

Developing and Evaluating Intelligent Health Systems

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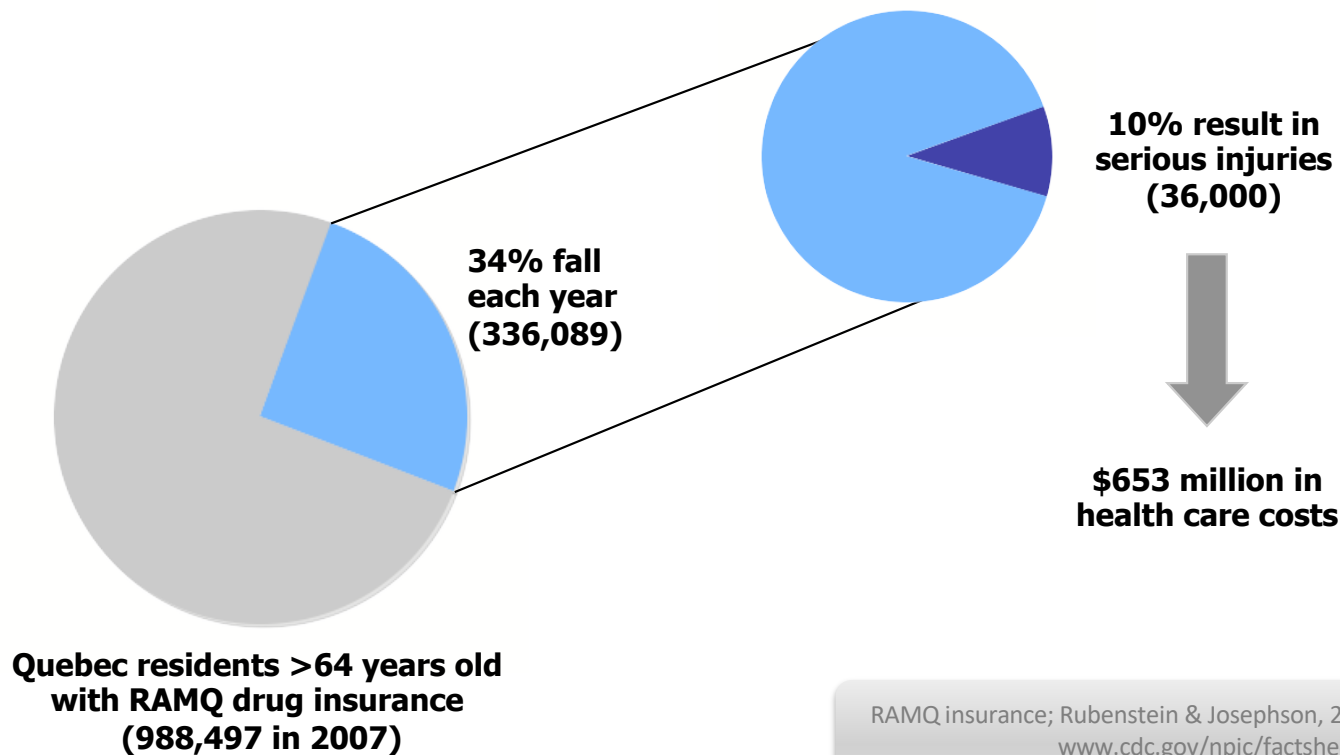
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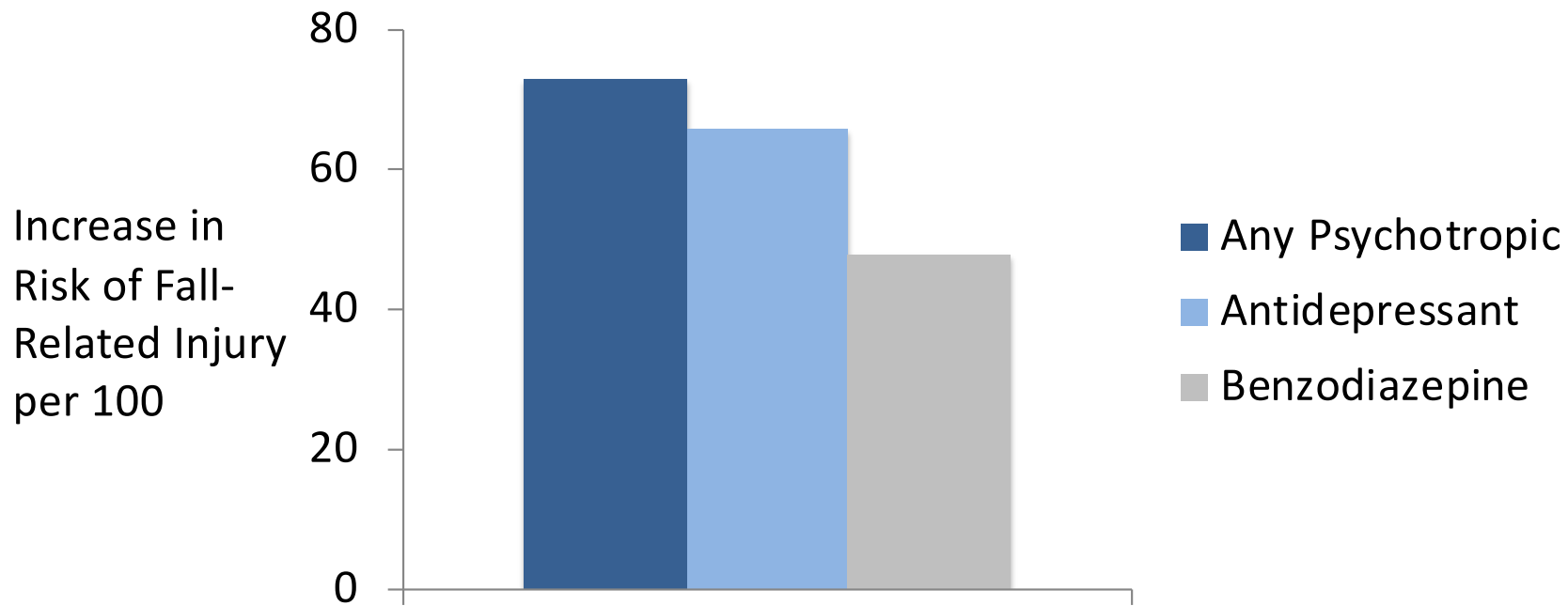
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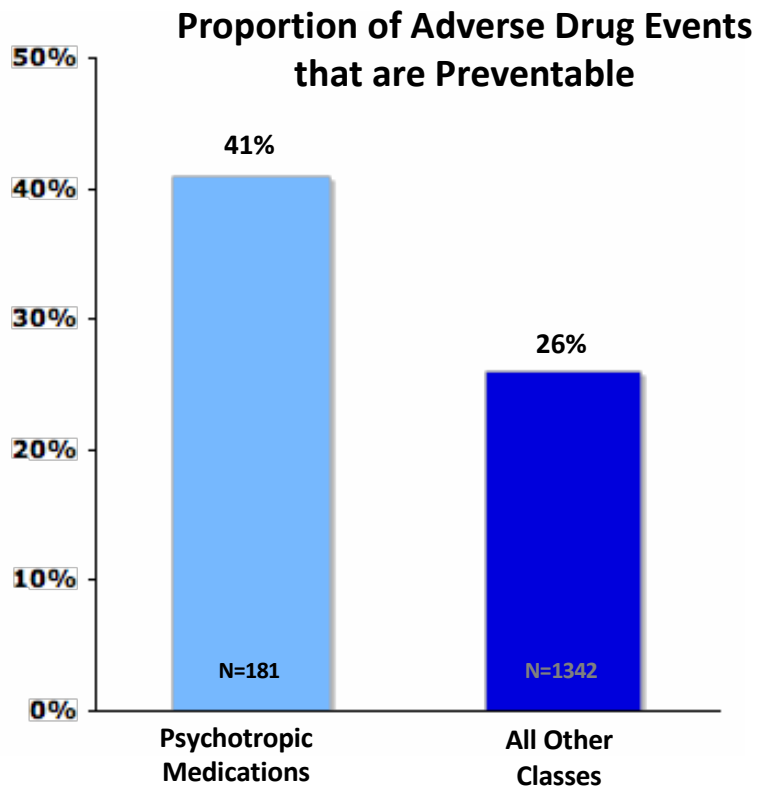
Fall-Related Injuries in Older Adults are Common and Costly



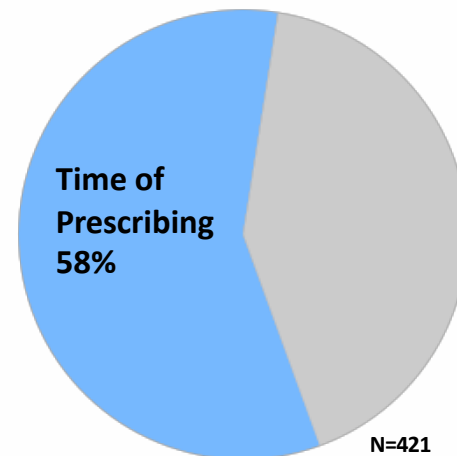
Psychotropic Medications Cause Fall-Related Injuries



Adverse Drug Events are Preventable at the Time of Prescribing



Timing of Error Leading to a Preventable Adverse Drug Event



Gurwitz JH, Field TS, Harrold LR, Rothschild J, Debellis K, Seger AC, Cadoret C, Fish LS, Garber L, Kelleher M, Bates DW. Incidence and preventability of adverse drug events among older persons in the ambulatory setting. JAMA. 2003 Mar 5;289(9):1107-16.

Current Prescribing Decision Support

- “Top-down” knowledge engineering by expert opinion
 - Shared metabolic pathways
 - Potential (although vaguely defined) additive effects
- Encoded as large knowledge base (e.g., FDB, Vigilance)
- Many alerts (drug-drug, drug-disease, drug-age) can be generated for a single patient, graded by “importance”
- Implications of alerts for a given patient often unclear
- Clinicians ignore most (50%-90%) alerts

Statistical Guidance by Outcome

- Identify outcome(s) of clinical interest
- Develop a {statistical | ML} model to predict outcome
 - All known individual risk factors for outcome
 - Drugs associated with the outcome
- Use the model in clinical context
 - To estimate the (modifiable) drug risk for a patient
 - To predict the change in risk if medication(s) modified
 - (To prioritize changes based on likely risk reduction)

Prescribing Decision Support

- Traditional drug alerts
 - Generic
 - Clinical implications unclear
 - Ignored
- Probabilistic alerts can give clear, target message
 - Personalized alert
 - Linked to quantified risk of important outcome

