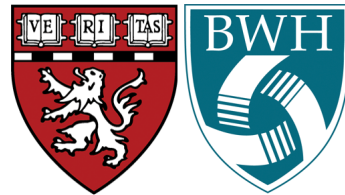


# **The new reality of rapid-cycle analytics for effectiveness monitoring of drugs and devices**

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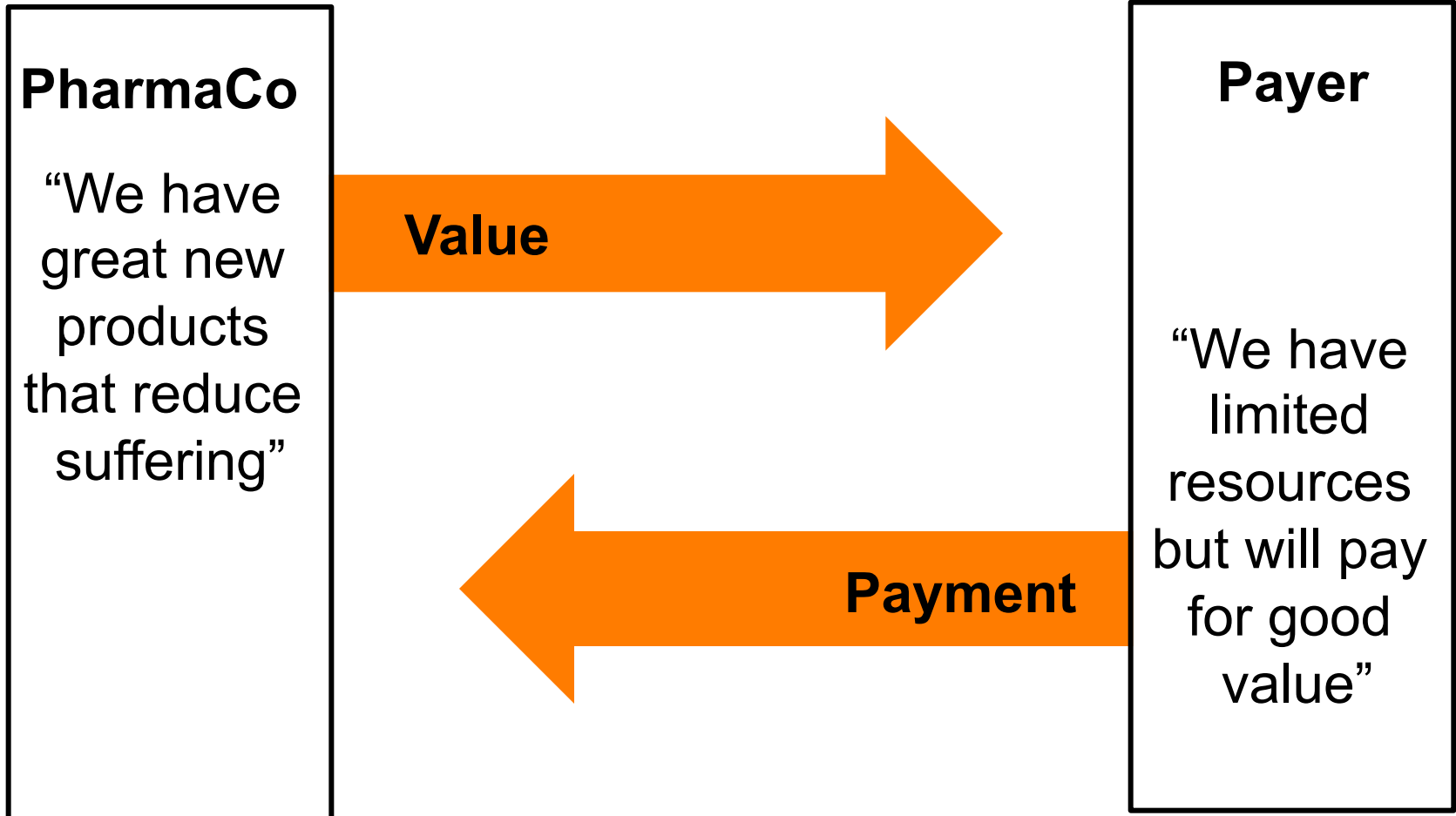
# Outline

- ❖ Management Challenge
- ❖ Powerful Asset
- ❖ Where we want to be
- ❖ Rapid-cycle Analytic Solutions
- ❖ Decision Making
- ❖ Near-term Reality

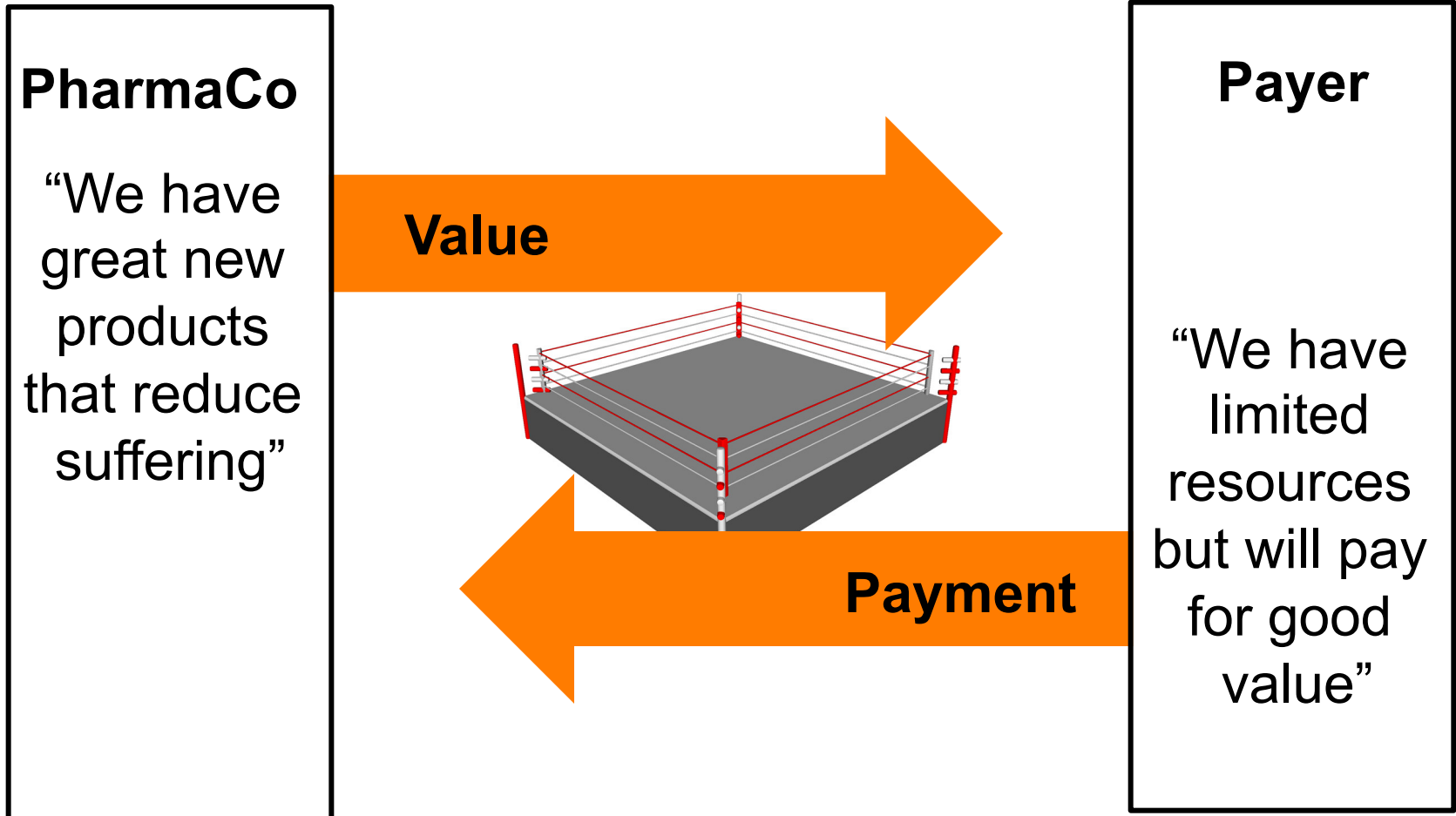
# Management challenge for Healthcare Payors worldwide

- ❖ Decide on coverage and payment levels for medications
- ❖ Identify delivery systems that produce high quality (HepC virus meds)
- ❖ Share risks with product manufacturers (gain sharing)
- ❖ Implement and instantaneously monitor the effect of delivery interventions (adherence improvement)

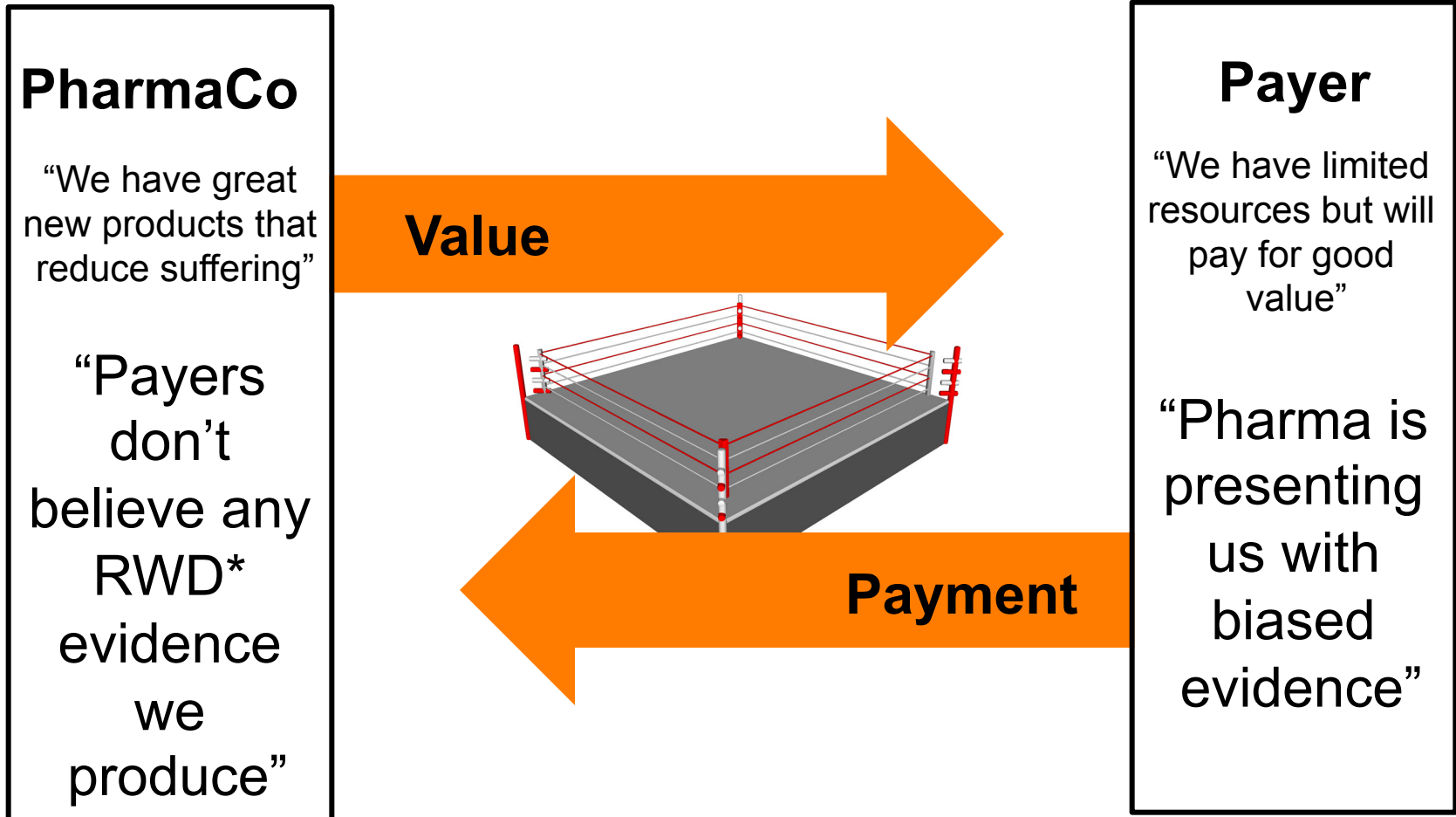
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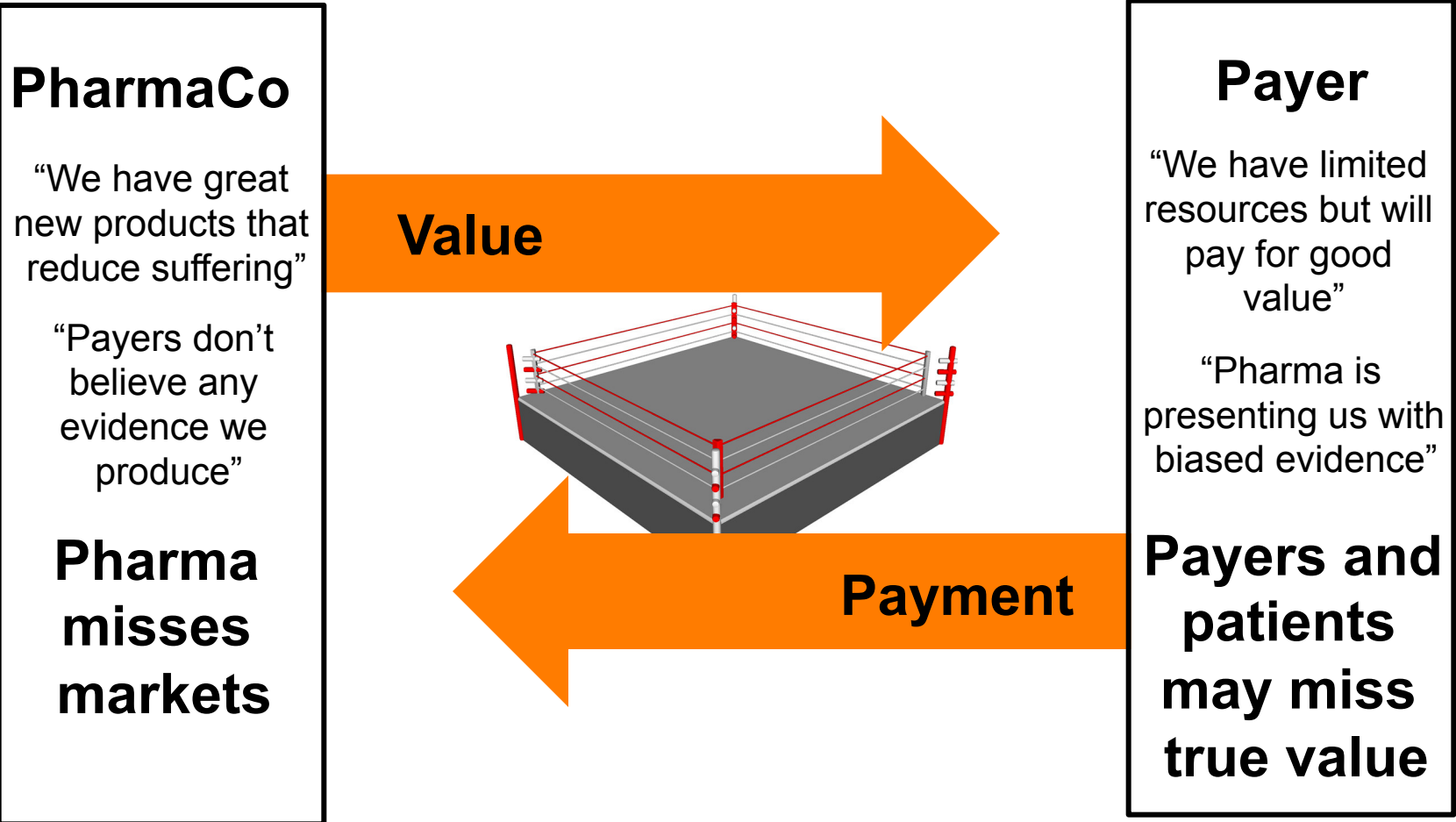


