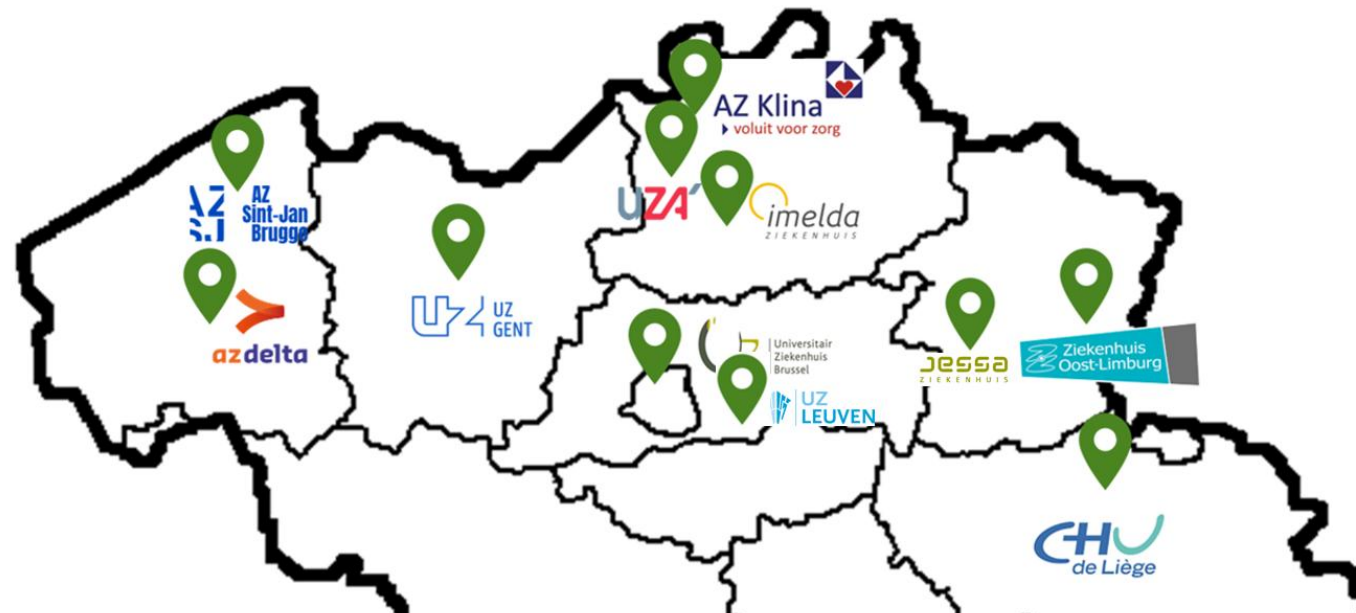


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FHIN GOAL

– **Question 1:** Possible to achieve:

- Clinically-computationally accurate **standardization and harmonization**
- **Multimodal** data across multiple hospitals
- Compatibility **(Belgian) SNOMED CT (ext.) + registries** enabling semantic layer
- Compatibility **FHIR** exchange

– **Question 2:** Can this be done within a governance model:

- Partners retain full control over their own data
- Open source / Open science
- Voluntary participation in projects
- All partners are equal

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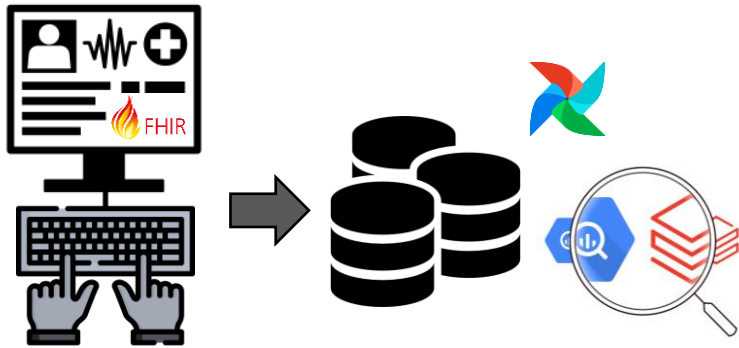
LOCAL FHIN PARTNER SOLUTION:
STANDARDIZATION & HARMONIZATION



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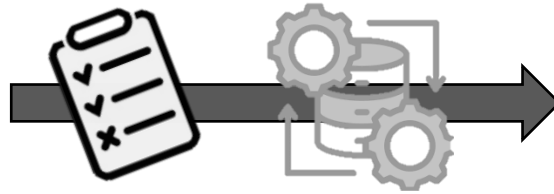
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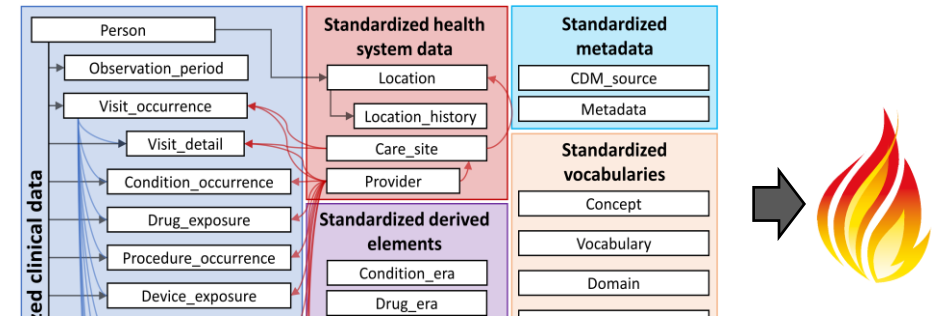
Tooling + registries

ETL built to scale



3 Ready for harmonized collaboration

OMOP CDM or FHIR exchange

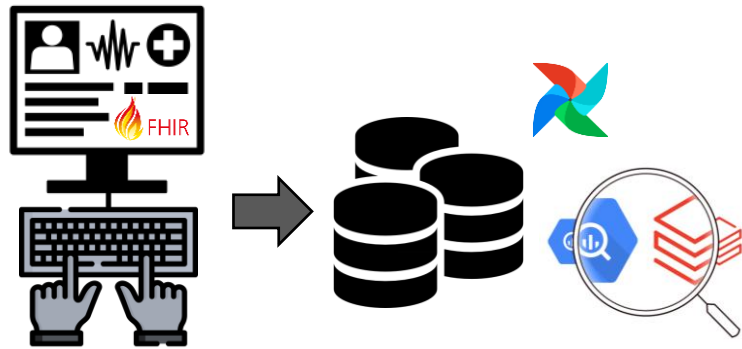


FHIN partner safe & private environment

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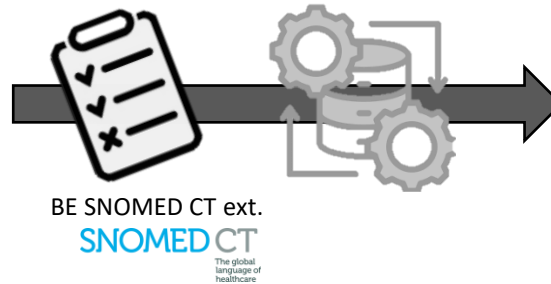
FLEXIBLE UNLOCKING

MULTIMODAL DATA

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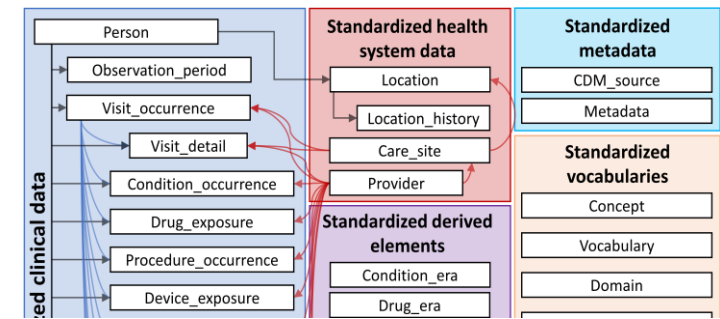
STANDARDIZED REGISTRIES