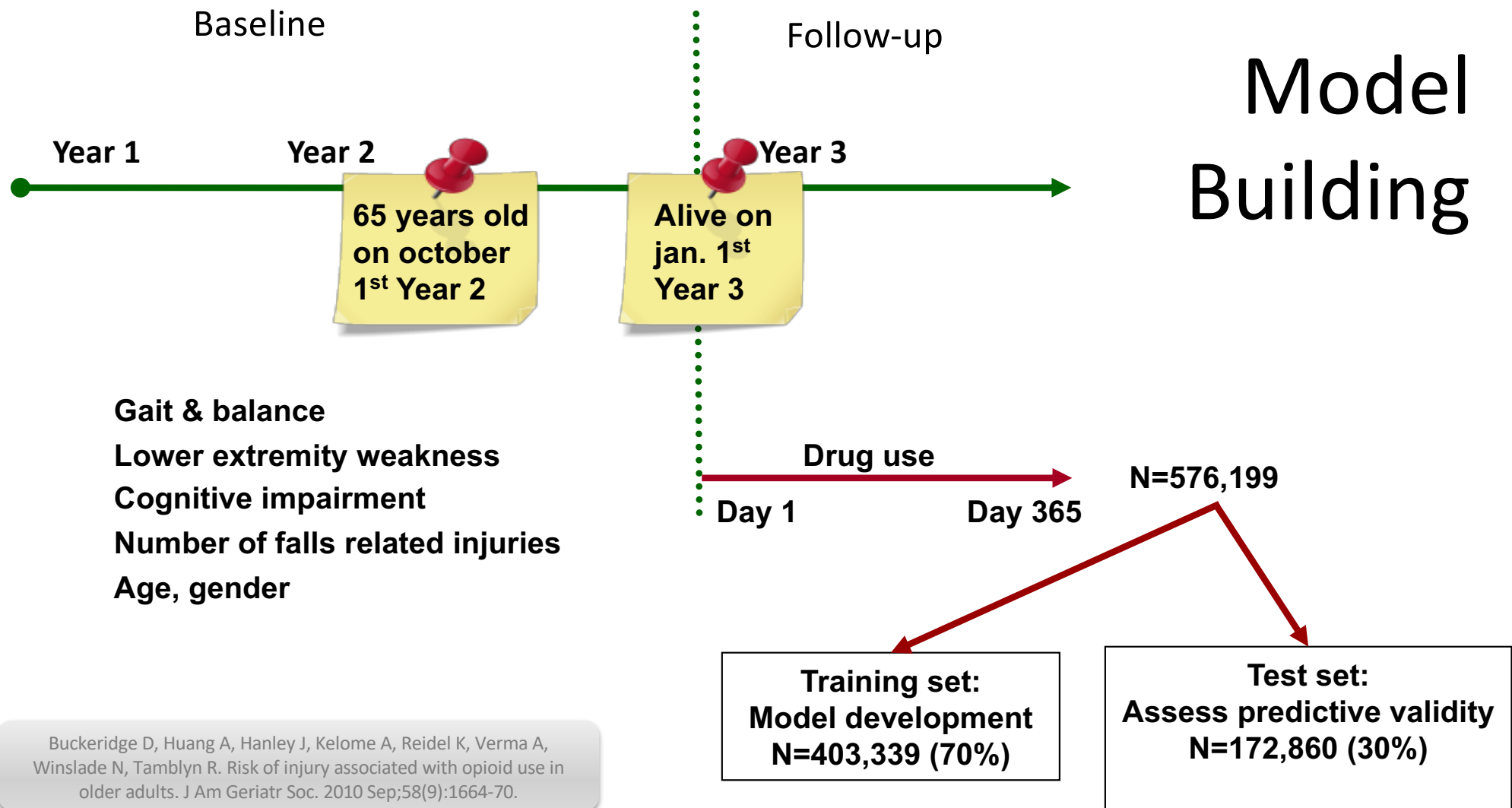


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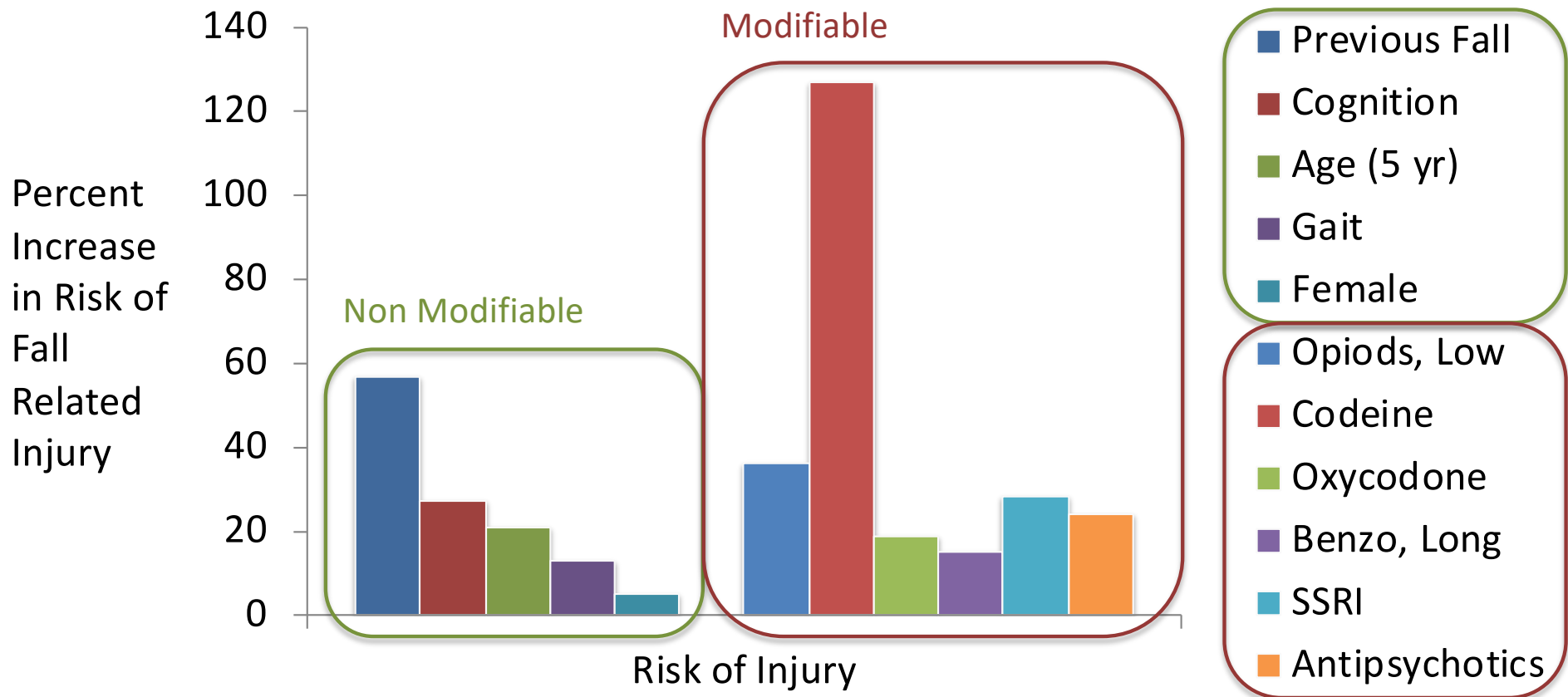
“Level 2 Alert:
Age-Drug
Interaction
with Opiates”

Probabilistic

“15% chance
this patient
will fall on
current dose
of codeine”

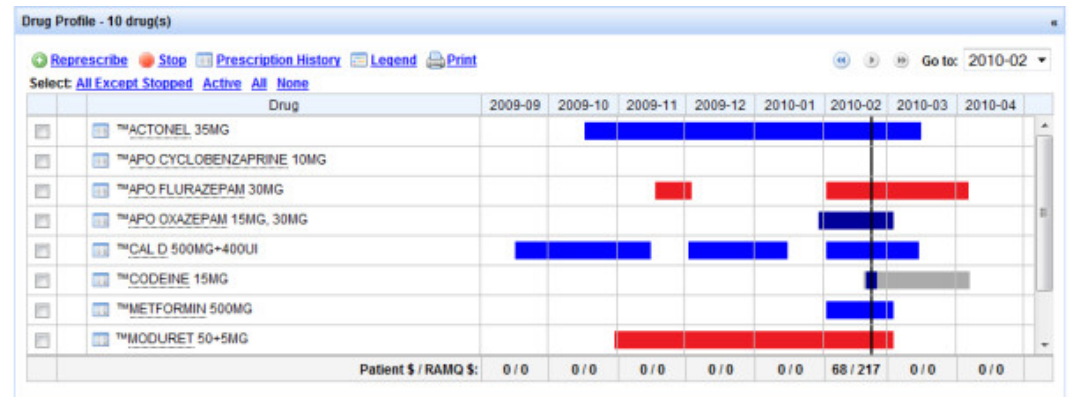


Adjusted Risk Factors for Fall Related Injury



Embedding Model in EMR

- The MOXXI EMR
- User-centered design of risk communication
 - Focus groups with MD
 - Key concepts:
absolute vs relative risk, modifiable risk



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Go to: 2009-02

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Risk Factors
 Age: 78
 Gender (F)
 Cognitive impairment
 Gait Balance
 Past fall-related injuries
 Psychotropic Drugs

Alert: increased risk of fall
THÉRÈSE LACHUTE 's risk of fall-related injury within the year

Lowest risk (3.56)

Current risk (4.93)

out of 100 people with the same profile will fall

Age, sex, and physical condition risk
 Medication risk
 Recalculated medication risk - reduction
 Recalculated medication risk - increase

* Risk for this patient may be under-estimated because of incomplete data

[Learn more about falls](#)
[Tapering benzodiazepine](#)

No planned reduction in risk. Reason:

Drug Profile

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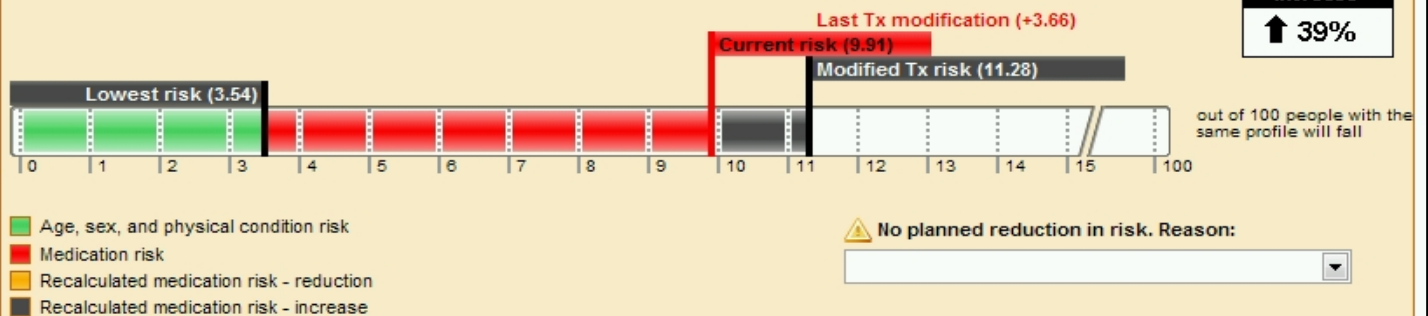
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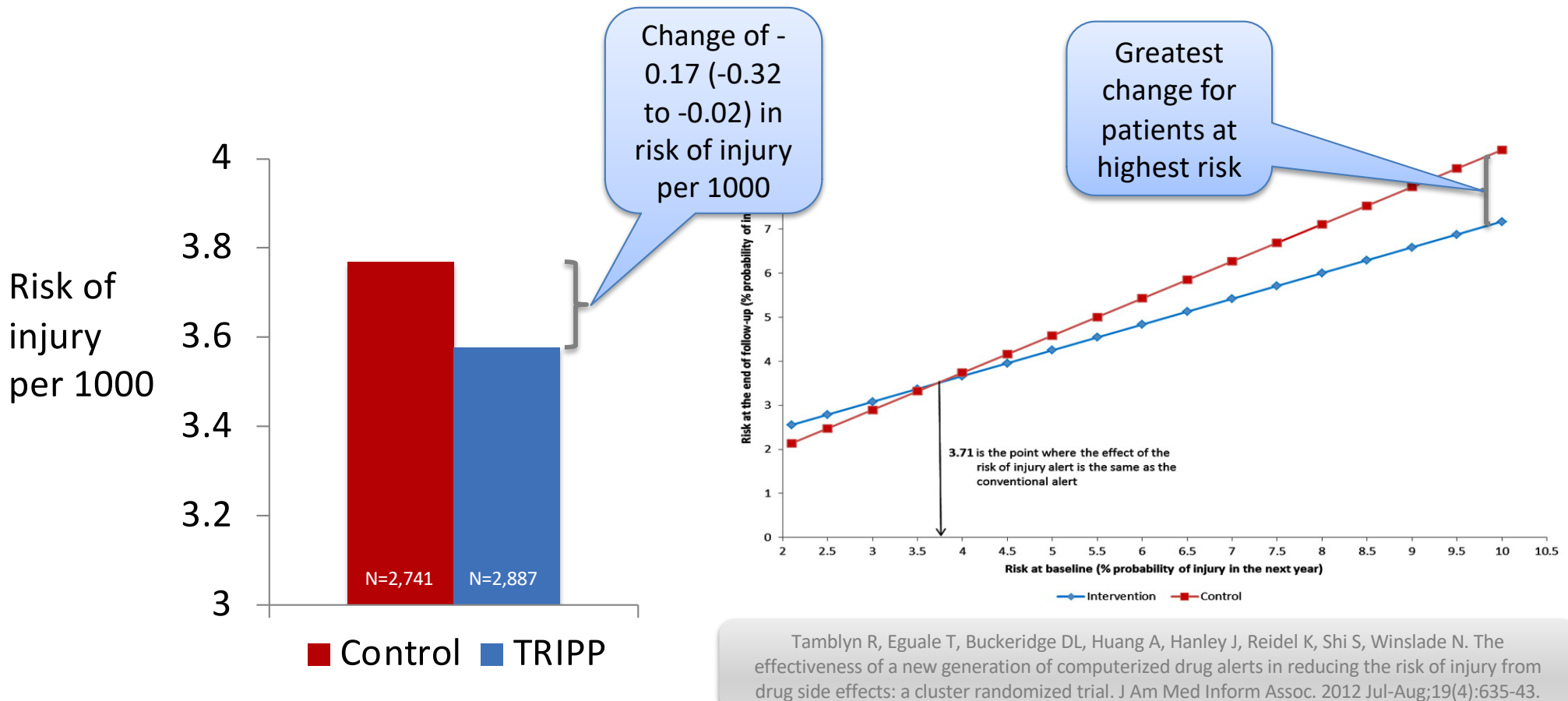
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Randomized Controlled Trial