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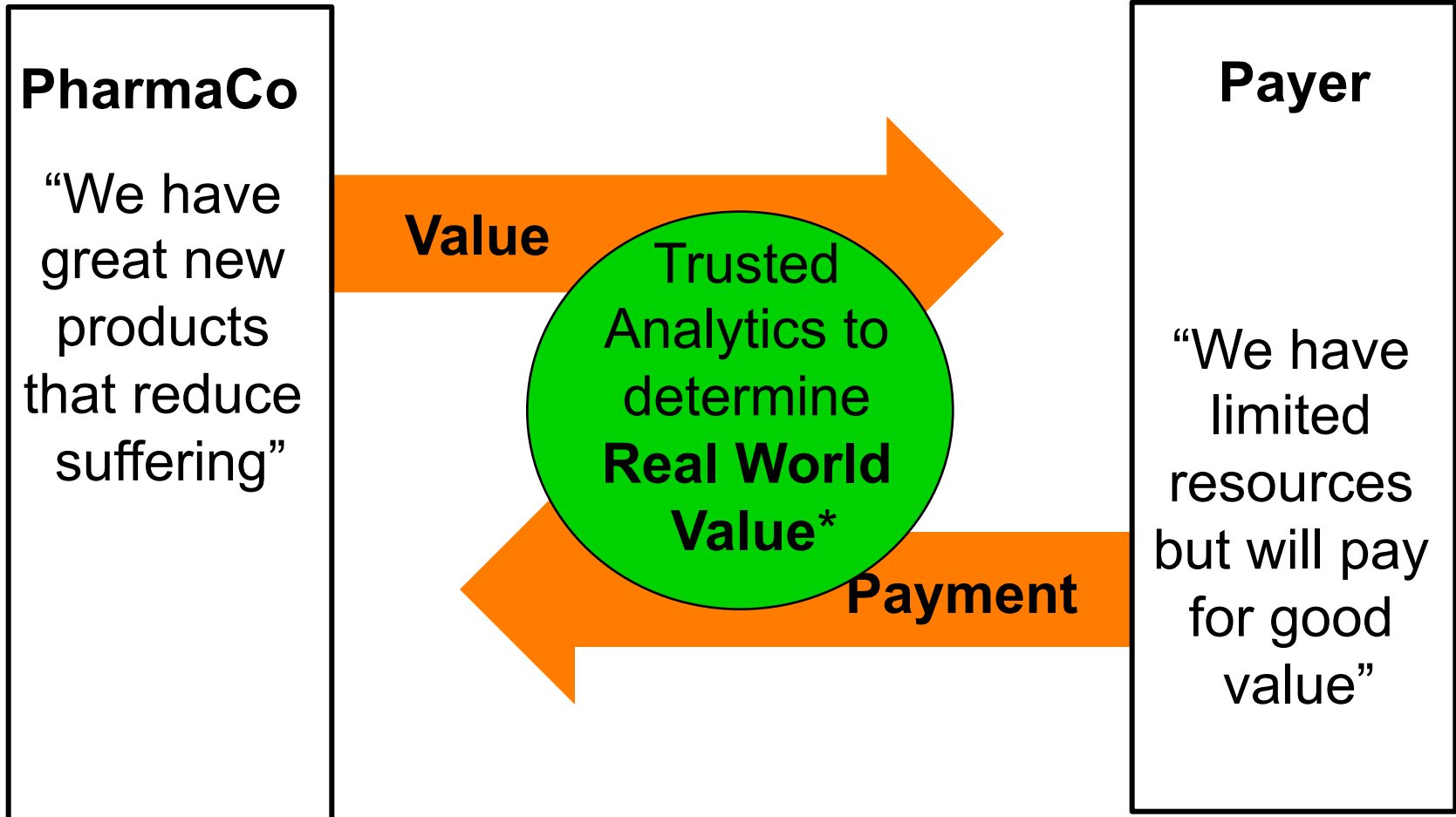


\* Real World Data

# Consequences



# How can we restore trust in the conversation?



\* Real world value as part of Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER)



# **Why can't we just rely on RCTs?**

# Clinical trials are not the only way of evidence generation that really matters

## ❖ Reality:

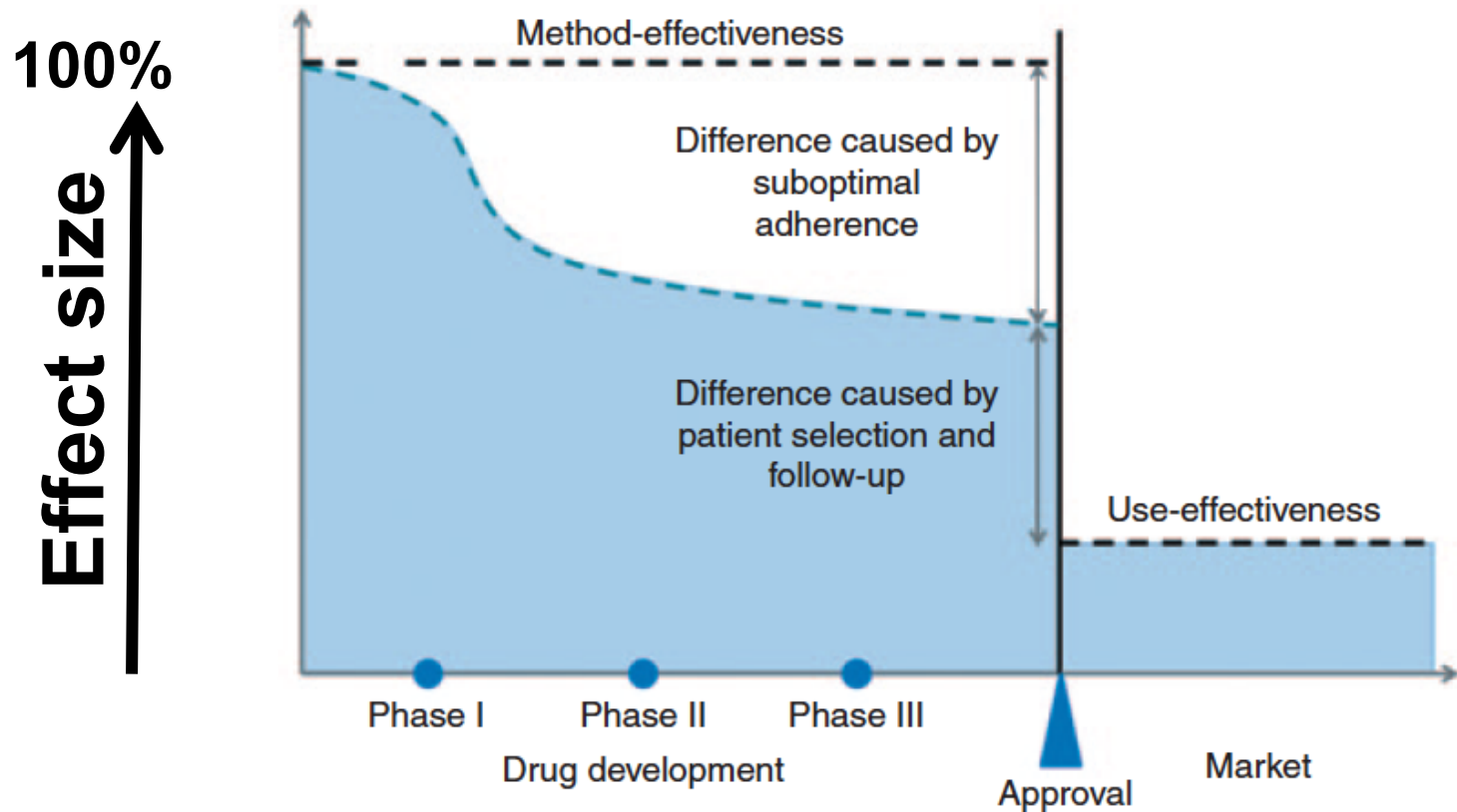
- Clinical trials are necessary but not sufficient
- It is unrealistic that we will have head-to-head randomized trails
  - for every intervention and its combinations
  - in every patient subgroup
  - that exactly mimic **routine** care
- Most RCTs are too slow to be decision relevant
- FDA: *Sentinel Initiative* on drug safety using electronic healthcare data of 130 million people
- Affordable Care Act: Requires comparative effectiveness research, set up PCORI -> *PCORnet*

# From Efficacy to Effectiveness

Effectiveness = Efficacy X Adherence X Subgroup effects (+/-)

RCT

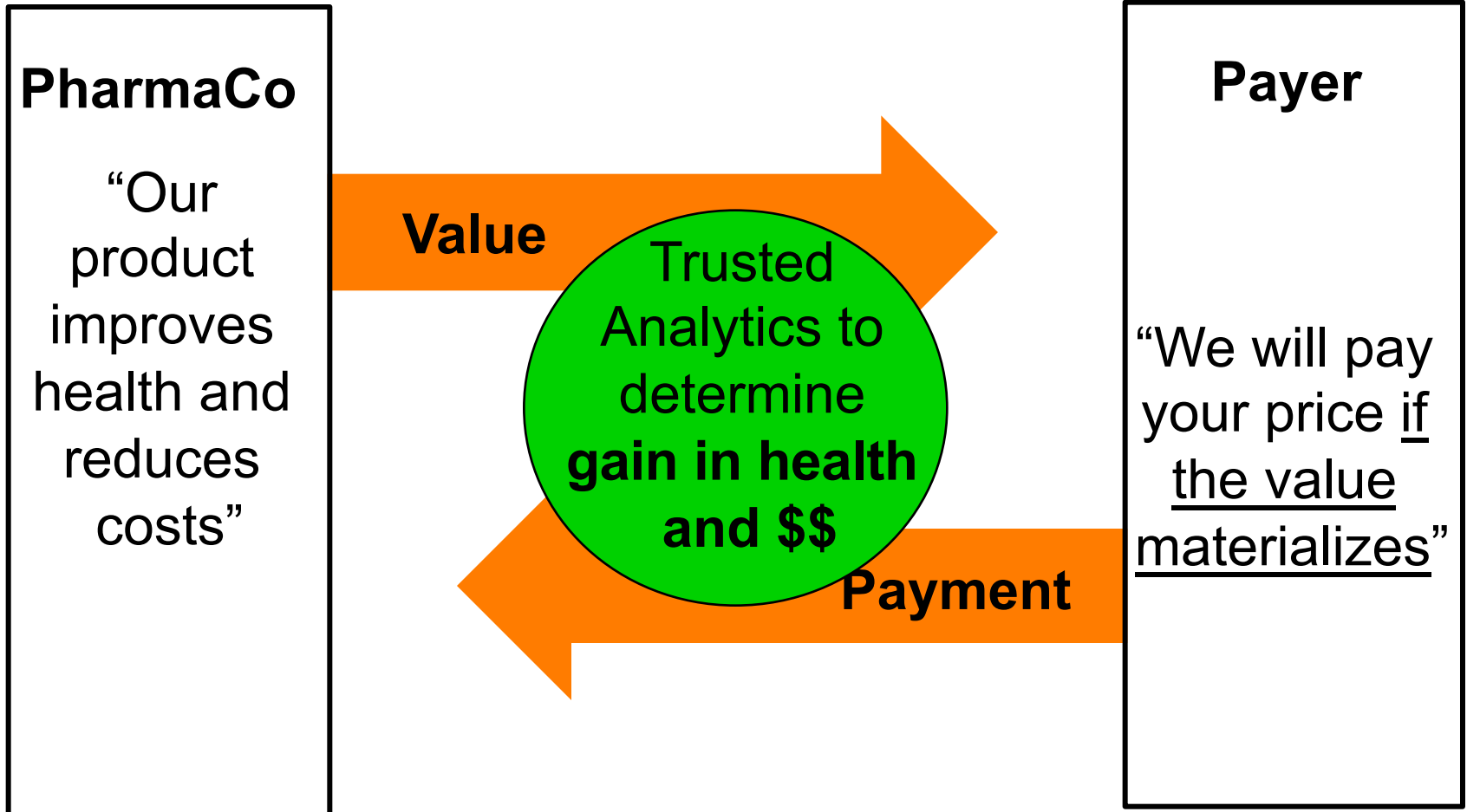
Reality of routine care



\* Schneeweiss et al. J Clin Epi 2013

\*\* Vrijens & Urquhart CPT 2014

# The dynamics of gain-sharing



# **Powerful asset: Data**

# Electronic health care information

- ▲ Constant flow of data with little delay and at low cost
- ▲ Millions of patients with defined person–time denominator
- ▲ Data reflect routine care
- ▲ Generalizable to large population segments
- ▲ HIPAA compliance protects patient privacy

## Claims Data

• **Member ID**

- Plan
- Gender
- Age
- Dates of Eligibility

• **Member ID**

- Prescribing physician
- Drug dispensed (NDC)
- Quantity and date dispensed
- Drug strength
- Days supply
- Dollar amounts

• **Member ID**

- Physician or Facility identifier
- Procedures (CPT-4, revenue codes, ICD-9)
- Diagnosis (ICD-9-CM, DRG)
- Admission and discharge dates
- Date and place of service
- Dollar amounts

Administrative Data

Pharmacy Claims Data

Physician and Facility Claims Data

## Supplemental Data

• **Member ID**

- Lab Test Name
- Result

• **Member ID**

- Income
- Net Worth
- Education
- Race & Ethnicity
- Life Stage
- Life Style Indicators

• **Member ID**

- Subspecialty notes
- Endoscopy reports
- Histology reports
- Radiology reports
- Free text notes

Lab Test Results Data

Consumer Elements

Electronic Medical Records

Computerized Linked Longitudinal Dataset

# Ubiquitous data, increasing pooling\*

**General  
purpose claims  
data**

**EHR data  
sources**

**In-hospital  
Data systems**

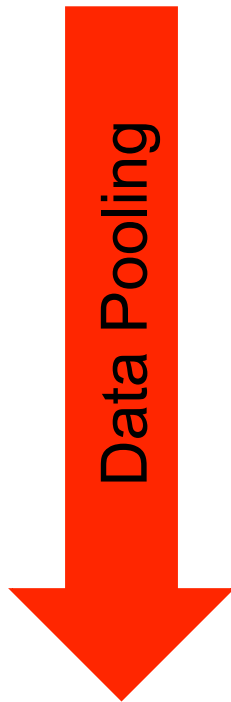
**Registries**

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MS

WP

CMS



KP

i2b2/Shrine

GE

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Explorys

Premier

Cancer (SEER)