FLEXIBLE TOOLING

Be SNOMED CT ext TERMINOLOGY

3 Ready for harmonized collaboration

OMOP CDM or FHIR exchange



DATA HARMONIZED



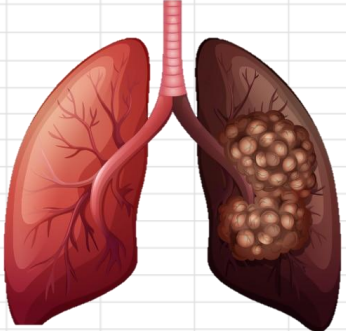

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REGISTRIES

- A process in place to swiftly extend the registry library with new registries
 - Sharing internationally (OHDSI)
 - 670 agreed lung cancer datapoints in logical categories
 - 487 agreed lung cancer datapoints in logical categories

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	concept_id	concept_name	unit_concept_id	vocabulary_id	concept_code	OMOP Table			
2	3020460	C reactive protein [Mass/volume] in Serum or Plasma	mg/L	LOINC	1988-5	MEASUREMENT			
3	3000963	Hemoglobin [Mass/volume] in Blood	g/dL	LOINC	718-7	MEASUREMENT			
4	3000905	Leukocytes [# /volume] in Blood by Automated count	x10 ⁹ /µl	LOINC	6690-2	MEASUREMENT			
5	40763077	Lactate dehydrogenase [Enzymatic activity/volume] in Body fluid by Pyruvate to lactate	U/L	LOINC	60017-1	MEASUREMENT			
6									
7									
8									
9									
10									

Data catalogue lung cancer with >670 target datapoints



ICD-0-3 diagnose | **clinical TNM** | WHO score | Smoking | Lab results | Detail chemotherapy | Detail immunother | Detail target the | Radiotherapy | comorb CPD | Measurement

Open-Source Scalable Toolset in line with OHDSI (OMOP) standards

HOW DATA TRANSFORMS

RIAB ETL TOOL



ETL pipeline to transform EMR data to OMOP

Use of common data model

Applies registry & terminology

WHAT CONCEPTS EXIST

RABGIN VOCAB TOOL



Vocabulary tool for upload of existing and creation of custom vocabularies

Use of terminologies

BE SNOMED CT ext.



WHICH CONCEPTS TO USE

KEUN MAPPING TOOL



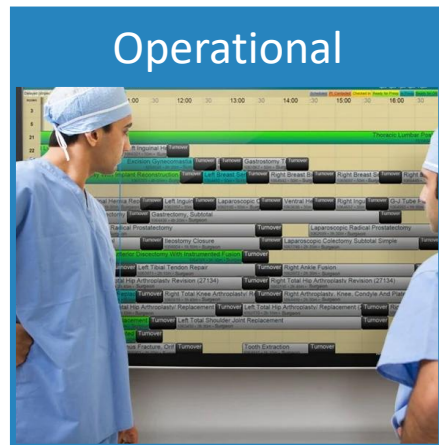
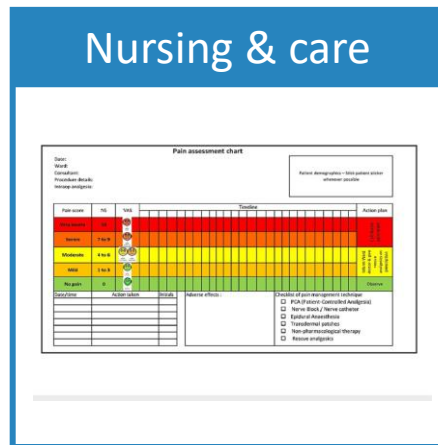
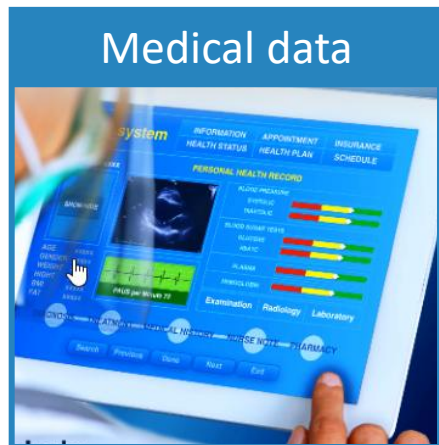
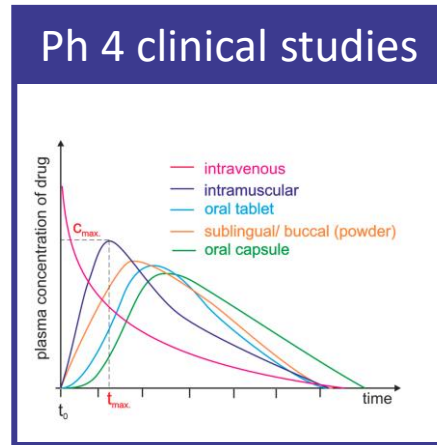
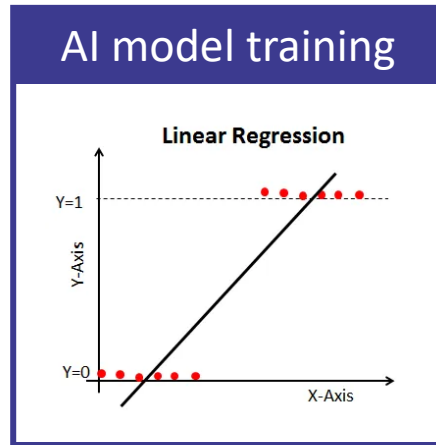
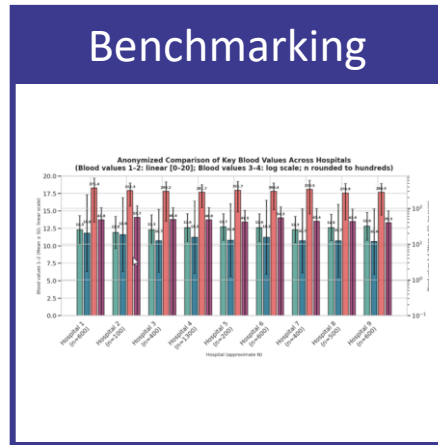
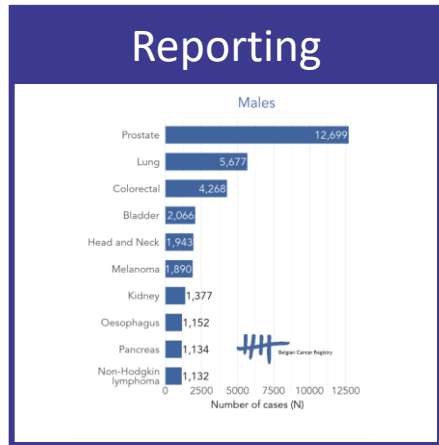
Mapping tool for clinical concepts