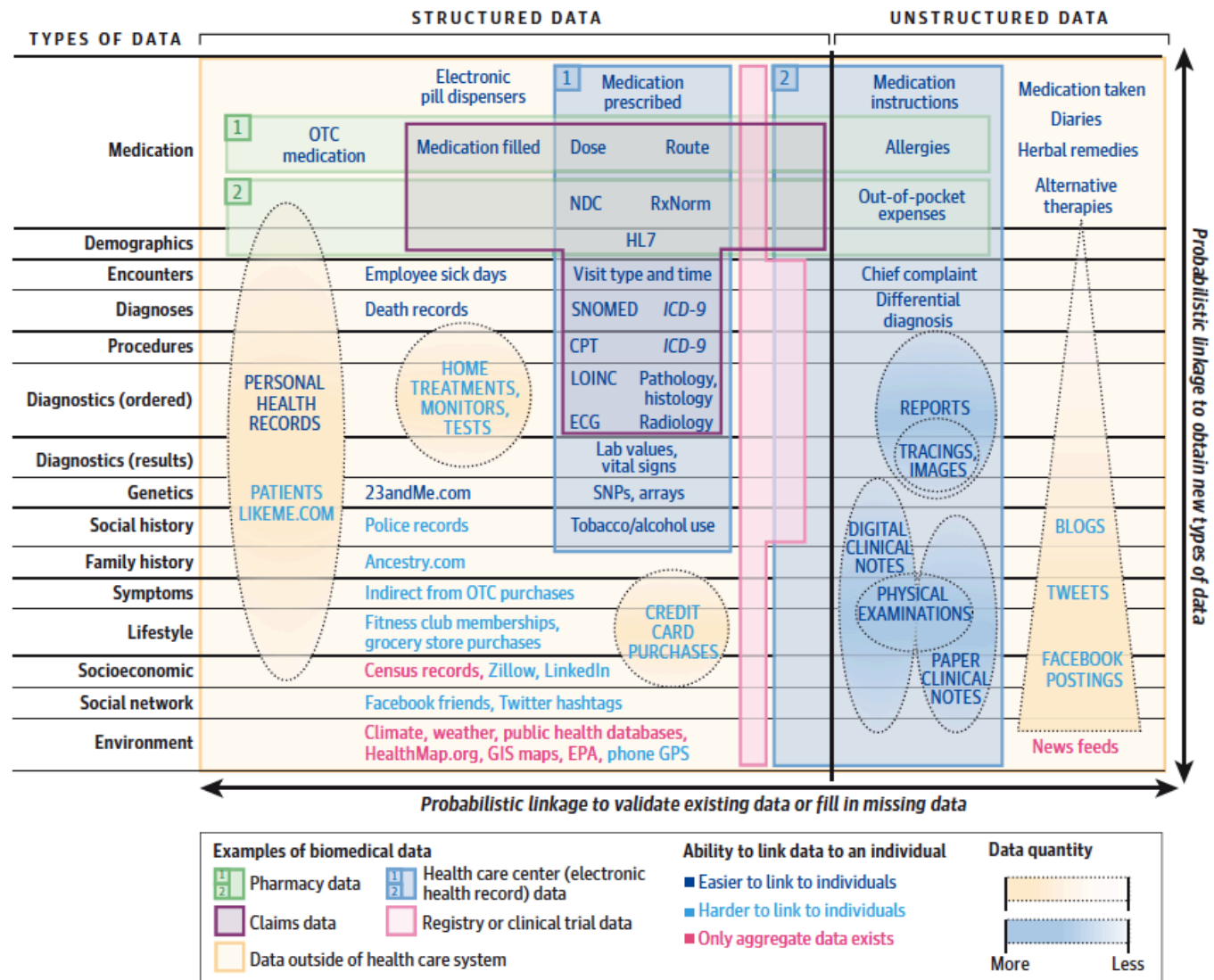
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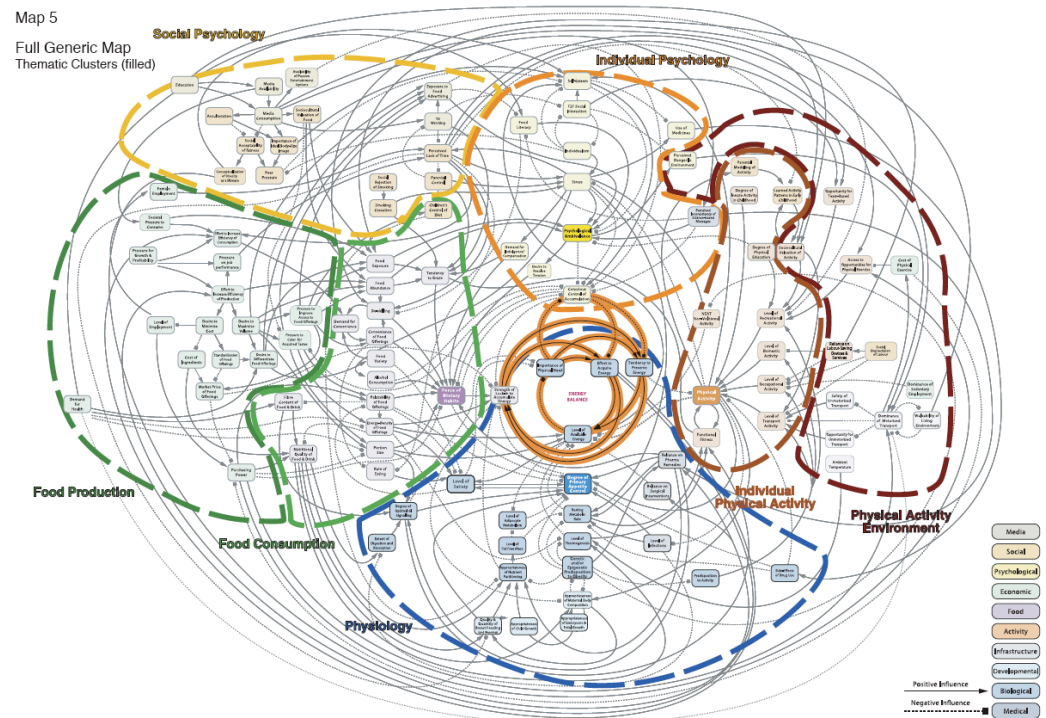
Lots of Relevant Data

Weber GM, Mandl KD, Kohane IS.
Finding the Missing Link for Big Biomedical Data.
JAMA.
2014;311(24):2479-2480.



Complex Web of Knowledge

- Many diseases have complex causality
- Analysis requires longitudinal, linked data from multiple sectors
- Resulting indicators must be presented in interpretable manner

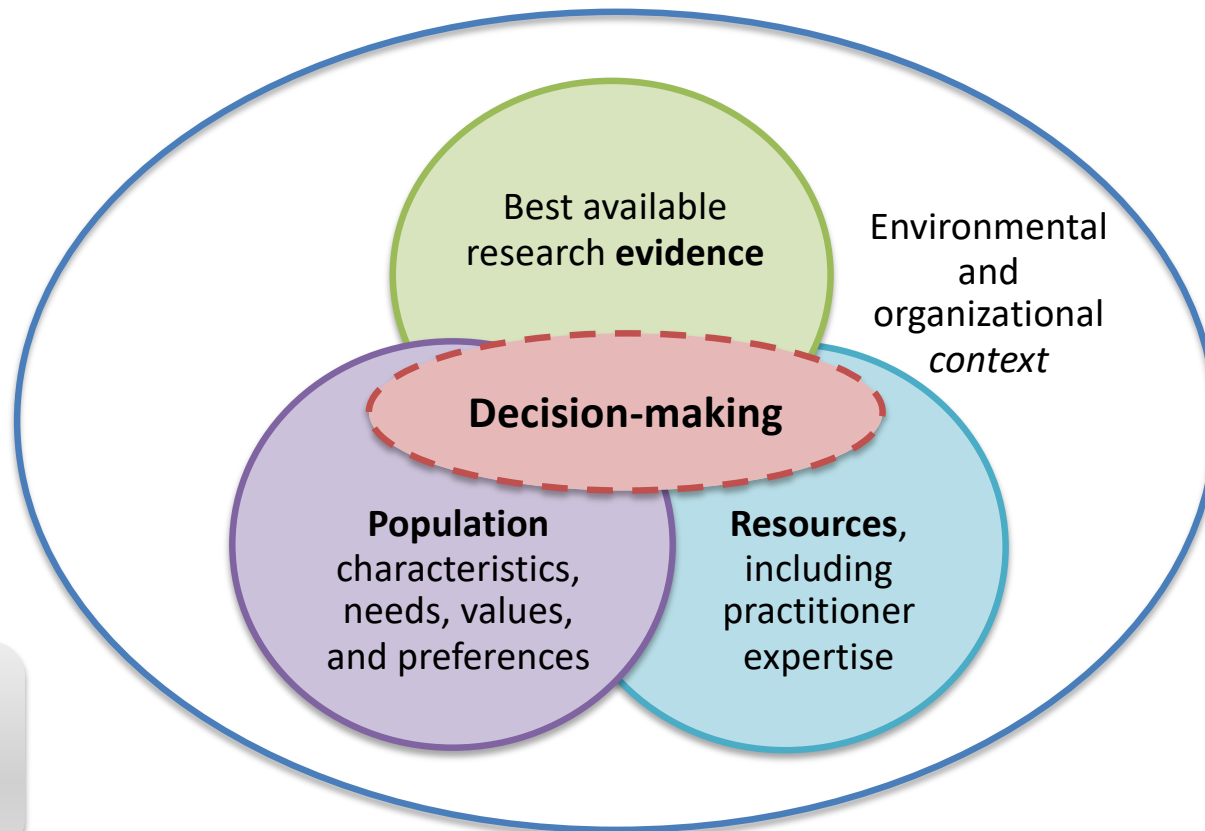


<http://www.foresight.gov.uk/OurWork/ActiveProjects/Obesity/>

Defining a Population Health Record

- Representative information for a defined population
- Evidence about population health and health systems
- Explicit population health framework used to organize information and evidence
- Facilitates population health decision making
 - Integrated data on determinants, outcomes, healthcare
 - Alignment of information and evidence regarding population health and health system interventions

Evidence-Based Public Health



Brownson, R. C., Fielding, J. E. & Maylahn, C. M. Evidence-based public health: a fundamental concept for public health practice. *Annu Rev Public Health* 30, 175–201 (2009).