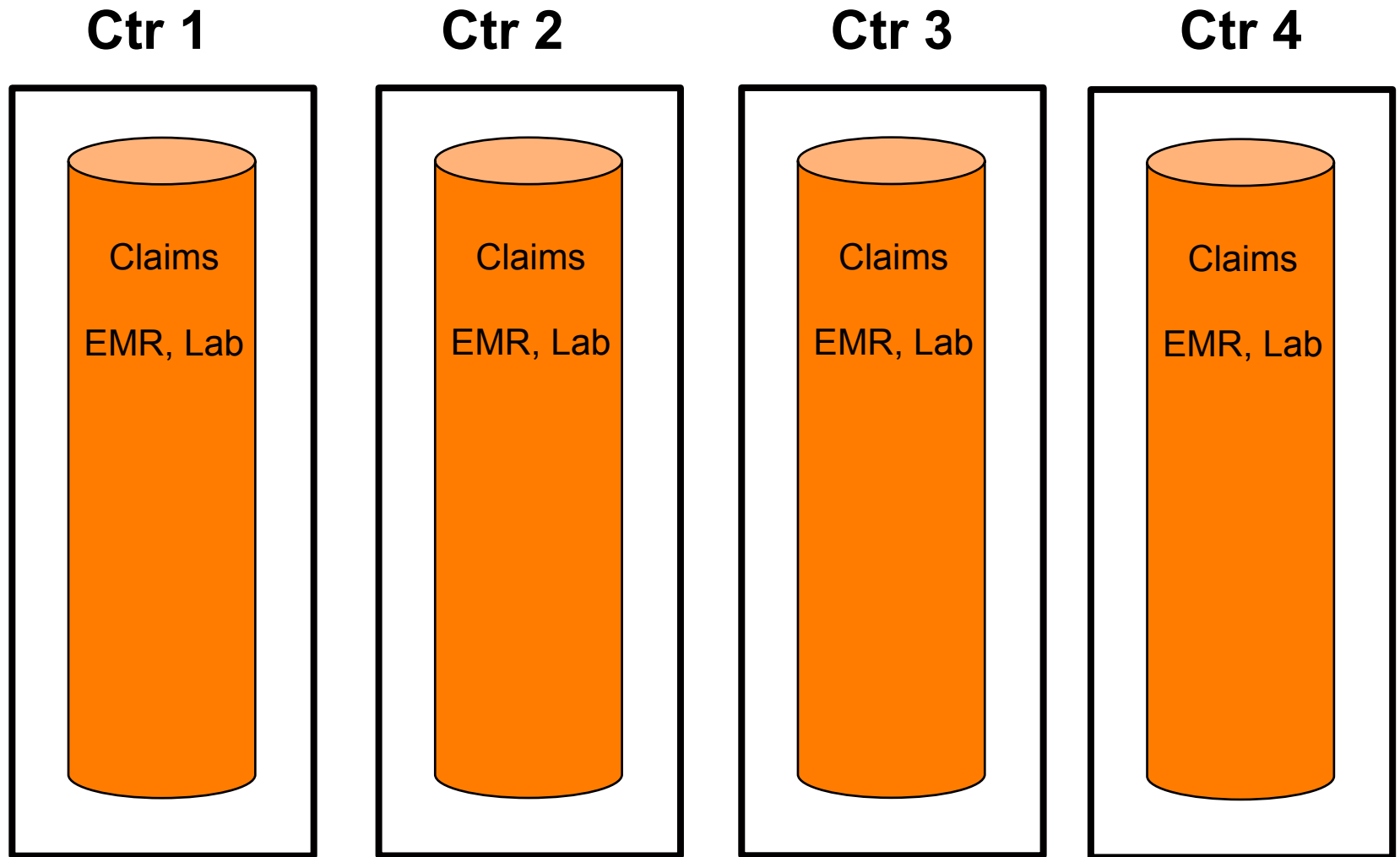
Cardiovascular  
(GWTG, etc)

Bio repositories

**Data Quantity**

\* A random selection

# A horizontally distributed system (Mini-Sentinel)





# Ubiquitous data, increasing linkage\*

**General purpose claims data**

**EHR data sources**

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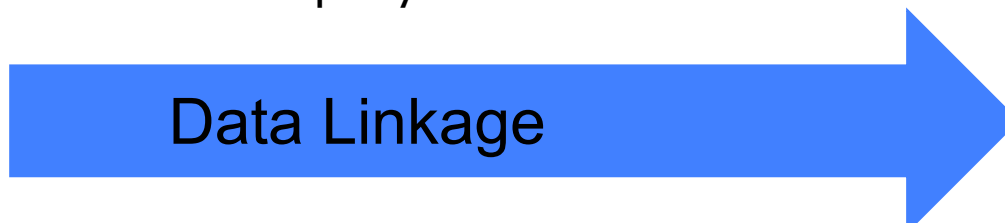
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**Data Linkage**

**Data Quality**

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# A horizontally (Ctr 1-4) and vertically (DB<sub>1-4</sub>) distributed system (PCORNet)

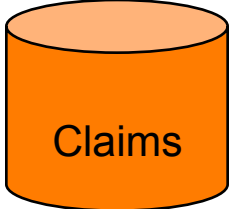
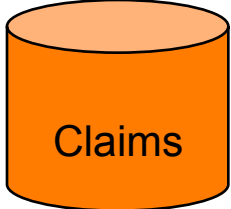
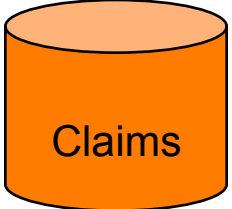
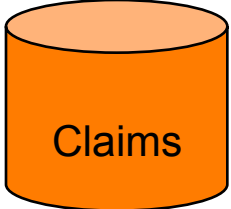
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**Ctr 2**

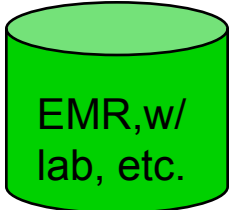
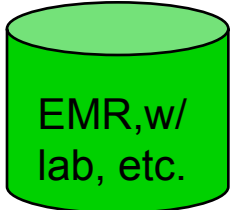
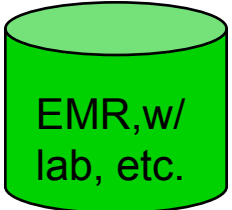
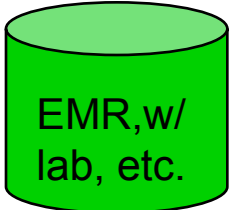
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**Ctr 4**

**DB<sub>1</sub>**  
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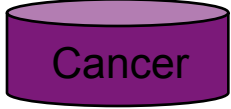
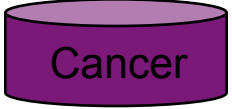
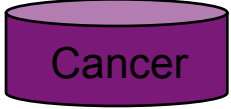
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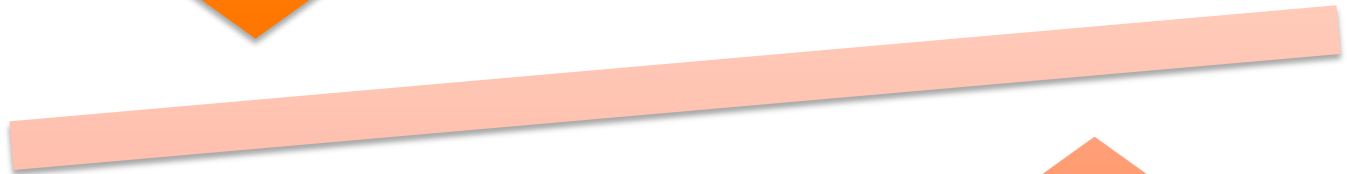


# Secondary healthcare databases



## Opportunity

- Huge amount of Data
- Longitudinal data
- Fast data refresh cycles
- Even small effects can be found
- Heterogeneity can be studied



## Challenge

- We did not collect the data
- Not all information we want is available
- Information likely not in the format we want it to be



# **Where we want to be**

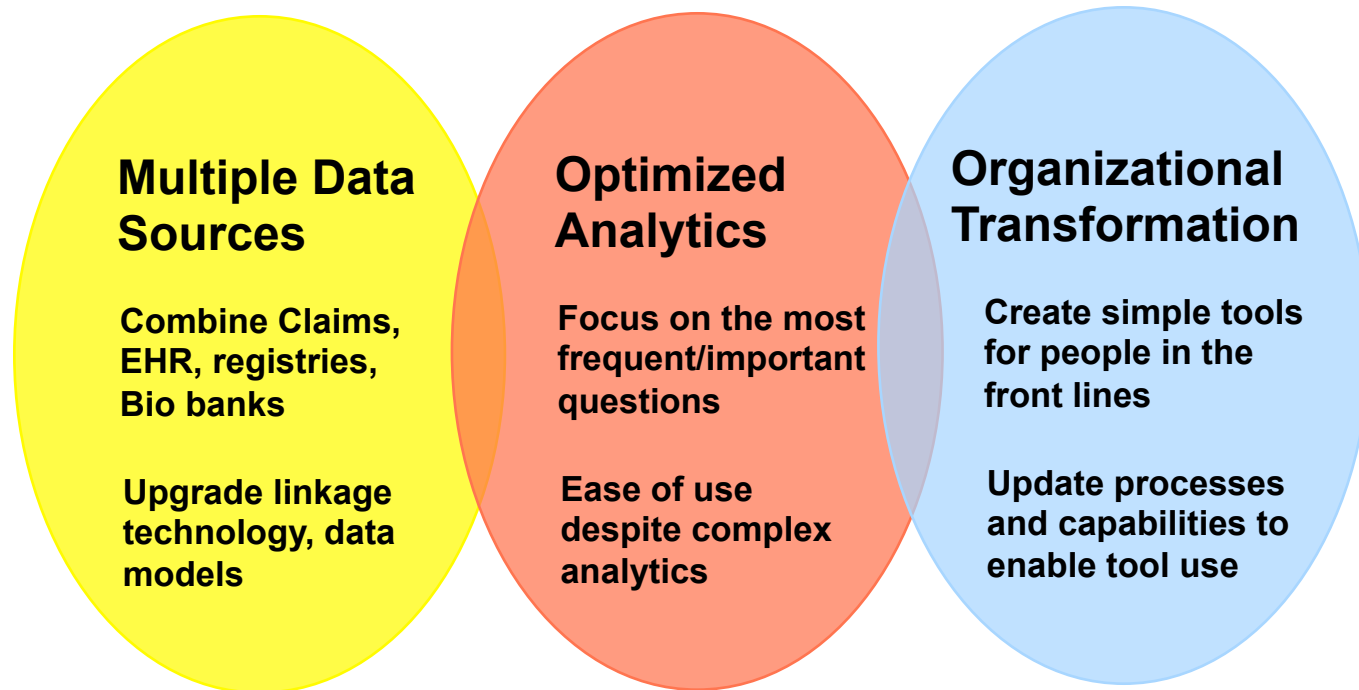
# RWD Analytics Goals for Healthcare

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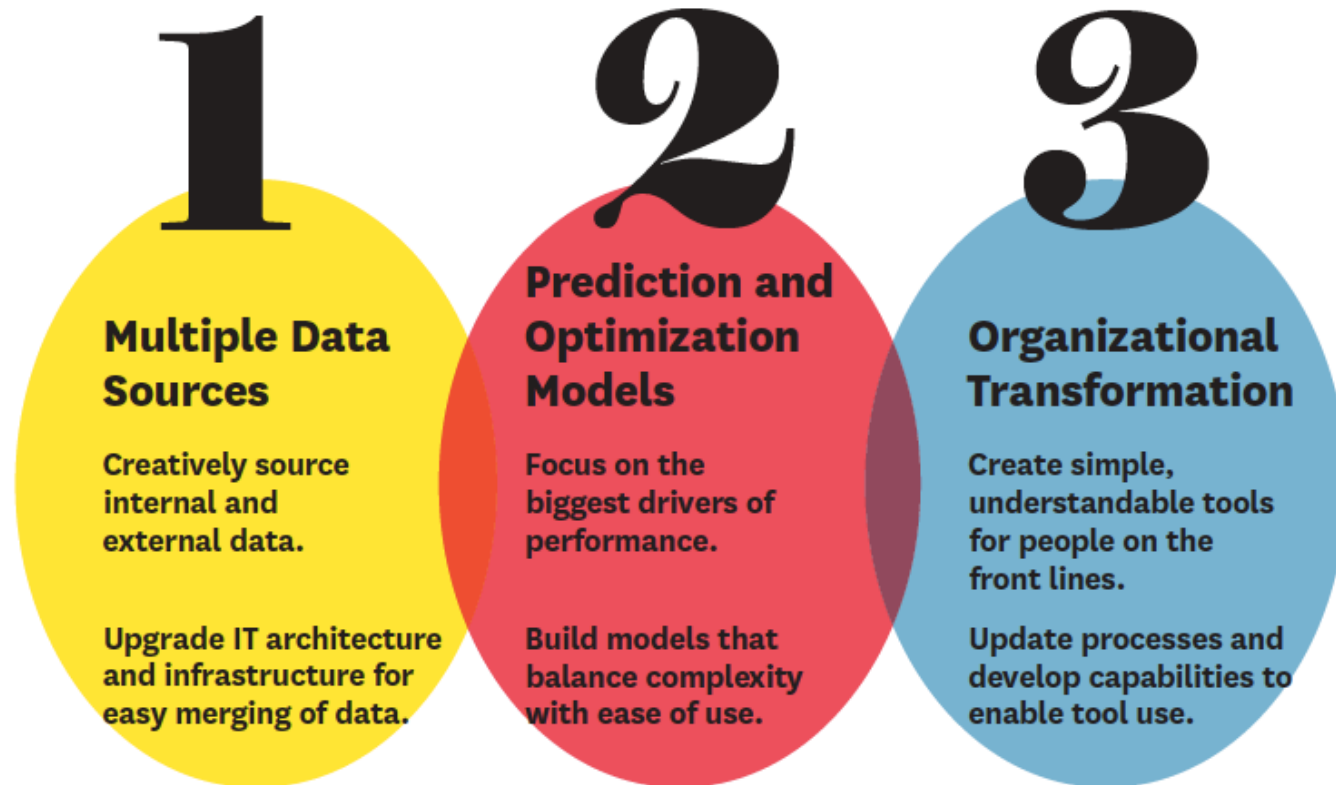
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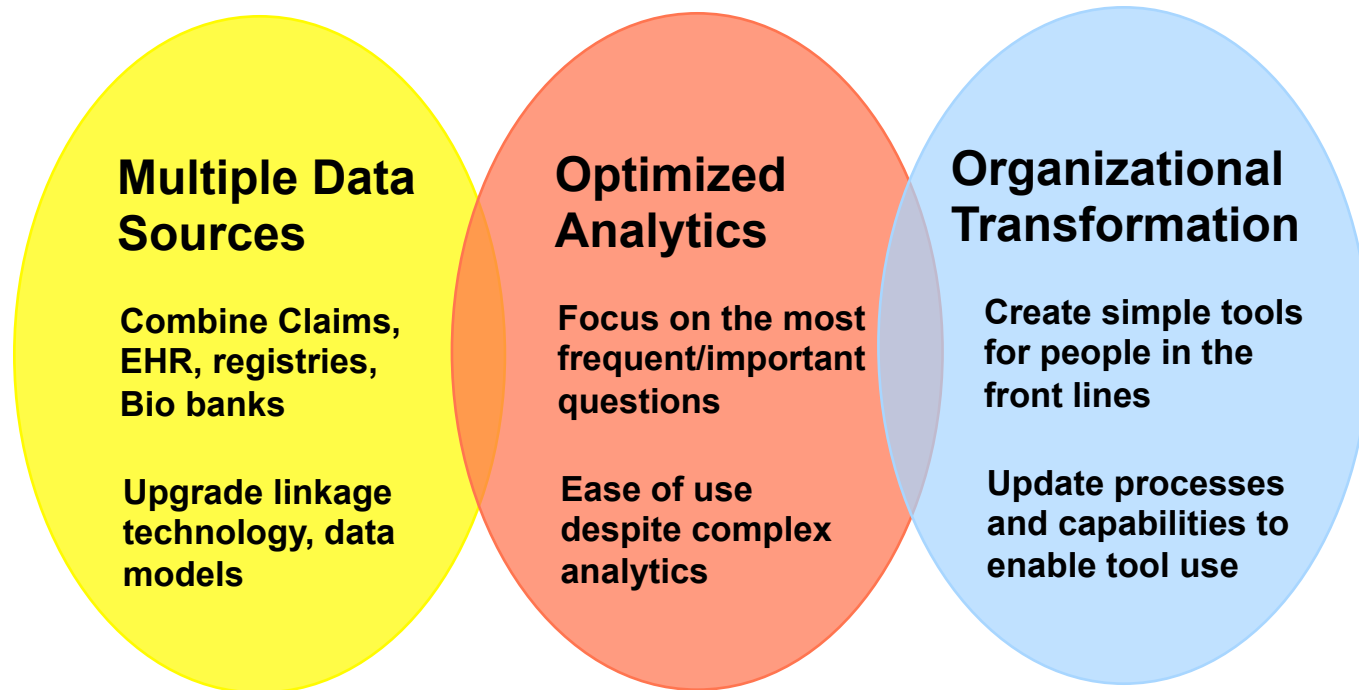


