



# Lessons from meta-analyses of Randomized Clinical Trials for Analysis of Distributed Networks of Observational Databases

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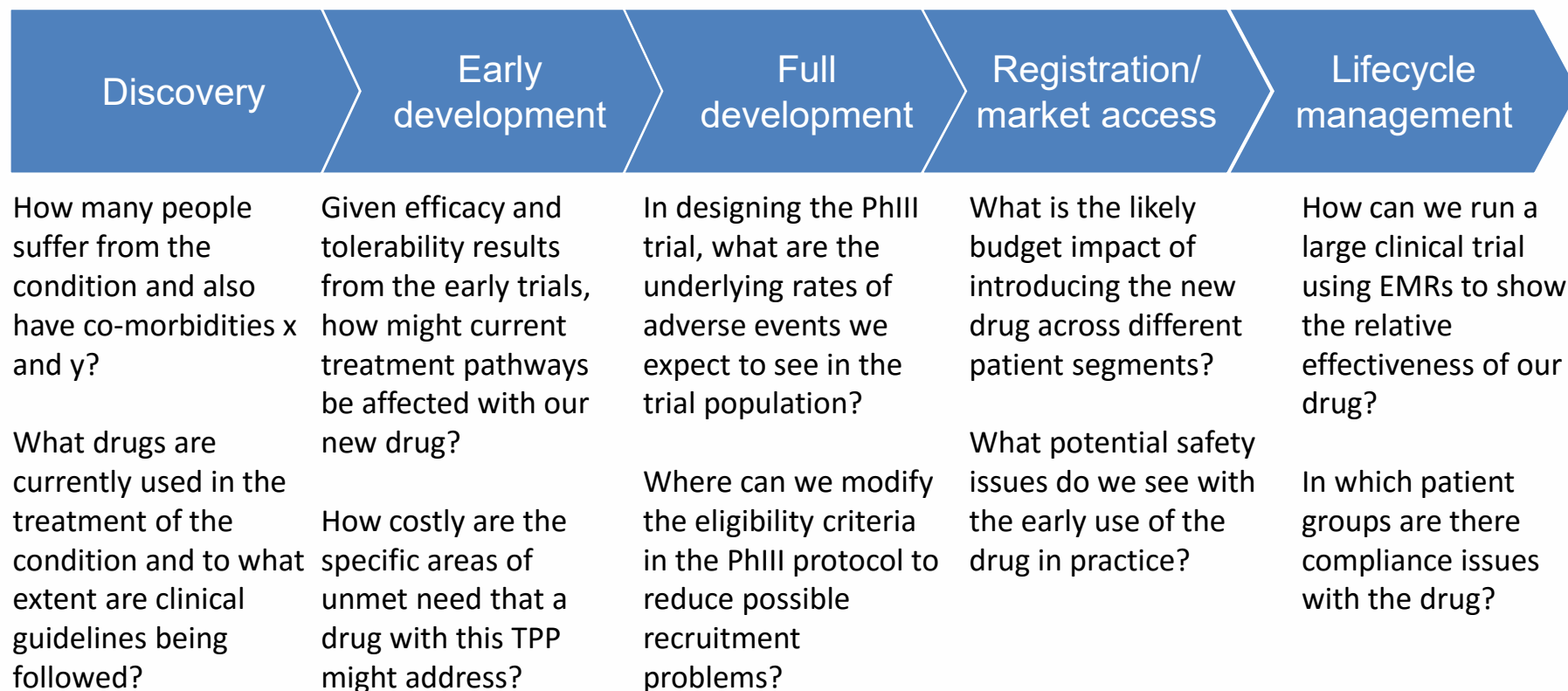
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# Overview

- Emerging use of Real World Data in distributed data networks (DDNs)
- Examples of use
- Some comparison to RCT meta-analyses
- Conclusions



# Real World Data now has a role throughout the drug development lifecycle



From: Bate A et al. Designing and incorporating a Real World Data approach to international drug development and use - what the UK offers. Drug Discovery Today. In Press