USE of REGISTRIES



Scalable

FHIN VISION ANY SECONDARY USE & ANY KIND OF DATA



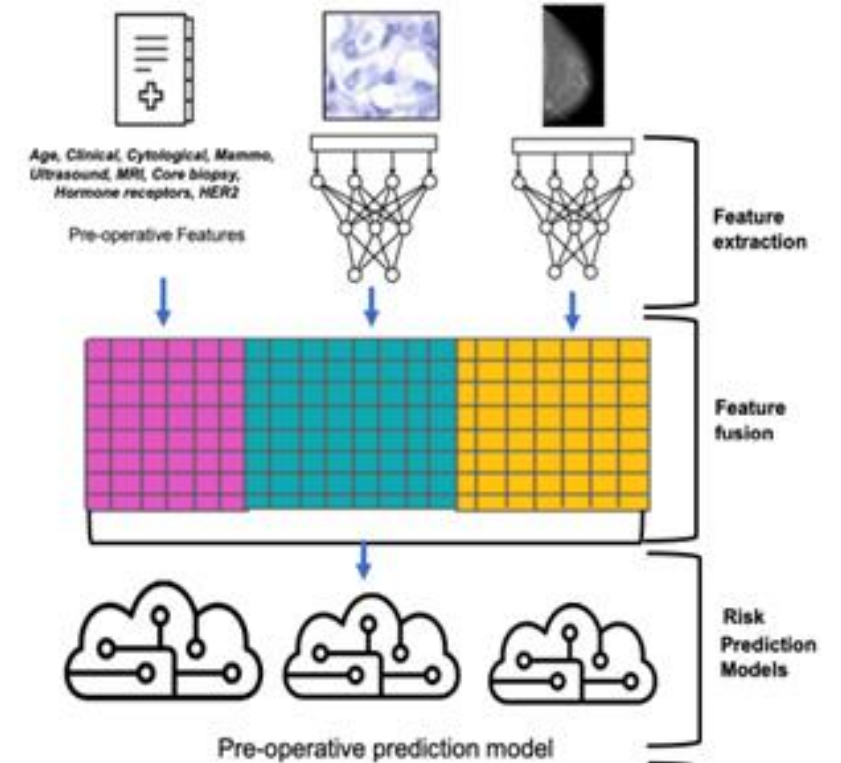
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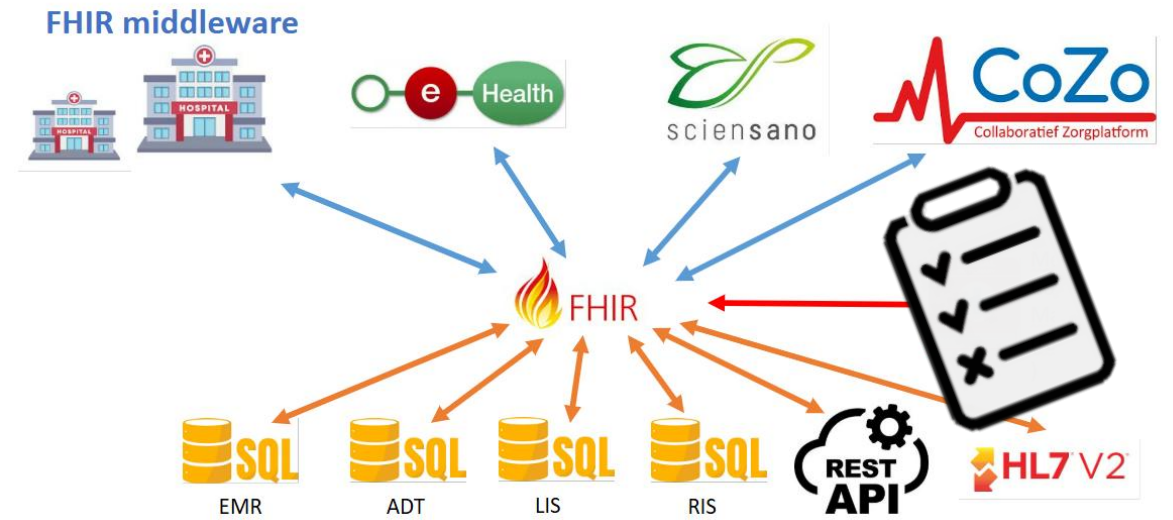
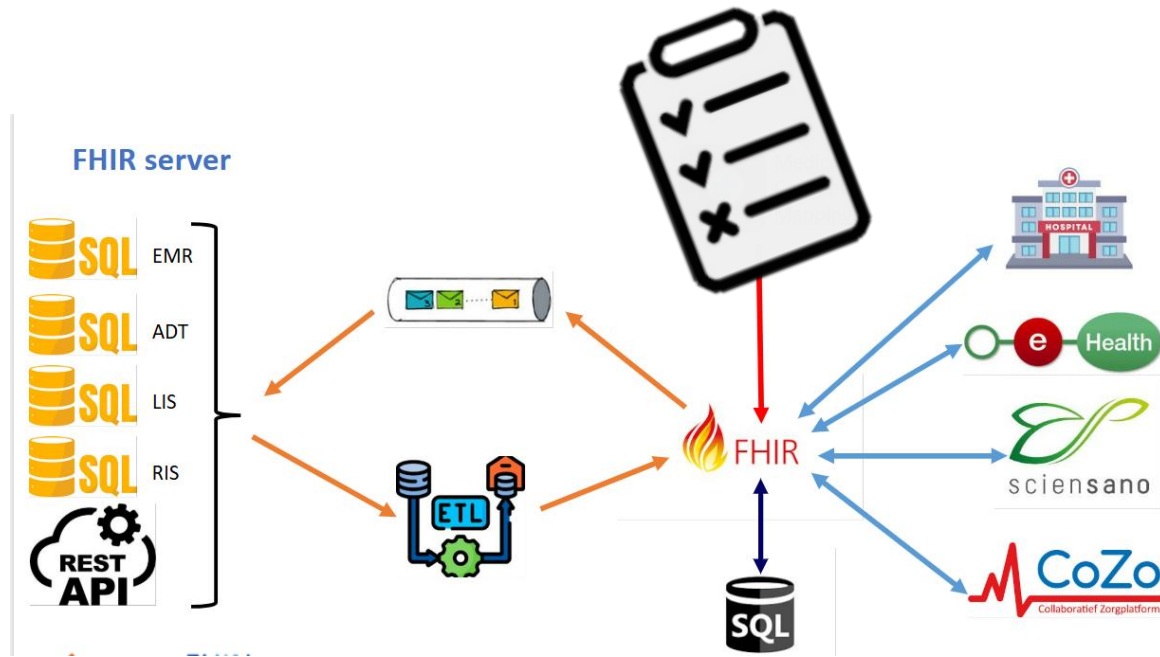
THREE FHIN COLLABORATION SOLUTIONS:
CENTRALIZED, FEDERATED, FHIR

CENTRALIZED COLLABORATION

- Breast cancer: BreaCs project
- Legal & data framework
- Data is centralized
- Multimodal collaboration
- Prediction of pathological response to neo-adjuvant chemotherapy
 - support de-escalation of
 - Surgical
 - Radiotherapeutical
 - Systemic interventionswhen complete response

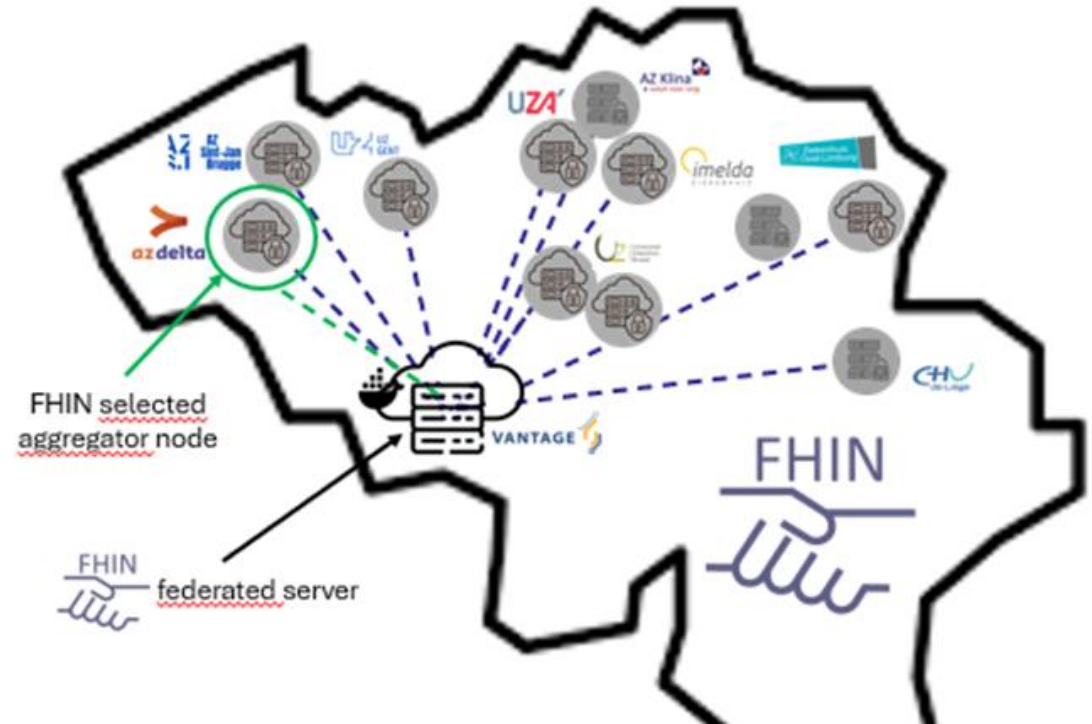


TWO FHIR setups tested



Federated Analytics

- Capable for any data-requiring assignment
- Each FHIN partner has a node
- Patient data never leaves the hospital
- LOCAL node: each hospital/node runs the same analysis on its own data locally
- AGGREGATOR node: aggregated statistics or model coefficients
- AI training
 - CENTRAL part: feature selection, model aggregation,
 - LOCAL part: identical preprocessing, local training, evaluation of global model
- Vantage6 open source



