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CTSA Site Data Scorecards



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Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery

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N3C Scorecards Overview

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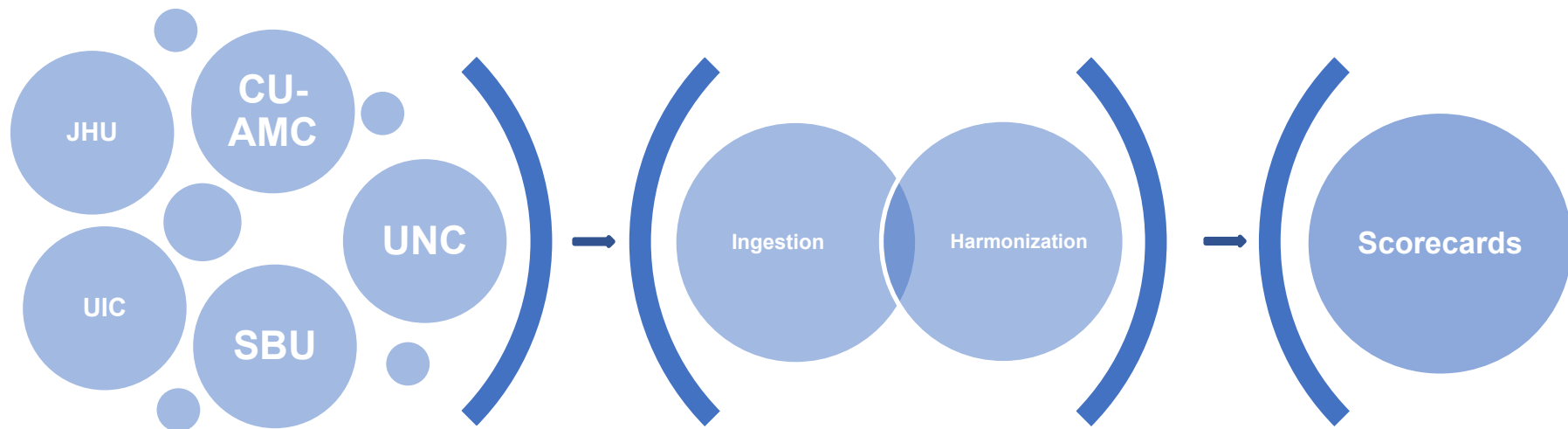
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N3C Scorecard Team



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N3C Workflow



 **18,151,603**
TOTAL N3C PATIENTS

 **7,006,103**
CONFIRMED COVID-19 (+)

 **196,564**
POSSIBLE COVID-19 (+)

 **77**
SITES

 **22.9b**
TOTAL ROWS



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N3C Scorecards Goals

We hope to...

Inform data partners about their data quality
(highlight good & areas for improvement)

Stop data quality regression & maintain data
quality across subsequent payloads

Provide perspective; benchmark set by
comparing to other sites



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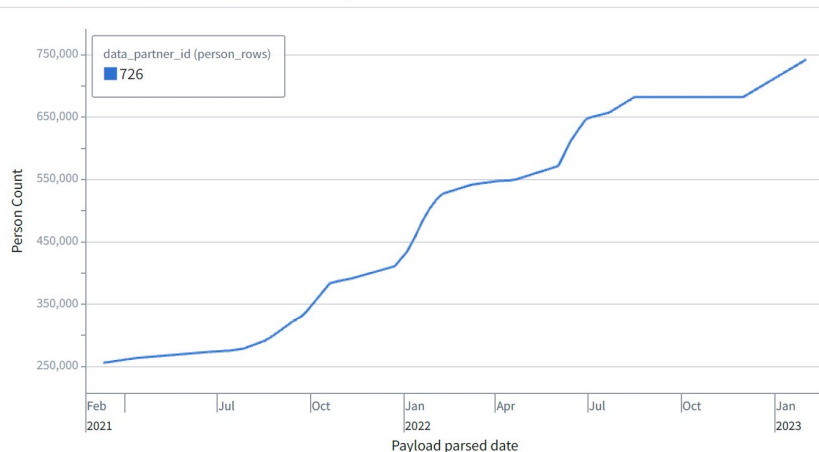


