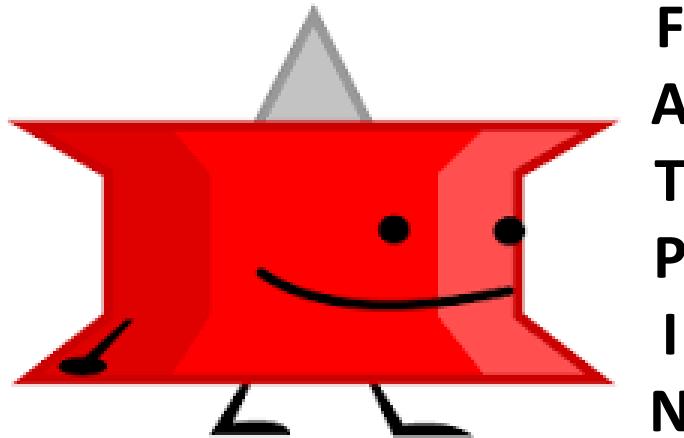


1st Quiz of BME2133 Fall2025

- Covers lectures 1-3;
- 25 minutes;
- 10 multiple-choice questions; and
- 2 essay questions (No word limit. 6 sentences recommended. You can use both English (preferred) and Chinese to answer.)



Medical Data Privacy and Ethics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 5: Data Ethics

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Learning Objectives of This Lecture

- Know five principles for implementing data ethics
- Know five stages of data life cycle

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From Principle to Practice (From Oaths to Checklists)

- UK Government's Data Ethics Framework

- Overarching principles

- Transparency
 - Accountability
 - Fairness

- Specific actions

- Define and understand public benefit and user need
 - Involve diverse expertise
 - Comply with the law
 - Review the quality and limitations of the data
 - Evaluate and consider wider policy implications

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-ethics-framework>

Five Cs for Implementing the Data Ethics

▪ Consent

- Data is frequently collected, used, and sold without consent.
- **Acxiom, Equifax, Experian, and Transunion**, that collect data to assess financial risk.
- In Europe, **Google** collected data from cameras mounted on cars to develop new mapping products.
- **AT&T and Comcast** both used cable set top boxes to collect data about their users.
- **Samsung** collected voice recordings from TVs that respond to voice commands.

Five Cs for Implementing the Data Ethics

■ Clarity

- Lengthy legal documents
- Observant readers of **Eventbrite**'s user agreement recently discovered that listing an event gave the company the right to send a video team, and exclusive copyright to the recordings. And the only way to opt out was by writing to the company.
- Most **Twitter** users know that their public tweets are, in fact, public; but many don't understand that their tweets can be collected and used for research.
- Wilbanks' work helps people understand what happens when they provide sensitive medical and health data to a service. (Multi-media **eConsent**)

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Five Cs for Implementing the Data Ethics

▪ **Consistency and Trust**

- Customer data was stolen from Yahoo!, Target, Anthem, local hospitals, government data, data brokers like Experian, etc.
- Cambridge Analytica used Facebook's data to target vulnerable customers with highly specific advertisements.

▪ **Control and Transparency**

- Facebook asks for (but doesn't require) your political views, religious views, and gender preference. What if you change your minds?
- Europe's **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** requires users' data to be provided to them at their request and removed from the system if they so desire.

Five Cs for Implementing the Data Ethics

▪ Consequences

- The **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)** protects children and their data.
- The **Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA)** was established in 2008 in response to rising fears that genetic testing could be used against a person or their family.
- In 2006, **AOL** released anonymized search data to researchers, it proved possible to “de-anonymize” the data and identify specific users.
- In 2018, **Strava** opened up their data to allow users to discover new places to run or bike. Strava didn’t realize that members of the US military were using GPS-enabled wearables, and their activity exposed the locations of bases and patrol routes in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Ethics and Training

- Software security and ethics
 - SQL injection attacks taught in classes on security instead of software development.
 - **Data ethics** is taught in classes on ethics instead of other courses.
 - Courses in ethics usually helps students **think** seriously about the issues instead of **addressing** the problems such as getting informed consent or protecting privacy in real-world applications.
 - White House report “***Preparing for the Future of Artificial Intelligence***” (October 2016) highlights the need for training in both **ethics** and **security**:

Preparing for the Future of Artificial Intelligence

- “Ethical training for AI practitioners and students is a necessary part of the solution. Ideally, every student learning AI, computer science, or data science would be exposed to curriculum and discussion on related **ethics and security topics**. However, ethics alone is not sufficient. Ethics can help practitioners understand their responsibilities to all stakeholders, but **ethical training** should be augmented with **technical tools and methods** for putting good intentions into practice by doing the technical work needed to prevent unacceptable outcomes.”

https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/whitehouse_files/microsites/ostp/NSTC/preparing_for_the_future_of_ai.pdf

Data Lifecycle Management

- The systematic approach to managing data from its creation to its eventual disposal. The lifecycle typically follows these stages:
- **Stages of Data Lifecycle Management:**
 - 1. Data Creation & Acquisition:** Data is generated from various sources such as medical records, IoT devices, surveys, or AI models.
 - 2. Data Storage & Processing:** Data is stored in databases, cloud environments, or data lakes, where it is cleaned, transformed, and analyzed.
 - 3. Data Usage & **Sharing**:** Data is used for research, analytics, AI training, decision-making, or shared across institutions under governance policies.
 - 4. Data Archiving & **Retention**:** Inactive or old data is moved to long-term storage while ensuring accessibility and compliance with legal retention periods.
 - 5. Data Disposal & **Deletion**:** Data is securely deleted or anonymized when no longer needed, following policies to prevent unauthorized access.

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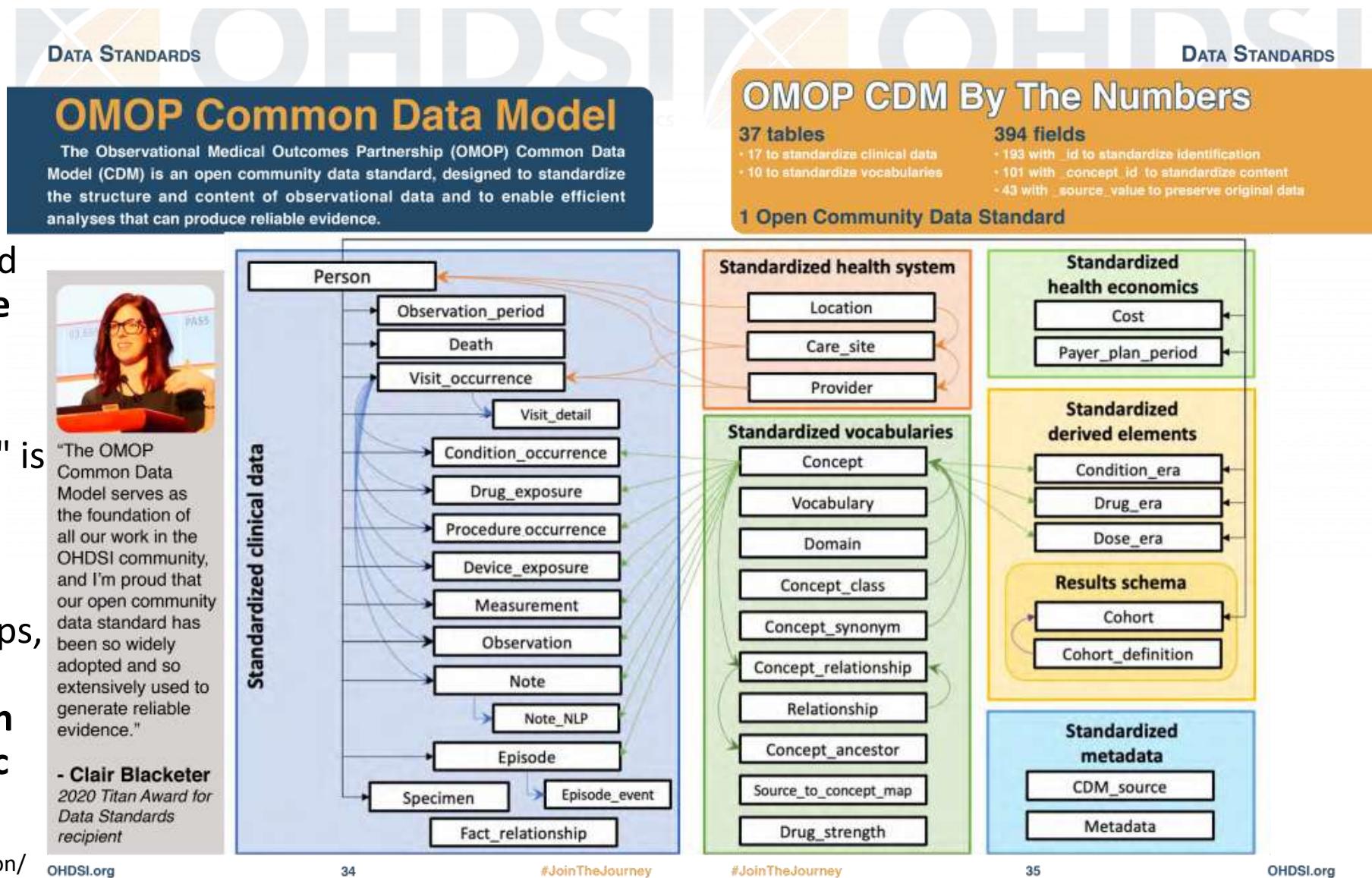
Data Governance