# Harnessing the Power of Real World Evidence for Safety

## Characterize Patient Risk Profile

### Standing Cohorts



EMRs

Claims

Registries

## Evaluate Product Risks

Approval



### Active Surveillance

Monitor and detect signals in defined patient cohorts using innovative analytic methods

### Post Approval Safety Studies

Compare medication risks in the real world, as prescribed and taken during routine clinical practice



### Risk Minimization

Evaluate the effectiveness of risk minimization measures (e.g., product label/education)



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# Increasing RWD source international availability

## - Some selected longitudinal observational databases

Database	Country	Characteristic	Population Size
THIN	UK	GP primary care database	10.5 M <sup>1</sup>
Danish National Health Service Register Database	Denmark	Healthcare registry of care	5.5 M <sup>2</sup>
Premier	US	Clinical data from the hospitals	130 M+ patient discharges <sup>3</sup>
Normative Health Information (NHI) Database	US	Transactional claims records of a commercial health insurer	60 M+ <sup>4</sup>
Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service (HIRA)	Korea	Insurance Claims from near universal national system	48 M <sup>5</sup>

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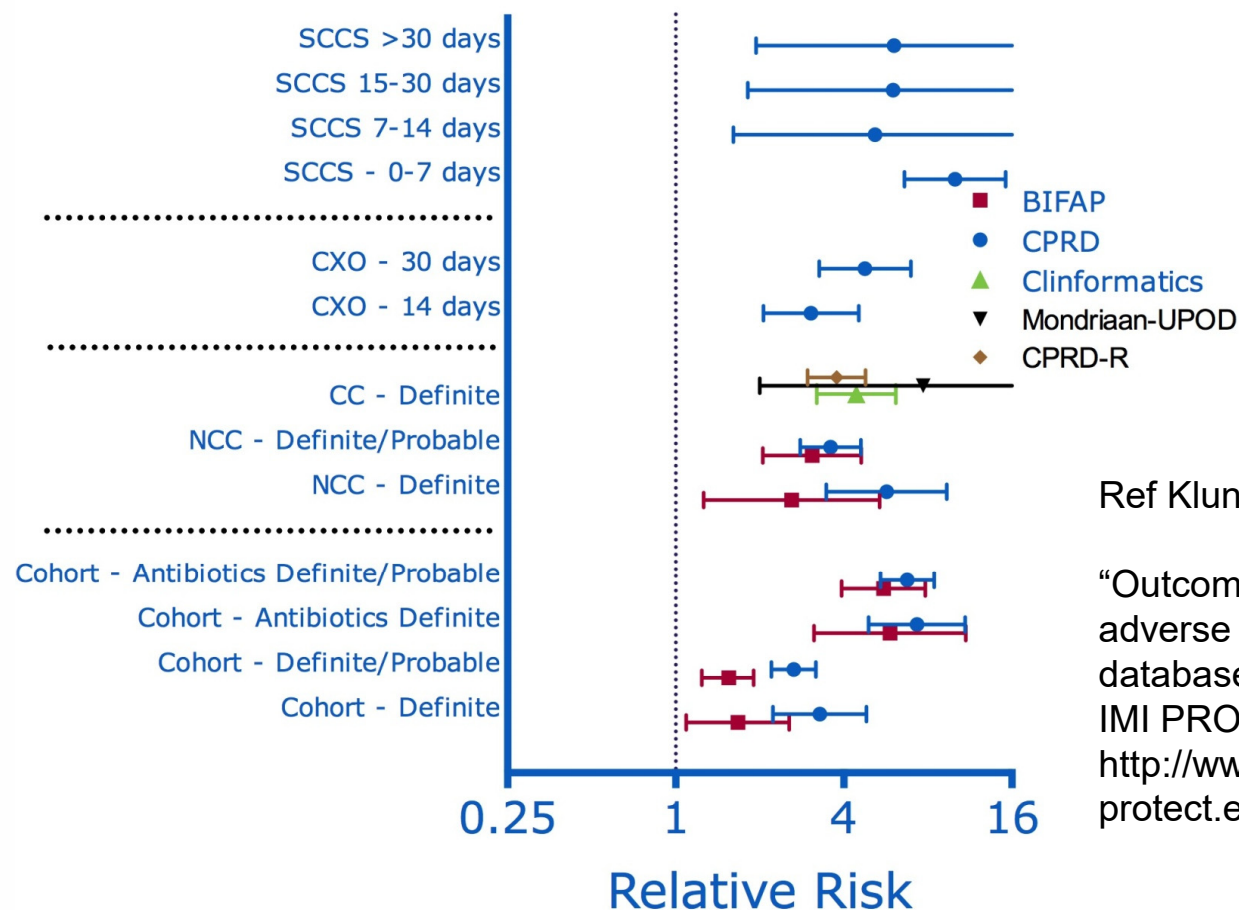
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## Select results –Antibiotics (AB) –Acute liver injury (ALI)