Overview



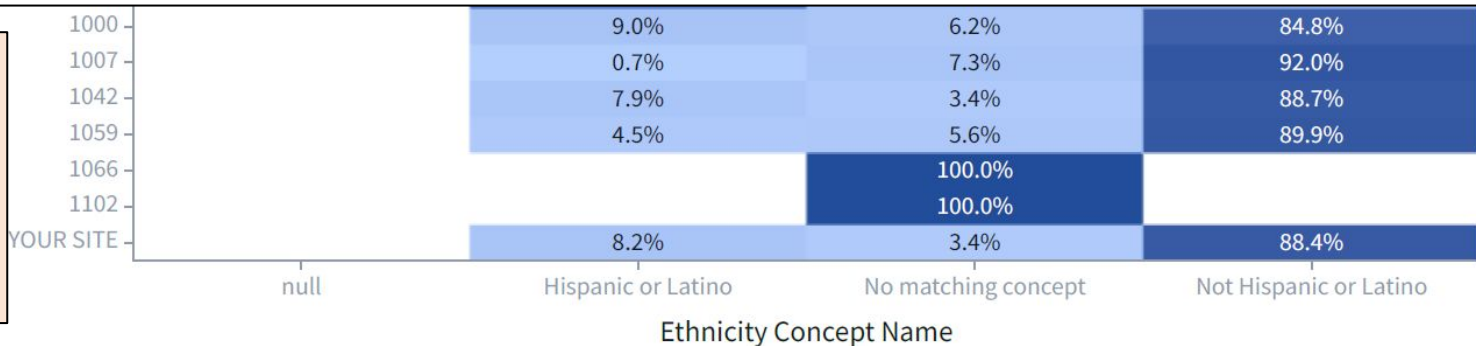
Demographics

This is the change in unique patient counts across all payloads your site has submitted so far.



Sites can ensure the trajectory of their COVID population increase looks reasonable (and catch where it is not).

Sites can compare their demographic categories and proportions with peers, and note areas for improvement.



