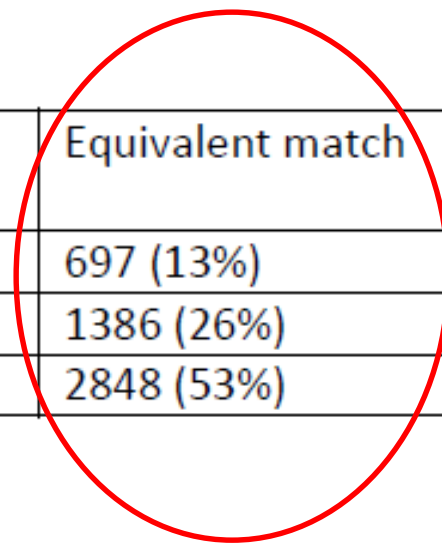
[Patient-focused drug development moves into the mainstream](#)

Posted March 16, 2015, Applied Clinical Trials

Building on the experience gained from FDA meetings soliciting patient perspectives, sponsors

Coverage and Precision of Rare Disease Names (n=5,333)

	Equivalent match	Broader match (found)	Broader match (projected)
ICD-9-CM	697 (13%)	2055 (39%)	2569 (48%)
ICD-10-CM	1386 (26%)	919 (17%)	1635 (31%)
SNOMED CT	2848 (53%)	Not estimated	Not estimated



“Grouper” codes that contain multiple rare disease concepts (less precise)

# rare diseases included in code	# ICD-9-CM codes	# ICD-10-CM codes	# SNOMED CT codes
1	1081 (62%)	1403 (73%)	3311 (85%)
2	319	328	478
3	125	88	84
4	68	45	33
5	43	25	3
> 5	117	40	0
# codes including > 1 disease (%)	672 (38%)	526 (27%)	598 (15%)
Examples	208 rare diseases included under 759.89 <i>Other specified congenital anomalies</i>	22 rare diseases included under Q82.8 <i>Other specified congenital malformations of skin</i>	5 rare diseases included under 28835009 <i>Retinitis pigmentosa</i>

SNOMED CT

- Most comprehensive, multilingual clinical terminology in the world
- Used in > 50 countries
- Meaningful Use requires use of SNOMED CT in the EHR for problem lists, procedures.
- SNOMED CT is better suited for clinical data capture because:
 - Better content coverage
 - Clinically oriented
 - Flexible data entry and retrieval

Use Cases and Coding Systems for Rare Diseases



HPO and **ORDO** for “deep phenotyping” of undiagnosed disorders in specialty or genetics clinics.



Link to **OMIM** and **GO** and for molecular diagnosis.



MeSH for linkage to the biomedical literature and clinical practice guidelines (e.g., InfoButton, CDSS).



Linkage to patient-directed health information (e.g., Medline Plus search with **MeSH** synonyms).



Reimbursement

ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM



Public Health Surveillance

ICD-10



Quality Measurement

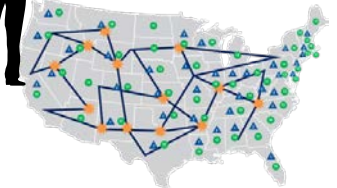
SNOMED CT



Interventional Research

SNOMED CT, MedDRA; plus new data collection using PhenX and LOINC

Query **SNOMED CT** for networked research networks and observational research.