### AB/ALI All DBs/Designs



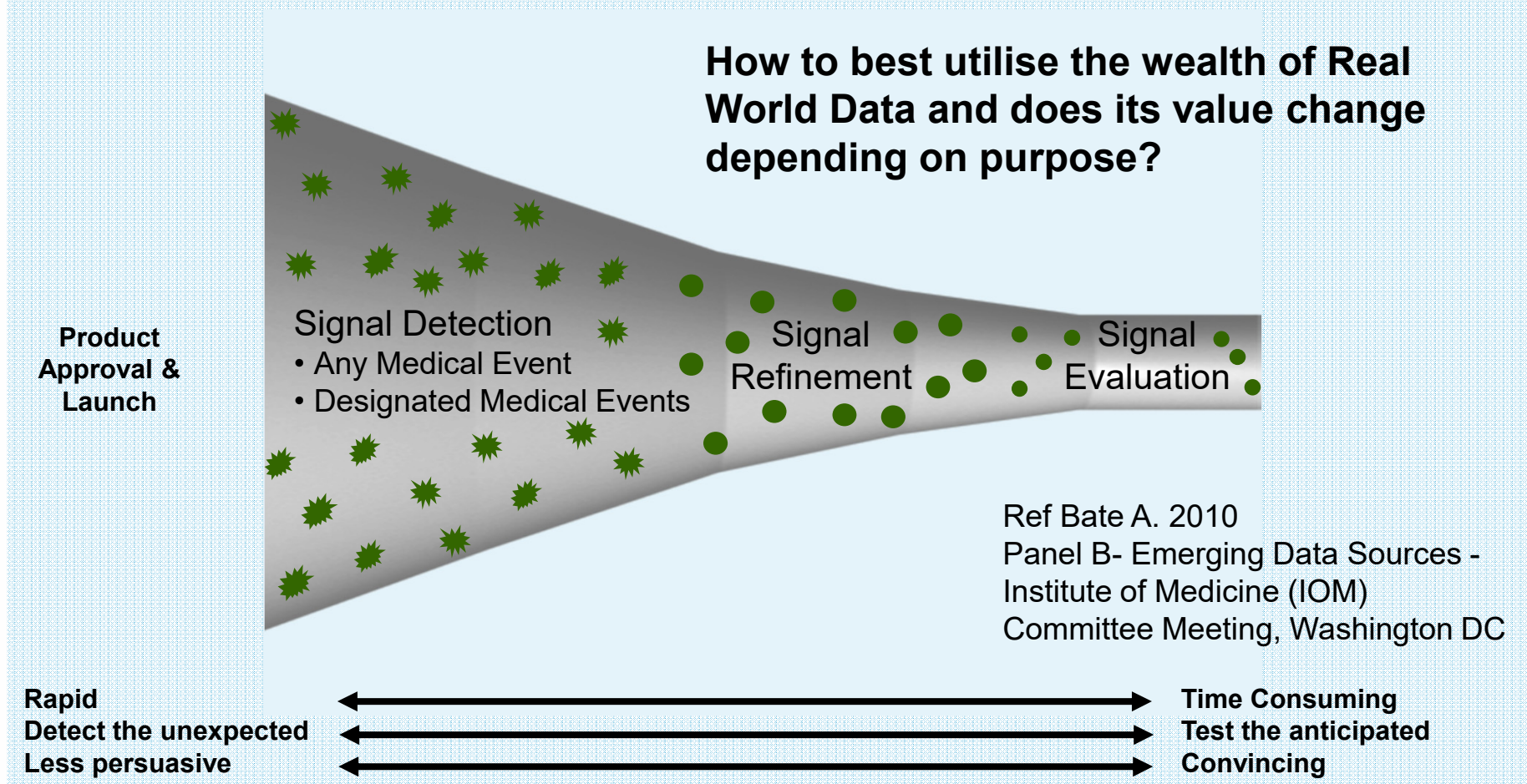
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“Outcomes of studies for six adverse event-drug pairs and five databases: what did we learn?”  
IMI PROTECT Symposium, London  
<http://www.imi-protect.eu/symposium.shtml>