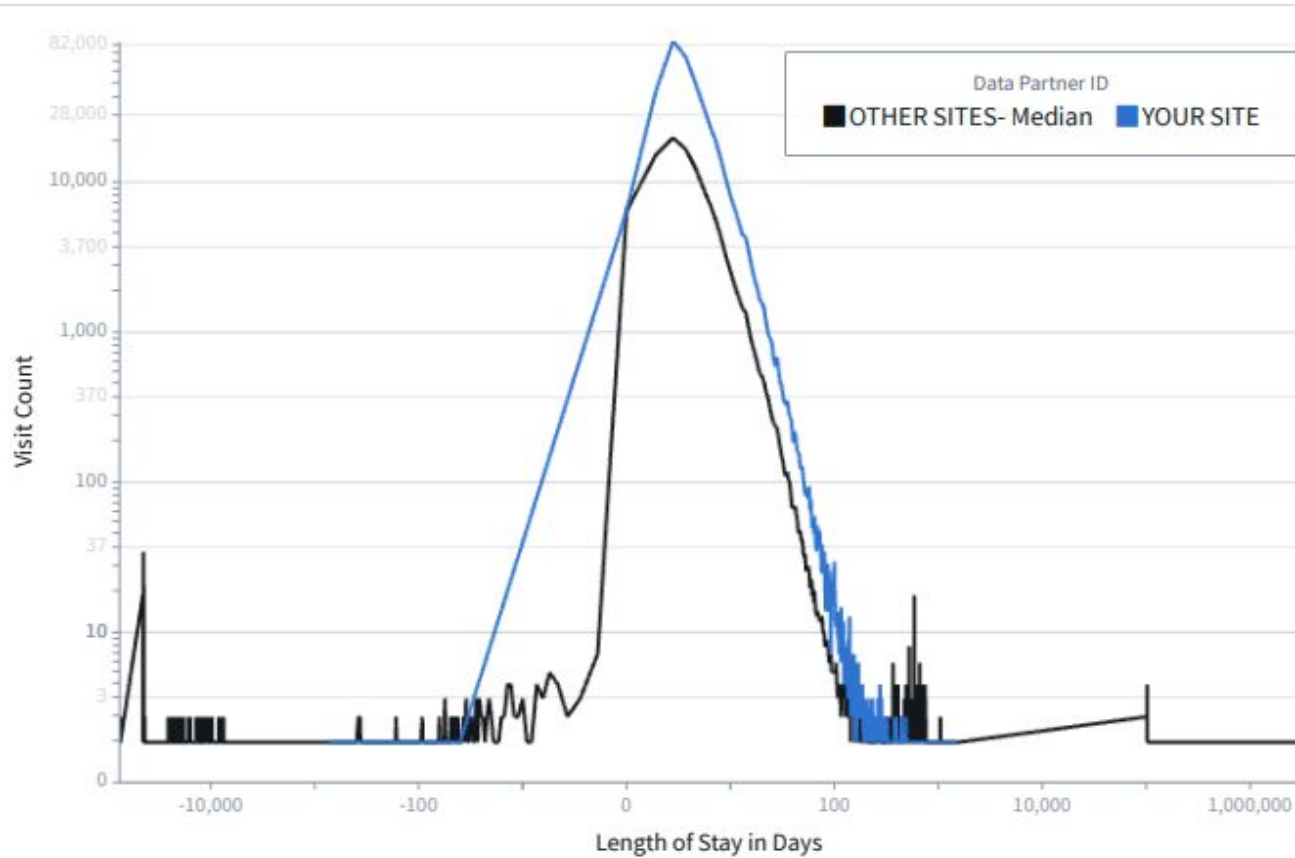


COVID-19 Metrics

Data_Partner_ID	YOUR SITE	OTHER SITES
Covid Result ID and Name	Percent	Percent
45878583 - Negative	86.91%	82.95%
45884084 - Positive	12.07%	11.88%
0 - No matching concept	0.63%	3.56%
45884092 - Nonreactive	0.38%	0.00%
	0.00%	1.79%
45877990 - Inconclusive	0.00%	0.03%
46237613 - Invalid	0.00%	0.00%
1177297 - Pending		0.16%
4172703 - =		0.00%
37045640 - Comment		0.00%
45878745 - Abnormal		0.03%
45880649 - Undetermined		0.02%
45884087 - Equivocal		0.04%
45884153 - Normal		0.53%



Visits





Measurements/ Labs

Unit Inference and Harmonization:

Rows of patient data that are missing measurement units, as well as rows of data that contain invalid units of measure for a lab, undergo unit inference. Unit harmonization is then performed on the inferred and known units, in order to ensure a common measurement unit for analysis per lab. The unit inference and harmonization pipeline looks at 53 measured concept categories (quantitative labs/vitals).

Percent null units: % of records that had null units. **28.99%**

Percent invalid units: % of records that had invalid units (e.g. Kelvin instead of thousand). **0.00%**

Percent known units but unharmonized: % of records with known units yet majority of values remain unharmonized for measurement concept. **5.98%**

Percent inferred units: % of null/invalid units that could be inferred. **98.60%**

Percent harmonized: % of records that received a harmonized value from our pipeline. **93.79%**

Our aim is to obtain as close to 100% inferred and harmonized values as possible, and while having to infer units is not ideal, the higher the percentage of inferred units compared to percent records with missing units indicates more value from our unit inference pipeline. In cases where units are present but the majority of values could not be harmonized across a measurement concept, this could be due to the following reasons:

1. units are provided by the site and valid for the lab, but the value distribution indicates that it's the wrong unit
2. extreme values
3. no conversion in our conversions dictionary

In order to help sites locally leverage the centralized information on measurement units from N3C, we provide the following code to infer and harmonize measurement units from the OMOP measurement tables:

UHI-tool-for-sites: https://github.com/National-COVID-Cohort-Collaborative/Data-Ingestion-and-Harmonization/tree/master/pipeline_logic/v2/unit-harmonization-and-inference/UHI-tool-for-sites

For help adapting this code to your site, please contact the N3C Helpdesk (<https://covid.cd2h.org/support>) or Kate Bradwell (kbradwell@palantir.com).

During ingestion, N3C uses machine learning to “rescue” units of measure that are invalid or null (e.g., body weight measured in mmHg).

We aim to provide this rescued data back to sites if they wish to have it, and would welcome discussions from interested sites.