Types of Scientific Evidence

Characteristic	Type One	Type Two	Type Three
Typical data/relationship	Size and strength of preventable risk—disease relationship (measures of burden, etiologic research)	Relative effectiveness of public health intervention	Information on the adaptation and translation of an effective intervention
Common setting	Clinic or controlled community setting	Socially intact groups or community wide	Socially intact groups or community wide
Example	Smoking causes lung cancer	Price increases with a targeted media campaign reduce smoking rates	Understanding the political challenges of price increases or targeting media messages to particular audience segments
Quantity	More	Less	Less
Action	Something should be done	This particular intervention should be implemented	How an intervention should be implemented

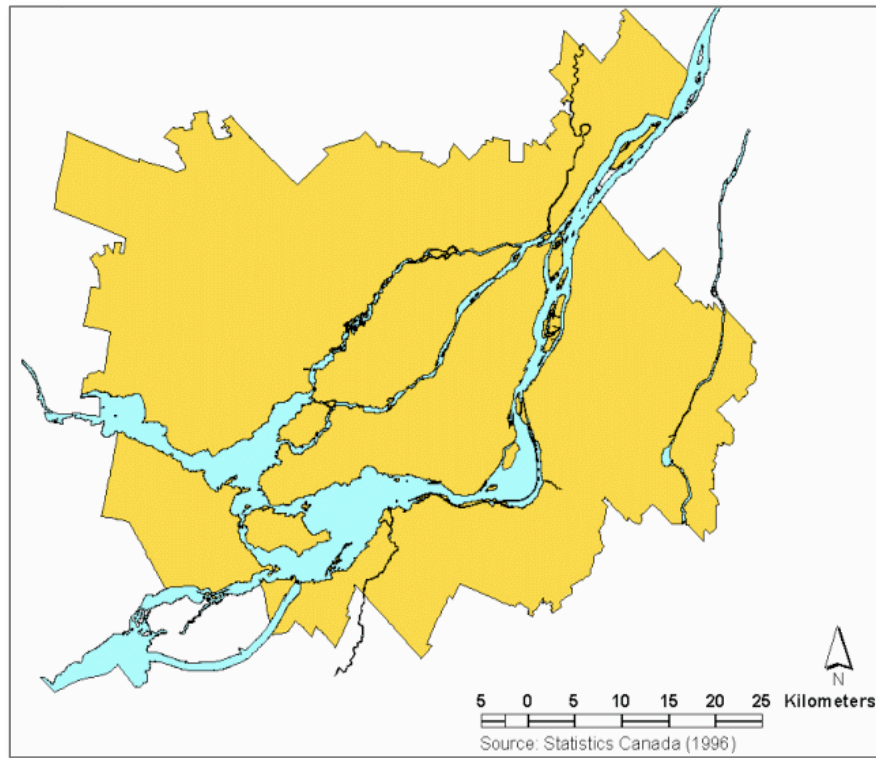
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PopHR Project Timeline

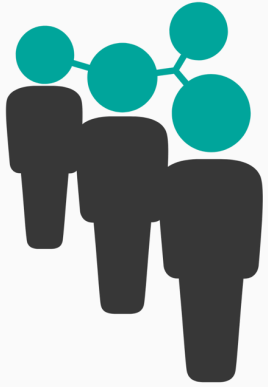


PopHR Development

4.1 million people (2016)



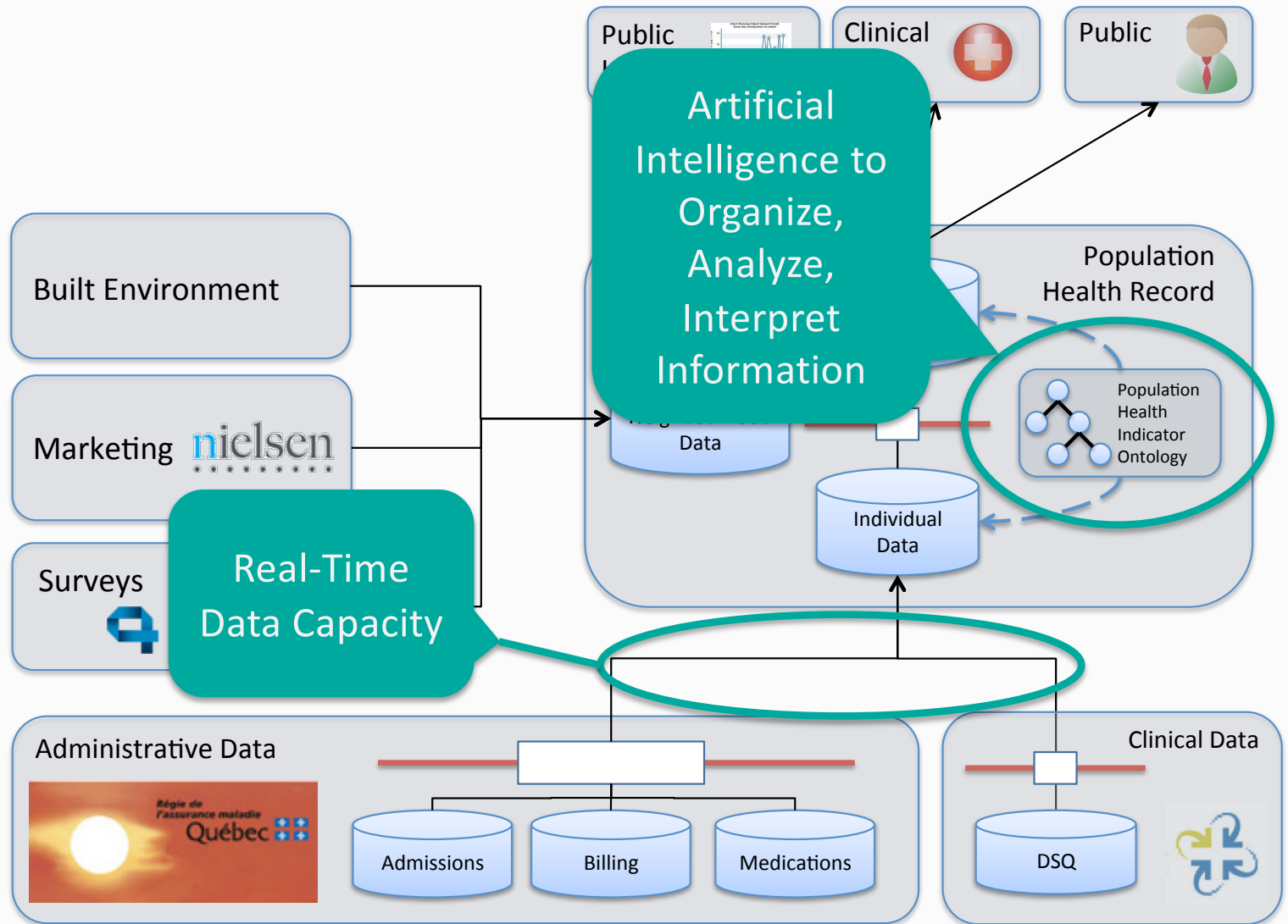
Data from 1998 to present
25% random sample
~ 1 million people



Dossier Santé Populationnel
POPHR
 Population Health Record

Shaban-Nejad, A., Lavigne, M., Okhmatovskaia, A., & Buckeridge, D. L. (2016). Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, 1387(1), 44-53.

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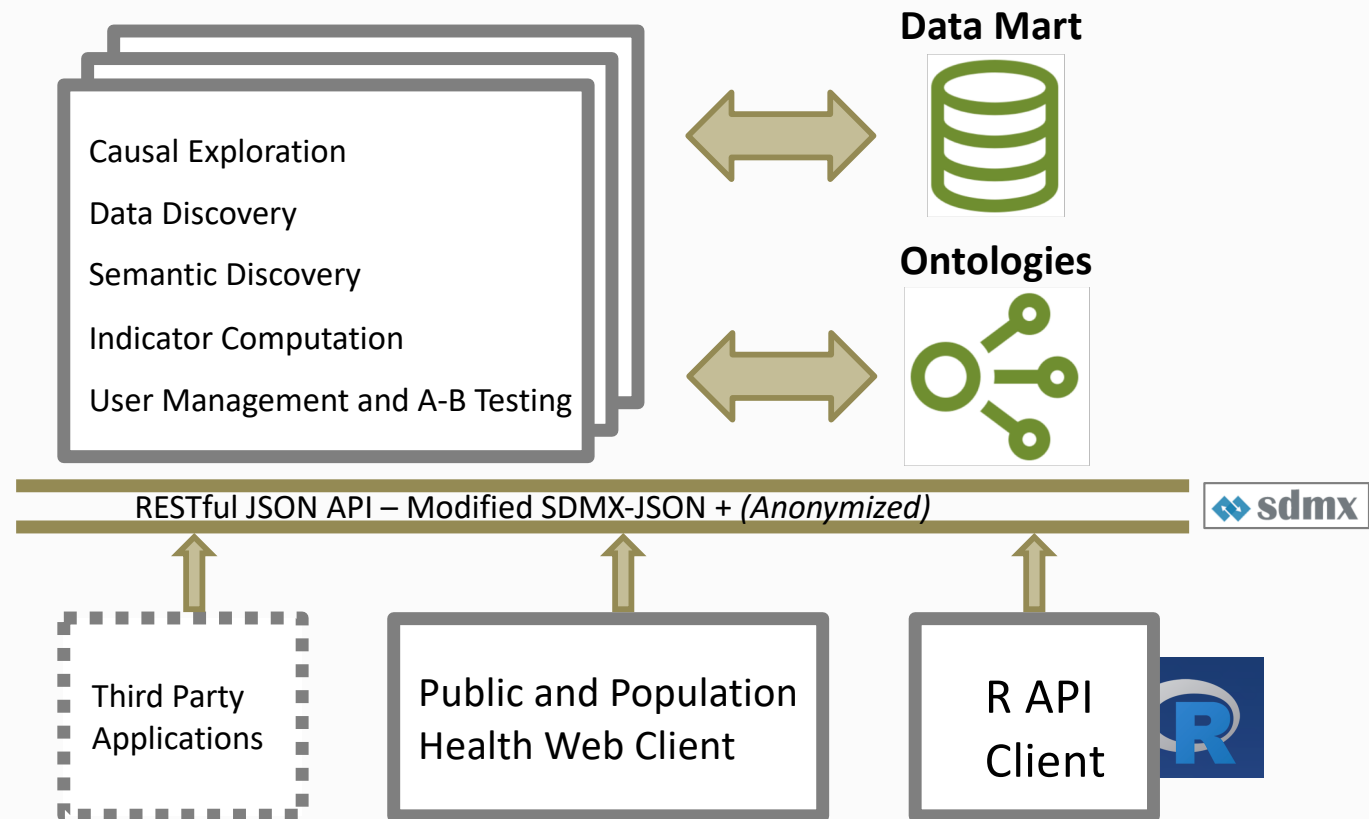


