TRANSFoRm: TRANSFoRming health care research and its implementation

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TRANSFoRm Vision

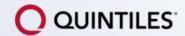
The European Commission is funding the TRANSFoRm project (€7M) as part of its efforts to advance information and computer science to address these market challenges in a European context.

TRANSFORm will develop a digital infrastructure that facilitates the reuse of Primary Care Real World electronic Health Records (eHR) data to improve both patient safety and the conduct and volume of Clinical Research in Europe

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What TRANSFoRm is Need **Benefits Technologies Tools**

Knowledge In Healthcare

Specific Research Knowledge

- Produced from clinical trials
- From controlled populations
- · With well-defined questions

- A vast quantity of data
- Captured in eHR systems
- With large population coverage
- May lack in detail and quality

Routinely Collected Knowledge

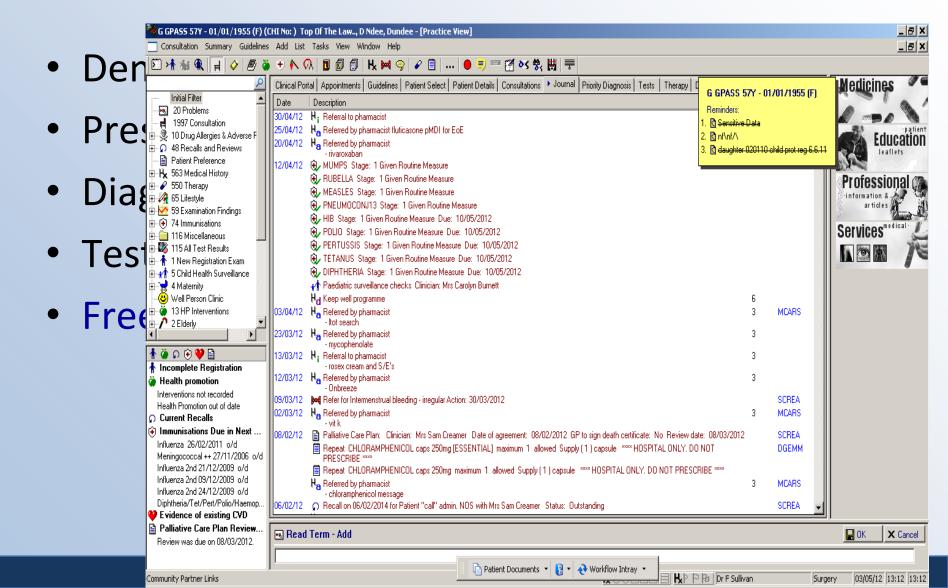


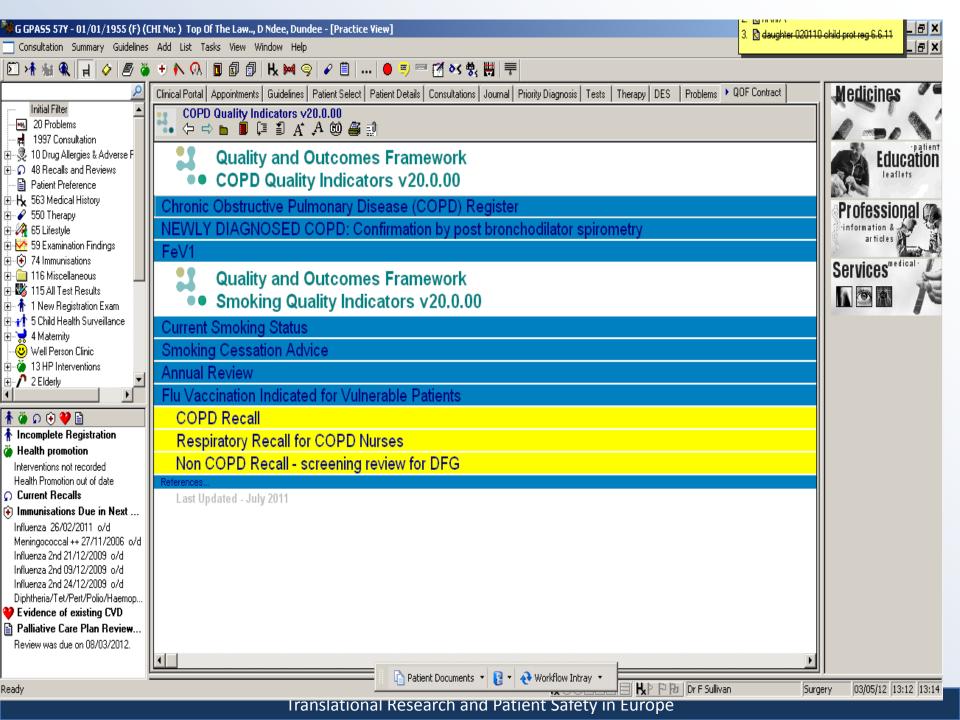
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Actionable Knowledge