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PI Scorecard Preview



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PI Scorecard v1.0

	data_partner_id String	cdm_name String	run_date Date	date_of_most_N3C_data_submission Date	payload_count... Long	analyst_contact_email String
1	[REDACTED]	PCORNET	2023-01-31	2023-02-01	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Here is your site's data quality report on your most recent payload (above) that built successfully. If it looks identical to the previous scorecard, then your site has either not submitted a new payload, or there was an issue with the build. If your build did not complete successfully, your site's CDM buddy will contact your analyst separately via email with the failure reasons. The executive summary below compares your site to all 77 sites as well as the sites within your CDM group.

Executive Summary

Displaying 16 rows

Category	Concept	Site Percent & N	PCORNETmeanpct	PCORNETMedianIQR	AllSitesMedianIQR	RankWithinAllSites
Birth Year Quality	Valid	[REDACTED]	99.9%	100.0% (100.0-100.0%)	100.0% (100.0-100.0%)	4th Quartile
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	[REDACTED]	16.9%	8.5% (6.2-14.6%)	10.4% (5.3-20.9%)	2nd Quartile
Ethnicity	Missing/Unknown	[REDACTED]	5.7%	4.9% (2.5-7.9%)	5.5% (2.8-11.5%)	2nd Quartile
Ethnicity	Not Hispanic or Latino	[REDACTED]	77.0%	85.3% (75.3-89.1%)	81.8% (67.8-88.2%)	4th Quartile
Gender	Female	[REDACTED]	56.4%	56.9% (55.1-57.7%)	55.8% (54.2-57.4%)	4th Quartile
Gender	Male	[REDACTED]	43.6%	43.1% (42.3-45.0%)	44.2% (42.6-45.8%)	1st Quartile
Gender	Other/Missing/Unknown	[REDACTED]	0.0%	0.0% (0.0-0.0%)	0.0% (0.0-0.1%)	3rd Quartile
Rurality	Missing	[REDACTED]	15.3%	0.6% (0.3-4.5%)	1.1% (0.3-11.5%)	3rd Quartile
Rurality	Rural	[REDACTED]	9.5%	7.2% (3.3-15.8%)	4.2% (0.8-14.0%)	4th Quartile
Rurality	Urban	[REDACTED]	86.1%	89.1% (81.5-96.4%)	86.4% (75.6-96.4%)	1st Quartile
Total	Persons	[REDACTED]	-	-	-	-
Total	Visits	[REDACTED]	-	-	-	-
Visit Type	ED	[REDACTED]	3.8%	2.8% (2.0-5.1%)	2.8% (1.9-5.3%)	1st Quartile
Visit Type	Inpatient	[REDACTED]	3.1%	1.6% (1.1-2.9%)	1.9% (1.2-3.2%)	1st Quartile
Visit Type	No matching concept	[REDACTED]	16.2%	8.3% (3.3-23.8%)	8.4% (2.9-30.7%)	4th Quartile
Visit Type	Outpatient/Ambulatory	[REDACTED]	77.3%	85.5% (66.4-90.2%)	83.9% (65.0-92.6%)	1st Quartile



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What else would you like to see on your scorecard?

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What is interesting, useful, or actionable at your site?

- How demographically representative is your site, compared with your region, your state, or the nation?
- N3C enclave user statistics—who's using the enclave, and what contributions have been made by your site?
- What social determinants data is being collected by your site, and in what volumes?
- Other ideas?

Let's discuss!



Takeaways

- There has never been more of an opportunity for CTSAs to exist as a harmonized data network.
 - ***Why harmonize?*** With harmonized data, multi-site data-driven research is more feasible, more reproducible, and higher quality.
- Scorecards allow hubs to see where they stand against their peers in an informative, low-pressure exercise.
- Leveraging centralized data quality processes like scorecards means less DQ work at each site and shared decision-making about improvements



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Launching the National “Clinical” Cohort Collaborative (N3C)