50 federated runs → FEDERATED PLATFORM FULLY OPERATIONAL



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FHIN SOLUTION:

AI USE CASES DEMONSTRATING OUR EXCELLENT-ACCURATE
STANDARDIZATION & HARMONIZATION SOLUTION

REAL WORLD USE CASES FHIN (DATA QUALITY BASED ON REGISTRIES)

LUNG CANCER REGISTRY

PREDICT SIX WEEK SURVIVAL AT START OF FIRST TREATMENT AS A BINARY OUTCOME (survived/died)

PERSON TABLE	PROCEDURE OCCURRENCE	DRUG EXPOSURE TABLE
AGE	RADIOTHERAPY	CHEMOTHERAPY
DEATH TABLE	CONDITION OCCURRENCE	IMMUNO THERAPY
	LUNG DIAGNOSES	TARGETED THERAPY
	COMORBIDITIES	OBSERVATION TABLE
	MEASUREMENT TABLE	SMOKING STATUS
	LAB RESULTS	WHO SCORE
	BMI	CLINICAL TNM

PROSTATE CANCER REGISTRY

PREDICT RISK AT PROSTATE BIOPSY DATE OF CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT PROSTATE CANCER (GLEASON SCORE ≥ 7 ? YES OR NO)

PERSON TABLE	PROCEDURE OCCURRENCE	NOTE & NOTE-NLP TABLE
AGE	MRI OF PROSTATE	PI-RADS SCORE
	BIOPSY OF PROSTATE	GLEASON SCORE
	MEASUREMENT TABLE	OBSERVATION TABLE
	PSA	GLEASON SCORE
		PI-RADS SCORE



Build the query once, generate insights across all local OMOP CDMs

FHIN USE CASES LUNG & PROSTATE CANCER

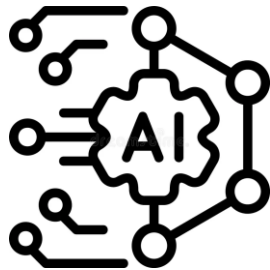
LUNG_AI_LCC

Use Case 1

LUNG CANCER

~4,300 Patients

9 hospitals



PROSTATE

Use Case 2

PROSTATE CANCER

~4,800 Patients, 9 hospitals

“100% REUSE of platform & tools”

Predicting lung cancer mortality:

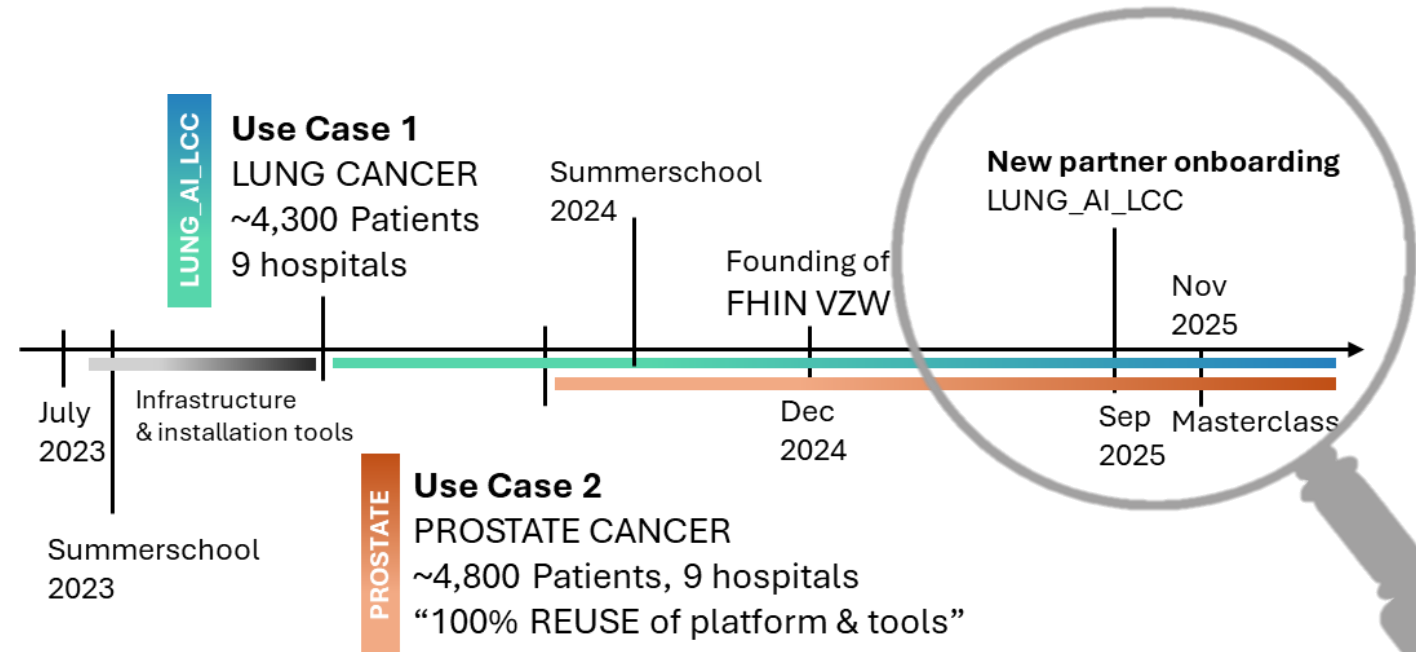
- *Multicenter retrospective study
- *Consistent AI performance across hospitals, robust!
- *Coefficients align with clinical expectation
- *Cross validation new FHIN partner Jessa confirms robustness

Predicting clinically significant prostate cancer:

- *Consistent AI performance across hospitals
- *Coefficients align with clinical expectation
- *Opportunity for LLM based data enrichment

FHIN NEW PARTNER ONBOARDING & VALIDATION

- New partner onboarding Jessa Hospital
- Ultimate scalability test
- Onboarding time 1 month
- External validation site
 - FHIN_AI_LCC protocol
 - True test of model robustness
 - Bias checks