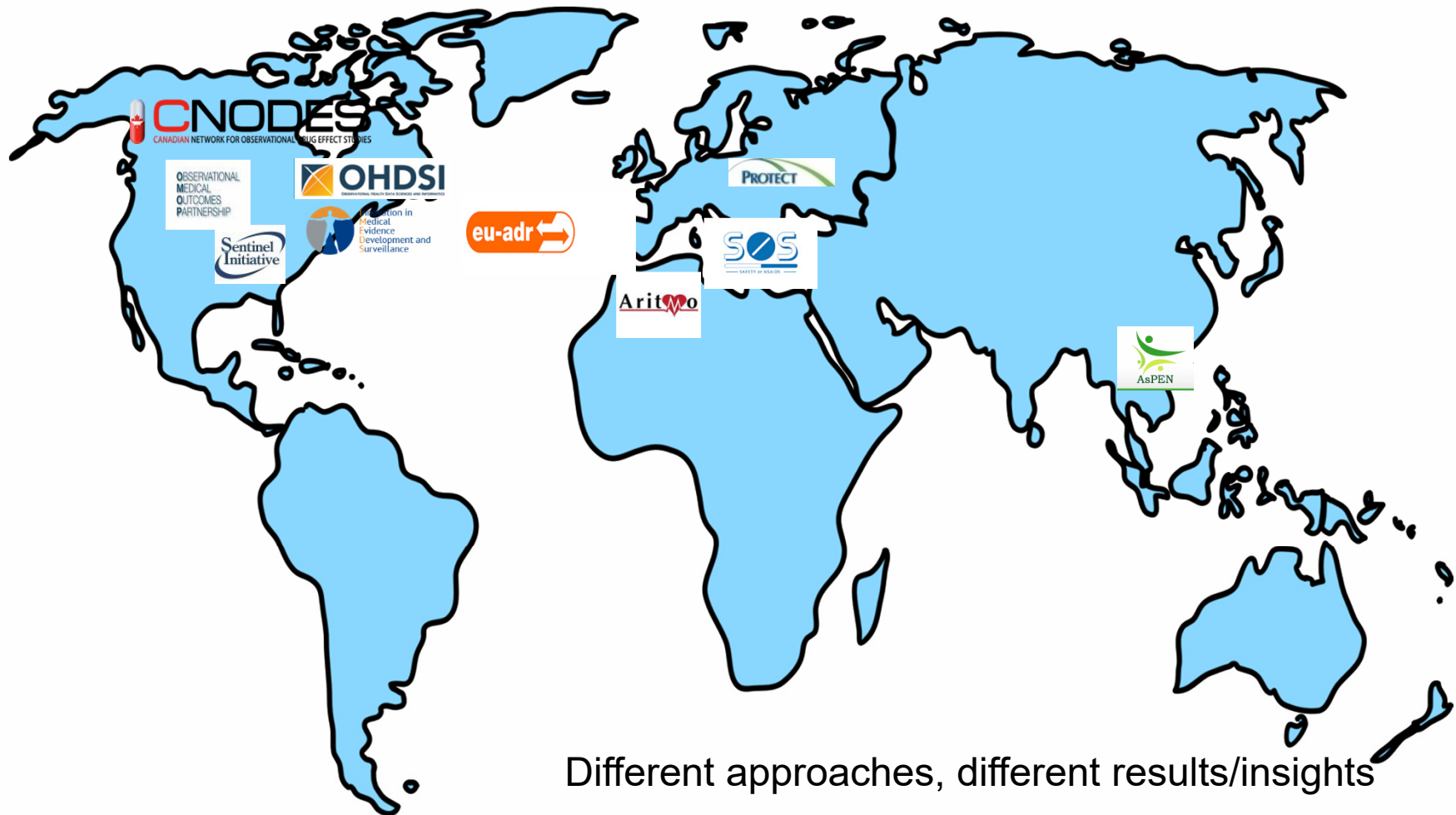
# Novel Use of longitudinal observational databases