Knowledge-Based Architecture

Requests made to server via RESTful JSON API

Data packages returned in modified sdmx datacube format

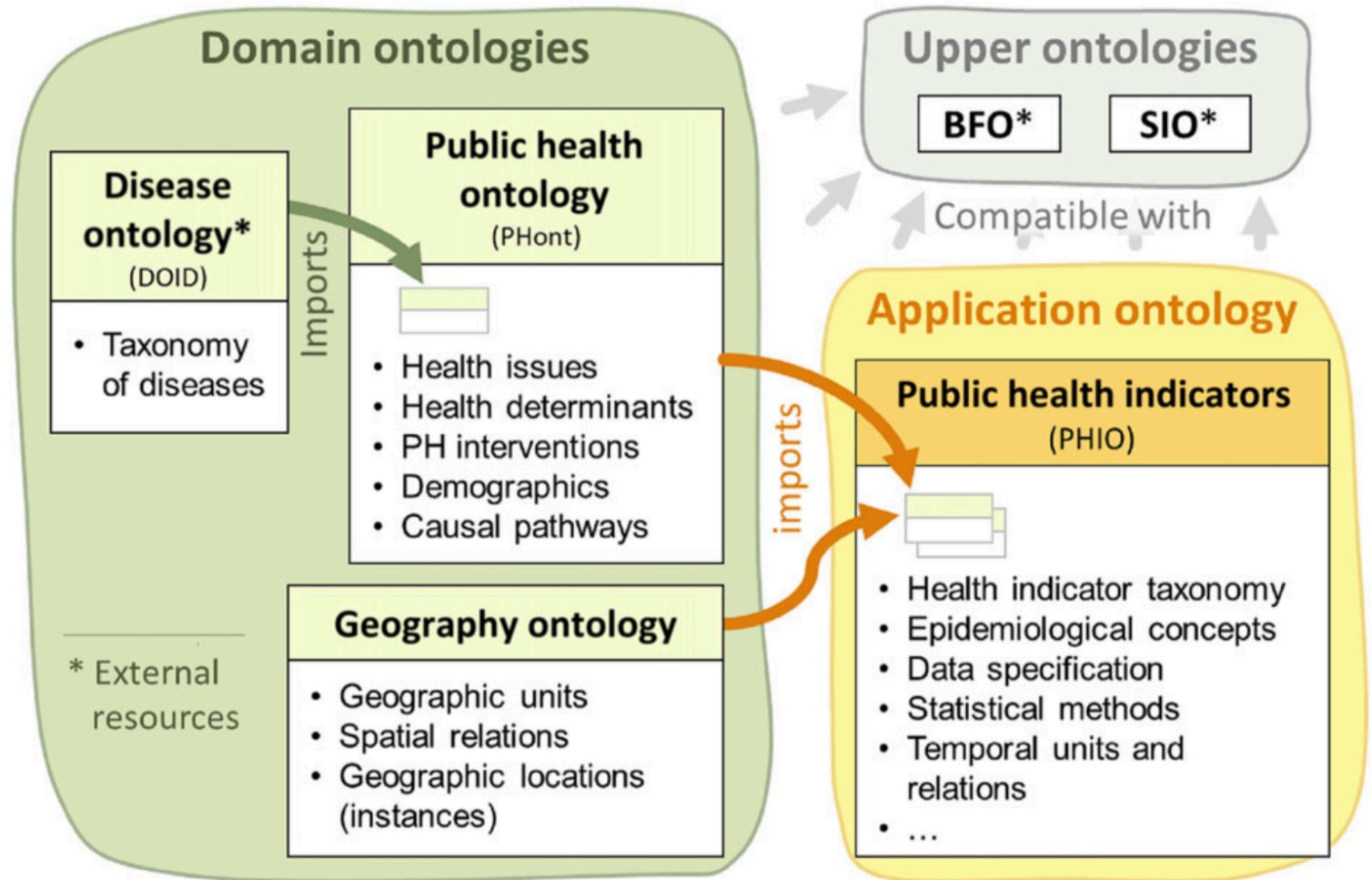
R package pophr allows requests within R session

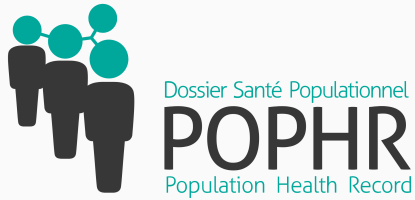




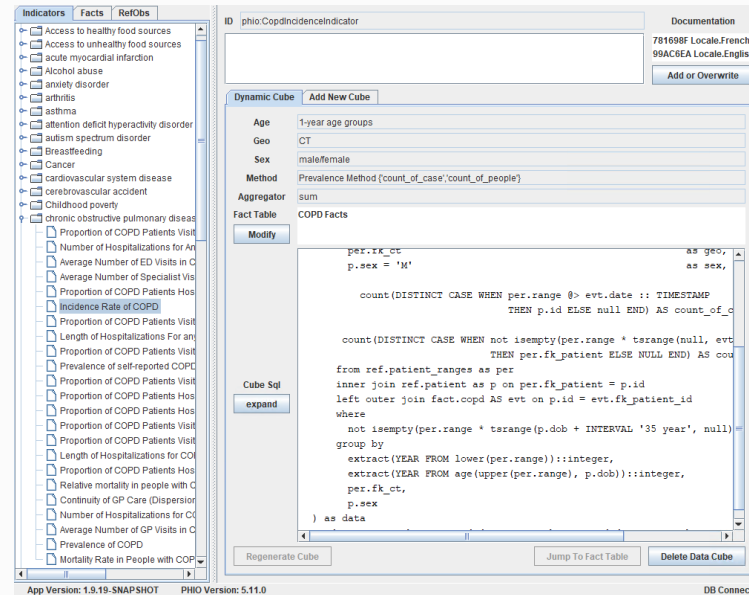
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Ontologies

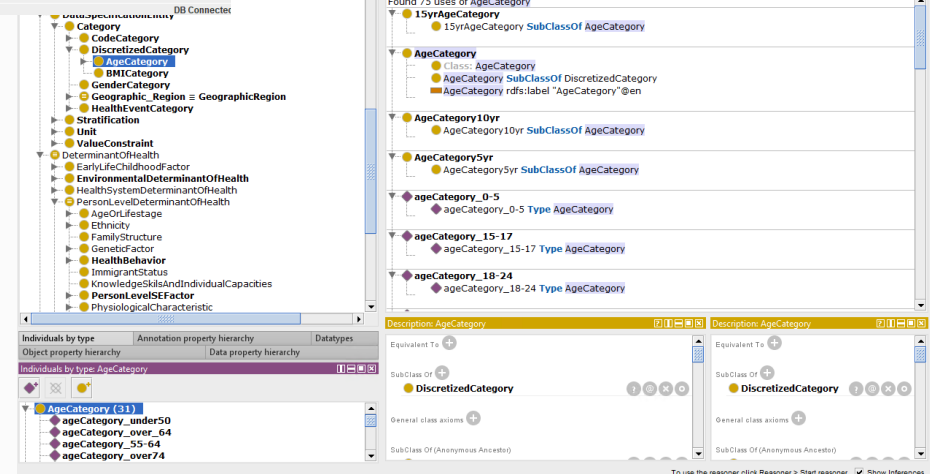


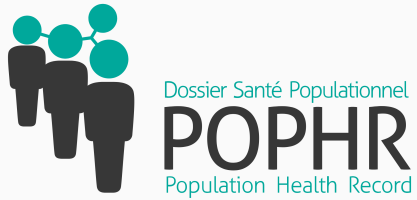


Loading and Annotating Data



Payload Specialist (PH Indicator & Case Loader)





Downloaded Dataset

Query Parameters

Stratification Dimensions
Filtering Dimensions
Standardization Dimensions
Missing Data Strategy
Indicator and Concept

Indicator Details

Associated PH Concept
Units (as stored) and (for visualization)
Provenance (work in progress)

Data Cube

-> Cube Specification

-> Column 1 | Dimension | Ref | Number | Codelist
-> Column 2 | Measure | Ref | Number
-> ...

-> Data

-> Row 1 | Array of values
-> Row 2 | Array of values
-> ...

Metadata in Ontology

Indicators

Type:

- several classification frameworks {CIHI, PHAC, ICD chapters}
- statistical {count, rate, etc.}

Properties:

- indicator of {disease, RF, etc.}
- burn-in period
- excluded age groups
- default age standardization groups
- unit, internal
- unit displayed
- highest geo resolution
- defined by {organization}
- data source {admin., survey, etc.}

Health issues & determinants

Type:

- established classifications of diseases, functioning issues, determinants of health, etc.
- property of individual, population, or environment (region)

Properties:

- has positive/negative effect on {health issue or determinant}

Unit

...

Organization

...

...

...

...

...

Uses of Metadata

Current (mainly internal)

- To inform data visualization
- To guide users in navigating with data
- To guide analysts in creating and maintaining public health indicators and case definitions
- To enable intelligent filtering and aggregation of dimension categories

Future (interoperability, transparency)

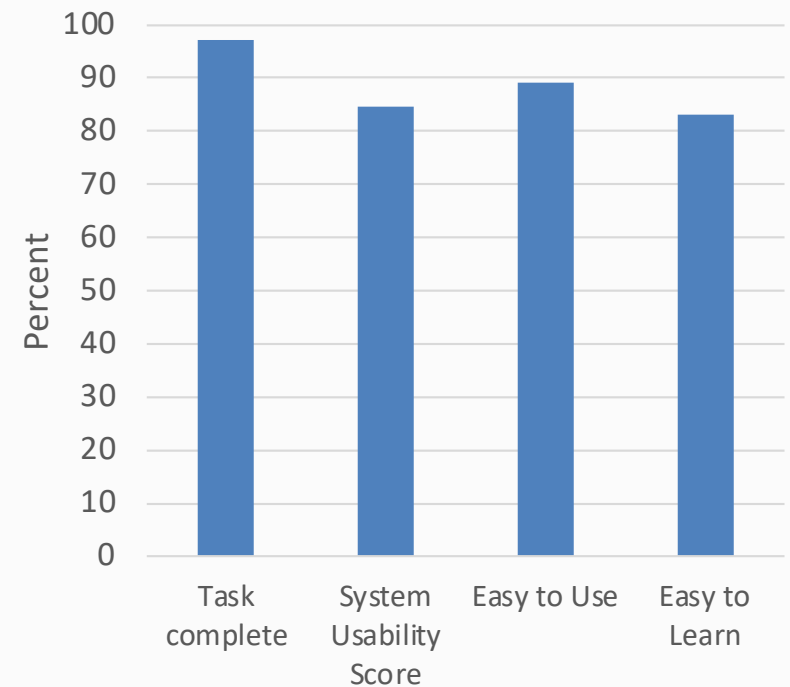
- Generation of methodology documents
- Shared annotation / aligned PH algorithms
- Extending causal annotations
- Adding supporting evidence
- References to know interventions
- Annotation of natural experiments

User Workshops

- Three interactive workshops using PopHR with 23 public health practitioners in Montreal and Quebec
- Obtained qualitative and quantitative feedback on application and suggestions for how to improve PopHR

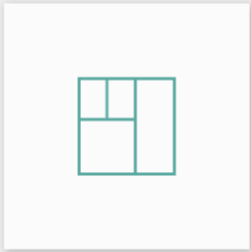
"L'avantage c'est que c'est très visuel, en terme de la chronologie par exemple, pour stratifier par sexe, tout est là."

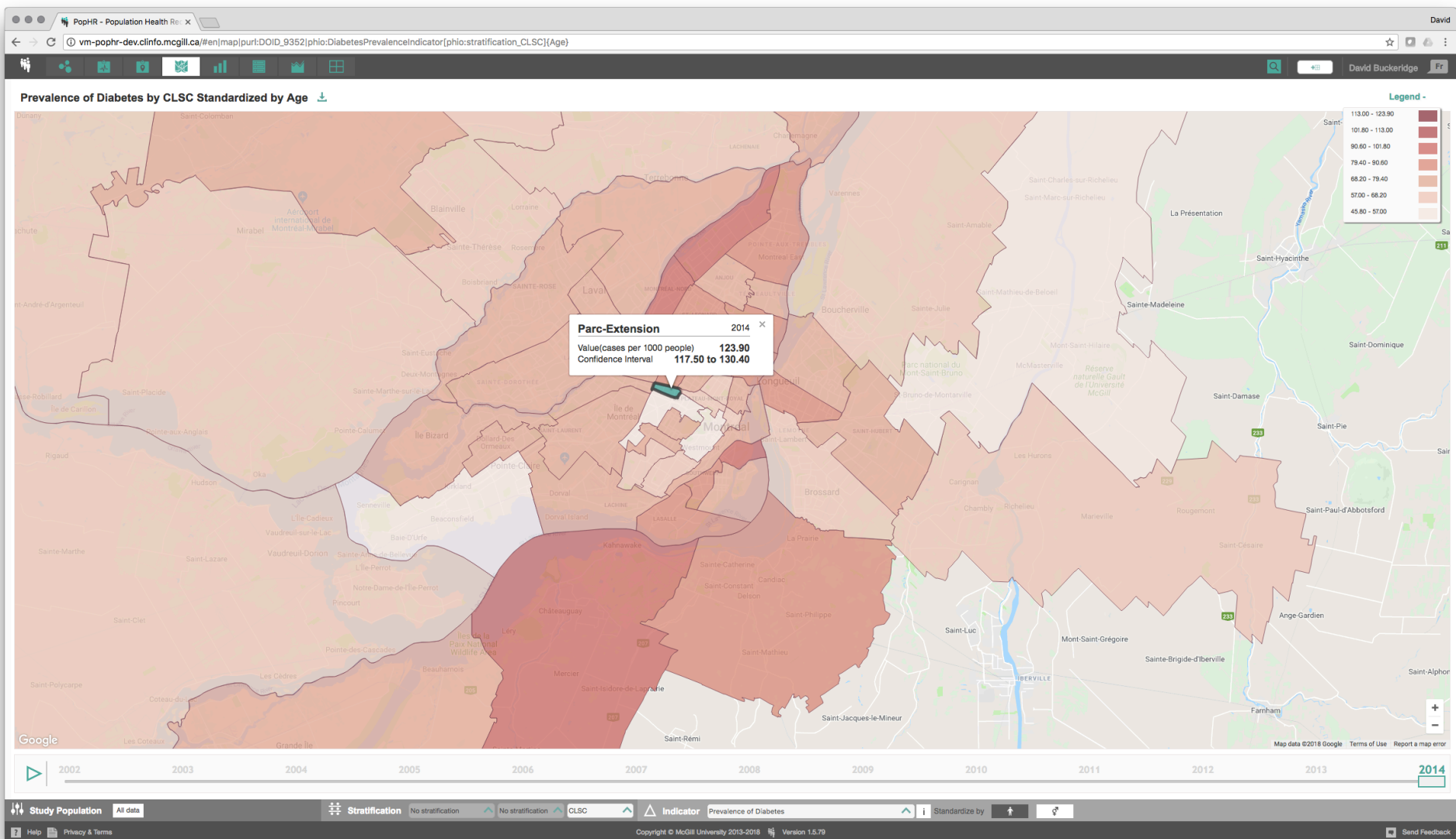
" C'est un avantage d'avoir les schémas qui présentent les facteurs de risqué, avec les indicateur et ses conséquences sur la santé, c'est une belle organisation. "