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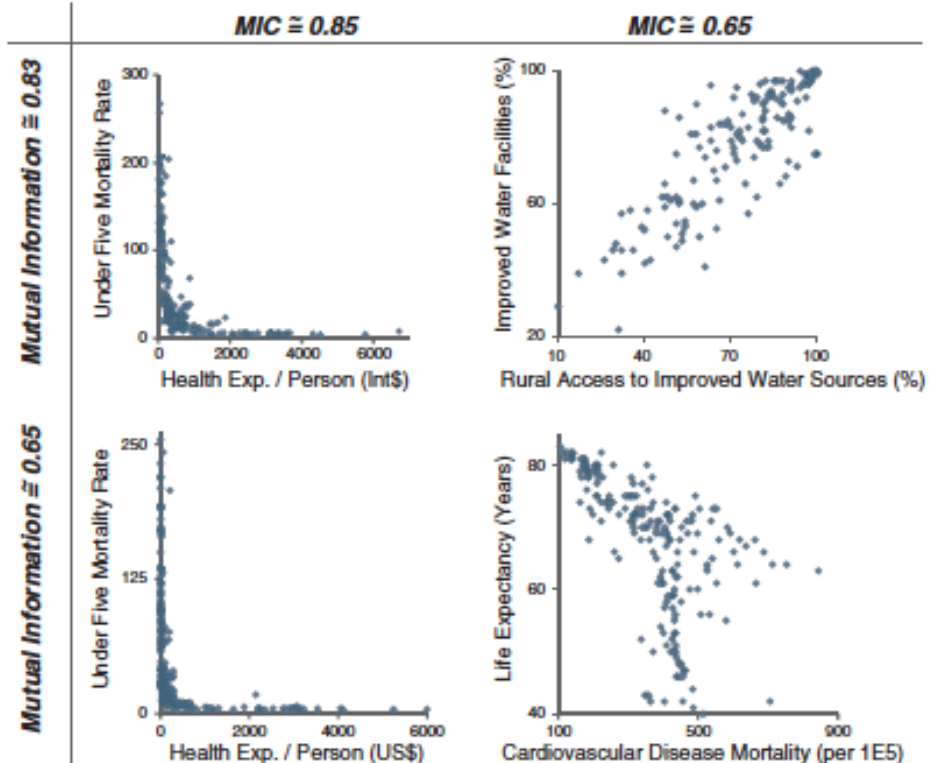
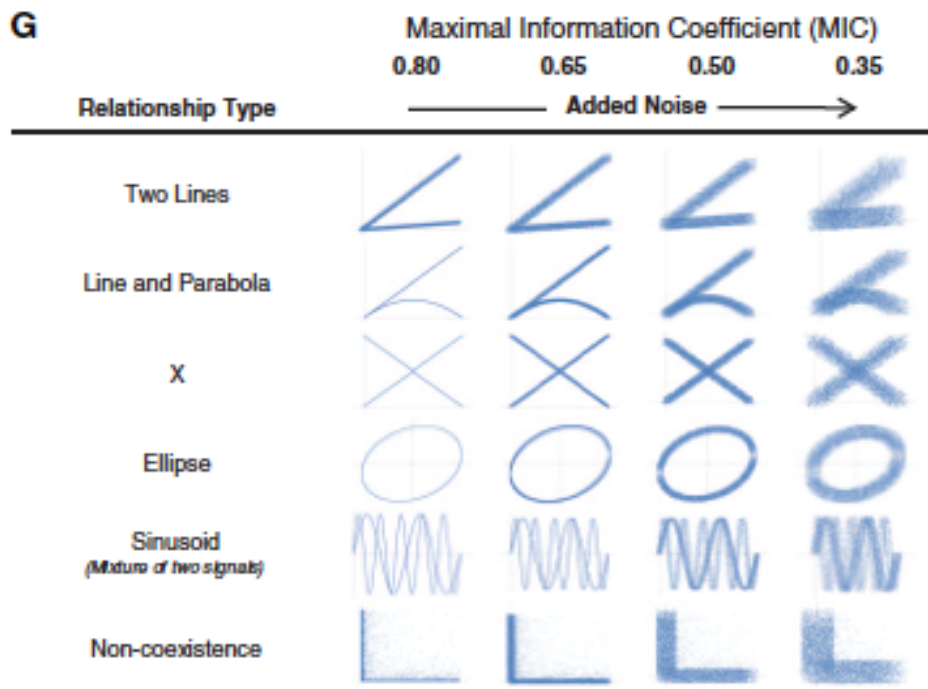
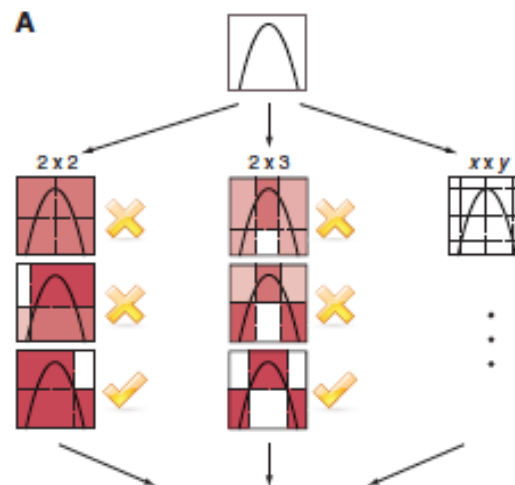


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# Detecting Novel Associations in Large Data Sets

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# Minimal Components of Causal inference:

- 1) Temporality
- 2) Health Status (confounders)
- 3) Exposures
- 4) Outcomes

**Claims data**  
(In+ outpatient Dx)

**EHR data**  
(clinical parms, lifestyle, QoL)

**Registry data**  
(PRO)

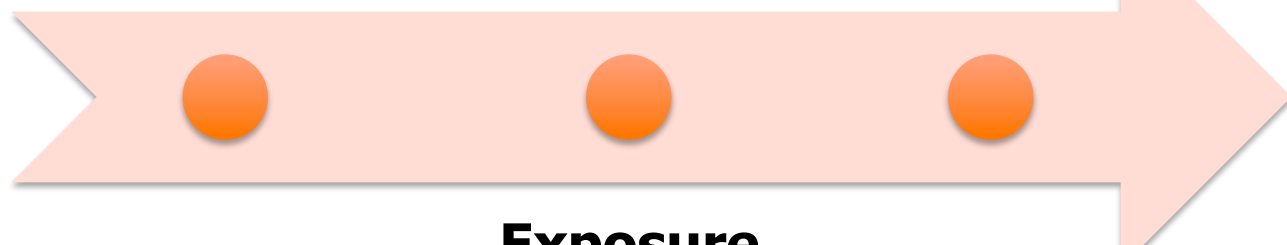
**Health Status**

**Claims data**  
(hosp. for MI via ICD-9 codes)

**EHR data**  
(Functional status via nat. language processing)

**Registry data**  
(PRO)

**Outcomes**



**Time**

**Exposure**

**Claims data**  
(drug dispensing)

**EHR data**  
(prescrib. details)

**Registry data**  
(Device id#)

# Reproducible causal analyses: Why do guidelines fail us?

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Published online 17 September 2007 in Wiley InterScience (www.interscience.wiley.com) DOI: 10.1002/pds.1471

ISPE COMMENTARY

Guidelines for good pharmacoepidemiology  
practices (GPP)<sup>†</sup>



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## Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff Best Practices for Conducting and Reporting Pharmacoepidemiologic Safety Studies Using Electronic Healthcare Data Sets

*DRAFT GUIDANCE*

GRACE Principles: Recognizing High-Quality  
Observational Studies of Comparative Effectiveness

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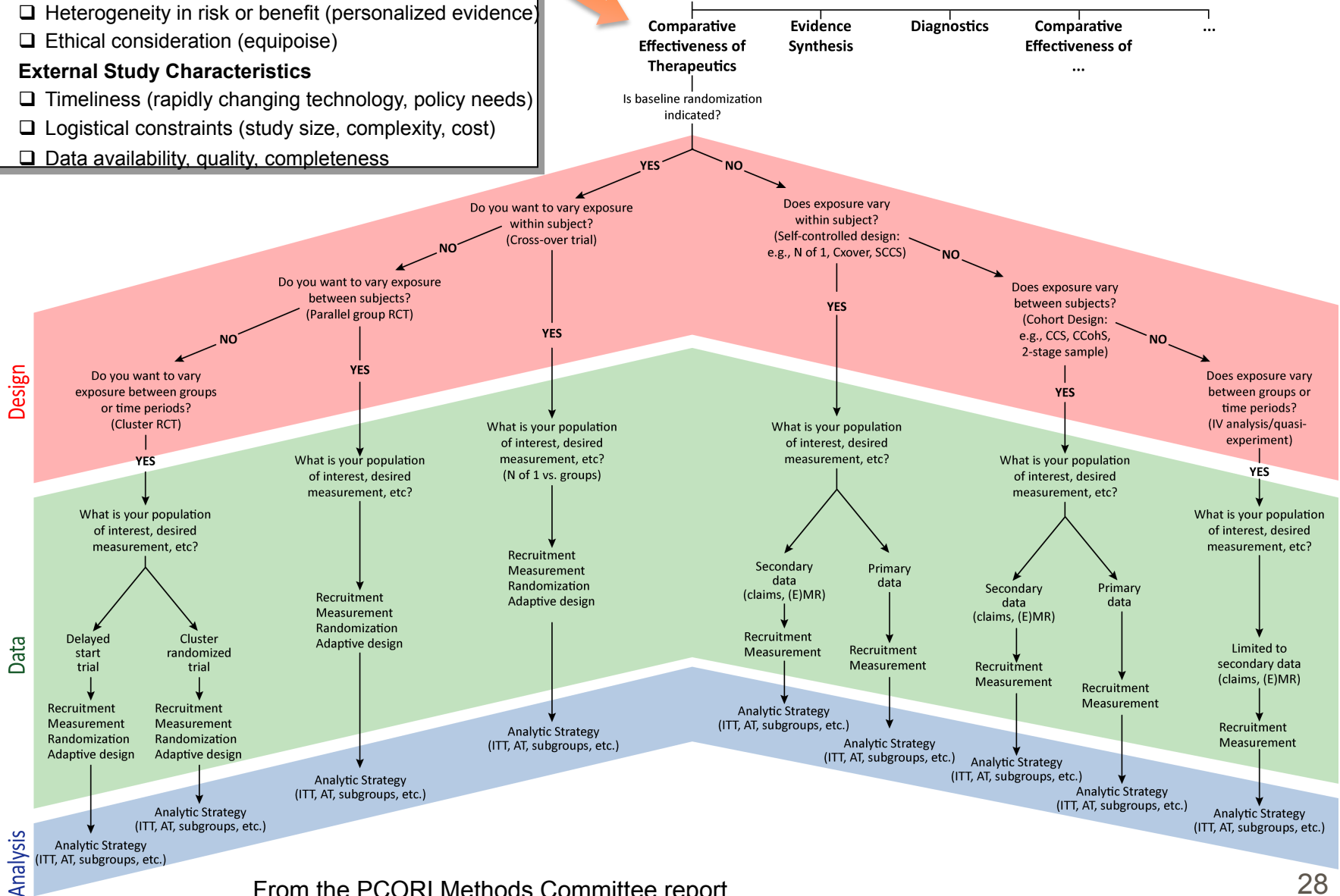
### Intrinsic Study Characteristics

- Internal validity (bias)
- External validity (generalizability, transportability)
- Precision
- Heterogeneity in risk or benefit (personalized evidence)
- Ethical consideration ( equipoise)

### External Study Characteristics

- Timeliness (rapidly changing technology, policy needs)
- Logistical constraints (study size, complexity, cost)
- Data availability, quality, completeness

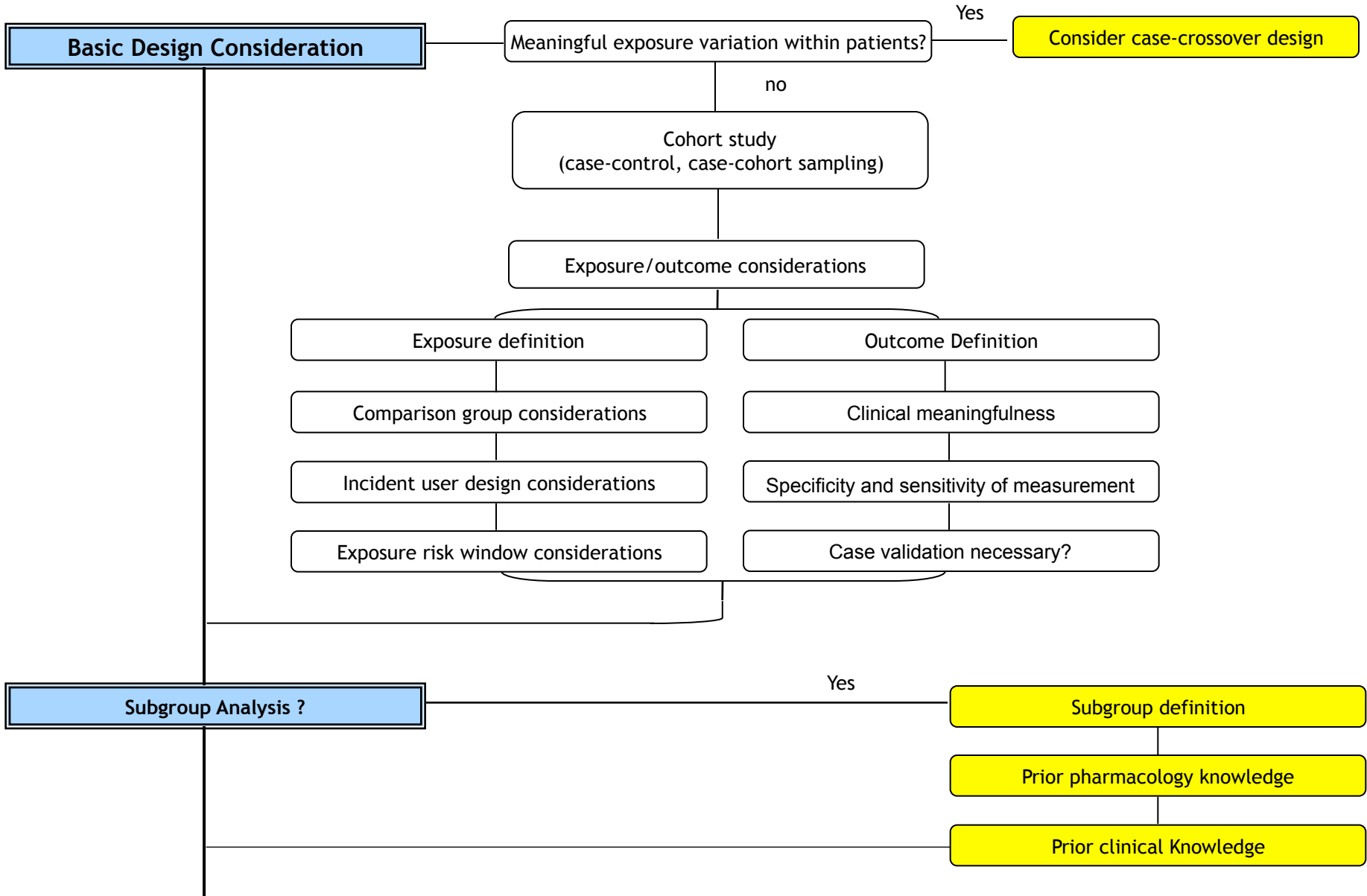
## Interface



From the PCORI Methods Committee report



# A basic study design approach



## Balancing Patient Characteristics

Defining covariates based on clinical knowledge

Defining additional covariates empirically (high-dimensional proxy adjustment)

Demonstrate covariate distributions by treatment group with RDs and 95% CIs

Supplemental covariate information required that is not available in primary data source?

