



Sources for and Practical Use of Real-world Data

Potential for Data Analytics

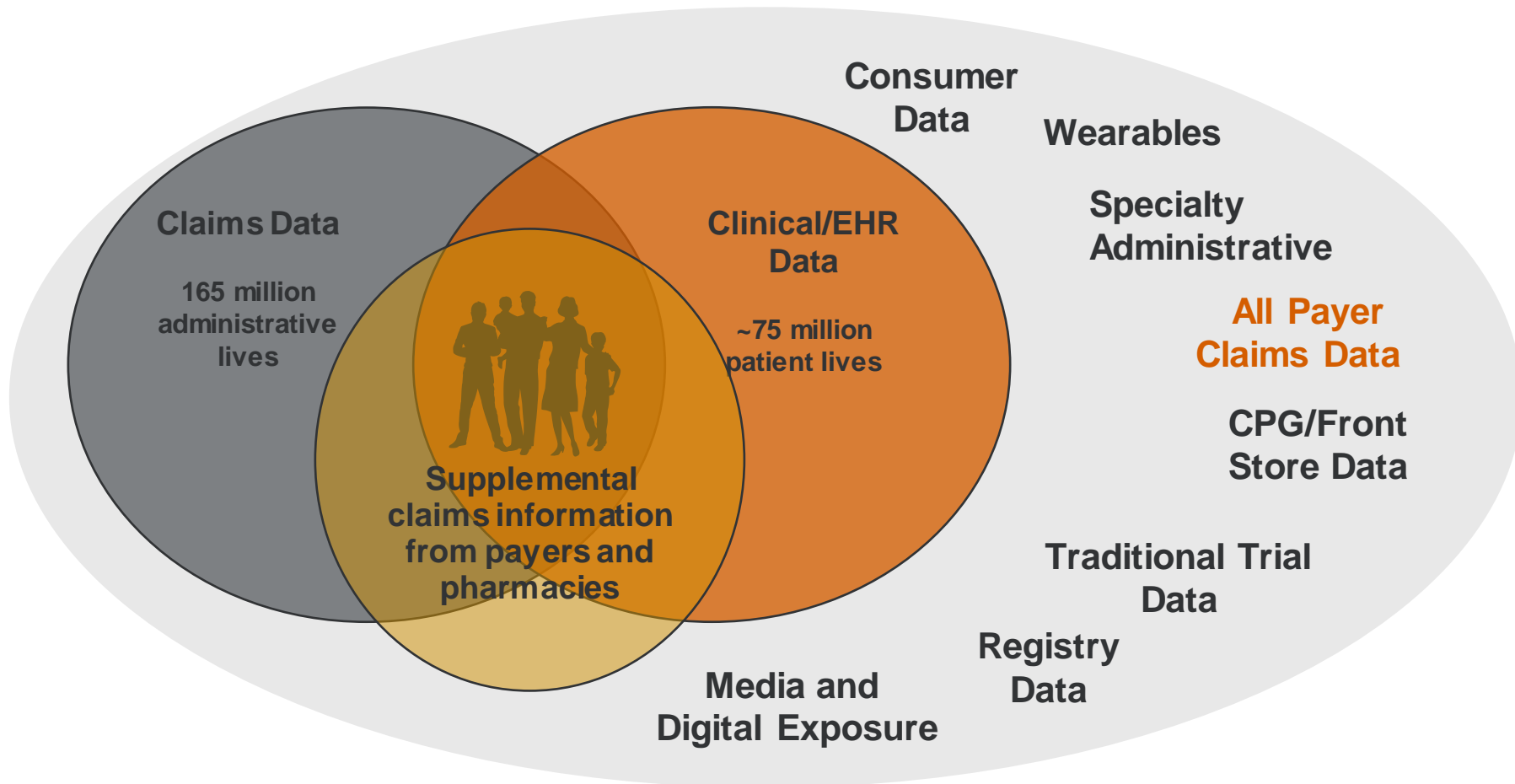
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Sources of RWD – Optum’s Approach