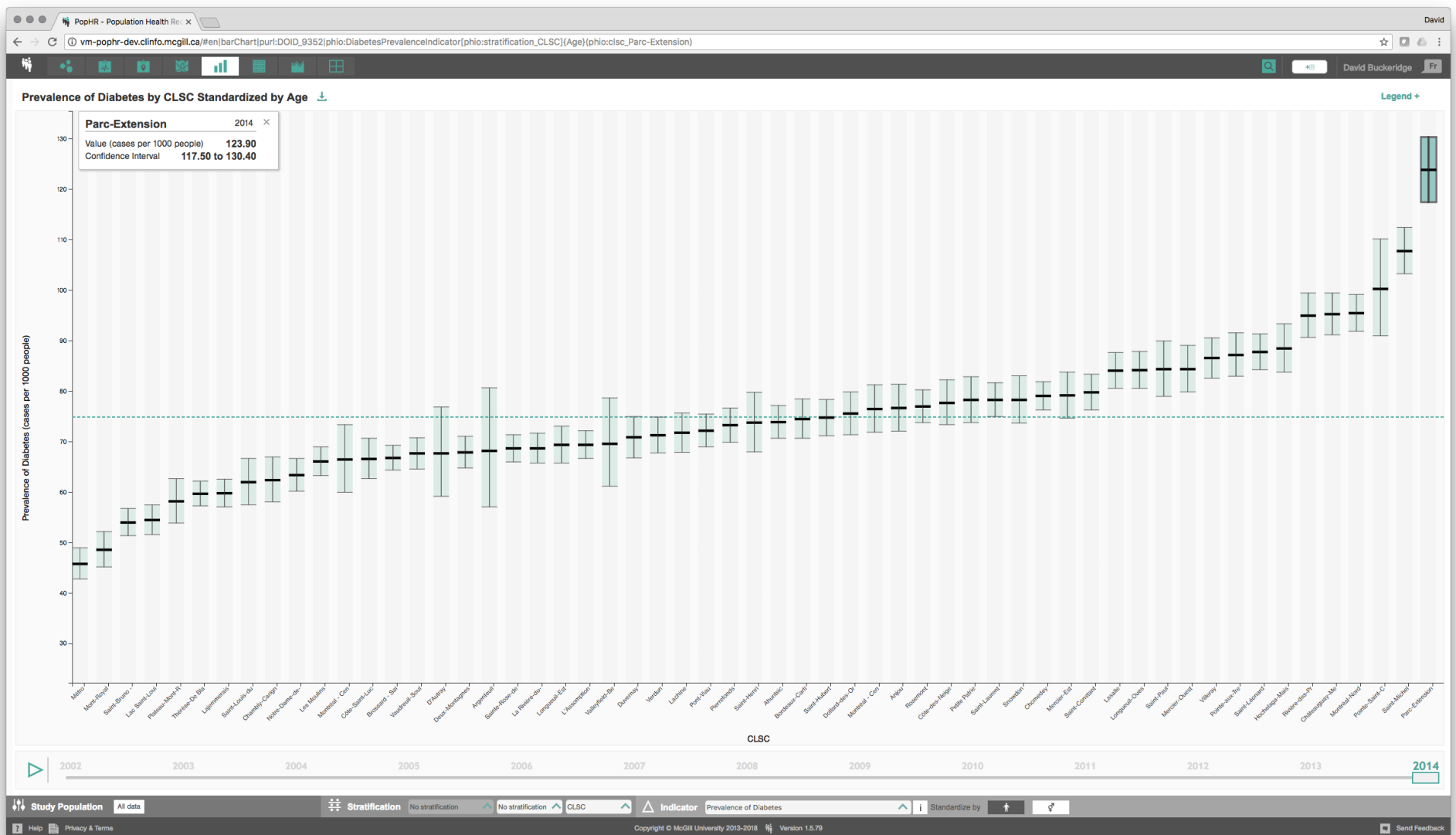




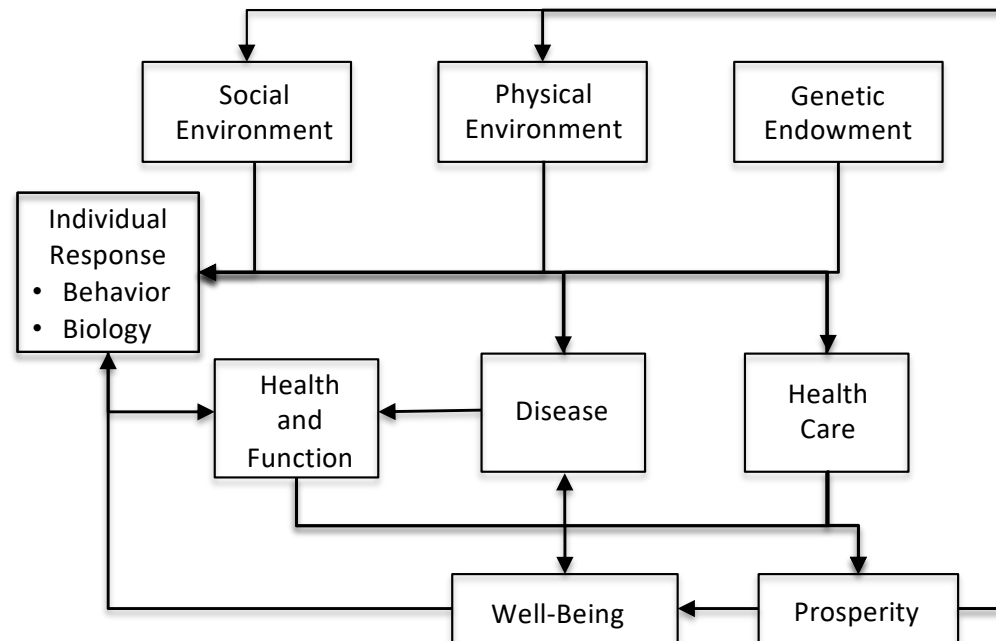
The Population Health Record brings together information and knowledge to help people understand and improve population health.