Yes

Collect additional information in subpop.

- 2-stage sampling
- External data source  
- (PS Calibration)
- Multiple imputation

## Propensity score (PS) analysis

Missing covariate values in EMRs?

Yes

Multiple imputation

Estimating propensity score

Graphically explore PS distribution by treatment group

Explore effect measure modification by PS: tabulate RR, RD for each PS stratum

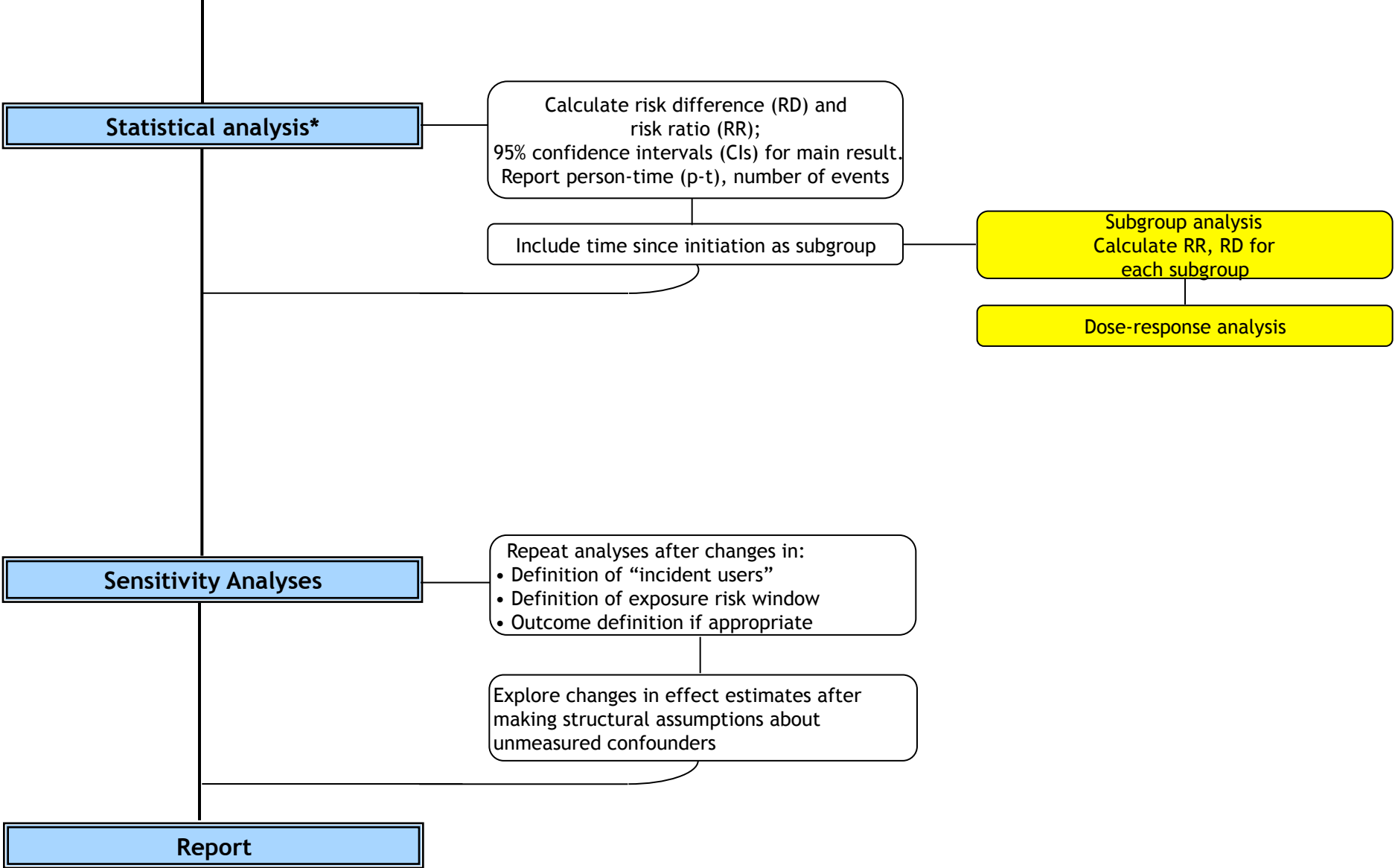
Effect measure modification by PS?

Yes

Trim 5% of patients on each end of PS distribution or match by PS

- Stratify by PS deciles
- Match on PS (1:1, 1:n, 1:n:m)

Demonstrate covariate balance by treatment group with RDs and 95% CIs



\*For illustration purposes only an analysis after PS matching is shown.



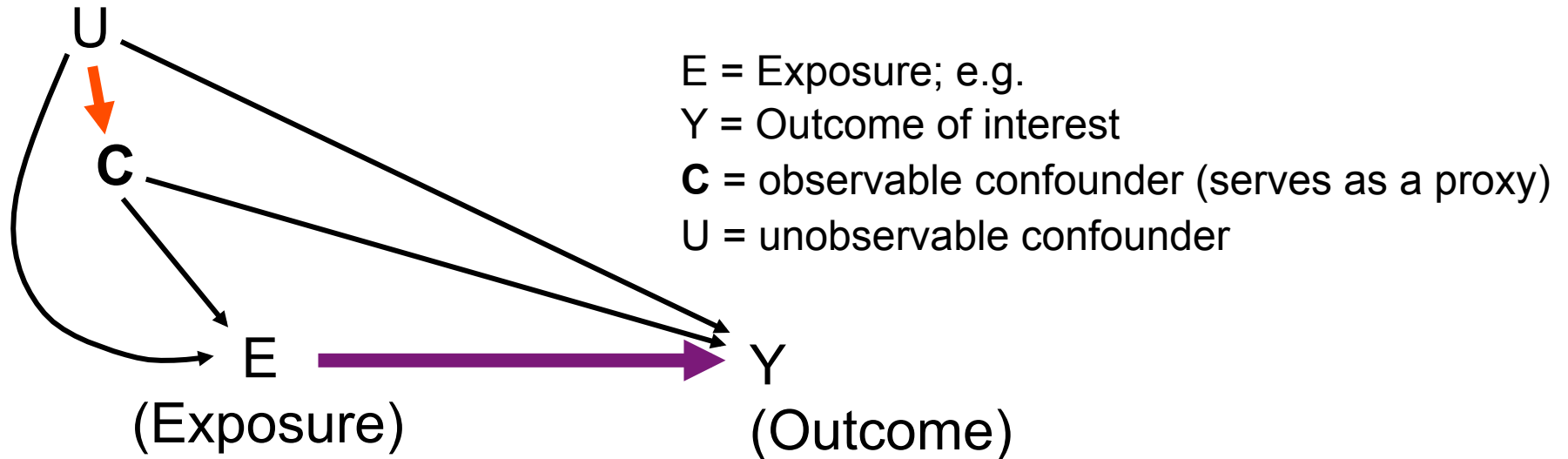
# Longitudinal insurance claims databases

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10/01/00	Rx	Pharmacy		CIPROFLOXACIN 500MG TABLETS	10	
11/05/00	OFFICE	Family Practice	17110	DESTRUCT OF FLAT WARTS, UP	0781	VIRAL WARTS
11/07/00	Rx	Pharmacy		CIPROFLOXACIN 500MG TABLETS	10	
01/15/01	Rx	Pharmacy		CIPROFLOXACIN 500MG TABLETS	10	
06/25/01	OFFICE	Emerg Clinic	99070	SPECIAL SUPPLIES	* 84509	SPRAIN OF ANKLE
					E927	ACC OVEREXERTION
06/30/01	OFFICE	Orthopedist	99204	OV,NEW PT.,DETAILED H&P,LOW	* 72767	RUPT ACHILL TEND
06/30/01	OFFICE	Internist/Gener	99202	OV,NEW PT.,EXPD.PROB-FOCSD	* 84509	SPRAIN OF ANKLE
	OUTPT HP	Anesthesiologis	01472	REPAIR OF RUPTURED ACHILLES	* 84509	SPRAIN OF ANKLE
		Hospital	27650	REPAIR ACHILLES TENDON	* 84509	SPRAIN OF ANKLE
			85018	BLOOD COUNT; HEMOGLOBIN	* 84509	SPRAIN OF ANKLE
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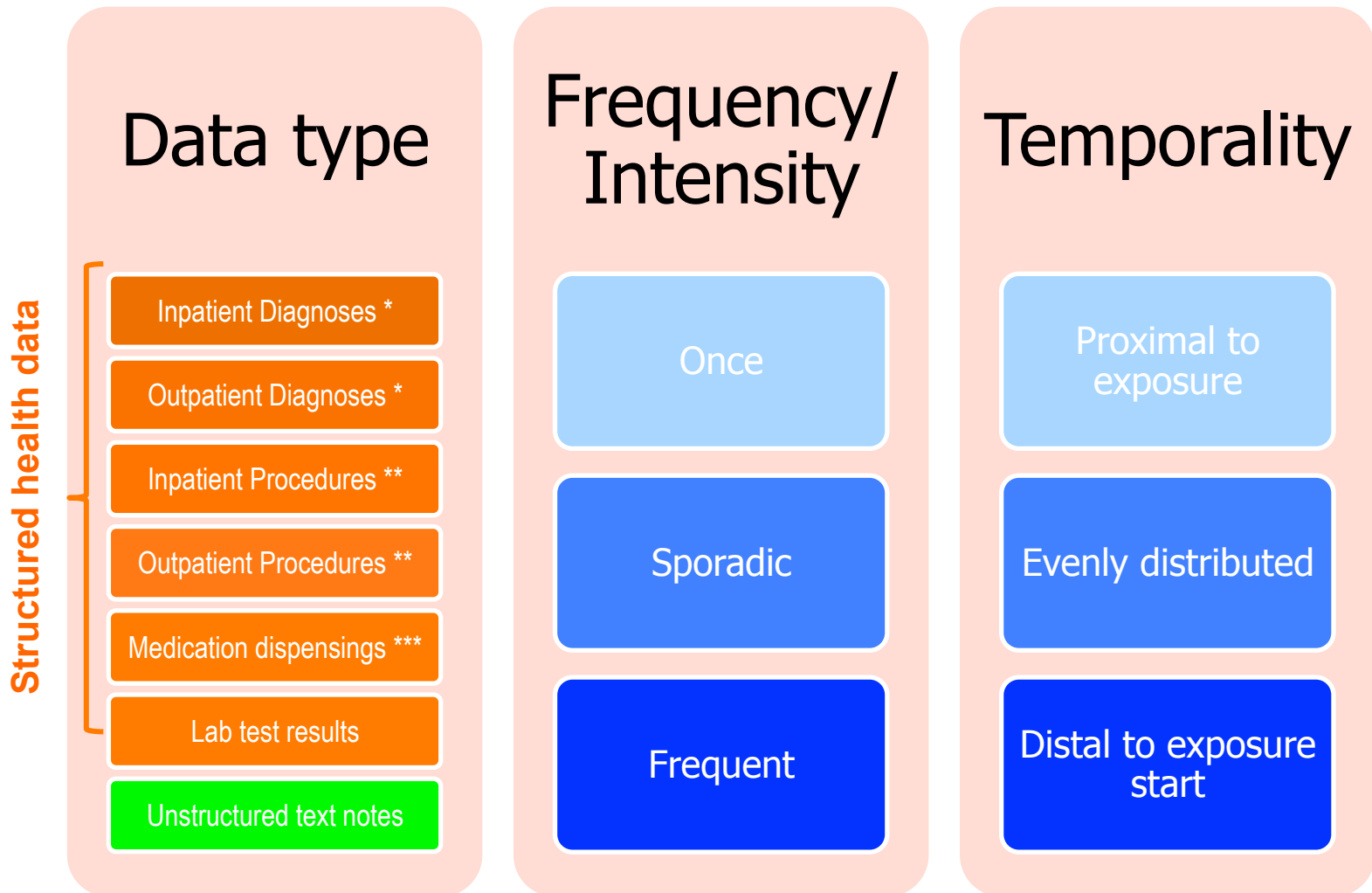
Longitudinal patterns of codes of any type (Dx, Px, Rx, Lx etc.) are proxies of disease activity, severity and general health state.