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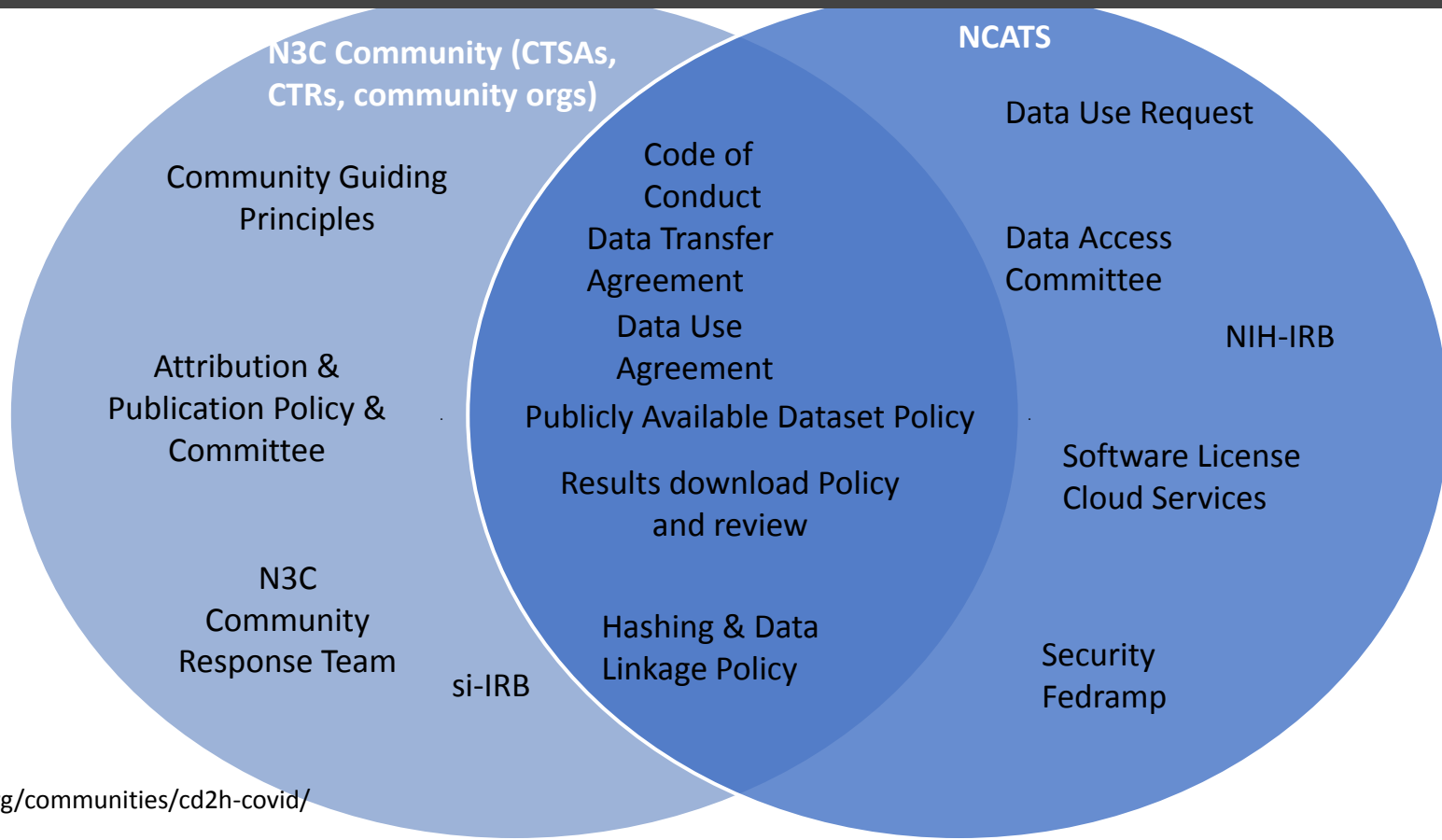
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Historical N3C Shared Governance



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N3C won grand prize in the Dataworks! Competition!

Democratizing access to sensitive clinical data

106
TEAMS



537
PEOPLE



Disciplines represented:

- biochemistry
- clinical research
- genomics
- immunology
- molecular biology
- neuroscience

26+
COUNTRIES

<https://datascience.nih.gov/director/directors-blog-dataworks-winners-2023>

Diverse impact of N3C collaborative analytics



RESULTED IN
SIGNIFICANT
SCHOLARLY
PRODUCTIVITY



ATTRIBUTED AT
SCALE AND
INCENTIVIZED
COLLABORATION



TRANSFORMED
CARE
GUIDELINES



DEVELOPED
EVIDENCE-
BASED
DISEASE
DEFINITIONS



DEVELOPED
COMPLEX RISK
PREDICTION
MODELS

How can we bring these successes to bear on all the other disease areas of interest to the CTSA program?

