THE EHR4CR PLATFORM AND SERVICES

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Background

The need for new medicines is real...

- R&D cost for new chemical / biological entity ~ €1.17 billion (2012)
- Research shifts away from Europe to Asia
Moving forward

Huge potential in the use of Real World Data

The percentage of studies that complete enrolment on time:
- **18%** in Europe,
- **7%** in the US

Almost half of all trial delays caused by patient recruitment problems

Only 1/3 of the sites engaged in a multicentre study manage to enrol the requisite number of patients

1/3 of protocol amendments are avoidable, at a cost of $0.5m

50% of today’s clinical trials fail to achieve the target recruitment
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Speeding up protocol design, patient recruitment, data capture & exchange

- Evaluate patient populations in study set up
  - Query EHR database to establish number of potential candidates
  - Improve and validate study designs

- Accelerate patient identification and recruitment
  - Query EHR database to select sites and identify and recruit patients
  - Implement study screening parameters into patient registration and scheduling
  - Researchers obtain key health information before patients arrive for a screening visit (after consent)

- Capture clinical trial data
  - Incorporate study-specific data capture as part of routine clinical care
  - Auto-populate study data elements into case report forms from other parts of EHR database
  - Minimise duplication of data collection

- Exchange clinical trial data
  - Facilitate Serious Adverse Event reporting
  - Efficient patient data collection for study conduct
The EHR4CR platform – unlocking the EHR

- Service platform able to unlock clinical information stored in EHRs for improving clinical research
- Create a trustworthy environment connecting trial sponsors and data providers
The big challenges

- Connectivity & Interoperability
  - Heterogeneity in technology
  - Heterogeneity information models and terminology

- Security & Privacy
  - Compliance across borders
  - Trust

- Data Quality
  - Structured & unstructured data
  - Completeness
  - Trustworthiness

- Operations
  - Service level
  - Operational procedures (intake, …)
  - Maintenance (technical & information modelling)
The EHR4CR platform – an open architecture

- **Open platform**
  - Service Oriented Architecture
  - Standards based
  - Maximal service decoupling

- **Objectives**
  - Avoid vendor lock-in
  - Stimulate alternative tool development
  - Open to different semantic interoperability approaches
  - Create added-value by enabling service re-use beyond EHR4CR
Protocol feasibility

- Where will we find sufficient numbers of the right patients?
- How long will the trial take?
- Will we be able to recruit the necessary volume of patients in order to collect data with sufficient statistical power?
- Do the inclusion/exclusion criteria make sense?

Aggregate data
Models
Guesstimates
Protocol feasibility

Let’s test this protocol with real world data in potential trial sites!

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Protocol feasibility

How many patients can I expect in the trial with these criteria...

Select sites
Design criteria
Run analysis
Feasible?

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**Semantic integration**

- **EHR4CR Information Model**
  - Terminology: subsets of PathLex, ICD-10, SNOMED, LOINC, ATC
  - Common Data Elements
  - Using ISO 21090 harmonized data types
  - Concept expansion (central)

- EHR4CR IM queries

- **ETL**
  - Terminology services
  - CDW Mapping (local query templates)
  - E.g. EHR4CR “native” HL-7 RIM based

- **2.16.840.1.1138 83.6.3:E11 [ICD10]**
- **237599002 [SNOMED]**

- **diabetes mellitus without insulin dependence**
Semantic Integration - Querying

- Criteria more complex than “atomic” database queries
  - Cross-criterion temporal constraints
- “Blue Model”
  - Computable, site representation-independent model
  - General, extensible and expressive language
  - Coding-system agnostic
- Clinician readable representation (ECLECTIC)

1 born() at least 18 year before now and
2 not deceased() and
3 last diagnosis([ICD10:E11,"Diabetes mellitus type 2"]) and
4 last result([LOINC:17856-6,"HBA1c"]) in range(>=6.5,<=10.0)
  unit([UCUM:%,"Percent"])
Security & Privacy

- Privacy by design
  - No patient data leaves the hospital
- Safeguards in workflows
  - Approval process (if locally required)
- Privacy protection monitoring
  - E.g. small cell filtering

Query “Patients with postoperative chemo started in the last year”

Aggregated results only
- Patientcount
- Agegroup
- Sex

“Small cells” filtering
Security & Privacy

- EHR4CR Security Framework
  - Advanced SOA security framework (cross-organisation Web Services)
- Key points
  - All operations fully (end-user) authenticated through credential delegation
    - Seamless SSO between websites & services
  - Central Identity & Access Management (IAM)
    - Enforces platform-wide policies (e.g. contractual agreements)
    - Fully complementary to local access control (federates)
  - Unified platform audit trail
Patient identification & recruitment

Let’s run this trial!

We are participating in this trial. I need to find sufficient patients willing to join.
Patient identification & recruitment

- Enter Protocol
- Select sites
- Start recruiting
- Follow-up

Join trial
- Prepare site
- Identify & recruit
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Workflow

- EHR4CR supported workflows simplify clinical trial management process
- Workflows facilitate communication and streamline task assignment between actors
  - Intra- and cross-organisation

- Study Managers
- Site data managers
- (Principal) Investigators
- Treating physicians
Computer aided recruitment

- EHR4CR based tools enable faster identification (automated filtering)
- Combine power of automated querying with manual lookup in local sources
- Open platform
  - Other recruitment tools can integrated with the EHR4CR hospital connector
Join us!

EHR4CR - IMI research project

- Project pilot hospitals
- Partner hospitals
  - Technology champions
  - EHR - structured data
  - Venture together into deployment, operations engineering

Operational pan-European platform

- Early adopters
  - EHR - structured data
  - Scaling up
Don’t miss out on what’s to come

- Moving towards sustainability in 2015
- Help shape the future of clinical trials
  - Share your visions and ideas!
  - Join the community as an early adopter!

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For now... enjoy the demo