# Unobservable confounding and proxy measures



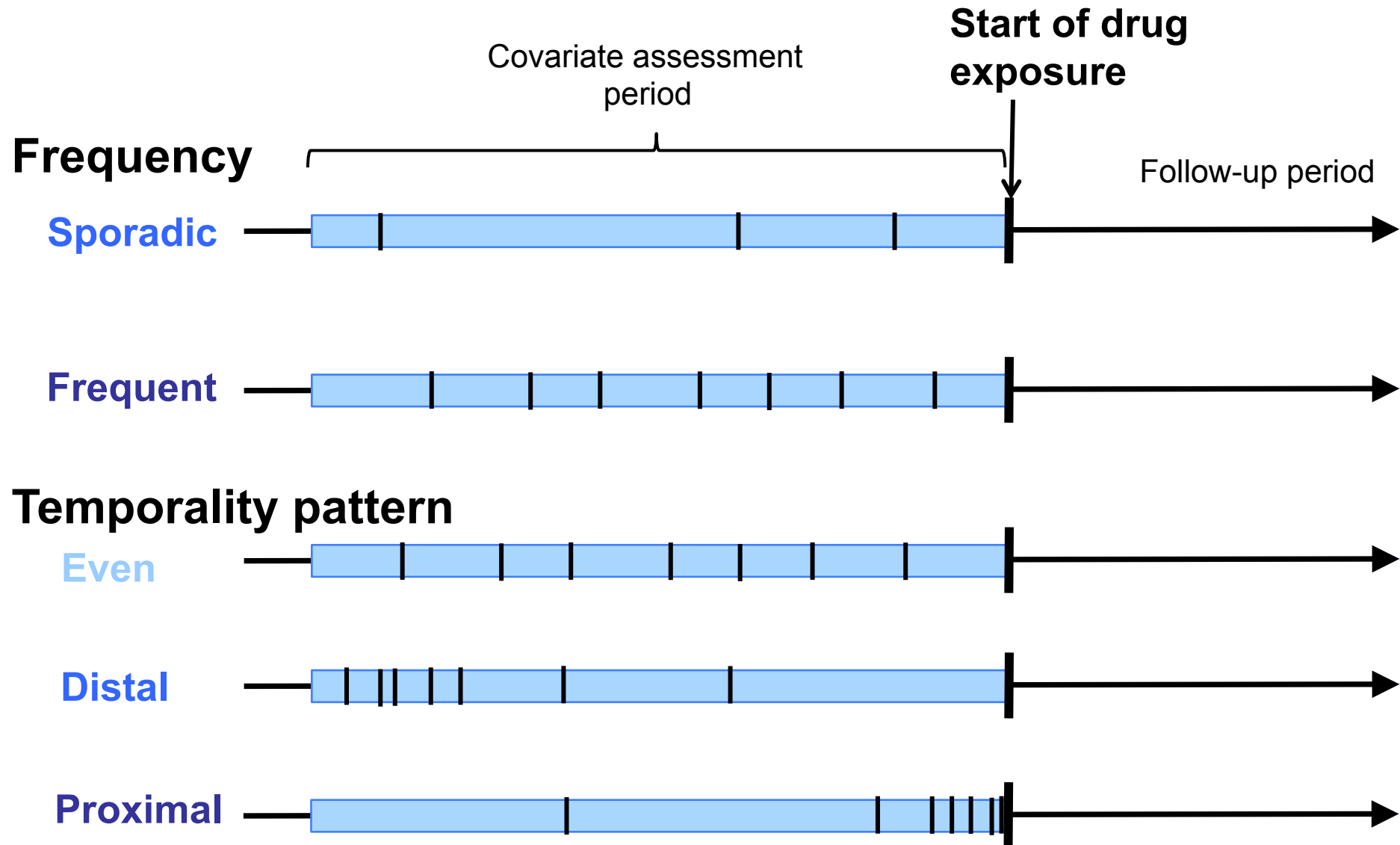
Unobserved confounder	Observable proxy	Coding
Very frail health	Use of <b>oxygen canister</b>	CPT-4:
Acutely sick but not that bad off	Receiving a <b>code for hypertension</b> during a hospital stay	ICD-9:
Health seeking behavior	<b>Regular check-up</b> visit; regular screening exams	ICD-9, CPT-4 # GP visits
Fairly health senior	Receiving the <b>first lipid-lowering medication</b> at age 70	NDC
Chronically sick	Regular visits with specialist, hospitalization; many prescription drugs	# specialist visits, NDC

# Three main data dimensions

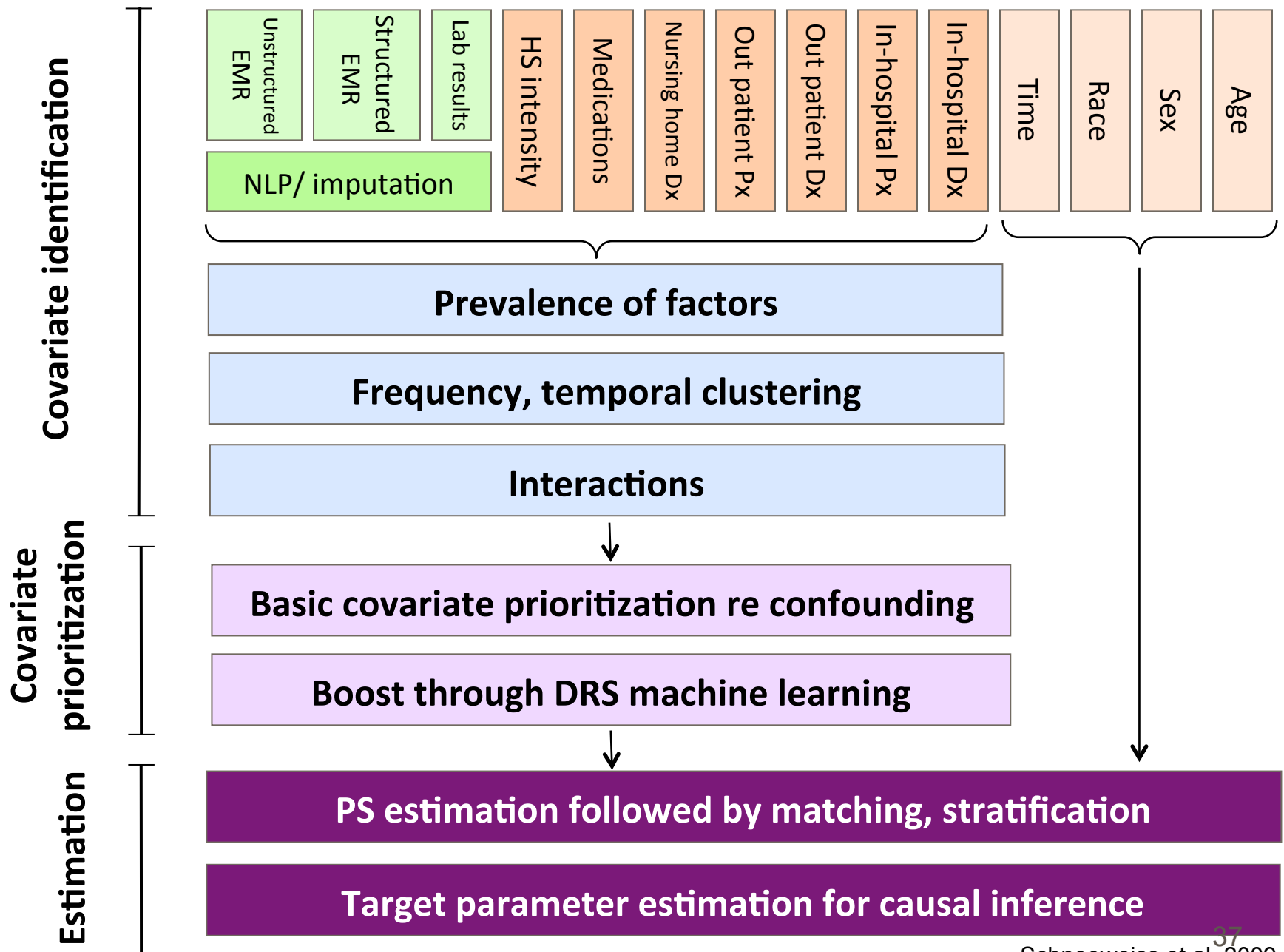


Standard coding examples: \* ICD: International classification of disease; \*\* CPT: Current procedure terminology; \*\*\* NDC: National Drug Code, ATC: Anatomical Therapeutic Classification

# Confounding frequency and temporality patterns



# High-dimensional data adjustment



# Performance in empirical database studies

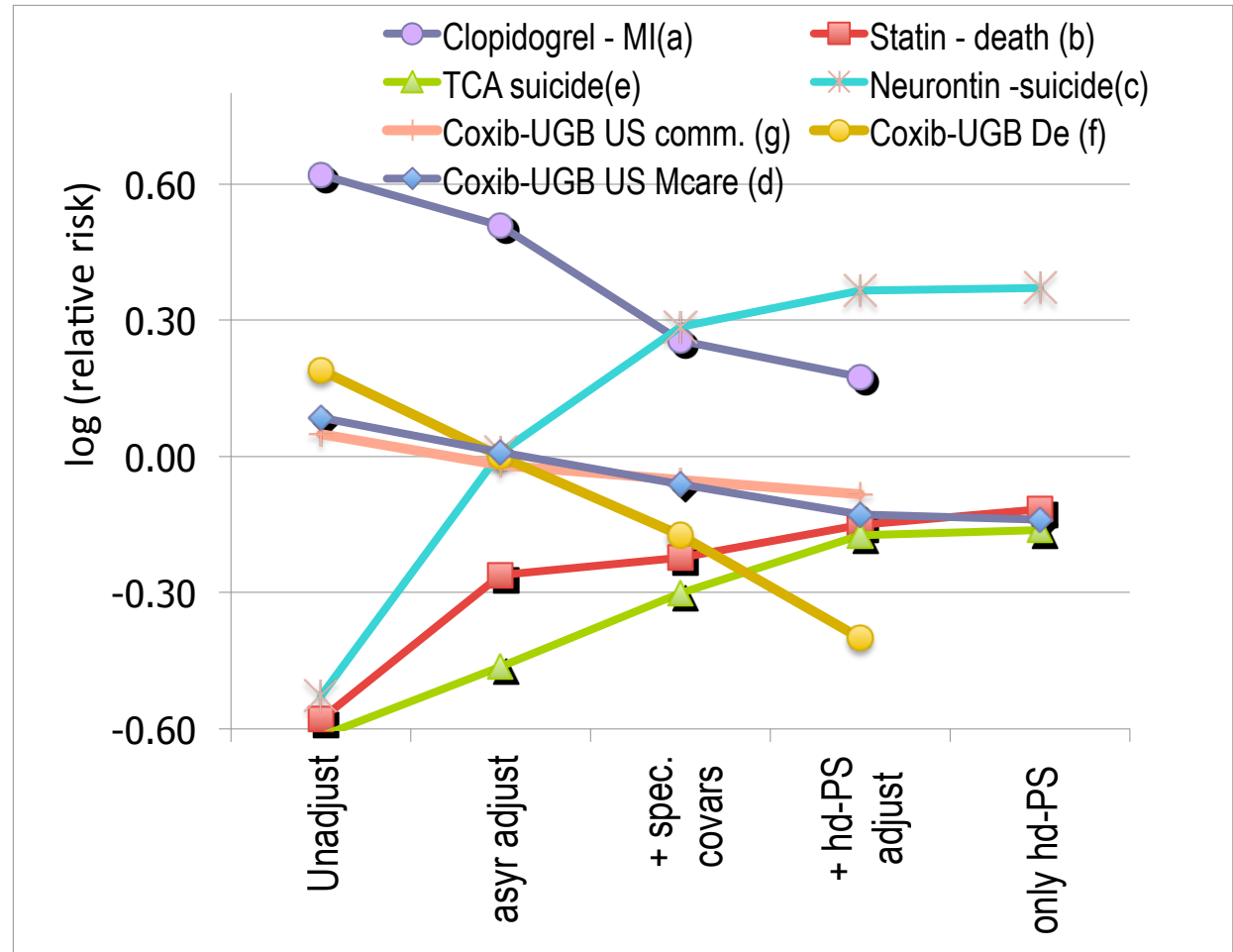
## Data sources

### Claims databases:

U.S. Medicare  
U.S. commercial  
Canada  
Germany

### HER databases:

United Kingdom  
Regenstrief



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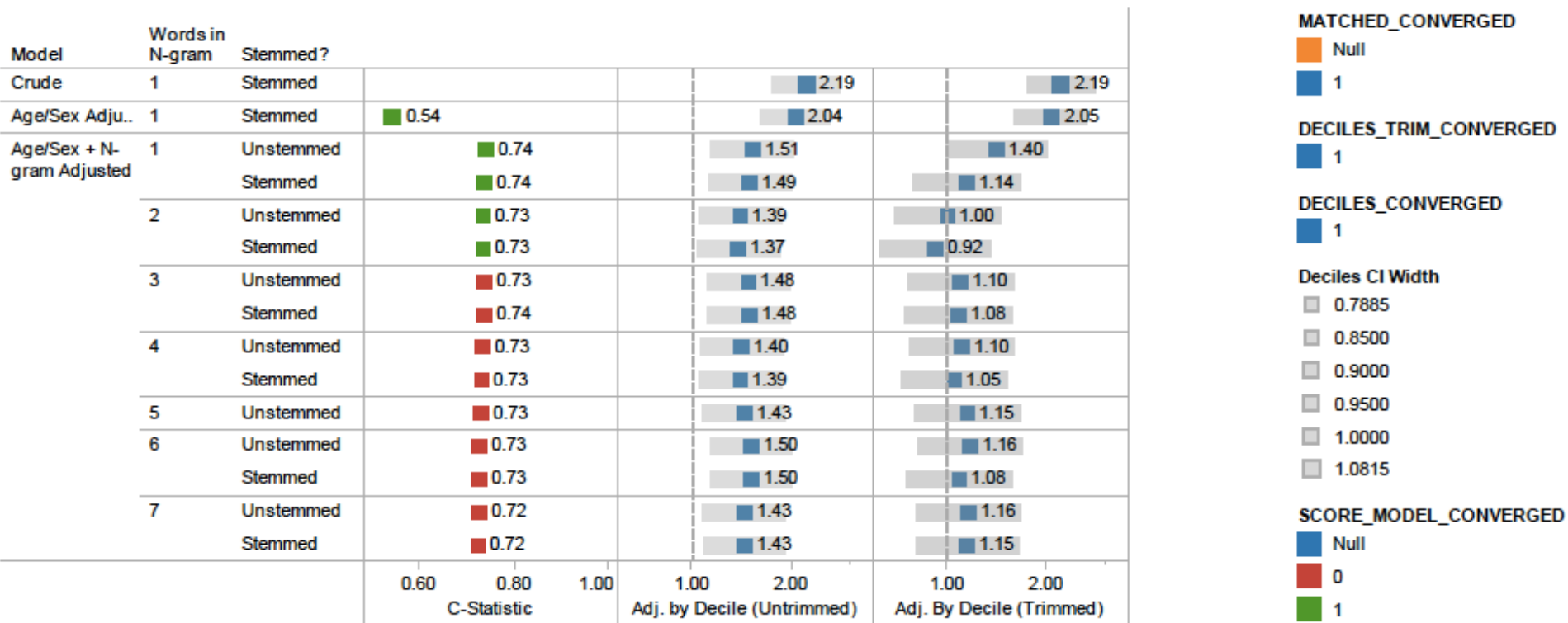
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# Performance of algorithmic EHR word stem adjustment

High versus Low-Intensity Statin



## 1 Word:

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oxycontin  
haptic  
extracrani  
scleral  
splenomengali  
valium  
cardizem

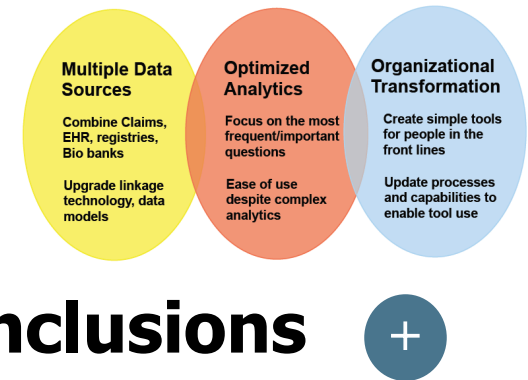
## 2 Words:

site cervix  
categori within  
specimen  
categori  
peripher edema  
maxillari sinus  
differenti diagnos  
high hny

## 3 Words:

specimen site cervix  
site cervix endocervix  
categori within normal  
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or 3 view  
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exam ct abdomen