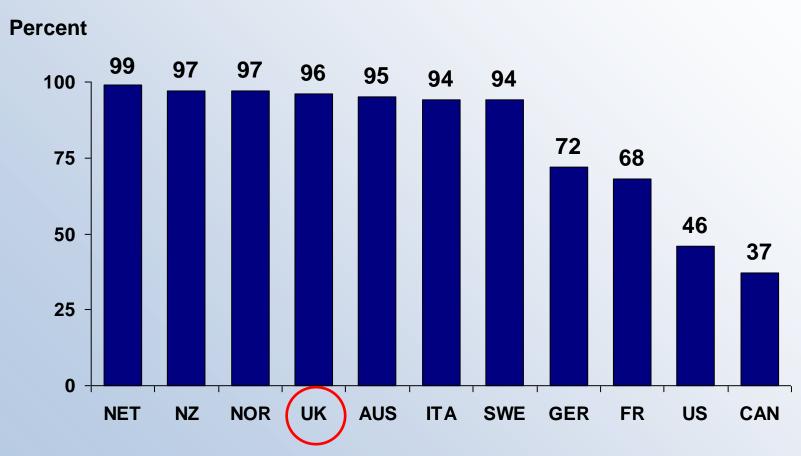
- Distilled scientific findings
- Usable in clinical practice
- To support decision making

The GP Electronic Medical Record





GP Use Electronic Medical Records*



^{*} Not including billing systems.

Source: 2009 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians.

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Healthcare Challenges

The EU has a longstanding strategy to promote greater safety and productivity for EU healthcare via advanced Information Communication Technologies (ICT).

- Clinical Research In Crisis
 - Subjects hard to identify
 - Complex, costly CRFs with duplicate data entry
 - Research not cost-effective in EU
- Diagnostic Error
 - 60% of litigation claims against GPs*
 - Failure of Decision Support Systems for Diagnosis

TRANSFoRm's Objectives

The project will drive the advanced integration of clinical practice and research data to:

- Support clinical care on diagnosis and monitoring of patients
- Support clinical research with participant identification and evaluation of outcomes
- Support epidemiological research with large scale phenotype-genotype association studies and follow-up on trials

TRANSFoRm Use Cases

To support TRANSFoRm benefit realisation, we will partner with eHR vendors to validate 3 well-defined use cases.

- Shape and inform the development of the ICT tools
- Support the realisation of TRANSFoRm vision by :
 - Demonstrating the feasibility of conducting very large and long-term studies at low cost
 - Demonstrating the DSS prototype's ability to improve diagnostic accuracy and patient safety

Type II Diabetes

Research Question: Are well selected SNPs in T2D patients associated with variations in drug response to oral antidiabetics?

Tool: Data federation tools for epidemiological analysis & follow-up

GORD

Research Question: What gives the best symptom relief and improvement of quality of life (QoL): continuous or on demand PPI use?

Tool: Electronic CRF embedded in the eHR

Decision Support

Experimental Study: Comparing

approaches to diagnostic support: 'Suggesting' vs.

'Alerting' vs. Control

Tool: Decision Support System

(DSS)

Group 1 – Use Case 1

Group 1 will be actively engaged with the validation of the Type

2 Diabetes Use Case which will link phenotypic data to genomic

data (genetic databases) in 5 countries.

Research Database	Country
Go-Darts Tayside – Scottish Health Information Programme	Scotland
GPRD	UK
Nivel	Netherlands
Institute of Primary Care at the Medical School Hannover	Germany
Intego	Belgium
SNAMID NAzionale and Gruppo Cure Primiare of Valmadrera *	Italy
SIDIAP – Institut Catala de la Salut *	Spain

^{*} Participation depending on their readiness

Demonstrations

In addition to the use cases, we will also partner with the Pharmaceutical Industry to deploy the project tools in the context of a clinical trial as a demonstration and proof of concept.