Multiple Terminologies

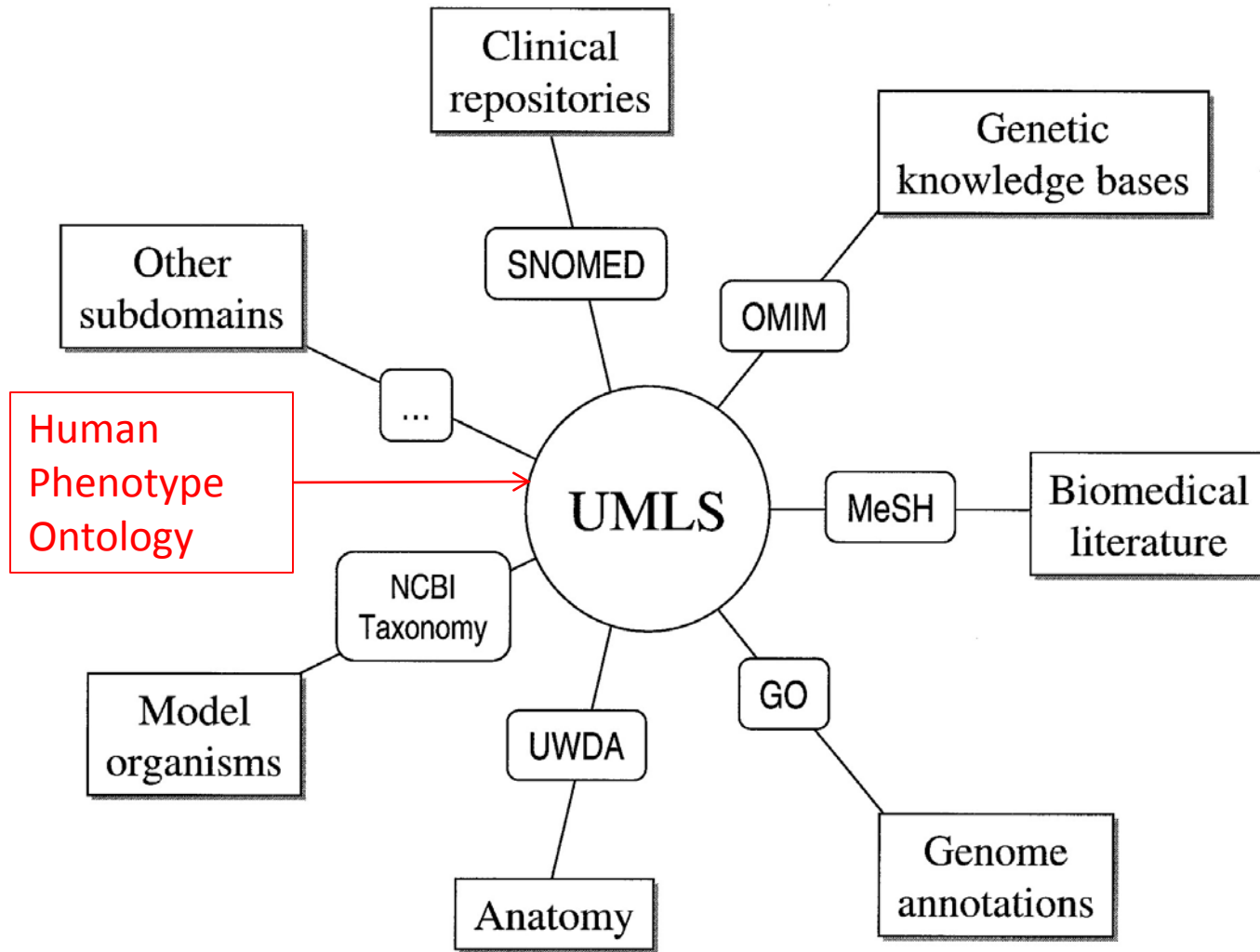
1. Outpatient COPD encounter	ICD-9 (or corresponding SNOMED) codings 491.xx - chronic bronchitis 492.xx - emphysema 493.2x - chronic obstructive asthma 496.xx - chronic airway obstruction
2. Inpatient COPD encounter	ICD-9 (or corresponding SNOMED) codings 490.xx - bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic 491.xx - chronic bronchitis 492.xx - emphysema 493.2x - chronic obstructive asthma 494.xx - bronchiectasis 495.xx - extrinsic allergic alveolitis 496.xx - chronic airway obstruction
3. Hospitalized respiratory failure (primary) with secondary COPD coding	518.81 acute respiratory failure 518.82 other pulmonary insufficiency not elsewhere classified 518.84 acute and chronic respiratory failure
4. Problem List	Coded fields <u>ICD-9</u> / variant "V" coding or <u>SNOMED</u> – COPD, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, chronic airway obstruction
5. PFT demonstrating likely obstructive lung disease	Evidence of pre or post-bronchodilator obstruction defined by an FEV1 / FVC ratio < 0.7
6. Documented COPD-related drug dispensing, order or medication listing	Beta-agonists by nebulized delivery Beta-agonists, Inhalers - Long acting Ipratropium & Tiotropium Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) Combivent (Ipratropium+Albuterol) Combination Inhaled Beta-agonists + ICS (ie Advair)

Medication classes

Need to link to

RxNorm → **NDC**

Figure 1. The various subdomains integrated in the UMLS.



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Possible actions...

- Link specialized terminologies with UMLS
- Recognize importance of clinical interface terminology (SNOMED CT or HPO)
 - Advocate for standards (requirements or incentives)
 - Promote use of SNOMED CT in healthcare systems
- Expand coverage of diseases in SNOMED CT
- Laboratory data critical
- Coordinate and communicate across disciplines!

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