- The framework that ensures the proper management, security, quality, and compliance of data within an organization. It involves policies, procedures, and technologies that oversee data collection, storage, usage, and sharing.
- **Key Components of Data Governance:**
 - **Data Policies & Standards:** Defines guidelines on data handling, storage, access, and security.
 - **Data Quality Management:** Ensures accuracy, completeness, consistency, and reliability of data.
 - **Data Security & Privacy:** Implements access controls, encryption, anonymization, and compliance with regulations like GDPR, HIPAA, and China's PIPL.
 - **Data Stewardship:** Assigns responsibilities to individuals (data stewards) who oversee data integrity and compliance.
 - **Compliance & Legal Regulations:** Ensures data use aligns with national and international laws.
 - **Data Architecture & Metadata Management:** Organizes and catalogs data for better discoverability and usability. (E.g., International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes, Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) Common Data Model)

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Standardized Data: The OMOP Common Data Model

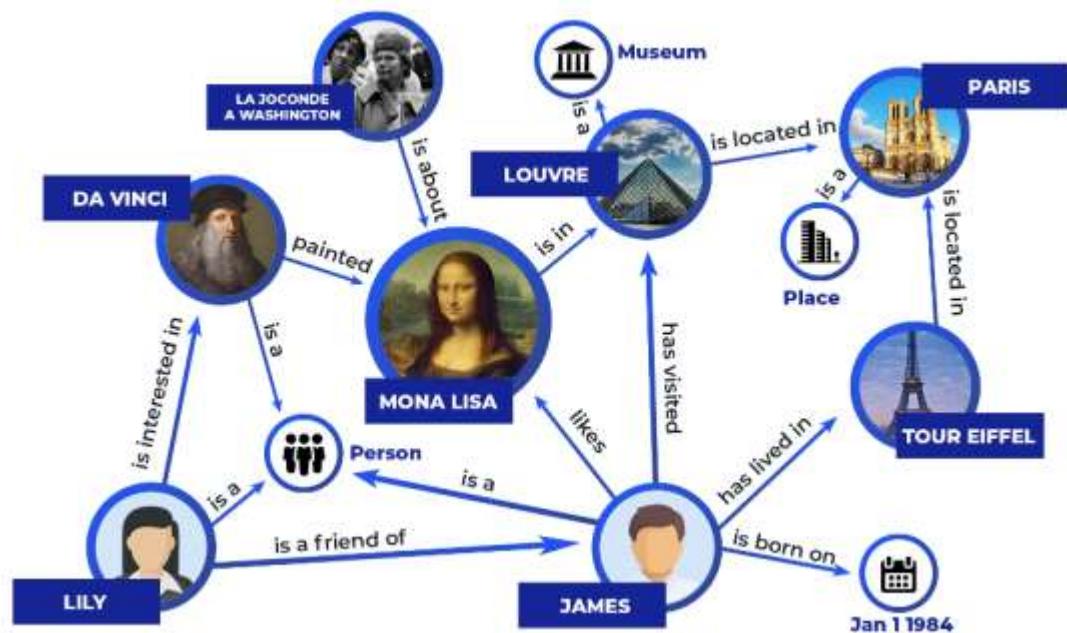
- OMOP can be considered a type of data that can be used to build a **knowledge graph** within the healthcare domain.
- A "knowledge graph" is a broad concept representing a network of entities and their relationships, used to **organize complex information** and **enable semantic querying**.