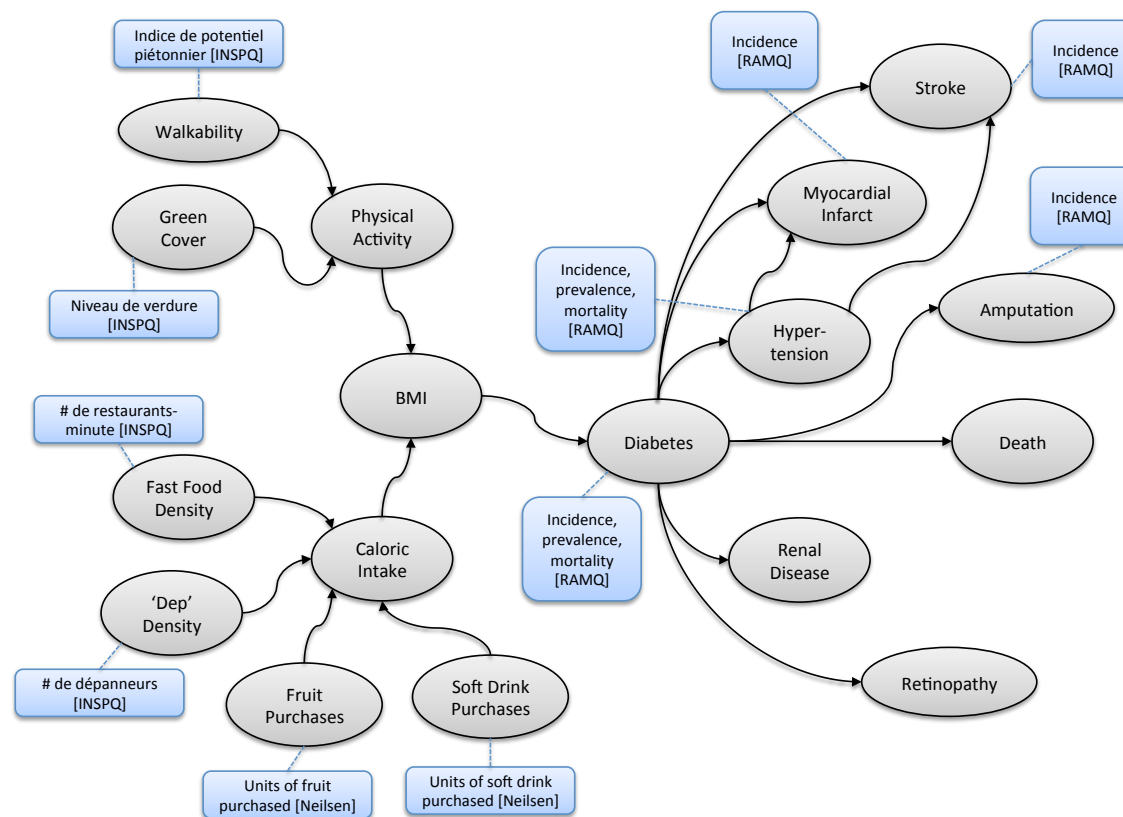




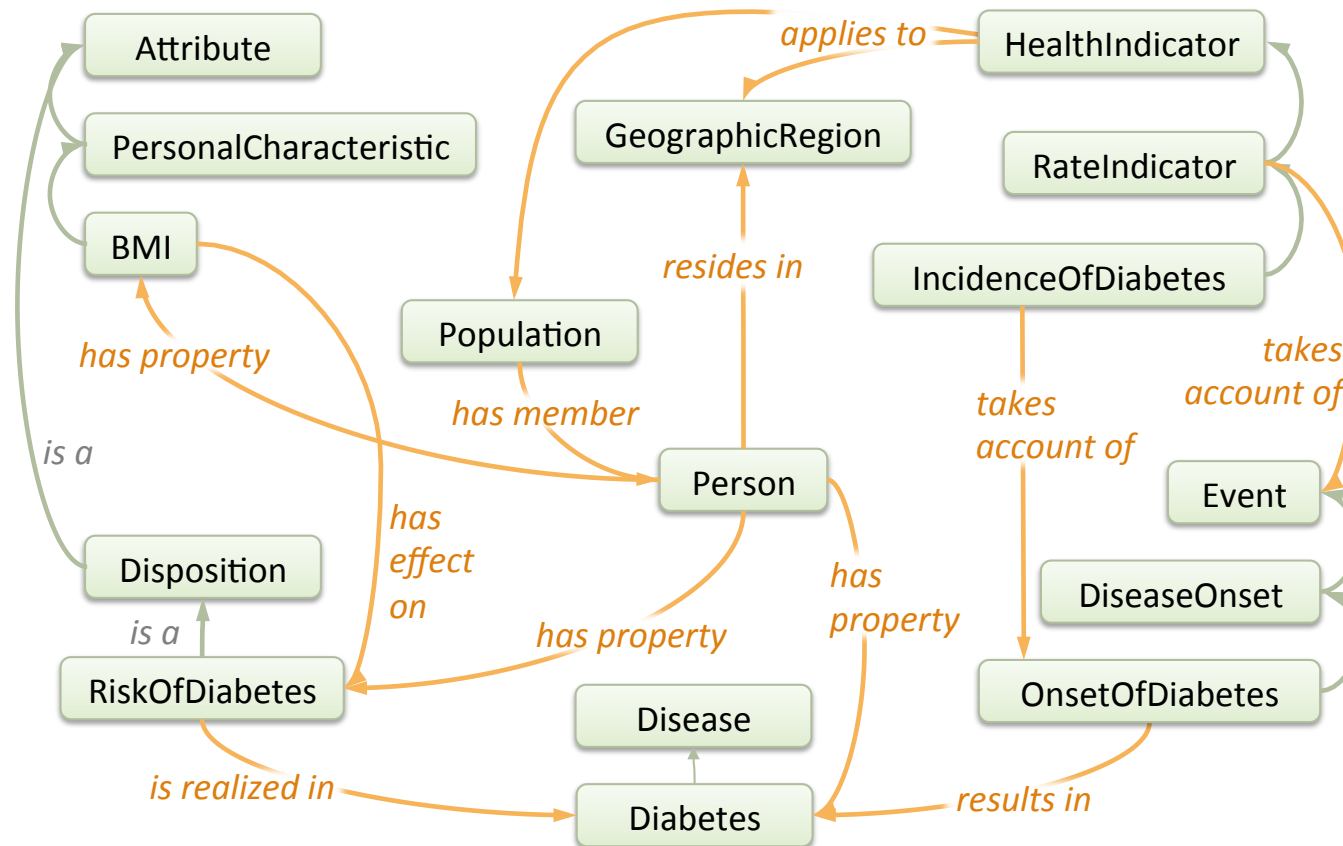
Template for Population Health



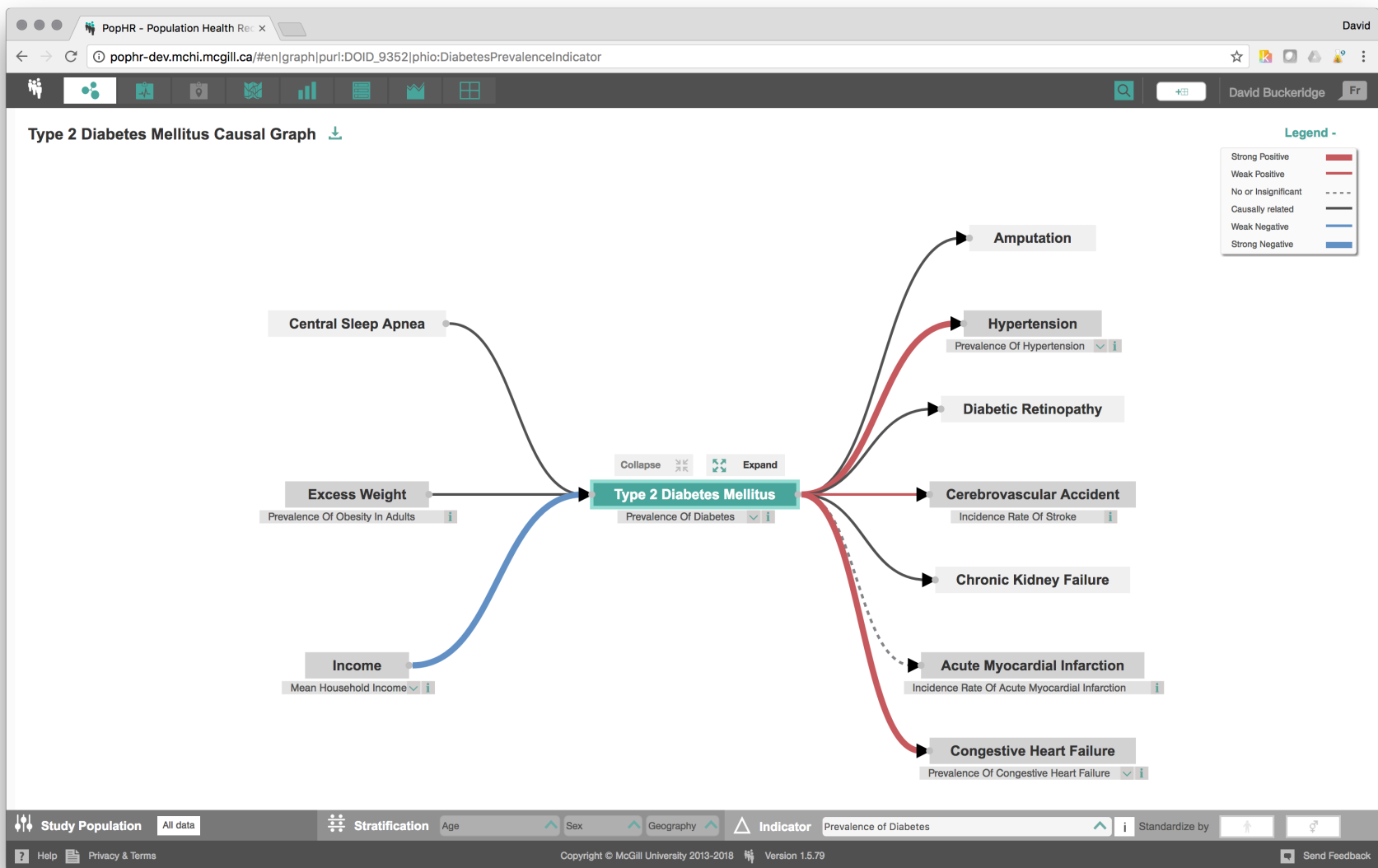
Informal Model

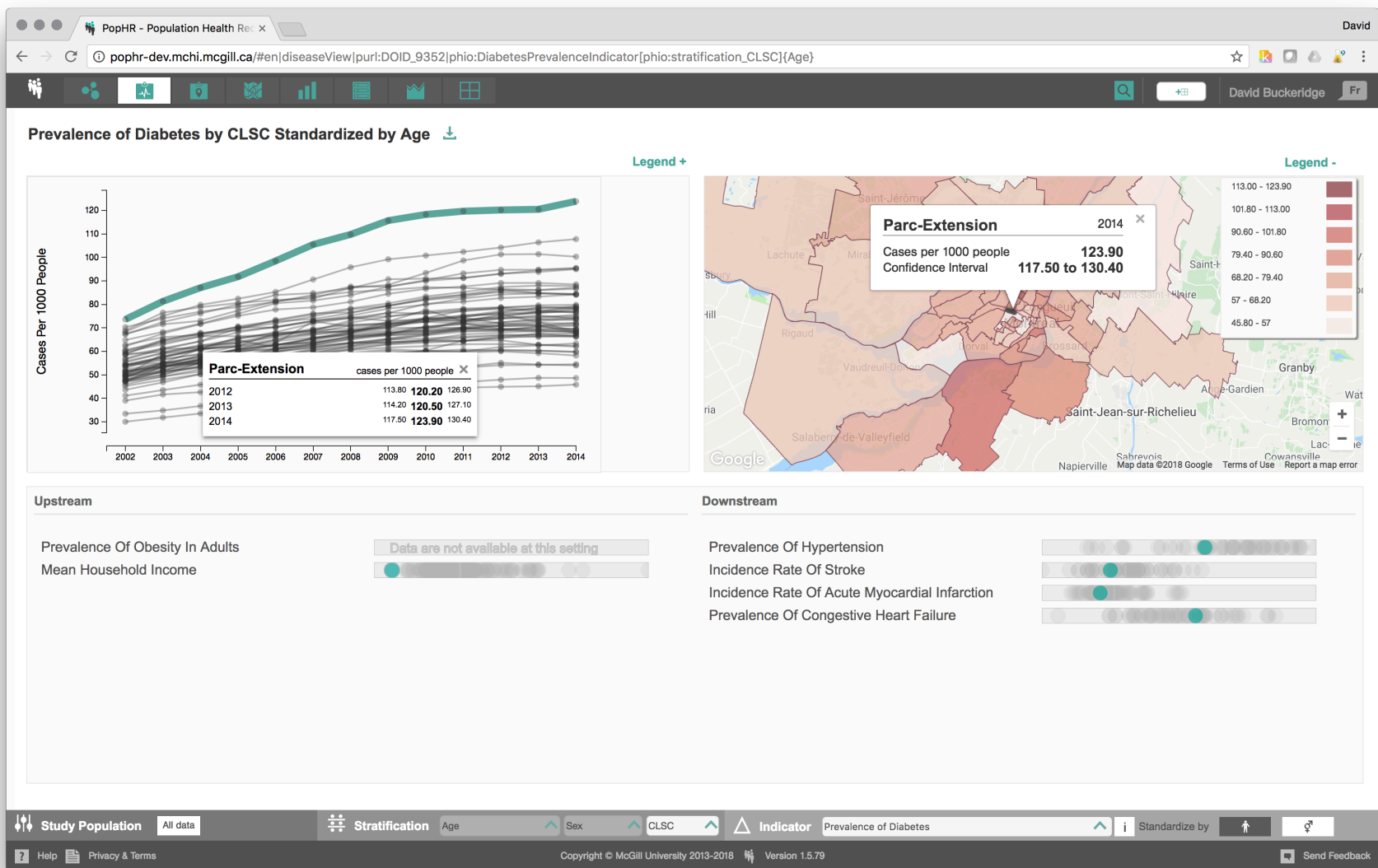


Formal Model



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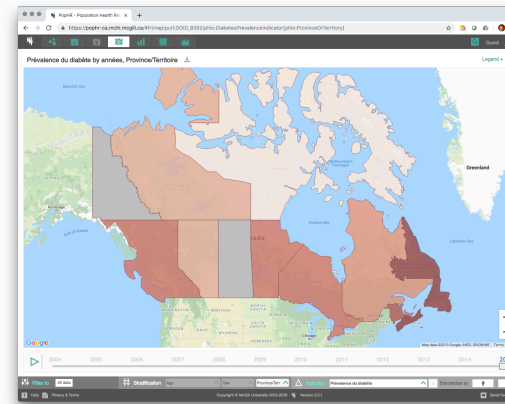
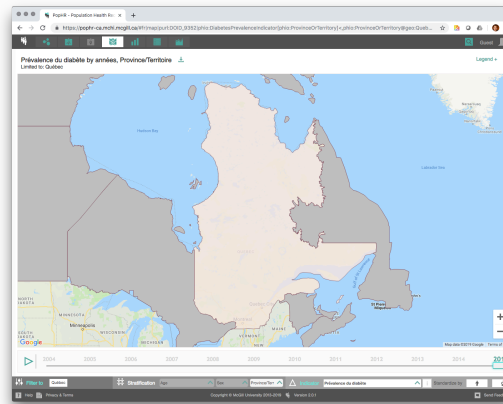




System Implementations

Quebec

- Outcomes computed from individual claims data
- High geographical resolution (Local health region)
- Adoption workshops in Fall 2019 in Montreal, Quebec with public health partners
- Roll-out to entire province in 2020



Canada

- All indicators pre-computed
- Low geographical resolution (Province, health area)
- Initial presentation to funding agency in Summer 2019
- Plans for extension to US indicators and interoperability project

Knowledge in PopHR System

Type 1
Causal relationships
between health
indicators

Type 2
Effectiveness of public
health interventions

Type 3
Adaptation and
translation of effective
interventions

**Interpret indicators
using existing
knowledge**

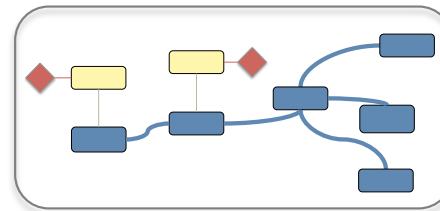
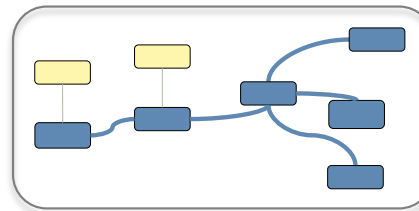
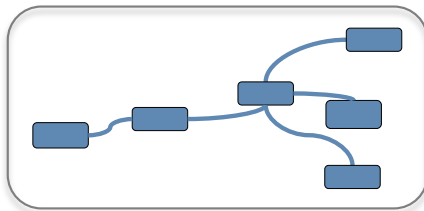
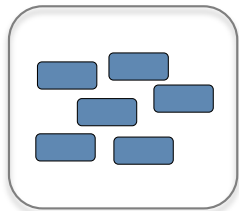
**Identify interventions
suited to a population**

**Document
implemented
interventions**

**EBPH
Types of
Evidence**

**PopHR
Function**

Display



Precision Public Health

“Stratify populations to improve prioritization of health status and selection of interventions.”

