





## PCOR Challenges & Solutions

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#### Potential Conflict of Interest

#### **Consulting (since 2014)**

- Nestle Health Science
- Dark Canyon Laboratories
- Merck
- Celgene / BMS
- Janssen Pharmaceuticals
- Bridge Biotherapeutics, Inc
- Pfizer (DSMB)
- Gilead (DSMB)
- Arena Pharmaceuticals (DSMB)
- Protagonist Therapeutics (DSMB)
- Entasis Therapeutics

#### **Research Support (since 2014)**

- Takeda
- Janssen
- AbbVie
- Nestle Health Science
- Bayer

### **Barriers** to PCOR

#### PC = Patient Centered

- Hard to be patient centered without patient engagement
- PC research is expensive and time consuming
- Most patients do not desire to be active research subjects
- Some patients have concern about safety of their data

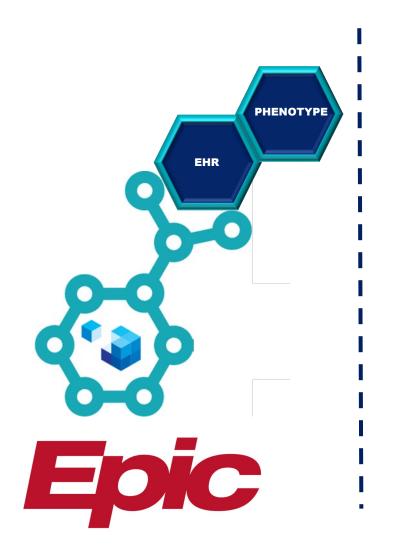
#### OR = Outcomes Research

- Routinely measure processes or clinical outcomes
- Patients may have different priorities

## Connecting fragmented health data to advance patient-centric research and understand disease holistically



## Enriching the medical record to standardize collection of disease-specific data





IBD SmartForm embedded into EHR system



Phenotyping Quality Control Study



Centralization of patients' medical records from all study sites into IBD Plexus platform to enable research

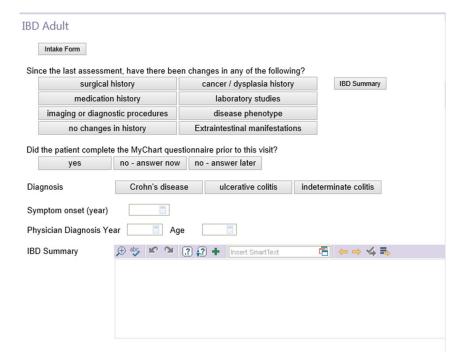
#### The Impact of Introducing Patient-Reported Inflammatory Bowel Disease Symptoms via Electronic Survey on Clinic Visit Length, Patient and Provider Satisfaction, and the Environment Microbiome

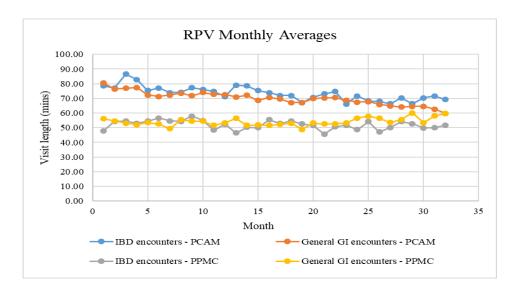
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#### **Severity Scores**

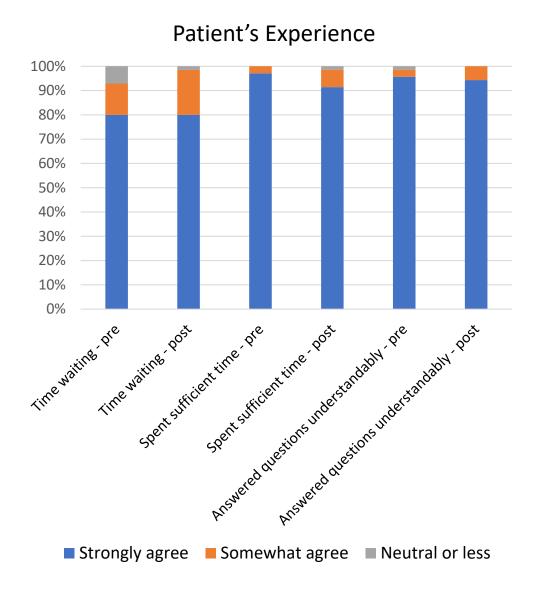
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sCDAI	58