We will run two demonstrations:

- Test TRANSFoRm ability to support the identification of eligible patients in primary care records
- Test TRANSFoRm interoperability with clinical trial data management software allowing clinical data capture

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TRANSFoRm Anticipated Benefits

Support quicker and more economic recruitment and follow-up of Randomised Clinical Trials...

...with an integrated eHR interface that enables the rich capture of clinical data, including symptoms and signs and a query workbench that supports the identification of patient eligible to participate in clinical trials

Improve patient safety...

...by providing not only a diagnosis support tool but also a Adverse Event (AE) management tool

Support large scale phenotypegenotype association studies and follow-up on trials... ... through interoperability of distributed eHR data and clinical data repositories that maintain provenance, confidentiality and security

Drive the integration and re-use of clinical data stored in different eHR systems...

... with software tools and web-services that support clinical research by enabling use of controlled vocabulary and standardised data elements

Enhance uptake of eHR systems that offer support for clinical care and research...

... by allowing eHR vendors and data integrators to reach more customers

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Overall Architecture 1/2

End User Tools and Services

Common Services and Models

Middleware (Distributed Infrastructure)

Support Services

Distributed Nodes

Overall Architecture 2/2

End User Tools and Services Study Management Query & Data Study Design **Decision Support** Extraction Interactive Consultation Decision Support **Protocol Designer** Identify/Recruit Eligible Patients Tool Workbench eCRF Designer **Event-Based Trigger Tool** Consent Data Manager **Eligibility Criteria Timeline Designer** Study eCRF Data Collector Clinical Evidence Content Manager Designer Query Formulation And Patient-Reported Outcome **CDE Designer** Clinical Evidence Service Execution Tool Manager Semantic Mediation Data Mining and Analysis **Data Provenance** Clinical Evidence Extraction Tool Vocabulary Service Provenance Capture Service **Data Mining Analysis Toolkit** Data Quality Tool Visual Model Explorer Provenance Audit Tool

Support Services (e.g. Rule Based Security,
Authentication)

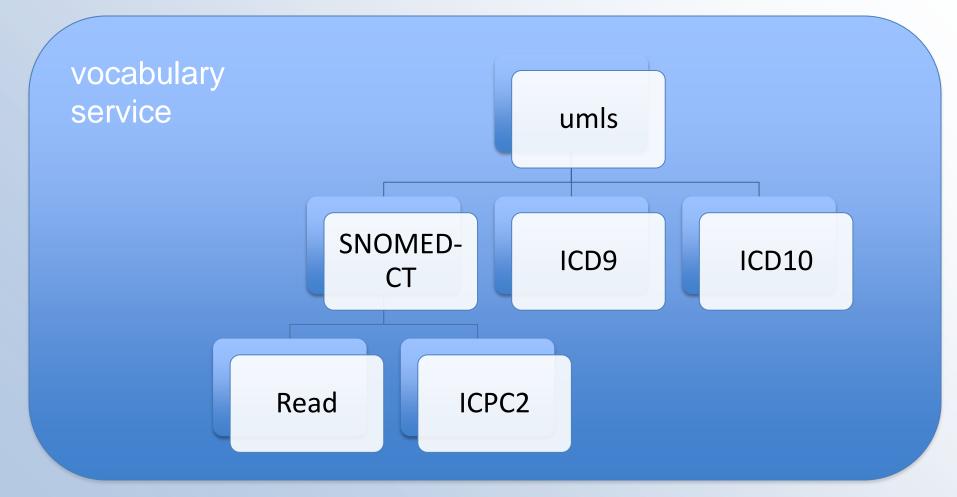
Middleware (Distributed Infrastructure)

Distributed Nodes

Interoperability

- Of concepts
 - Development of PCROM and map to BRIDG 3
 - Detailed Clinical Models/Archetypes
- Of Terminology
 - LexGRID 5.0 for vocabulary services
- Of Langauge
 - Essential in an EU context

Controlled vocabulary



Semantic Interoperability Approach

TRANSFoRm aims to establish semantic interoperability between eHR datasets and clinical research data requirements, including linkage to other data such as genomic data. This will be achieved through:

 Combination of models AND terminology mapping to a reference terminology via a core terminology service

 Mapping of clinical data from eHR or data repository through a Clinical Data Integration Model (CDIM)

 Representation of research Data via Clinical Research Information Model (CRIM)

Adoption Of Standards

The approach taken by TRANSFoRm is to utilise relevant opensource software and standards and to use a modular approach to provide maximum integration with existing (but incomplete) solutions at both EU and International level.