LLMs VS KGs

- Large language models (LLMs) and knowledge graphs (KGs) are both technologies that help machines understand and process information. LLMs are good at **generating human-like text**, while KGs are good at **organizing and structuring data**.

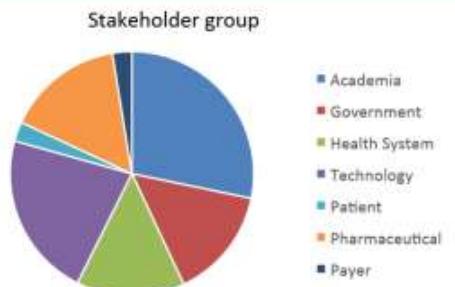
An example of knowledge graph



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What OHDSI is:

- ✓ Open Source
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Data



Why Choose OHDSI/OMOP:

- ✓ **Fast, reliable** studies across a series of datasets and data types
- ✓ **Reduced cost of ownership** including understanding coding schemes, writing statistical programs across databases or developing software
- ✓ **Expanded data access** via the OHDSI network and remote multi-center database studies



OHDSI Collaborators:

- 3,758 collaborators
- >1,100 organizations
- 83 countries from 6 continents

OHDSI Network:

- 534 data sources
- 49 countries
- 956M unique patient records

<https://ohdsi.org/>

History of OMOP/OHDSI (Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics)



End of OMOP Experiment



First OHDSI Symposium/
Network Study Published

First Hackathon
at Columbia University

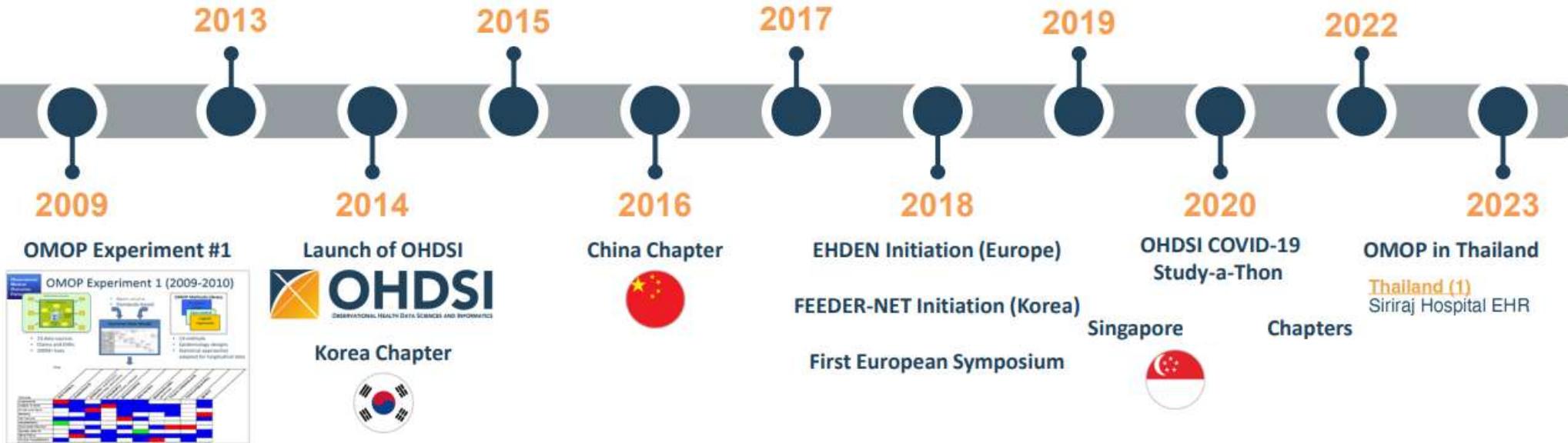
European Chapter
FDA Adoption
(FDA BEST Launch)

EMA Adoption
Australia, Japan Chapters

Global Acceptance



India Chapter





Global OHDSI Adoptions





China Government's Guides on RWE & RWD

From Center for Drug Evaluation (CDE), National Medical Products Administration (NMPA)