Merged via Encryption of Identifying Information



Scraping Information from Information Systems within Provider Networks

Electronic Health Records

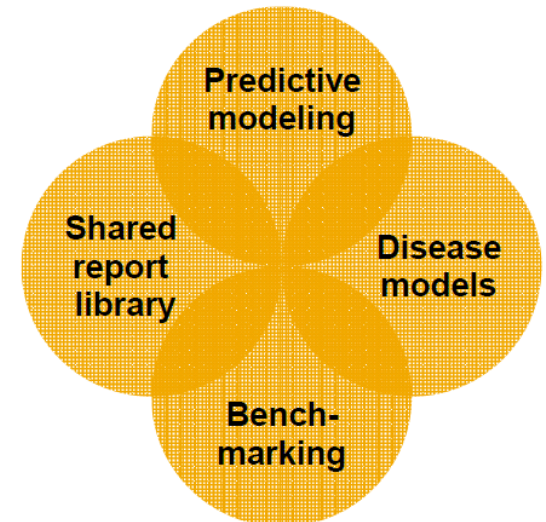
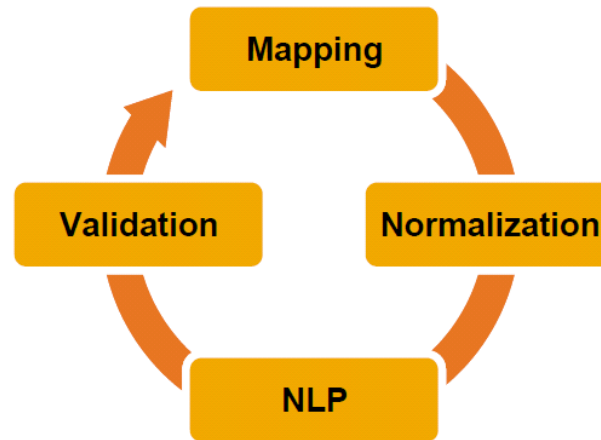
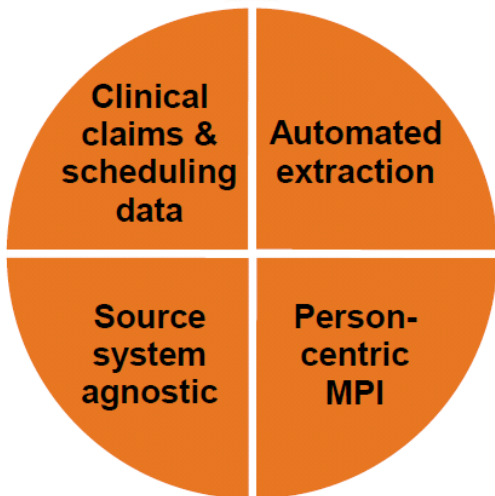
Aggregate data across the continuum