Impact: Across the program, >1900 citations, H index of 24



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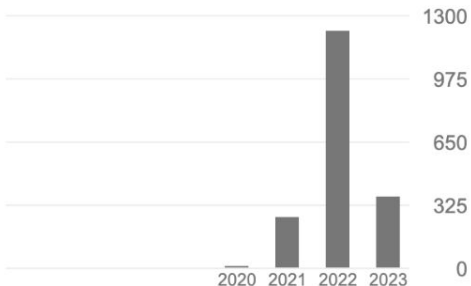
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How do you measure Success



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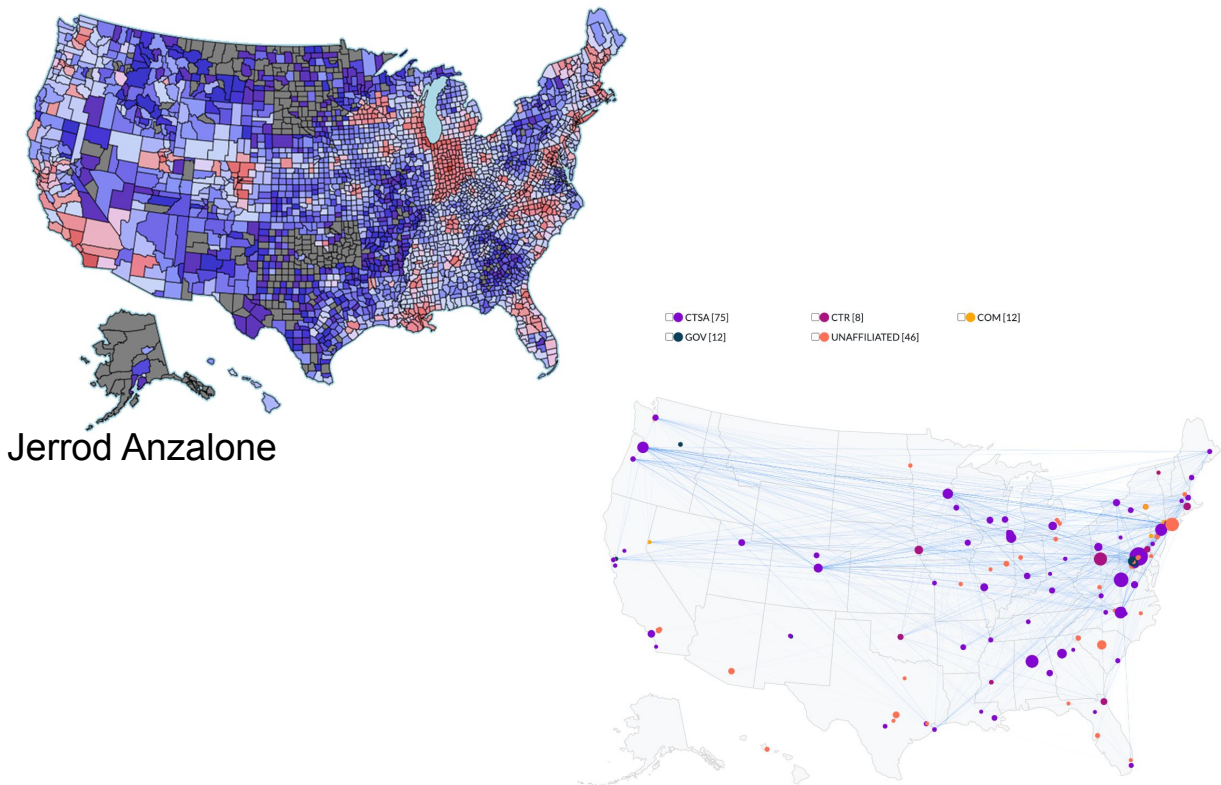
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N3C has harmonized EHR data from >2800 counties from all fifty states



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All CTSAs are using N3C data

Data from 56 CTSA's is available, 26 CTSA/affiliated sites are pending/submitted

>230 individual organizations have submitted data

84 CTSA hubs/affiliates have active users, even those that did not submit data

<= 75 CTSA orgs are collaborating on projects

Addressing Bias



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- N3C is representative demographically (Race, Age, Ethnicity, Sex, Rurality, Geographic location) and socio-economically compared to CDC, JHU, NYT and other data sources
- There are biases in the fact that many of the sites in N3C are academic medical centers, however with OCHIN, linkage, and CMS/medicare/medicaid data, we have a representative set of patients and data types that cover more outpatient/other patient activities
- Additional biases include the fact that health is not all about clinical encounters - mobile health data, education data, etc, all provide a different suite of perspectives
- A number of methods and data sources (e.g. N3C has patient-level source of SDoH survey data) aim to reduce analytical bias