- **1st guide** was released in Jan 2020, introducing the definition, data source requirement, design, and evaluation of using RWE for drug effectiveness study and safety monitoring.
- **2nd guide** was released in Aug 2020, focusing on the details and importance of the source, safety, curation, quality assurance and maintenance of RWD, so that reliable RWE could be produced

The screenshot shows a news article from the Center for Drug Evaluation (CDE) of the National Medical Products Administration (NMPA). The title of the article is '关于公开征求《用于产生真实世界证据的真实世界数据指导原则（征求意见稿）》意见的通知' (Notice of Public Consultation for the 'Guidelines for Generating Real-World Evidence from Real-World Data' (Draft)). The article was published on August 3, 2020. It discusses the draft guidelines for generating real-world evidence from real-world data, aiming to guide and standardize the use of real-world data in drug development. The page also includes links to download the draft document and its explanatory notes.



China Government's Guides on RWE & RWD

CDM & OHDSI Citations in the 2nd Guide, Section 4 – Real World Data Curation

CDM Introduction in Guide:

- Under multidisciplinary collaboration, CDM was created with standardized structure, format and vocabulary, to achieve multi-center data integration and collaboration.

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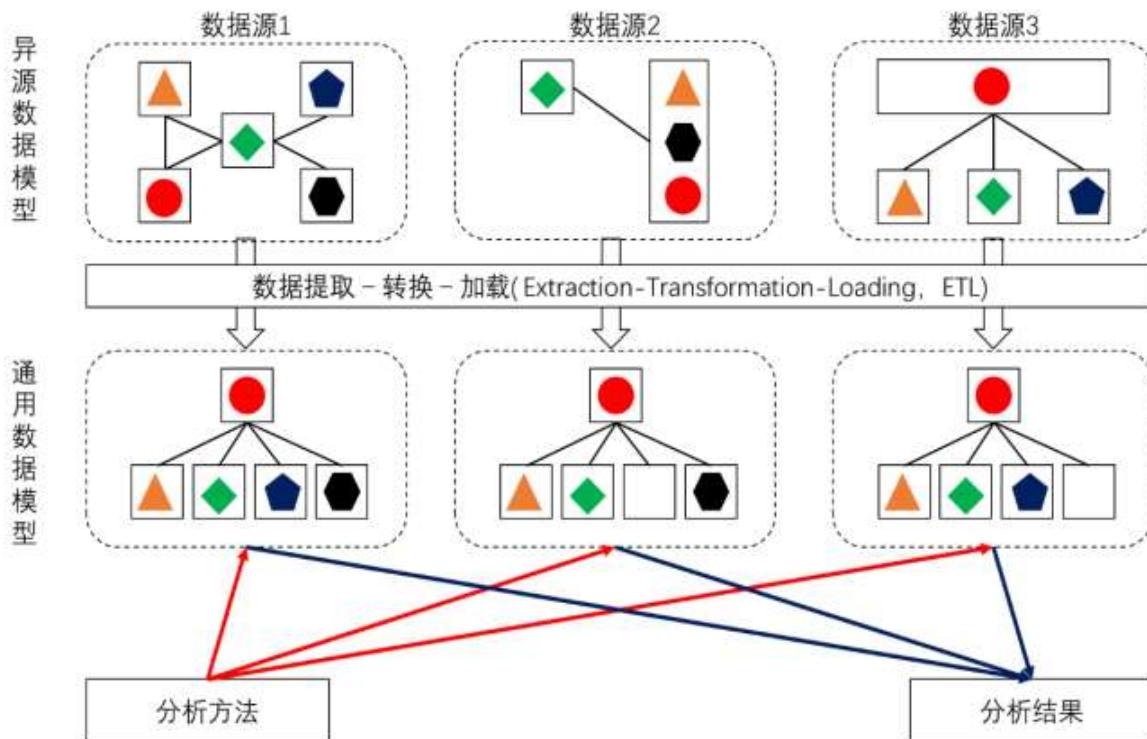
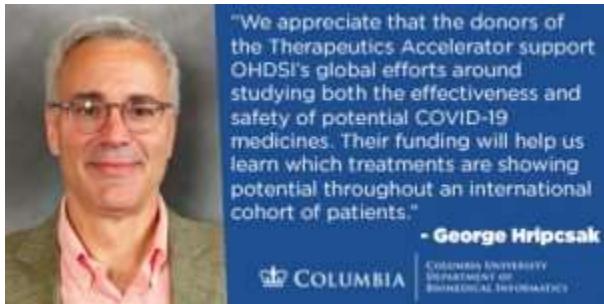