Characteristic	Pre Tablet Implementation (n=70)	Post Tablet Implementation (n=70)	P value
F	20 (54.2)	25 (25 7)	0.02
Female, n (%)	38 (54.3)	25 (35.7)	0.03
Age, y (SD)	41.6 (±14.9)	40.6 (±15.2)	0.06
Age Group, n (%) 18-29	20 (20 C)	24 (20.0)	0.06
	20 (28.6)	21 (30.0)	
30-39	16 (22.9)	20 (28.6)	
40-49	7 (10.0)	10 (14.3)	
50-59	19 (27.1)	6 (8.6)	
60-69	5 (7.1)	12 (17.1)	
70-79	2 (2.9)	1 (1.4)	
80-89	1 (1.4)	0 (0.0)	
Race, n (%)			0.50
Asian	1 (1.4)	1 (1.4)	
Black or African American	8 (11.4)	6 (8.6)	
White	59 (84.3)	62 (88.6)	
Multi-racial	2 (2.9)	0 (0.0)	
Prefer not to answer	0 (0.0)	1 (1.4)	
Ethnicity, Hispanic or Latino/a, n (%)	2 (2.9)	1 (1.4)	0.56
Highest education, n (%)			
Less than or equal to high school diploma	10 (14.3)	10 (14.3)	
Some college	12 (17.1)	16 (22.9)	
Bachelor's degree	25 (35.7)	21 (30.0)	
Technical / associates degree	9 (12.9)	2 (2.9)	
Graduate degree	14 (20.0)	20 (28.5)	
Prefer not to answer	0 (0.0)	1 (1.4)	
Clinic Location, n (%)			0.87
PCAM	35 (50.0)	36 (51.4)	
PPMC	35 (50.0)	34 (48.6)	



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### Challenges with EMR-embedded tools

- Difficult to teach an old dog new tricks
- Garbage in = garbage out

#### Reaching patients where they are

<u>Patient Journey</u>: For chronic, episodic diseases, like IBD, the feedback loop between treatment and effect is hard to capture leveraging just RWD

<u>Consideration</u>: Leverage direct-to-patient technology to fill data gaps and capture the patient experience beyond the clinical delivery system





# Why do clinicians tolerate inaccurate and incomplete clinical data?

- EHRs consume half of physicians workday
  - Lots of unpaid labor
- ~25% of physicians considered retirement in past year
- New CMS rules may be user friendly for clinicians but a threat to researchers
- Need EHR solutions to facilitate accurate and completed collection of clinical data

## Filling the Data Gaps

### Leverage partnerships to maximize value of existing data

### Generation of unique person-specific identifier

One-way hash algorithm resulting in "tokens" that cannot be decrypted



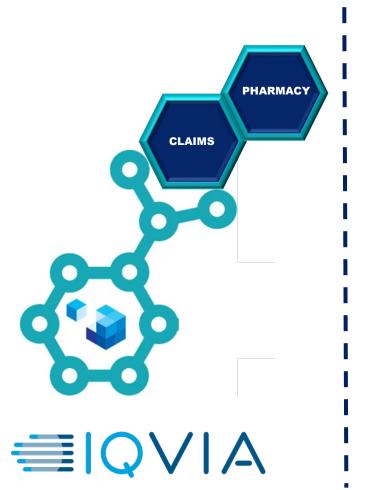
## Use of Natural Language Processing

Processing of text to extract key phrases, entities, and sentiment for further analysis



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## Enriching IBD Plexus platform data with linked care and treatment data to increase visibility into the patient journey





Better understanding of treatment utilization



Capture of data across healthcare settings



More comprehensive picture of comorbidities

# Barriers and Solutions to EHR – Claims Linkage: Trust

- Knowledge, priorities, laws and fear influence our ability to make linkages
  - Patients fear loss of confidentiality
  - Corporations and research centers are risk averse
- Lack of single payer system
- Potential solutions
  - National neutral broker
    - Link the major EHRs and claims data
    - Provide researchers with de-identified linked data
  - Standardization of data structure

# Embrace the multidisciplinary nature of PCOR

- Clinician-scientists
- Patients
- Domain specialists
- Biostatisticians
- Bioinformaticians
- Biomedical informaticians
- Epidemiologists
- Insurance specialists