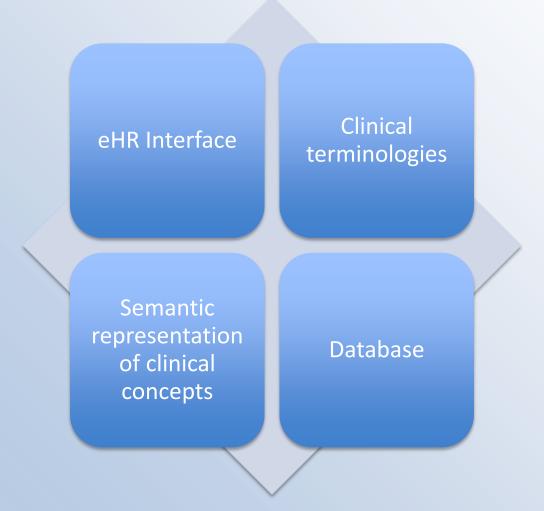
Reference Information Models And Terminologies:

- Clinical Research Information Model (PCROM v3)
- Clinical Data Integration Model subset of HL7, EPSOS, i2b2, comparison underway

Standard Terminology Services:

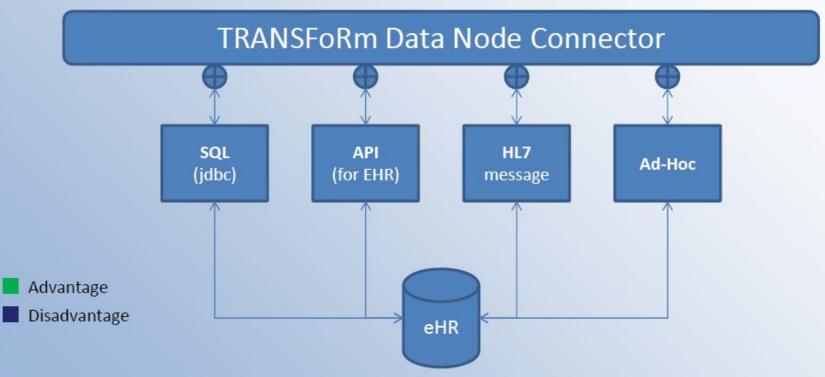
- Lex EVS 6 referencing to UML-S
- ICD, SNOMED-CT, [Read, ICPC2 added via project]

CEN/ISO 13606: a rigorous and stable information architecture.



Compatibility with eHR Sytems

Different models of data integrations are being proposed with direct access to the database being the preferred option.



SQL (vendor 1, 2, 3..):

Direct access to data May by-pass eHR security and confidentiality measures API (vendor 4,5,6...):

Indirect access to data (complete?)
Maintains eHR security
CDIM mapping arrangements
may be more complex than SQL

HL7 (vendor 7,...):

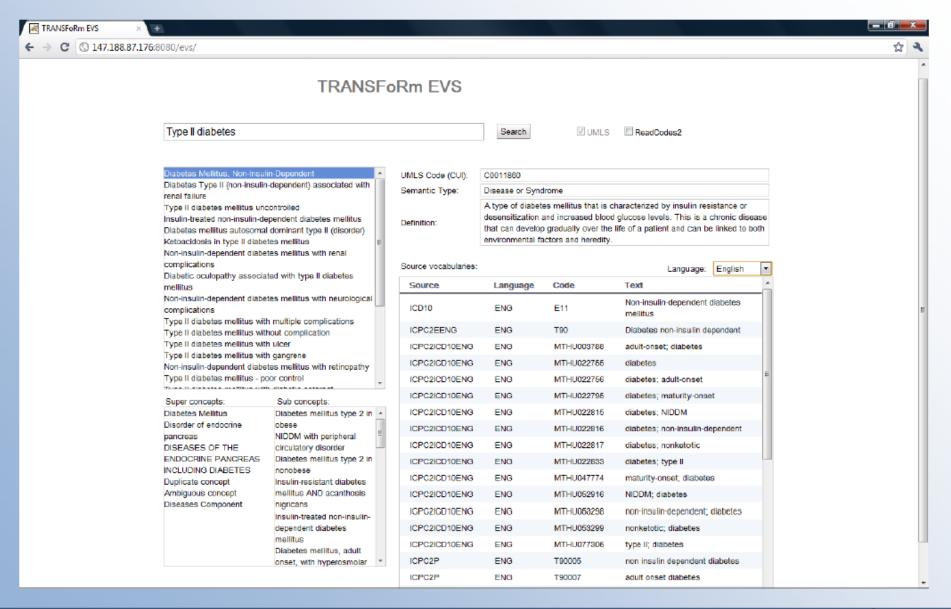
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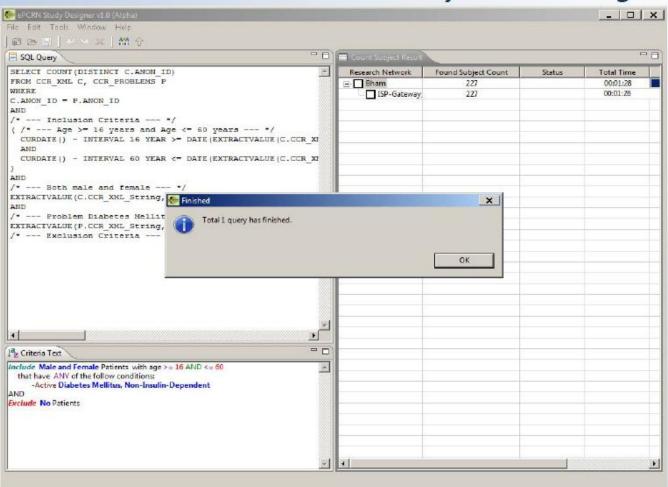