Consortia for Collaborative Clinical Analyses are Inevitable



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- Integrating and harmonizing data across medical centers
 - Enhances power, reduces bias, enables rare disease
 - Support sub-phenotype analysis (precision medicine)
- Inevitable trajectory for American medicine
- The only question is who controls data and knowledge
 - Insurance industry
 - EHR Vendors
 - Hi-tech companies
 - Academic community



N3C Beyond COVID



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- N3C is the largest and most successful public repository of longitudinal EHR data in the US to date and is a testament to the CTSA program
- The robust machinery can be generalized to be disease agnostic
 - Synergy of federated data repositories at contributing sites
 - Phenotype queries and scripts for data transfer and ingestion
 - Multiple model to OMOP transformation and harmonization pipeline
 - FedRAMP secure data repository
 - Analytic environment that has generated >100 published artifacts

N3C Clinical seeks to leverage this infrastructure beyond COVID

This pilot is to explore logistics and governance options for doing so

Characteristics of N3C Clinical that are similar to N3C COVID



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- Continuing to leverage common data model (CDM) repositories such as OMOP, PCORNet, TriNetX, or ACT already in place at your CTSA
- Continuing to provide executable queries for your specific CDM that will extract patients with a longitudinal connection to your clinical organization.
- Continuing centralized harmonization and data quality enhancements such as imputing missing units of measure.
- Continuing to provide a highly secure, FISMA-moderate compliant, data analytic environment that blocks any data exfiltration
- Continuing to operate on a federally managed cloud

Fundamental differences between N3C Clinical and N3C COVID



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- Contributing organizations have complete agency and access control over how their data is used. They may participate in none, all, or selected project proposals.
- Data access proposals will be reviewed and must be approved by a community managed panel with membership from all data-contributing pilot organizations.
- Completely new central IRB and NIH IRB. Completely new Data Transfer Agreement, and Data Use Agreement have been drafted to reflect the broader scope and more constrained access to these resources; these are subject to revision by the Pilot group.
- Program governance will evolve and change over the pilot to reflect closely the needs and expectations of data contributing organizations.

Advantages of participating: N3C Clinical Data Contributors Retain Agency over Data



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- All pilot institutions agree to have their submitted data harmonized through the data extraction and transformation pipeline from their submitted model to OMOP.
 - This will include centralized data quality benchmarking, and units of measure corrections.
- Contributing sites have unrestricted privilege to securely analyze and share their own data on the enclave.
- Pilot members can and will shape the governance of N3C Clinical when it expands beyond the pilot.
- Data access options range from large pan-CTSA projects to smaller projects with a limited set of data contributors. Contributing sites will be able to choose one of these options that range from broad to narrow data sharing:
 - Limiting site data access to defined categories of domains or projects
 - Agreeing to site data access for all projects approved by the community data access review process
 - Limiting site data access to collaborations and projects of interest to the site

Volunteer pilot sites and project domains as voted on by the community



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University of North Carolina
University of Colorado/Children's
JHU
University of Chicago
University of Washington
Stanford
OHSU
University of Virginia
OCHIN
University of Nebraska (UNMC)

Chosen based on N3C activity and
interest, and diversity

Alzheimer's
Renal
Pulmonary
Cancer

All with healthcare utilization focus

Chosen based on feasibility and
interest

Community governance calls are Fridays 7am PT/10am ET

<https://covid.cd2h.org/n3c-calendar>

SC questions and requests



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- **How can N3C best support each CTSA? How can we further advance the N3C network effect?**
- **We have been requested to meet with each pod to answer questions and solicit feedback. What makes most sense in terms of process?**
- **How can we best address your sites' data improvement needs? What kind of training or additional support would be helpful?**
- **What does your site need to increase participation or otherwise best take advantage of these data assets and collaborative opportunities?**
 - **E.g. align with RCTs and prep-to-research**
 - **Training and alignment with K awards**
 - **etc.**