## Insurance Claims & EMRs for Safety and beyond





# Multiple, multiple database initiatives around the world

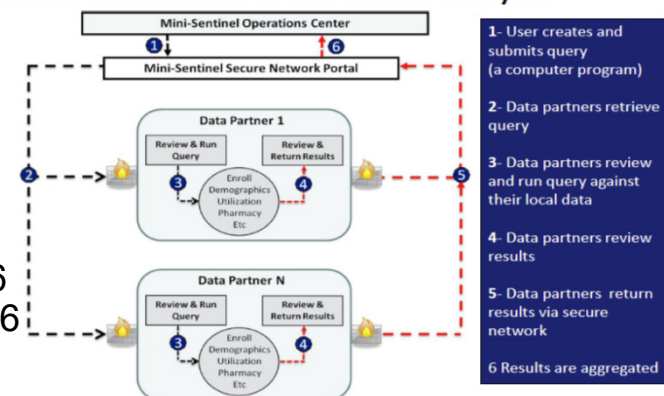


# US FDA Sentinel Initiative



- Large Claims and EHR databases for analysis of drug outcomes, linked in “distributed network”
- Mandated by Congress: FDA Amendments Act of 2007
- Full Sentinel System now in routine use
  - Sole FDA use Mini-Sentinel Pilot project ran from 2009-2014
- Distributed database: data from 18 health plan data partners that retain physical and operational control over its own data
- Data on 193 million members
  - Rapid analysis capability

Mini-Sentinel Distributed Analysis



Sources: 8th Annual Sentinel Initiative Public Workshop 2016 and <http://mini-sentinel.org> and accessed 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