Query & Data Extraction Workbench

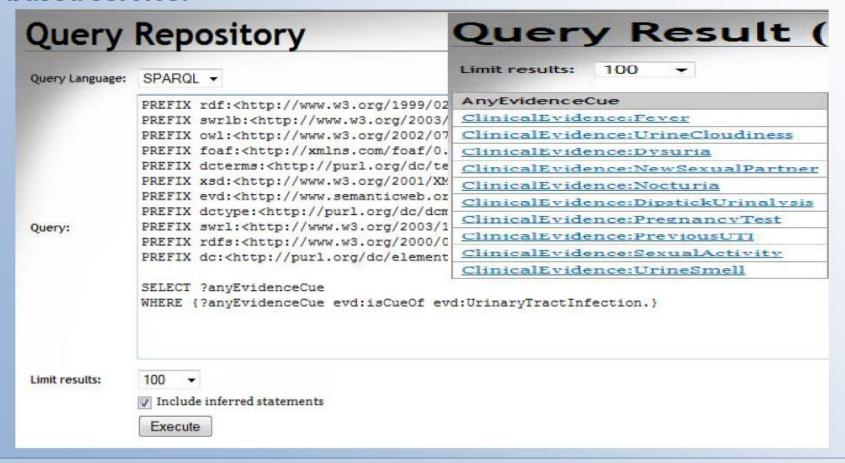
Below is an example screenshot of a prototype of the Query Workbench with TRANSFoRM Vocabulary Service integration.





Decision Support Tool

The DDS uses Sesame which provides an application platform to host the ontology of evidence which can be queried via a web based service.





Critical Success Factors

In addition to the current efforts on standards and certification, we believe it would be critical to define incentives to stimulate physicians to adopt extended eHR functionalities such as these provided by TRANSFoRm.

The Missing Link:

Financial incentives to stimulate physicians to adopt these extended functionalities

Strict And Open Standards: To ensure users and sellers of eHRs work towards the same goal Certification
Of Software: To
provide
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eHR Adoption in US

The Obama Administration's Health IT program intends to use federal investments to stimulate the market of electronic health records.

Incentives: To providers (GPs, Hospitals) who use IT

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TRANSFoRm Stakeholders

...to key healthcare stakeholders.

Pharmaceutical Industry

- Improve targeting the right patient population & indication
- Increase number effective sites, enrollment rate, shorten trial time & cost
- Enhance patient safety

Healthcare Representatives

- Address wellness, disease prevention,
 & disease management
- Prevent illness & promote adherence to treatment regimens

... And for patients, faster drug to market, enhanced access to drug information and improved personalized treatment capability

eHR System Providers

 Enhance the adoption of eHR systems by providing an easier, more accurate, and faster means of entering data

Data Providers / Research Facilitators

- Support of community-based studies
- Extend reach to supranational level
- Build stronger scientific evidence base for primary care

eHR Providers & Data Integrators

We have started to engage with eHR providers & data integrators.