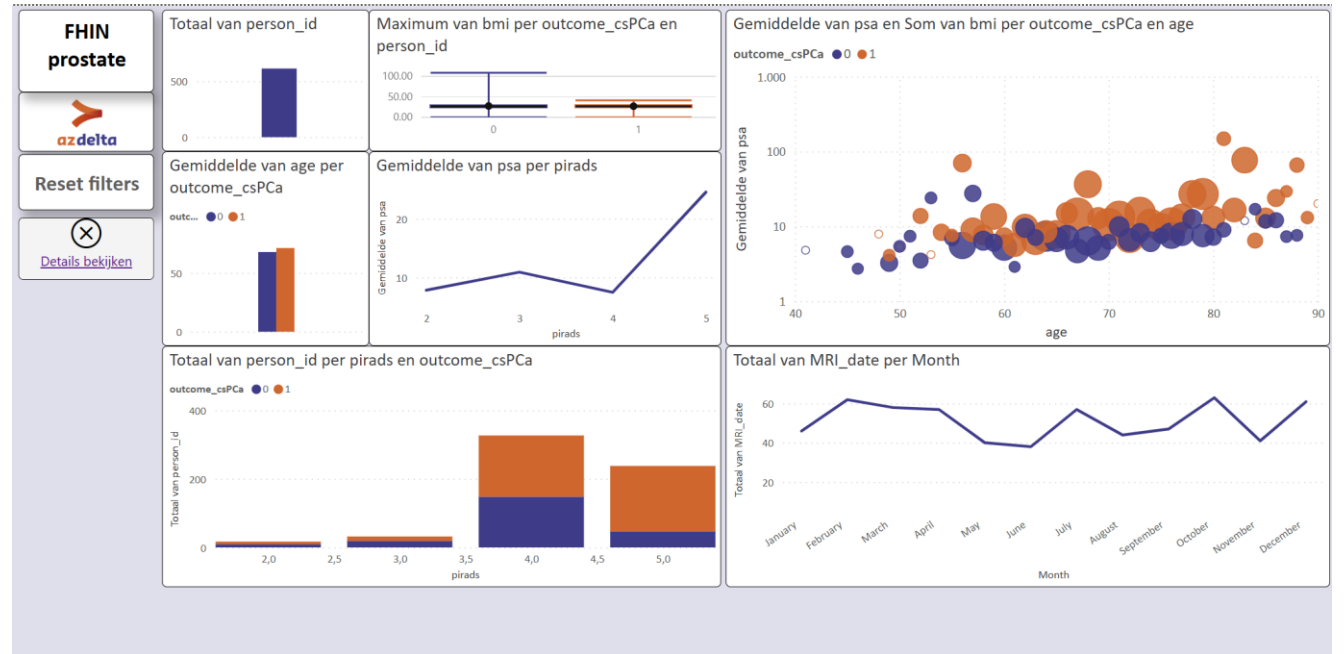
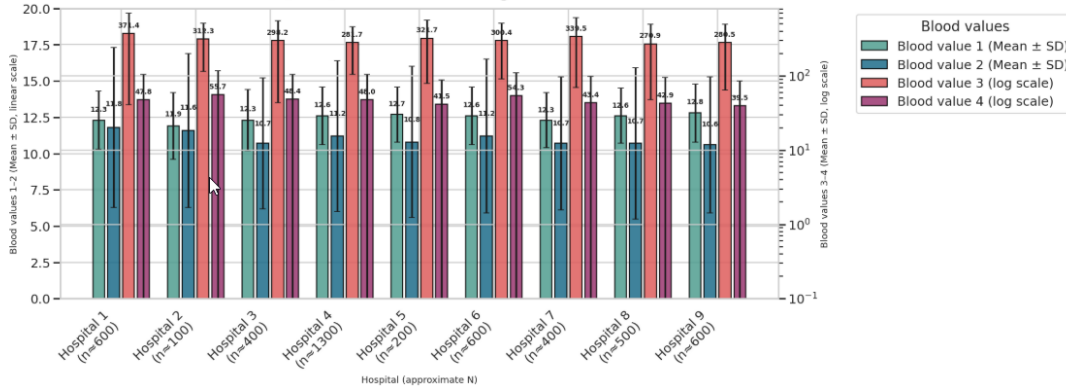
Powerful, independent validation of entire FHIN methodology

Data quality lung & dashboarding

Clinical and Categorical Data Completeness Across Hospitals



Anonymized Comparison of Key Blood Values Across Hospitals
(Blood values 1-2: linear [0-20]; Blood values 3-4: log scale; n rounded to hundreds)



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FHIN SOLUTION:

DIGITAL ASSETS

FHIN digital assets

DATA ASSETS

- Lung cancer registry
- Prostate cancer registry
- Synthetic datasets

INTEROPERABILITY ASSETS

Software tools

- RIAB ETL tool
- RABGIN vocabulary tool
- KEUN mapping tool
- Pathology trajectory tool
- FHIR middleware solution
- Google Cloud platform FHIR test environment

Web applications

- KEUN web application
- FHIN federated learning user interface

AI & FEDERATED ANALYTICS ASSETS

AI model code assets

- Model Training Pipelines
 - Lung Cancer AI Model
 - Prostate Cancer AI Model
- Model preprocessing, training pipelines
 - Internal & external validation
- Federated Learning algorithms
 - Vantage6-compatible code for training

Federated technology

- V6 GCP terraform code, ansible
- V6 OMOP seeder
- Deployment scripts: docker images
- Federated learning setup & exercises

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FHIN SOLUTION:

DISSEMINATION

FHIN DISSEMINATION

- FHIN paper under construction (FHIN_AI_LCC)
- Summerschool 2023, summerschool 2024 & masterclass 2025
- Presentation to New Potential Partners: 22/08/2025
- Presentations to public:

-OHDSI conference Washington	14/10/2022
-Pfizer advisory board	13/02/2024
-BeSTRO	26/04/2024
-GSK	27/06/2024
-EIT Health keynote	sept 2024
-pharma.be	26/10/2023
-Arisal of data spaces	24/04/2024
-EmP2024	28/05/2024
-Health Data Forum Pharma	25/11/2024
-All.can	26/11/2024
-OHDSI Belgium winterevent	16/12/2024
-I~HD Health summit	19/03/2025
-Google AI circle & SuperNova	27/03/2025
-HDA symposium	14/04/2025
-Eufemed	23/05/2025
-OHDSI Europe 2025	06/07/2025
-BeCRA launch	07/10/2025
-Kwaliteit blijft & leeft	22/10/2025
Annelines Verbiest - Peter De Jaeger	
-RADar masterclass	19/11/2025

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SOFTWARE DEMOS
 1 – Simple and practical EMR to CMOP-CDM-ETL tool (Pieter-Jan Lammertyn, Stijn Dupulthys, Louise Berteloot, Peter De Jaeger, Kim Denturck, Nathalie Mertens)



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FHIN SOLUTION:

FHIN TEAM & FHIN VZW

FHIN TEAM

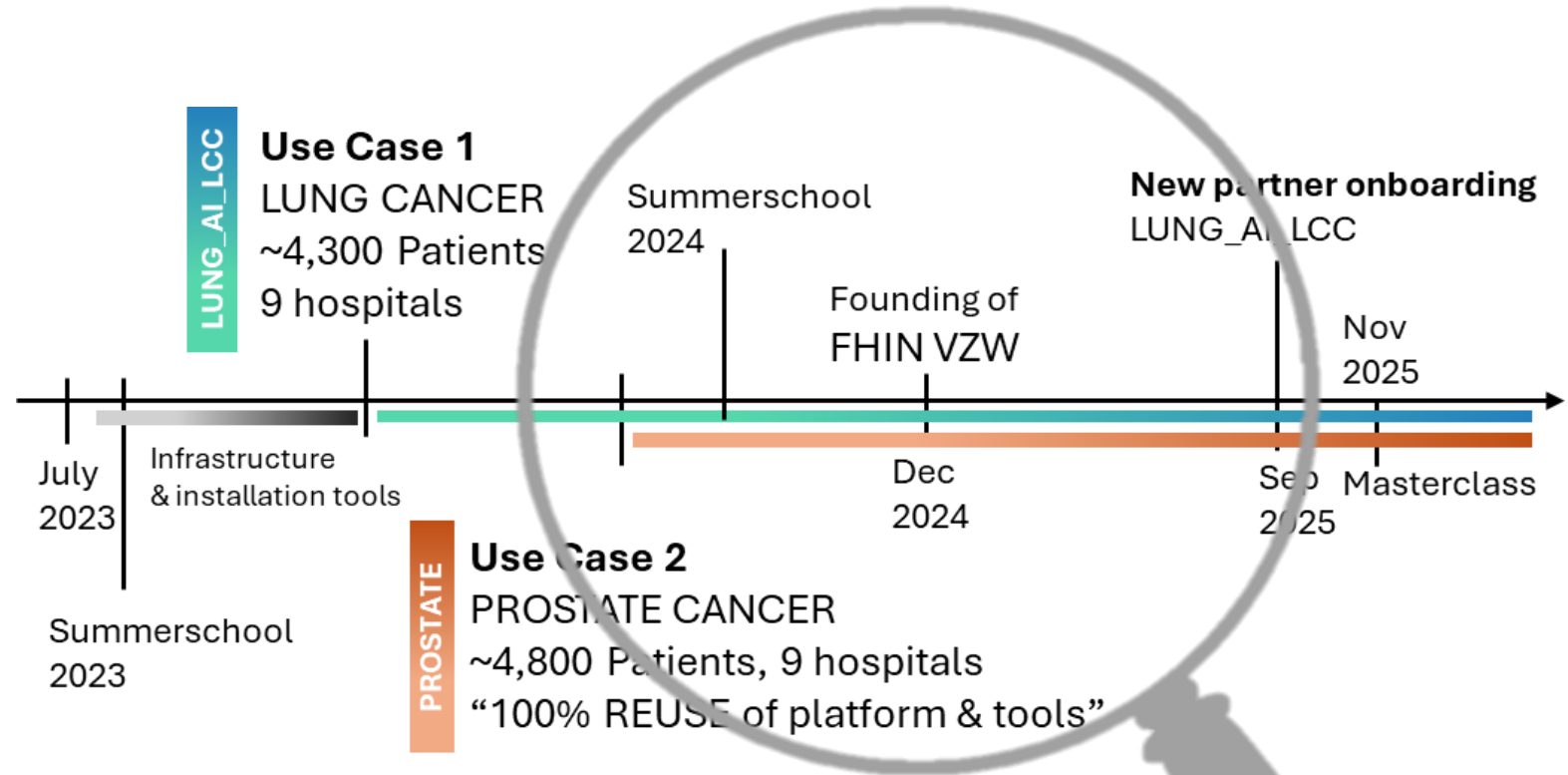


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FHIN VZW

- Equal partnership
- Open for collaborations
- Legal & DPO teamwork
- BELFHINDA partnership
- Framework agreements for new feasibility studies



START OF FHIN non-profit organization dec 2024

– Foto getekend



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FHIN SOLUTION:

NEXT STEPS: NEW REGISTRIES & NEW PARTNERSHIPS

NEW REGISTRIES



Coronary artery disease

HDA
health data agency

Breast cancer

Atrial fibrillation

Prostate cancer

enlarged prostate (with tumors)
malignant tumors

Cardiac amyloidosis

Healthy heart muscle
Amyloid protein in heart muscle

IBD

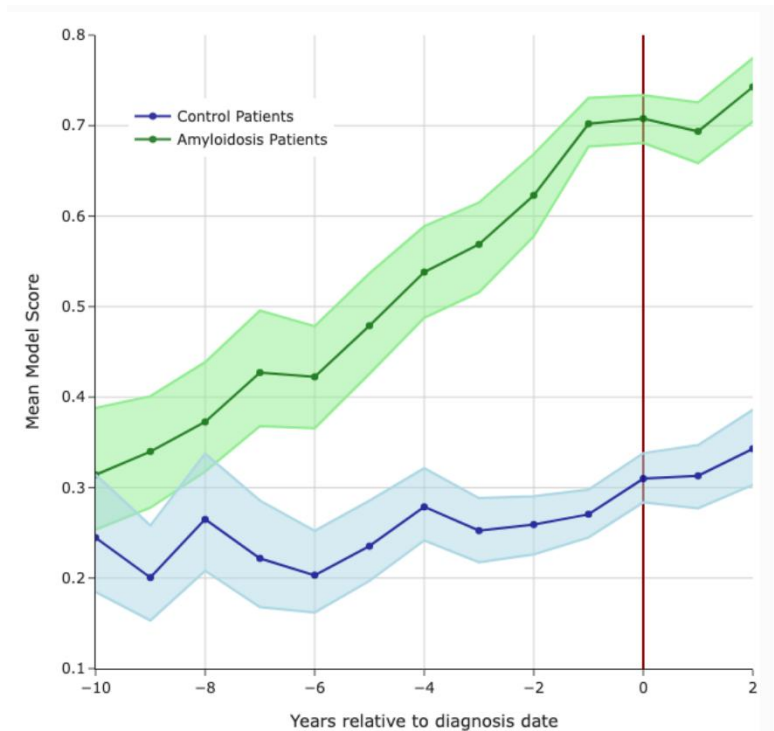
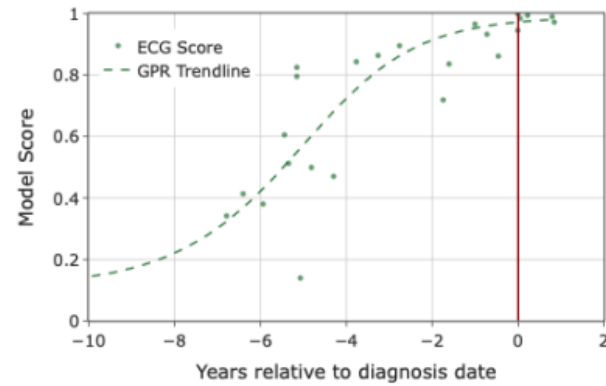
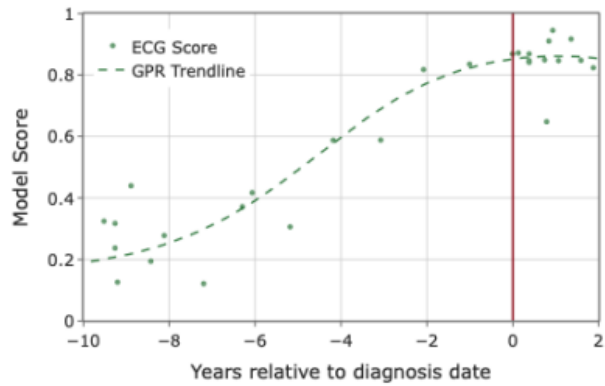
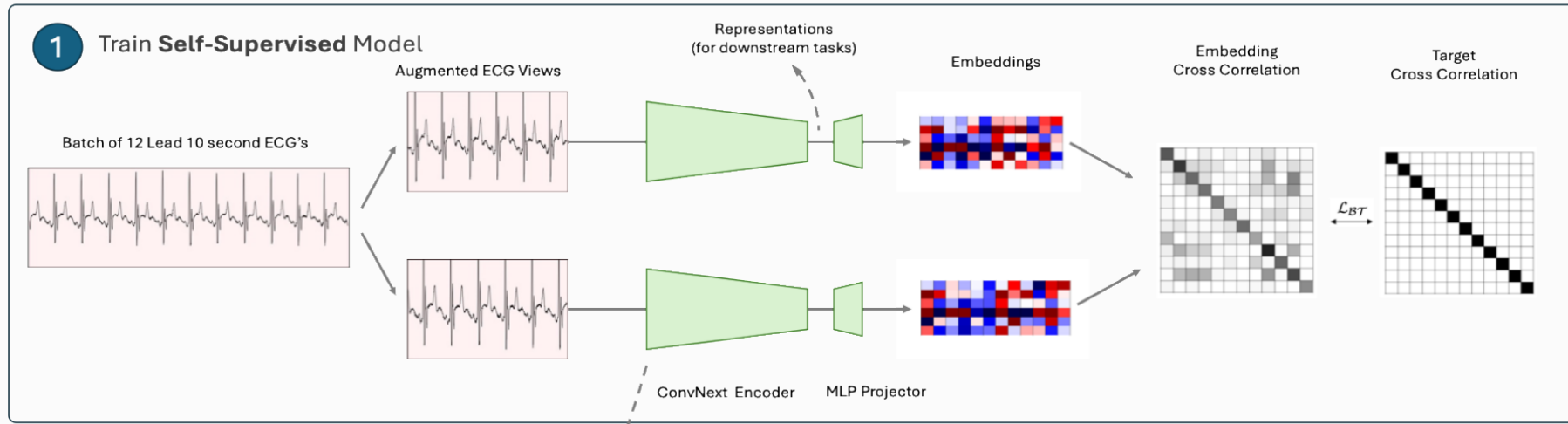
Crohn's disease
Ulcerative colitis