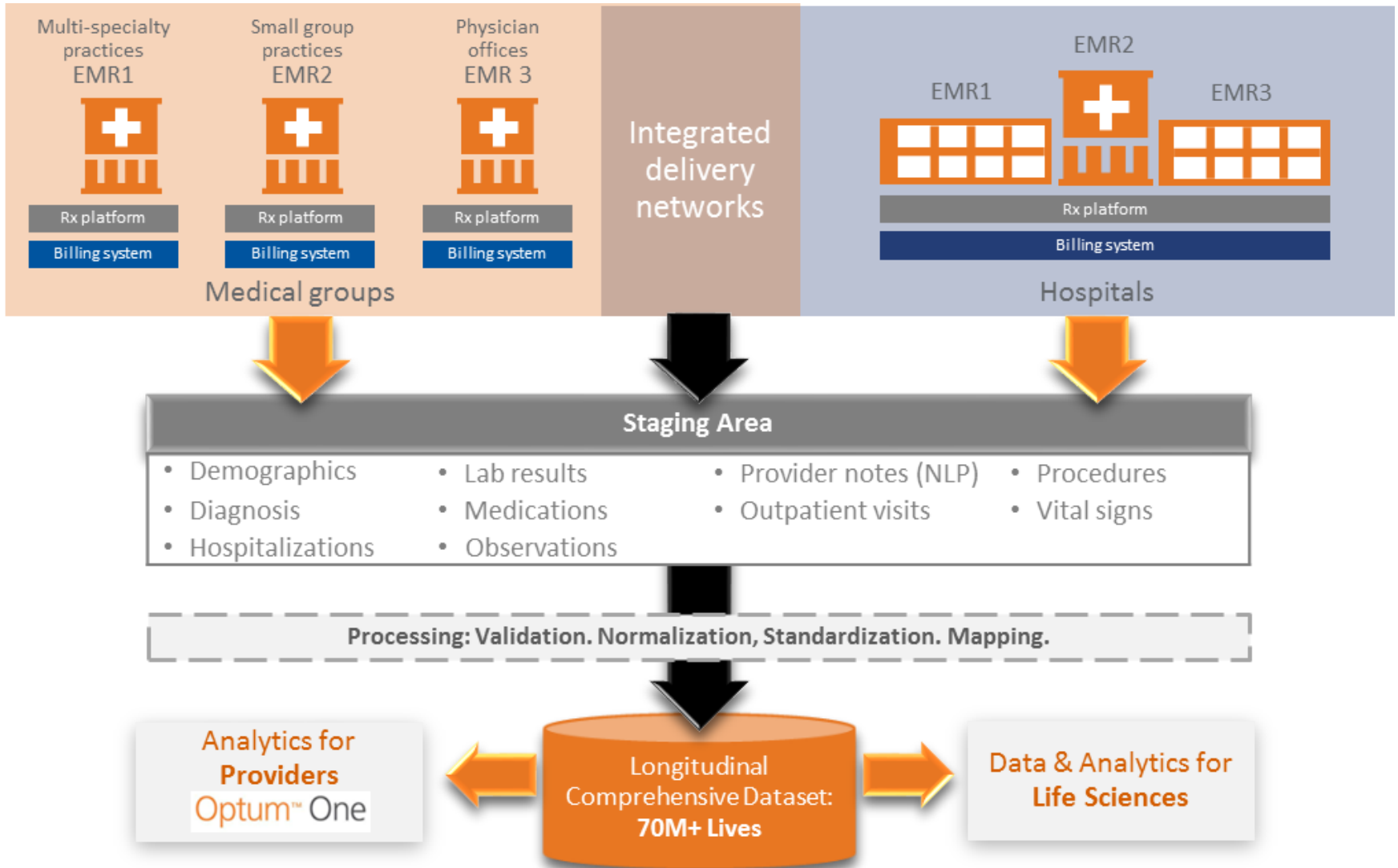
Clean, normalize and validate data



Transform data into insight

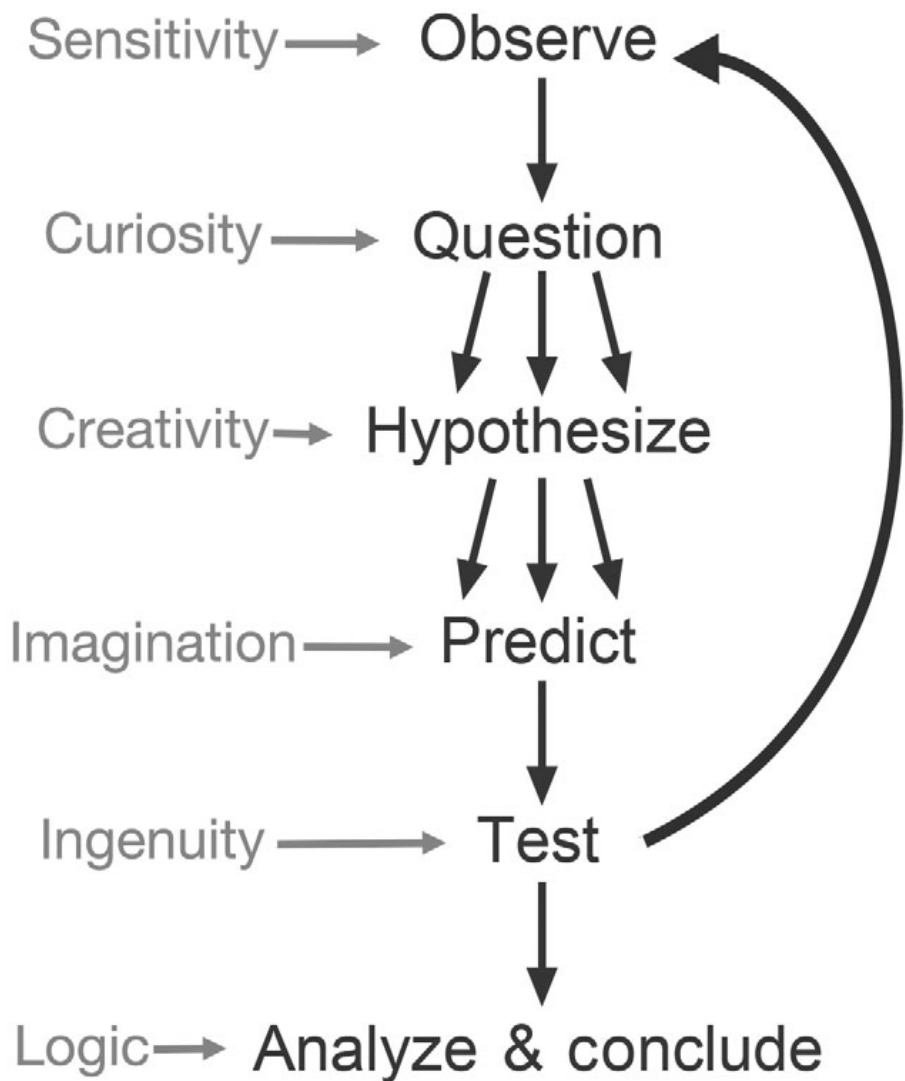


Aggregation Across Provider Networks – Seeking Scale



How do we use all these data?

Fudge's research planning as "measurement planning"



Look at the data, identify data elements

Talk to experts

Consider direct measures and remote proxies

Build an initial algorithm

Quantify operating characteristics

Finalize when good enough

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Some Challenges

- The three V's of “big data:” Volume, Velocity, Variability¹
- Governance of data linkage
- Extent of overlap of linked data
- Missing data methods – validation and computational tractability
- Implementation of collaborations to embed trials in routine care

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- And, of course, translation

¹Mooney SJ, Westreich DJ, El-Sayed AM. Epidemiology. 2015;26(3):390-4. doi: 10.1097/EDE.0000000000000274.

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