Fig. 2 in Guide – Diagram on Converting Source Data to CDM



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Data Governance and Data Lifecycle Management

- **Data governance ensures proper oversight at each stage of the data lifecycle**, enforcing policies on data security, quality, and ethical use.
- **Data lifecycle management supports governance** by defining how data is handled over time, from creation to deletion, ensuring compliance and efficiency.
- Both are crucial for **medical AI, biomedical research, and privacy-preserving technologies** to maintain data security, integrity, and compliance while enabling innovation.

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Importance of Biomedical Data Sharing

▪ Accelerating Medical Research

- Shared biomedical data enable researchers to **develop new treatments**, conduct large-scale studies, and **validate findings** across different populations.
- It fosters **collaboration** among researchers, leading to breakthroughs in disease understanding and drug discovery.

▪ Enhancing AI and Machine Learning Models

- High-quality, diverse datasets improve the **performance** and **generalizability** of AI-driven diagnostic tools and predictive models.
- Training AI on larger datasets helps **reduce bias** and ensures better accuracy in clinical decision-making.

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Importance of Biomedical Data Sharing

- **Improving Public Health Outcomes**
 - Data sharing facilitates **early detection** of disease outbreaks and trends, enabling public health interventions.
 - It supports epidemiological studies and global health **monitoring** efforts.
- **Facilitating Personalized Medicine**
 - Integrating biomedical data **across institutions** helps tailor treatments to individual patients, improving therapeutic outcomes.
 - **Genomic data sharing** plays a crucial role in precision medicine by identifying patient-specific disease risks.
- **Optimizing Healthcare Systems**
 - Shared clinical data (to analyzers) can **enhance hospital efficiency**, improve patient care coordination, and reduce medical errors.
 - It helps policymakers design **evidence-based** healthcare policies and resource allocation strategies.

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Privacy Challenges in Biomedical Data Sharing

■ Patient Confidentiality and Data Protection

- Medical records contain highly sensitive personal information, and unauthorized access or breaches can lead to **identity theft** or **discrimination**.
- **Compliance with privacy regulations** (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA) is necessary to protect patient rights.

More about privacy regulations in the West on Oct 29 in Week 7

■ Re-identification Risks

- Even **de-identified** datasets can be **re-identified** when combined with other publicly available data.
- Advanced **machine learning** techniques can **infer** patient identities, raising privacy concerns.

More about re-identification on Nov 5 in Week 8

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Privacy Challenges in Biomedical Data Sharing

■ Balancing Data Utility and Privacy

- Privacy-preserving techniques like **differential privacy, federated learning, and synthetic data generation** are needed to enable data sharing while minimizing risks. More about protection techniques in Weeks 9, 12, 13, 14
- Researchers must find the **right balance** between data utility and privacy protection to ensure both scientific progress and ethical responsibility. More about game-theoretic models on Nov 28 in Week 11

■ Data Security Threats

- Cybersecurity risks, including data breaches and **hacking, threatening the integrity** of biomedical databases. More about access control on Dec 3 in Week 12
- Institutions must implement robust **encryption, access controls**, and secure storage solutions. More about encryption technologies on Dec 10 in Week 13

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Privacy Challenges in Biomedical Data Sharing

■ Bias and Inequities in Data Sharing

- Limited representation of diverse populations in biomedical datasets can result in **biased** AI models and unequal healthcare outcomes. (Due to protection)
- Institutions should ensure **fair and equitable** data sharing to improve model fairness. (Balancing fairness and Privacy)

■ Ethical and Legal Concerns

- Ethical dilemmas arise regarding **informed consent**, especially when patients are unaware of how their data is being used.
- Varying **legal frameworks** across countries create challenges in global biomedical data sharing.

More about privacy regulations in China on Oct 29 in Week 7

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Readings Due on October 22

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