Colon cancer

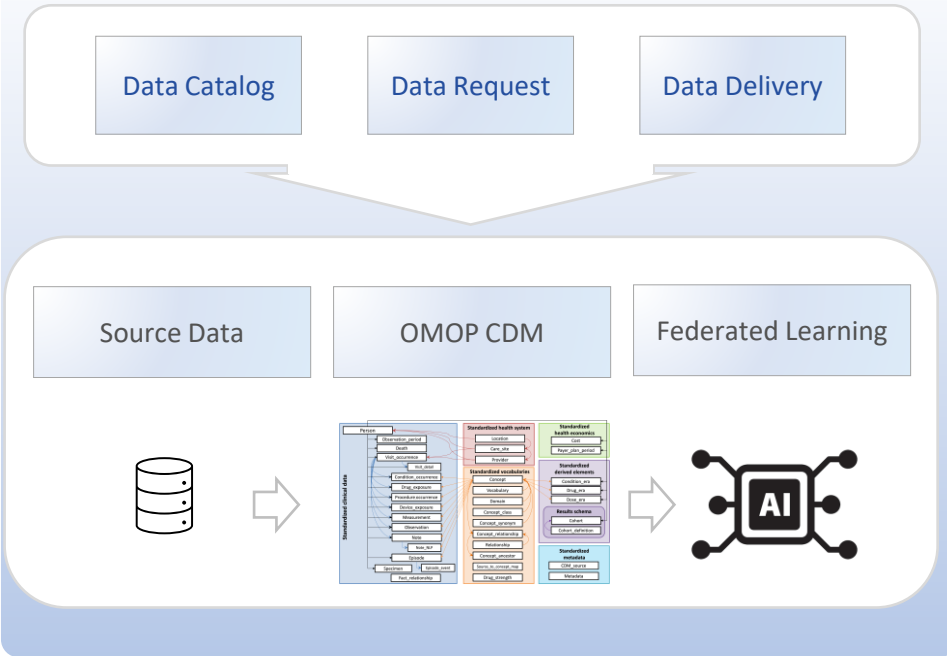
Primary Stages of Colon Cancer
Stage 0
Stage I
Stage II
Stage IV (Spread to lymph nodes or organs)

Voice disorder

Cardiac Amyloidosis



Creating synergy



Data Discoverability

Data Interoperability

Data Governance

Privacy-Preserving
Collaboration

Trusted Data Access

Advanced Secure Analytics



An ecosystem for Belgian hospitals:

- building data capabilities to collaborate on secondary use
- becoming ready for EHDS by 2029



Local data, global insights...

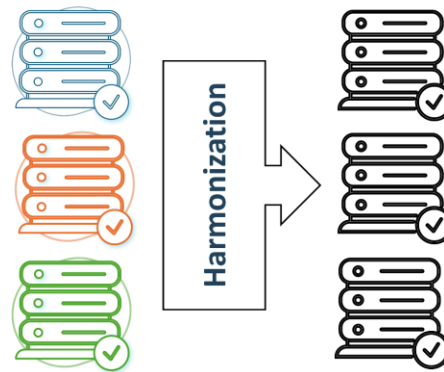
FHIN & INAH technical harmonization is already enabling truly global collaborative research

22 sites – 14 countries – 3 continents

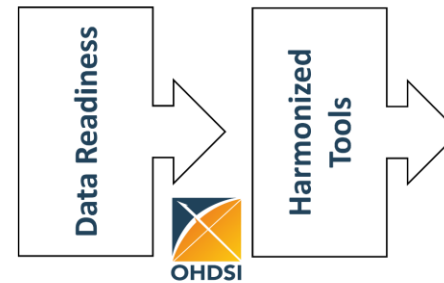


>100,000 patients
Metastatic non-small cell lung cancer

Local harmonization to OMOP



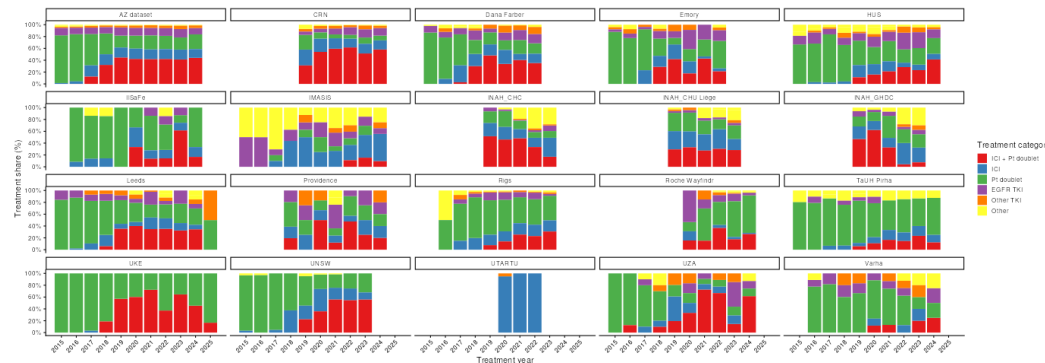
Iterative data readiness and result refinement



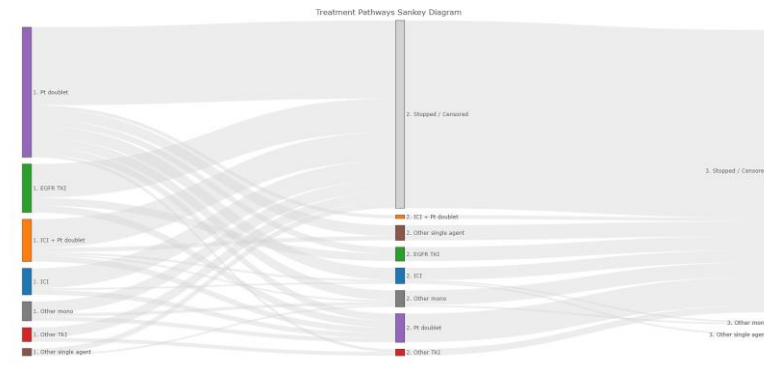
Secure local analysis
Shared global results