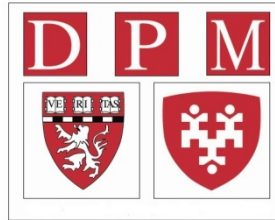


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# FDA's Sentinel Initiative

## Partner Organizations

### Lead – HPHC Institute



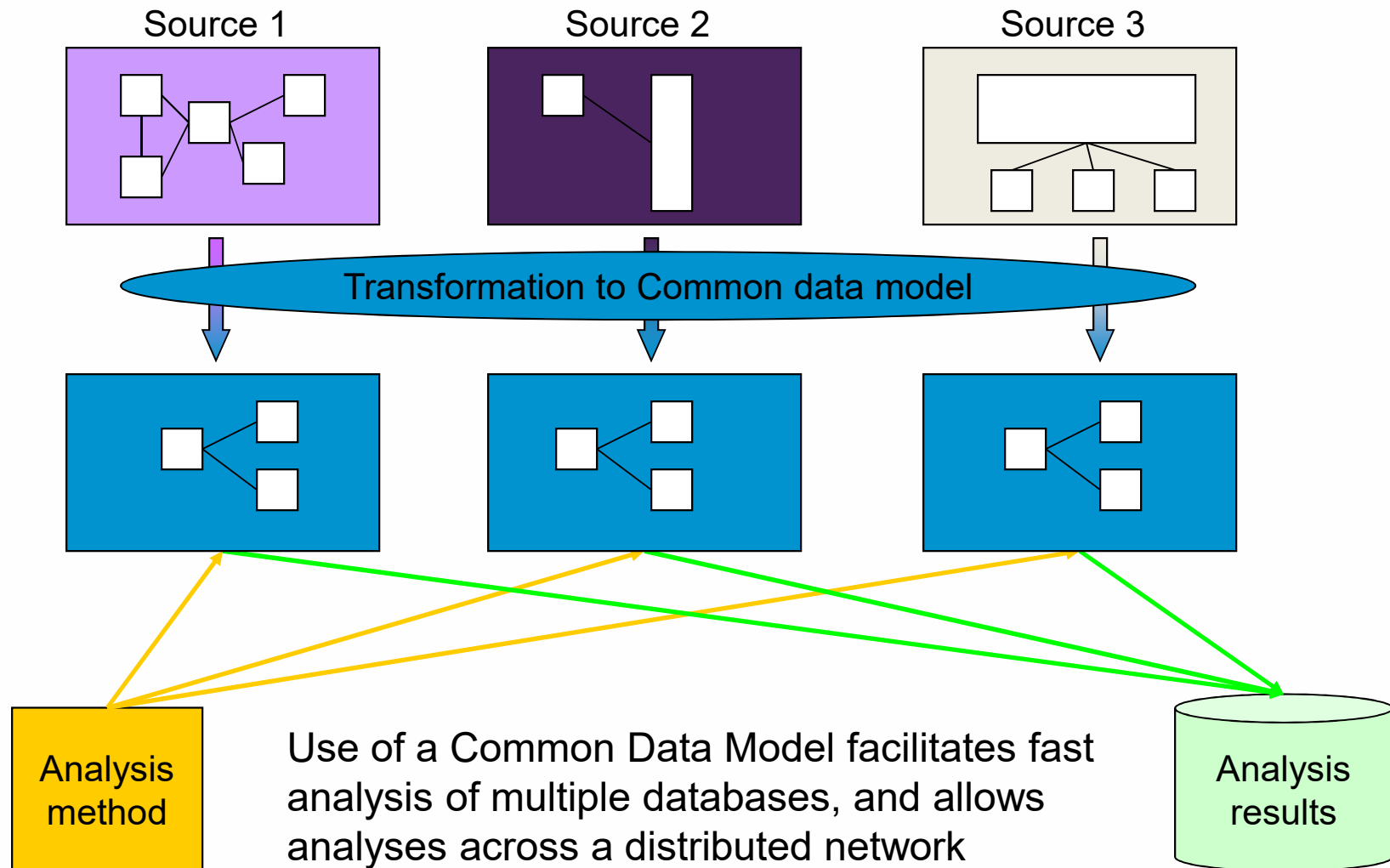
### Data and scientific partners



### Scientific partners



# Common data model role in Analysis



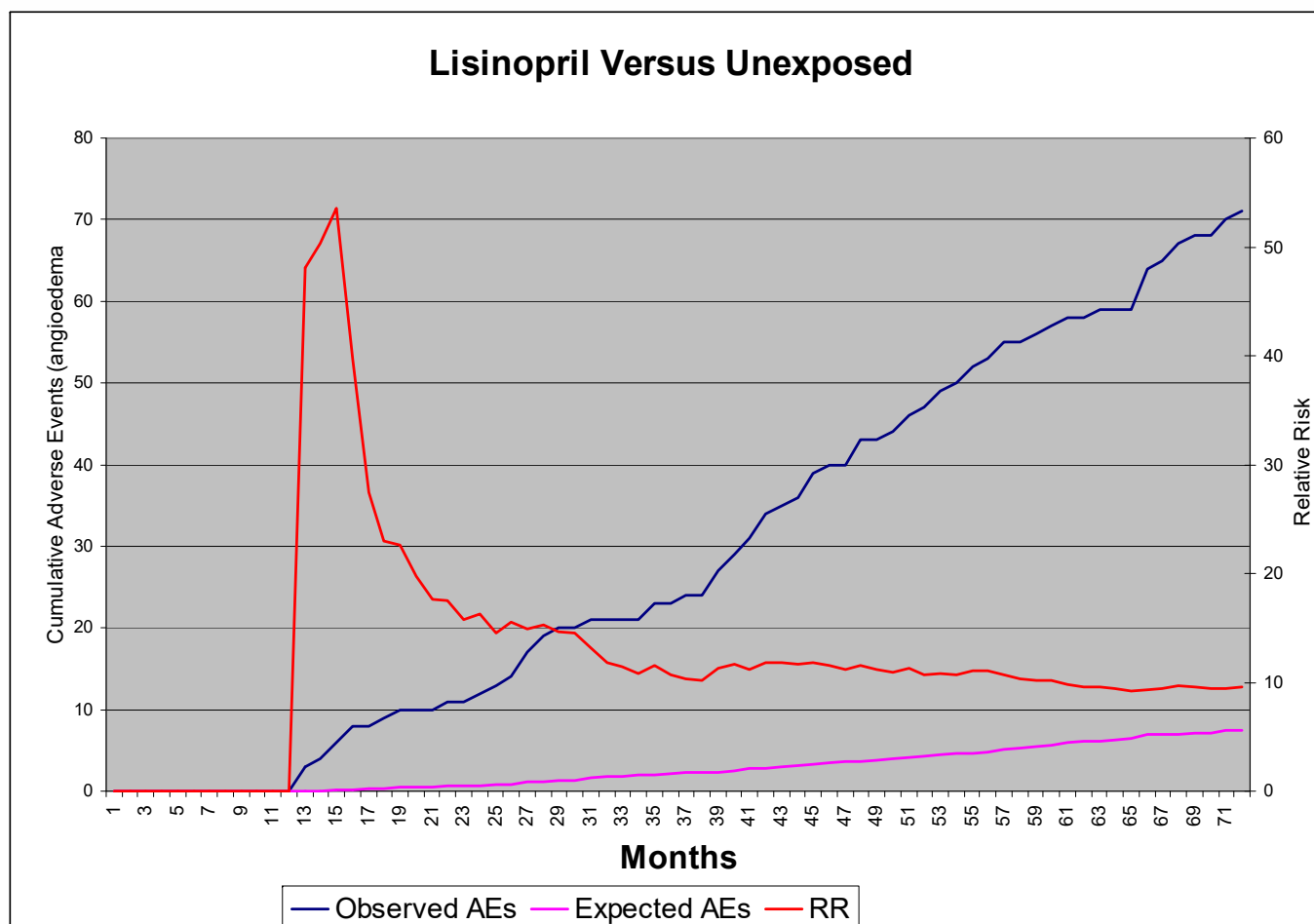
Use of a Common Data Model facilitates fast analysis of multiple databases, and allows analyses across a distributed network

Reference: OMOP



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# Rapid distributed network analysis: Recording of angioedema for lisinopril users compared to non-users: 2000-2005



Data from US Health Maintenance Organization research network

Unpublished data based on work in Brown *et al.*, (2007, 2009) in PDS).  
Contact: [jeff\\_brown@hphc.org](mailto:jeff_brown@hphc.org)

Signal of Disproportional Recording at month 13; 3 observed and 0.06 expected



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Note: Base-case analysis. Outcome: Angioedema. Adjusted for age, sex, and health plan.