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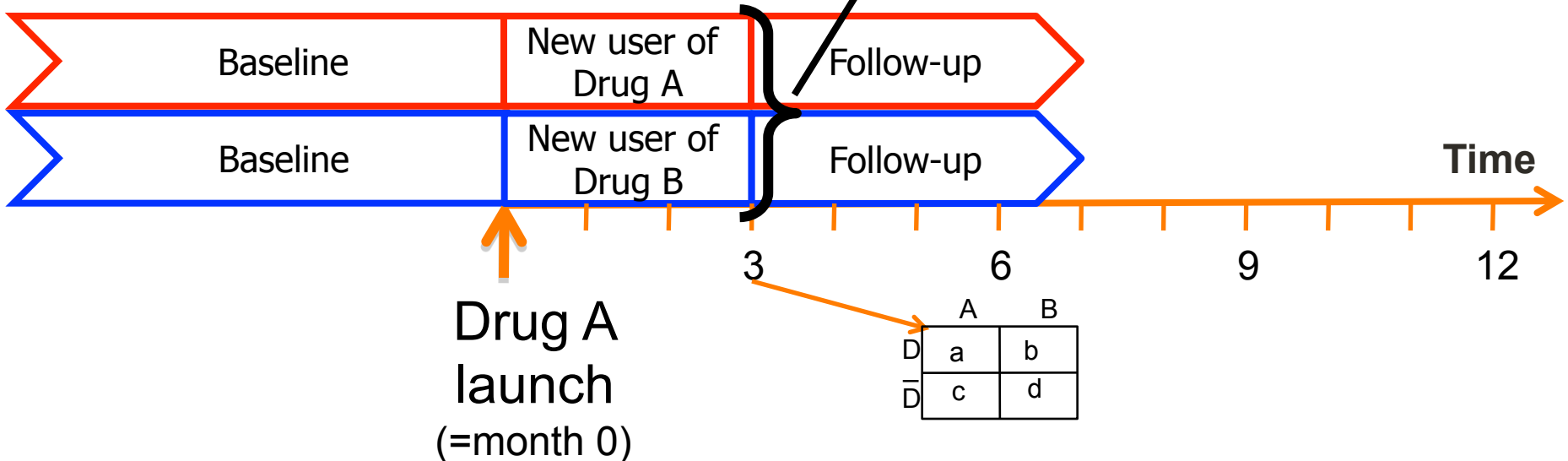
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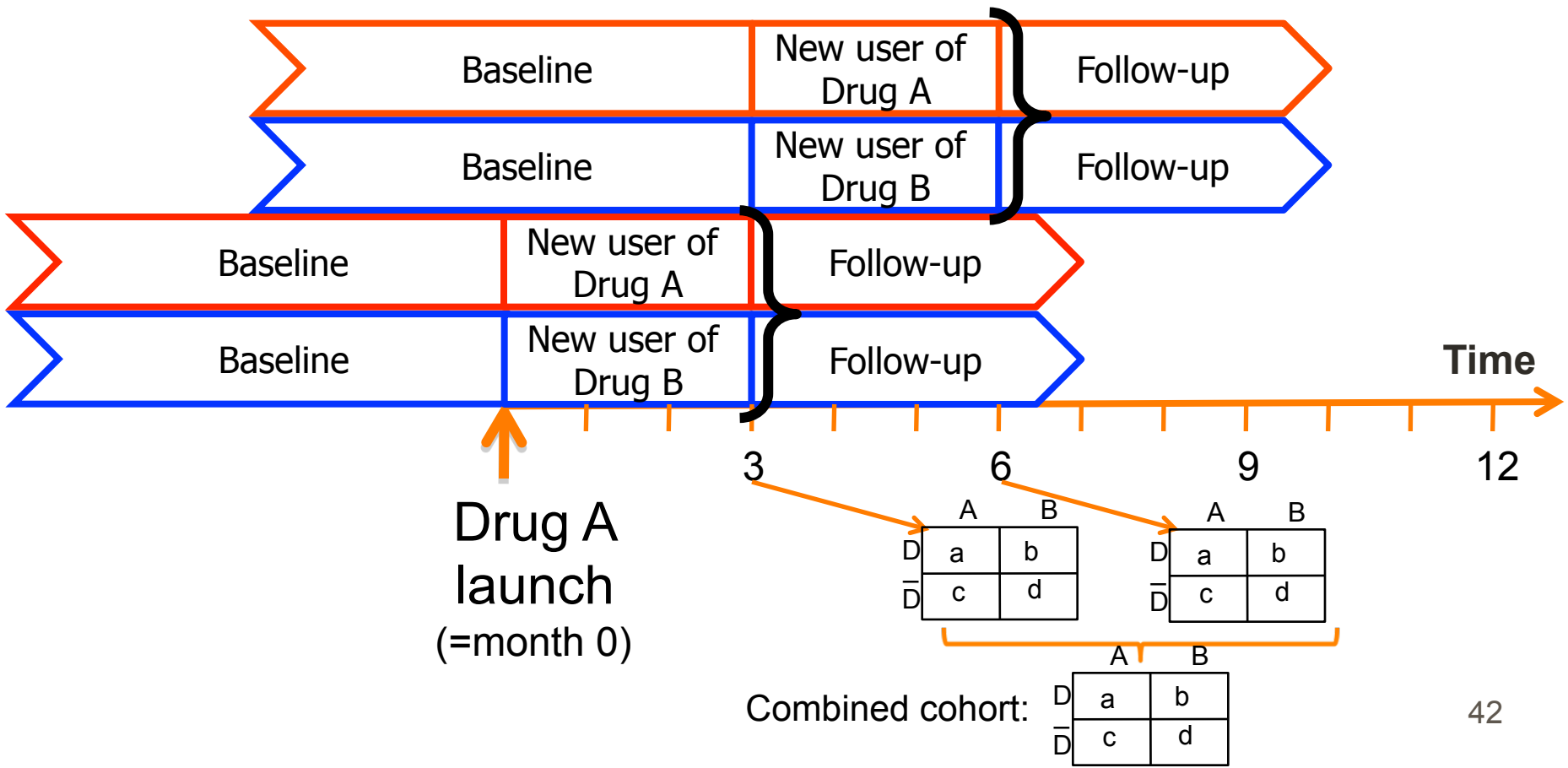
A sequential cohort design

Propensity score matching



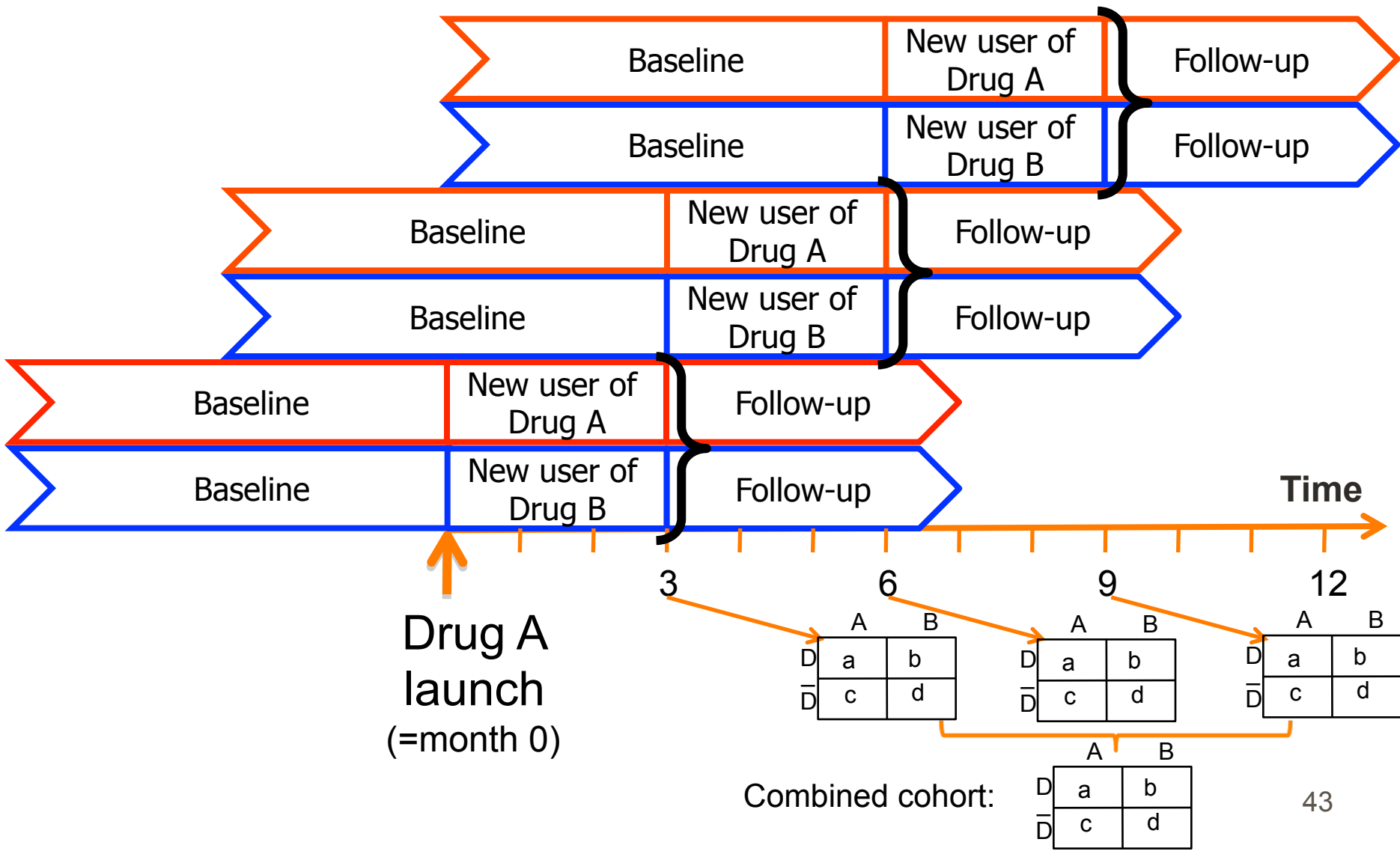
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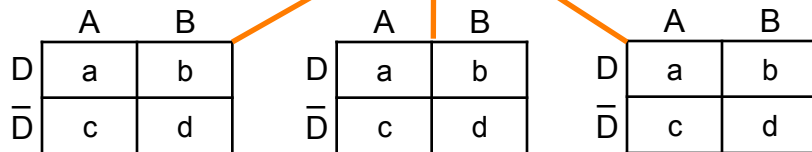
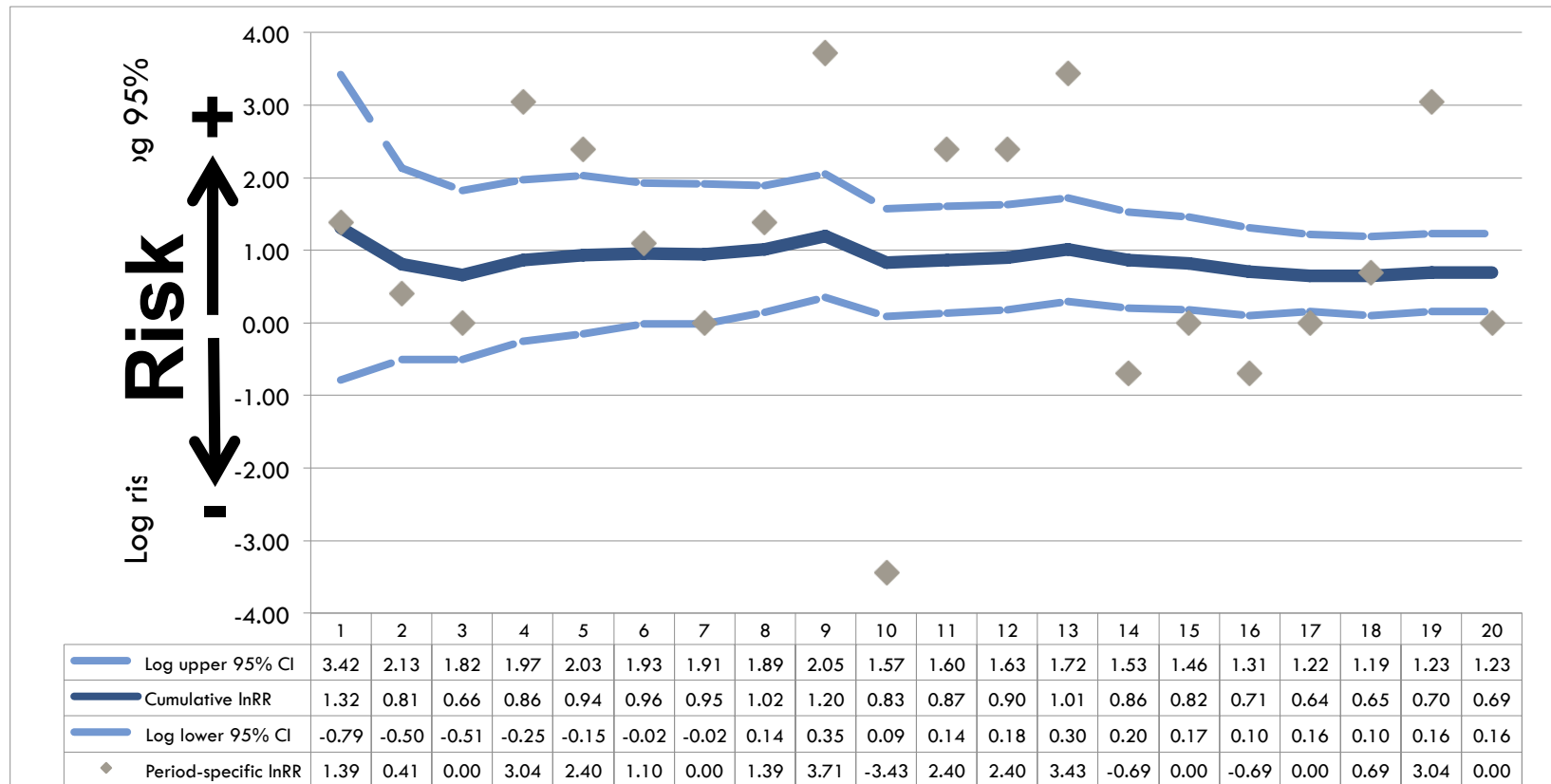