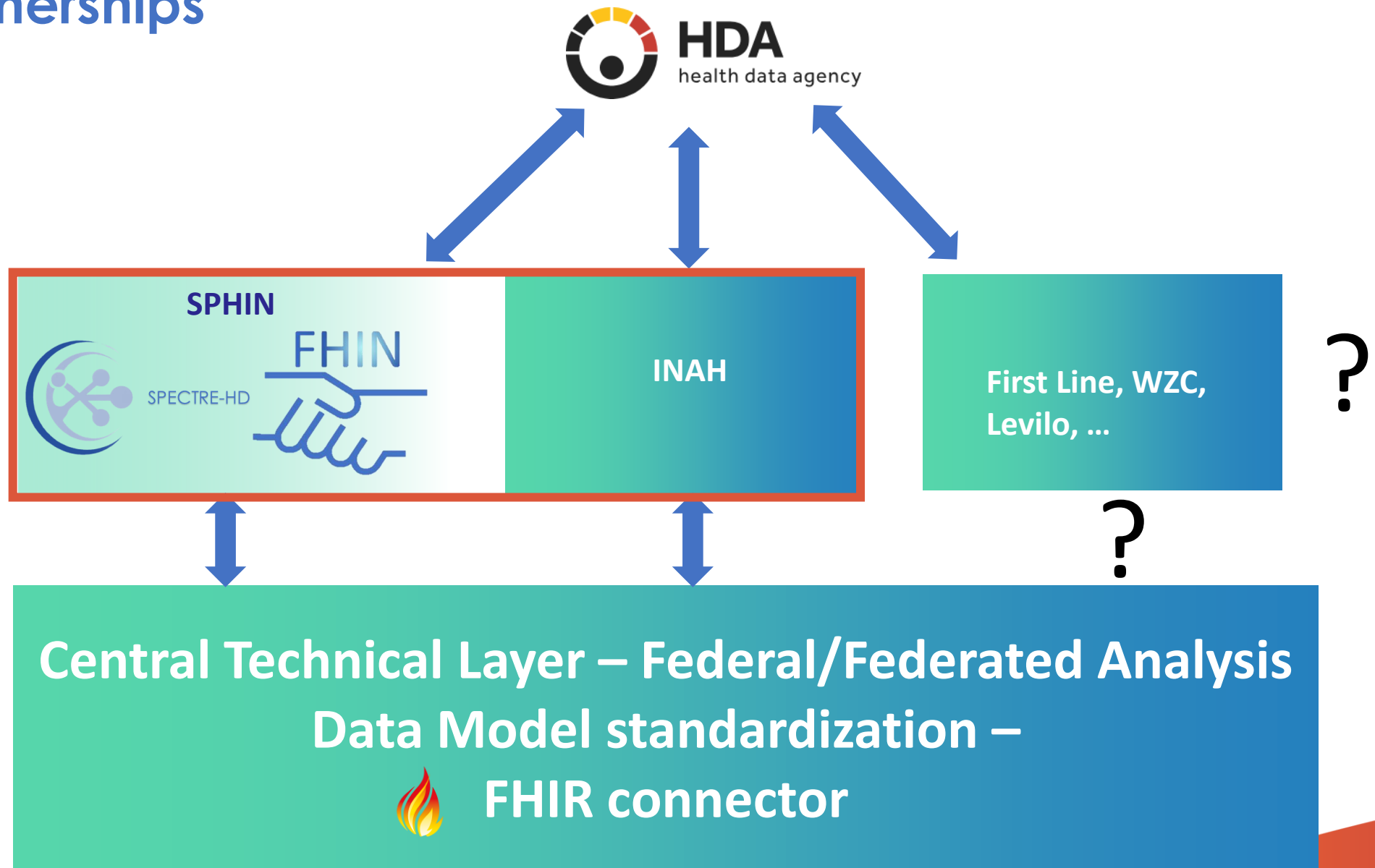
Global treatment evolution



Treatment pathways



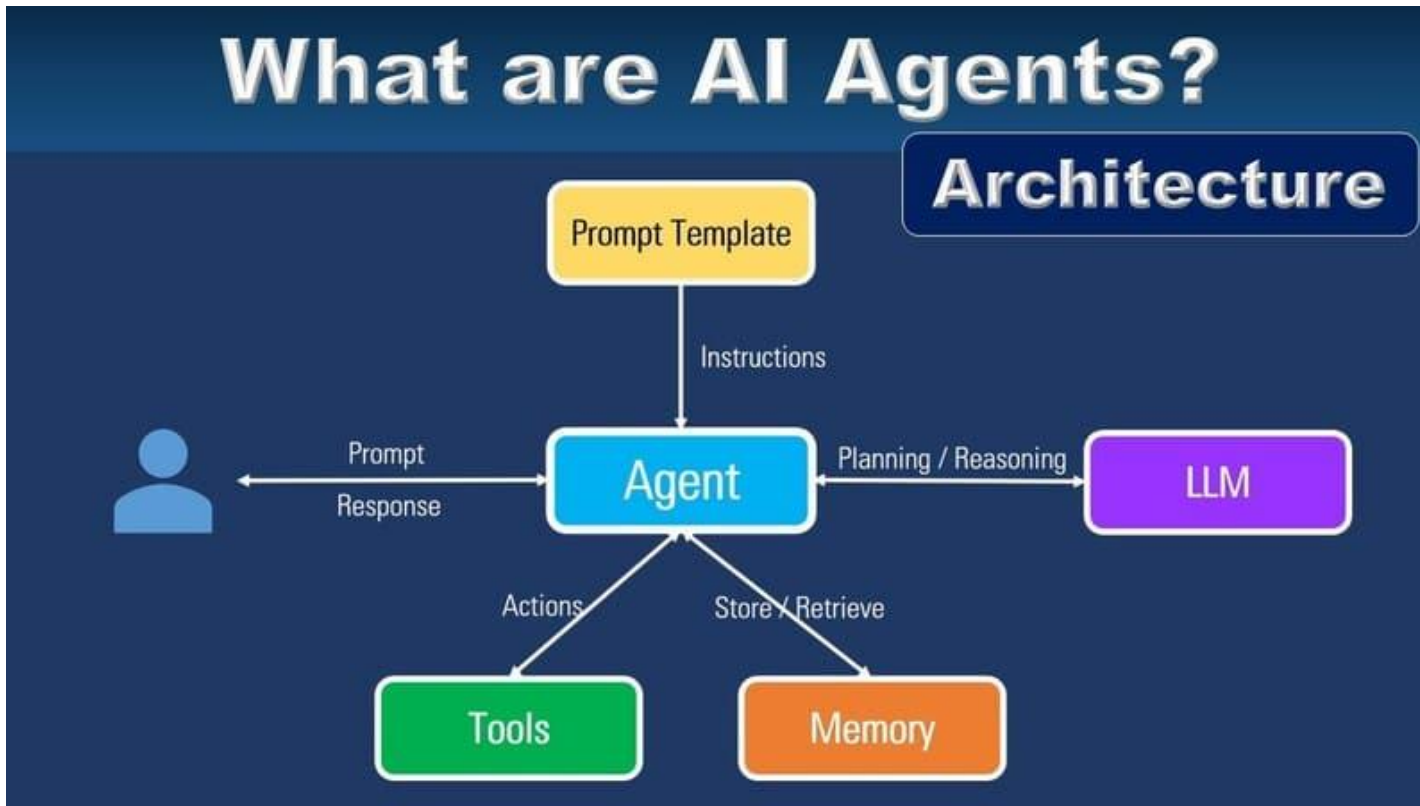
New partnerships



Principles

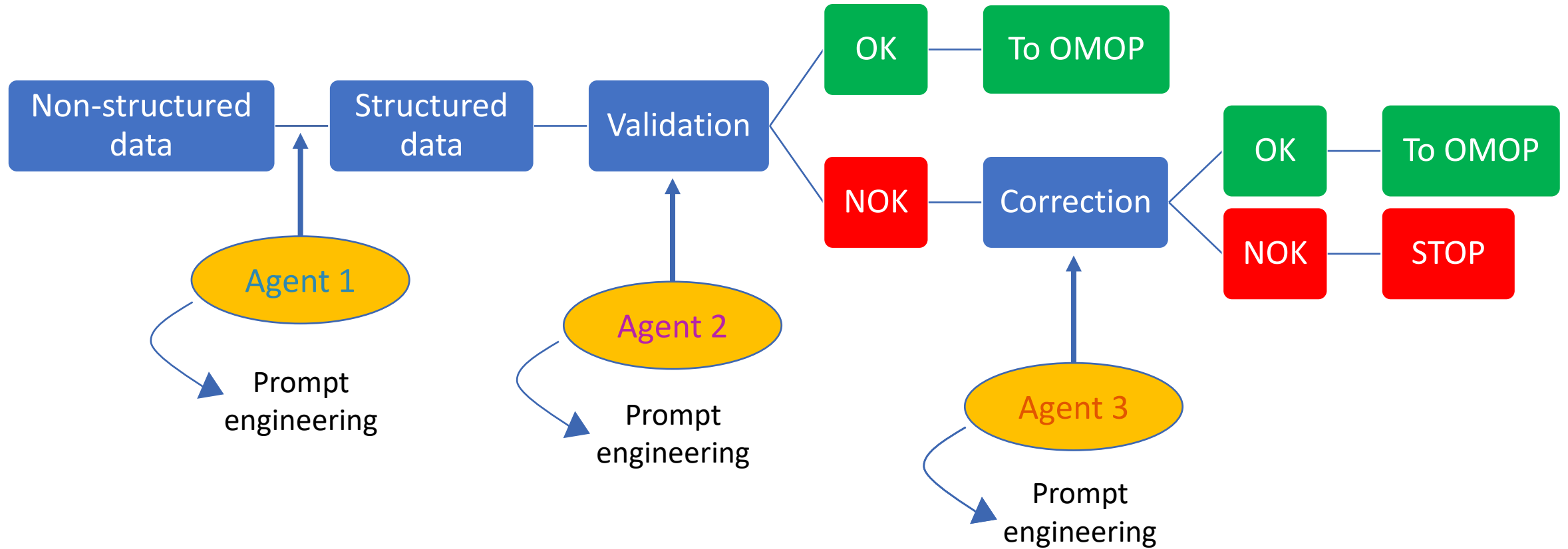
Principle	What It Means	Why It Matters
Open-source foundation	All core components published openly	No vendor lock-in; community sustainability
Local-first design	Data (including results) stay at hospitals until explicitly shared	Hospitals retain full sovereignty
EHDS-ready	Built to standards like SATRE and HealthDCAT-AP	Compliant before the deadline
Modular adoption	Hospitals can implement components individually	Lower barrier to entry

Agentic Orchestration - LLM



- Agent 1: Orchestrator
- Agent 2: Data Extraction
- Agent 3: Validation
- Agent 4: Correction
- Agent 5: Save

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