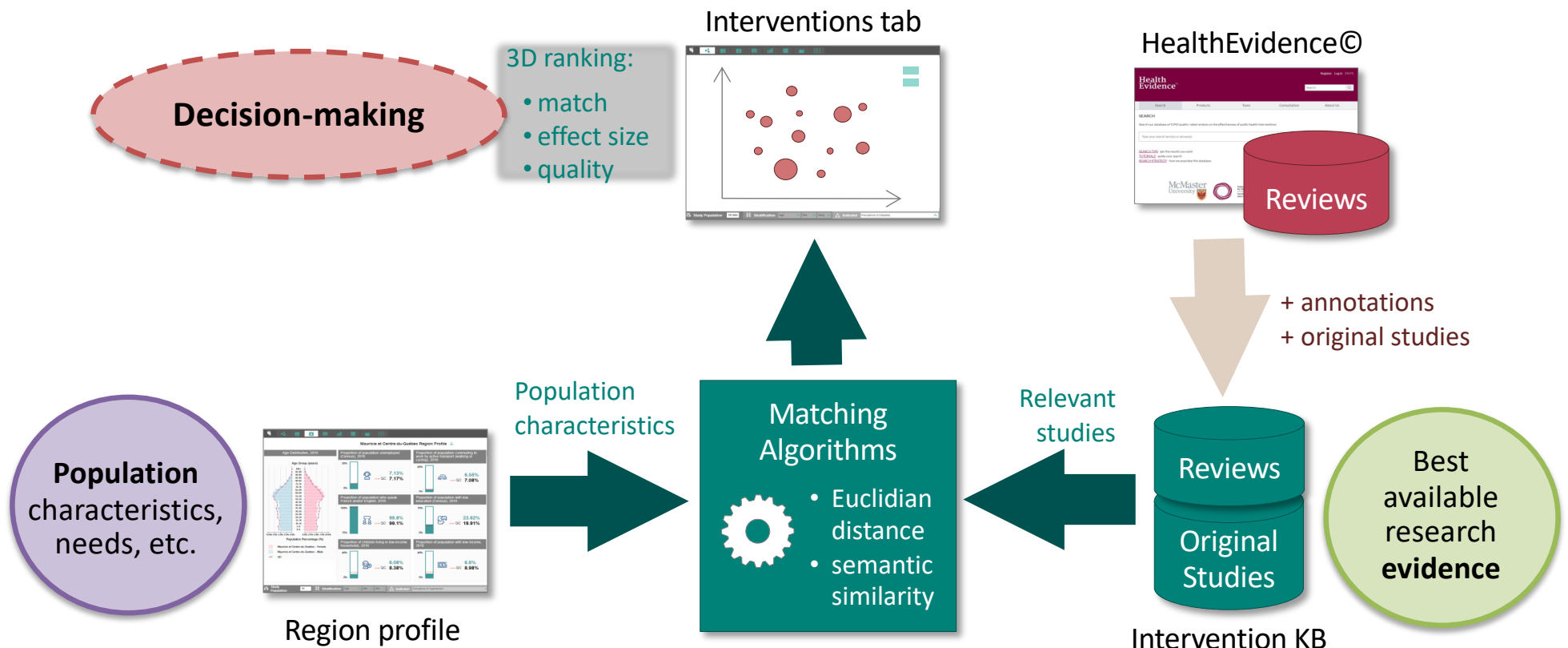
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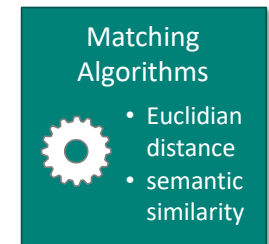
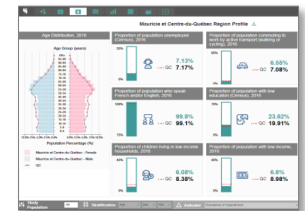
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Four steps to precision public health
Scott F. Dowell, David Blazes & Susan Desmond-Hellmann

Precision Public Health: Using AI to Match Interventions to Populations



Inputs to Precision Public Health

- Information about defined population
 - Indicators often created from big (e.g., grocery retailing, remote sensing) or large (e.g., administrative claims) data
 - Many indicators may be needed to classify the population
- Evidence about possible interventions
 - Currently extracted mainly manually, but automation (i.e., NLP) necessary to scale efficiently
- Mechanism to determine ‘match’ or even estimate effect of intervention
 - Ontology defined criteria for classification
 - Matching can be semantic (logical similarity) or quantitative



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Challenges, Opportunities for Intelligent Systems in Health

1. Management of 'Knowledge'

– Probabilistic approaches

- model and parameters
- (re) training, transferring, equity

– Logical approaches

- ontologies
- scope, reuse, alignment, extension and maintenance

Challenges, Opportunities for Intelligent Systems in Health

2. Mixing Probabilistic and Logical Approaches

– Clinical setting

- A logical framework to prioritize, integrate multiple alerts
- Maintenance and provenance of predictive models

– Population health setting

- Causal knowledge as a prior for statistical learning
- Prioritization, evaluation of ‘natural experiments’

Challenges, Opportunities for Intelligent Systems in Health

3. Evaluation in Real-world Settings

– Clinical settings

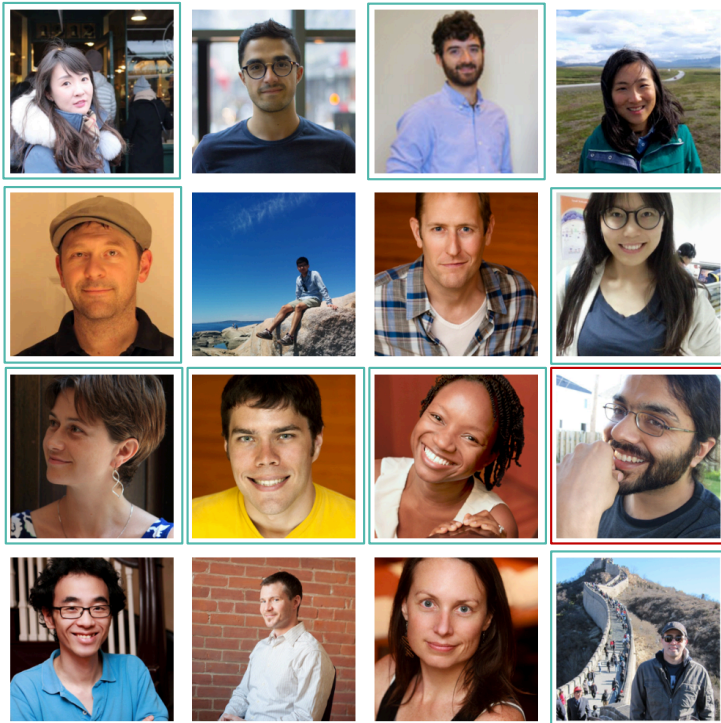
- Challenges: to insert into clinical workflow, to work with commercial software vendors
- Opportunities: interest in 'precision medicine' has heightened awareness of potential, accuracy of predictions improving

– Population health settings

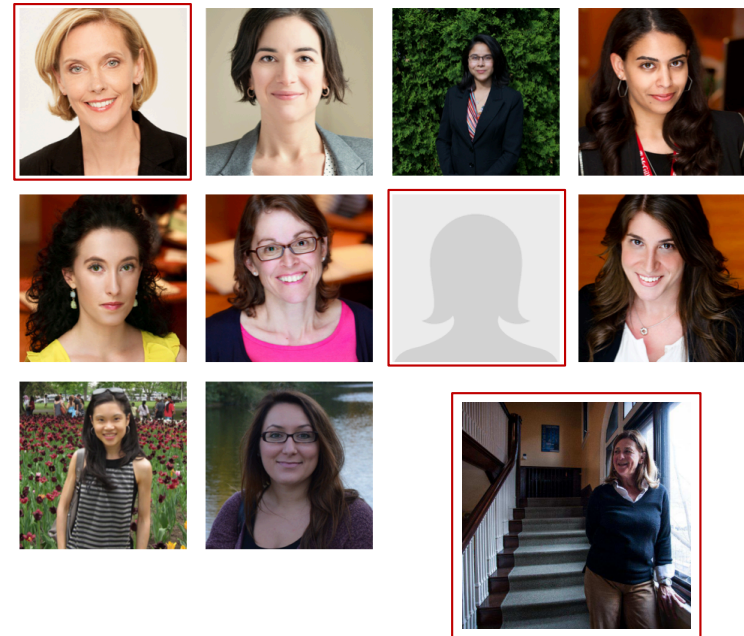
- Challenges: research with resource-constrained partners, limited foundational infrastructure
- Opportunities: interest in 'learning health systems', growing desire for 'open' data at population level

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Clinical Decision Support Lab



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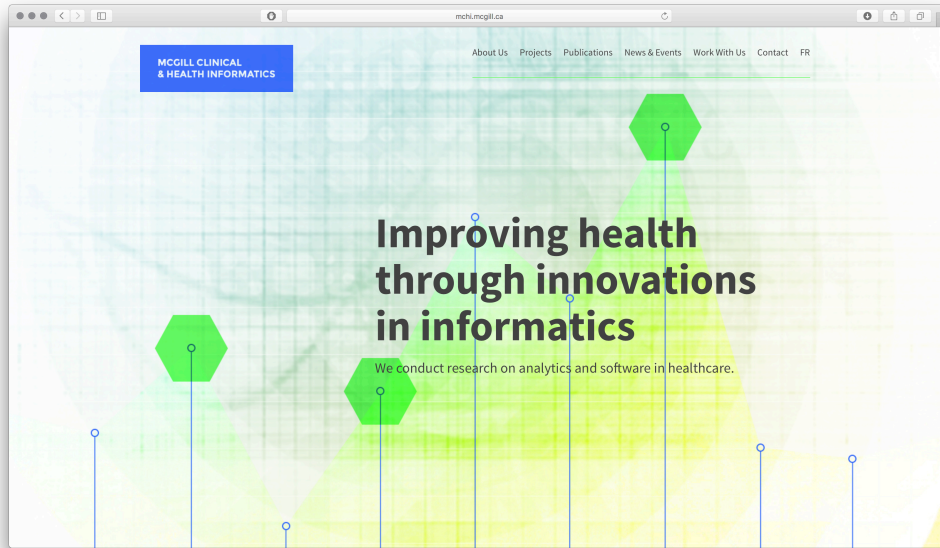
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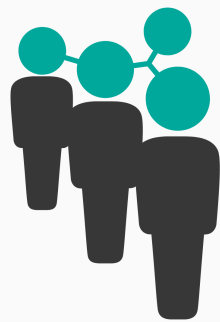
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