# Innovation in Medical Development and Surveillance (IMEDS)

- IMEDS is a program within the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the US FDA and is a public private partnership created to build upon the significance progress made of research methodology by FDA's Sentinel Initiative and the Observational Medicines Outcomes Partnership (OMOP)
- Primary objective is to advance the science and tools necessary to support post-market evidence generation on regulated products, including safety surveillance and evaluations, to facilitate utilization of a robust electronic healthcare data platform for generating better evidence on regulated products in the post-market settings
- See: [imeds.reaganudall.org](https://imeds.reaganudall.org)

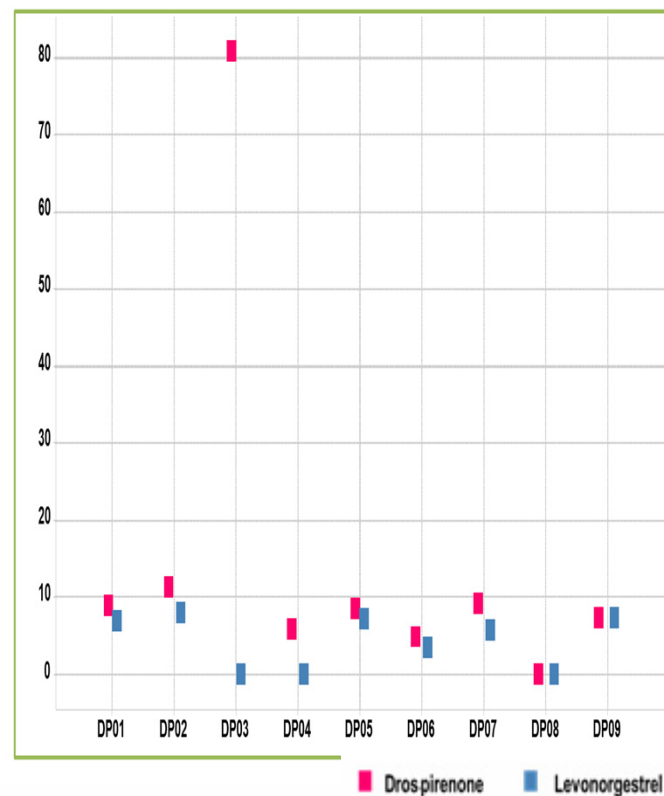


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# IMEDS pilot results for OC VTE query – summary results and incidence rate by Data Partner

	4th Generation OCs	2nd Generation OCs
New Users	350,572	317,363
Dispensings	1,899,922	1,460,766
Days Supplied	62,180,487	63,102,751
Years at Risk	184,485.20	183,852.50
New Episodes w/ Events	158	121
Eligible Members	26,697,378	26,697,378
Member- Years	41768751.5	41852933.9
New Users /Eligible Members (Per 1000 members)	13.13	11.89
Days Supplied/ New User	177.37	198.83
Dispensings/ New User	5.42	4.6
Days Supplied/ Dispensing	32.73	43.2
New Episodes w/ Events /Years at Risk (Per 10000 Years)	8.56	6.58



Data Partner (DP)

# RCT meta analysis compared to observational DDNs

- DDNs tend to take a general standard across network approach to data organization and structuring (e.g., the use in some networks of Common Data Models to harmonize the data structure across all datasets before analyses are conducted).
  - Beneficial due to large heterogeneity across databases in structure and makes analyses practical and efficient when multiple data set studies are required, but can be problematic in terms of data conversions to CDM and information loss
  - Cf. meta-analysis where data management is often considered at a study specific level



# RCT meta analysis compared to observational DDNs – some challenges

- Across most DDNs choice of data inclusion is ‘opt in’ on the part of the database custodian – this has important implications
- Exploratory data analysis and confirmatory data analysis are often necessarily done in the same network of datasets
- Appropriate interpretation of findings and next steps in analyses from such huge networks



# Background reading

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# Conclusions

- RWD is routinely used across the drug development lifecycle
- IT developments have led to more capability and interest in conducting analyses across networks of many distinct observational 'real world' databases
  - Examples, such as the Sentinel Network, use 'distributed data networks'
- Meta-analyses has important lessons for the 'emerging scientific field' of observational DDNs from design, analysis, reporting, execution, communication and impact perspectives
  - Critically important that statisticians get involved
- Core principles similar for the two different types of analyses
  - But some differences are unavoidable – due to the nature of the data considered; and their availability and accessibility.