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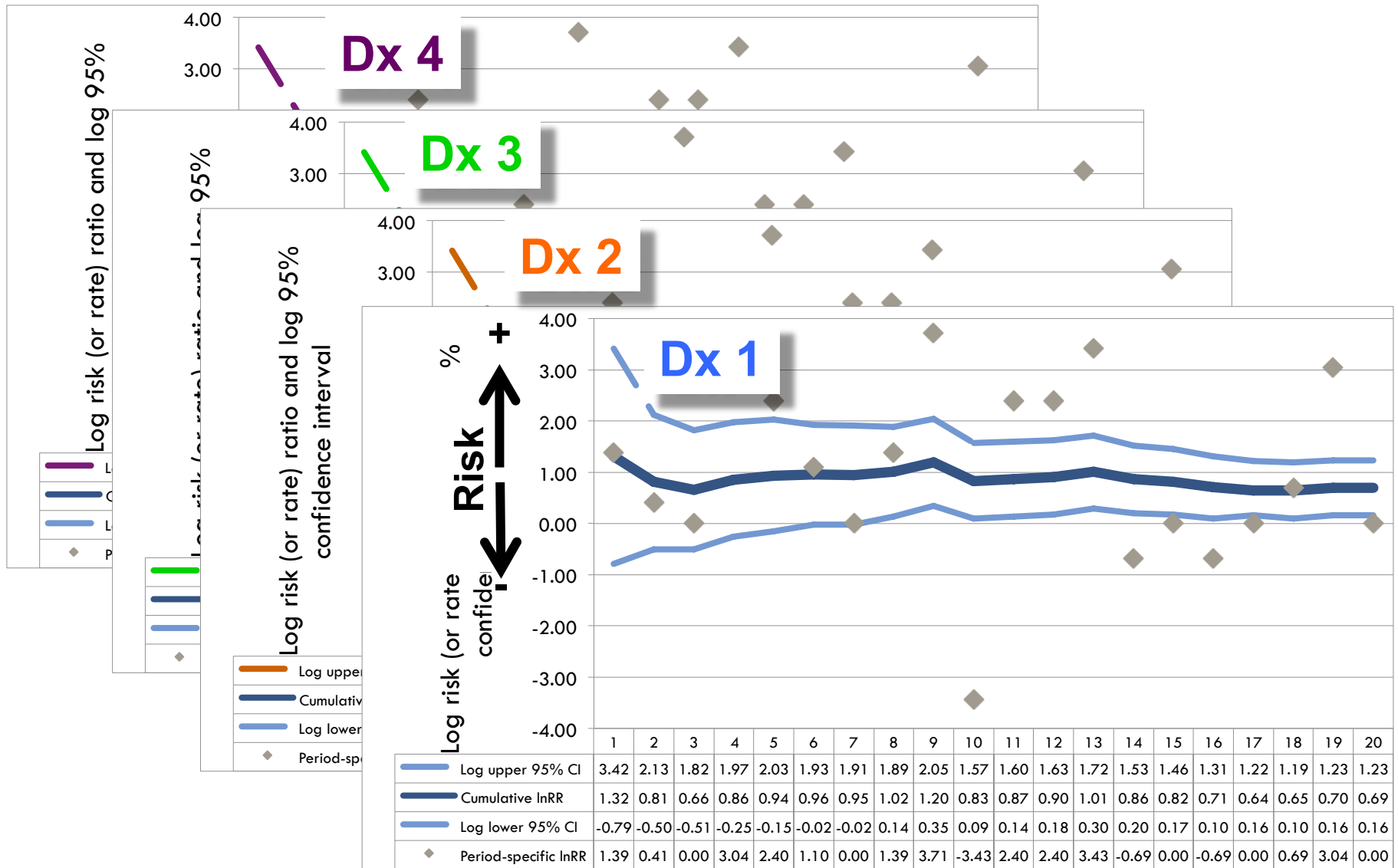
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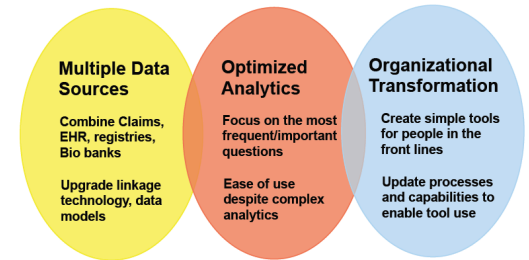
# Output of cumulating data in a monitoring system



# Monitoring of multiple endpoints



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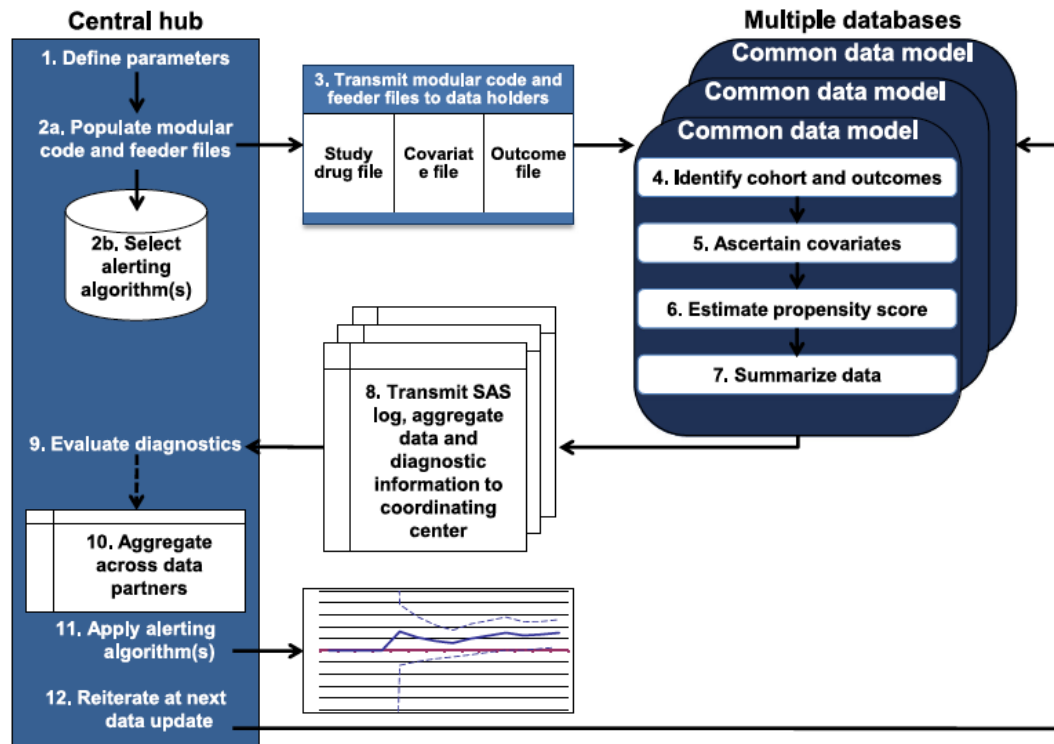
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study design. With the MSDD in place, a full-scale observational study to evaluate the association between angioedema and drugs targeting the renin–angiotensin system was designed, conducted, and **completed in 11 months.**<sup>1</sup>

Decision makers need this done in hours !

# FDA Mini Sentinel PROMPT modules



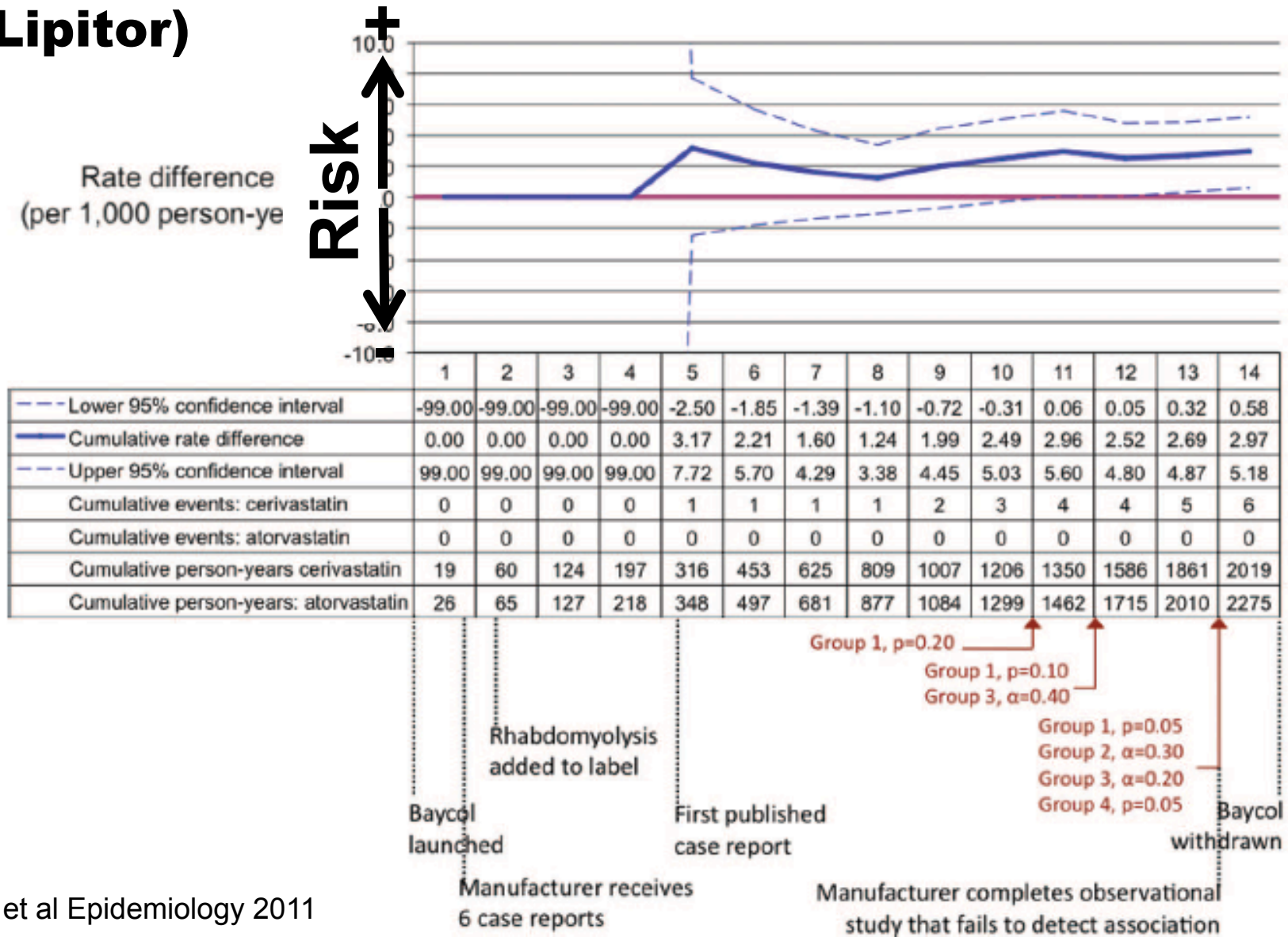
A modular, prospective, semi-automated drug safety monitoring system for use in a distributed data environment

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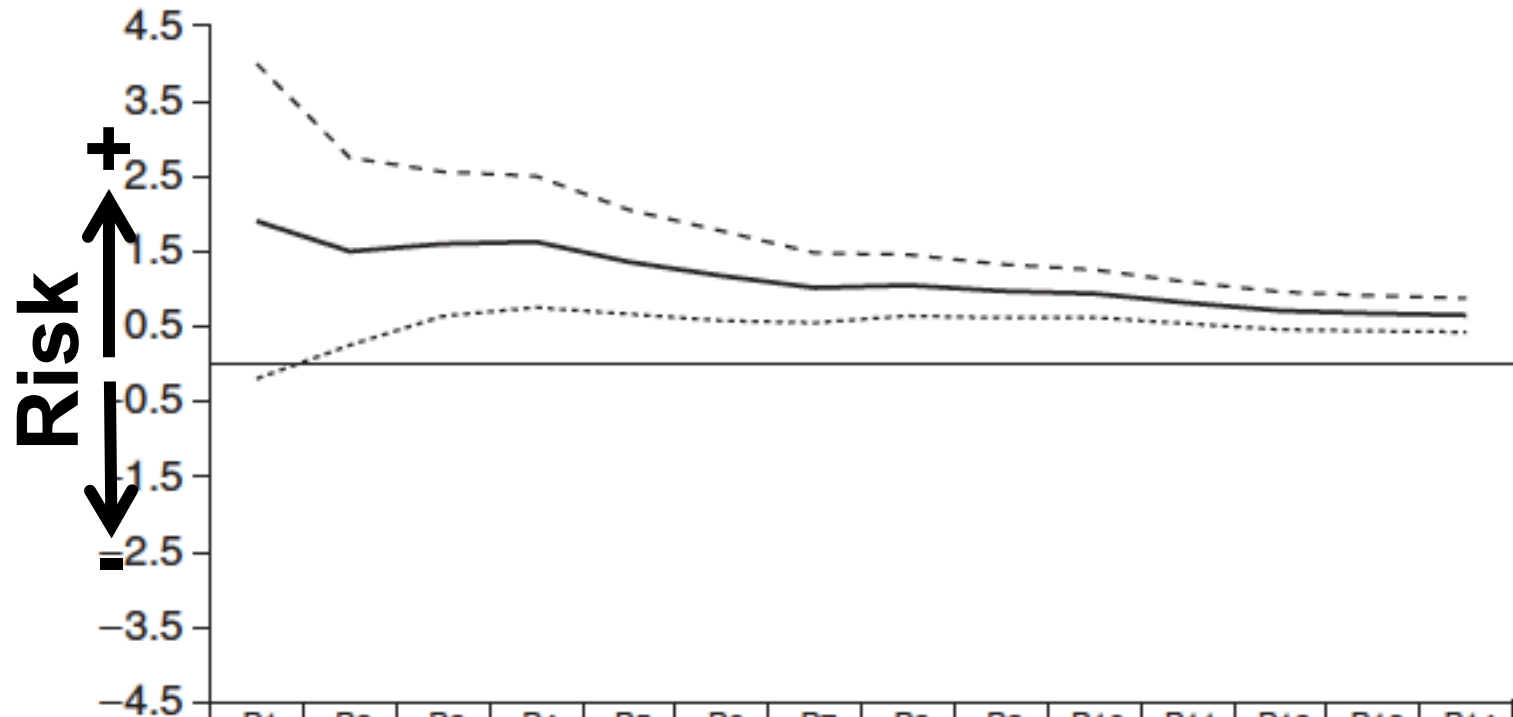
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# Monitoring for rhabdomyolysis among initiators of cerivastatin (Baycol) vs. atorvastatin (Lipitor)

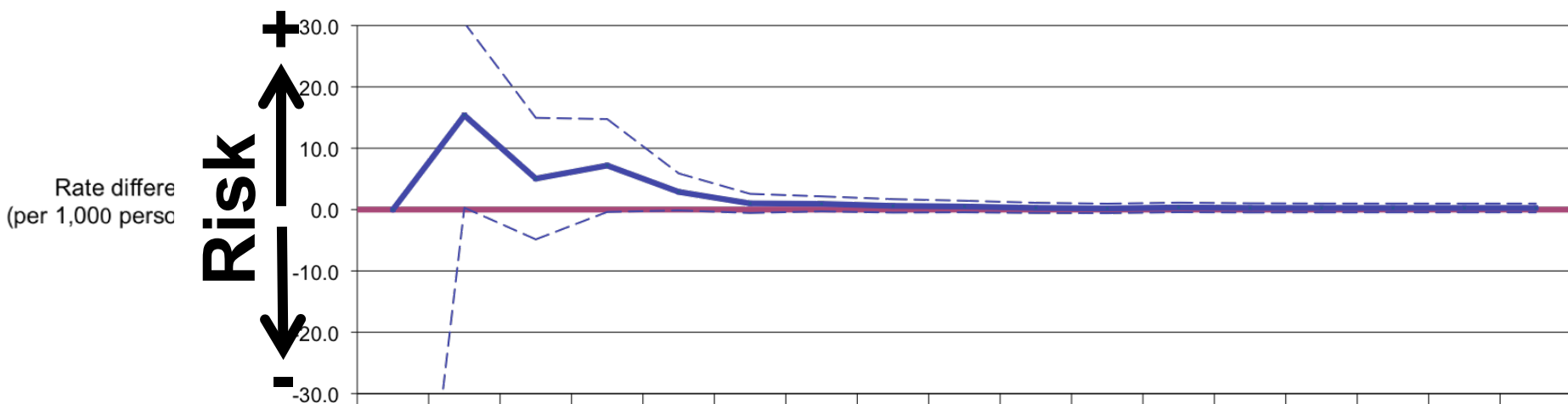


# Monitoring for angioedema among initiators of lisinopril vs. ARBs



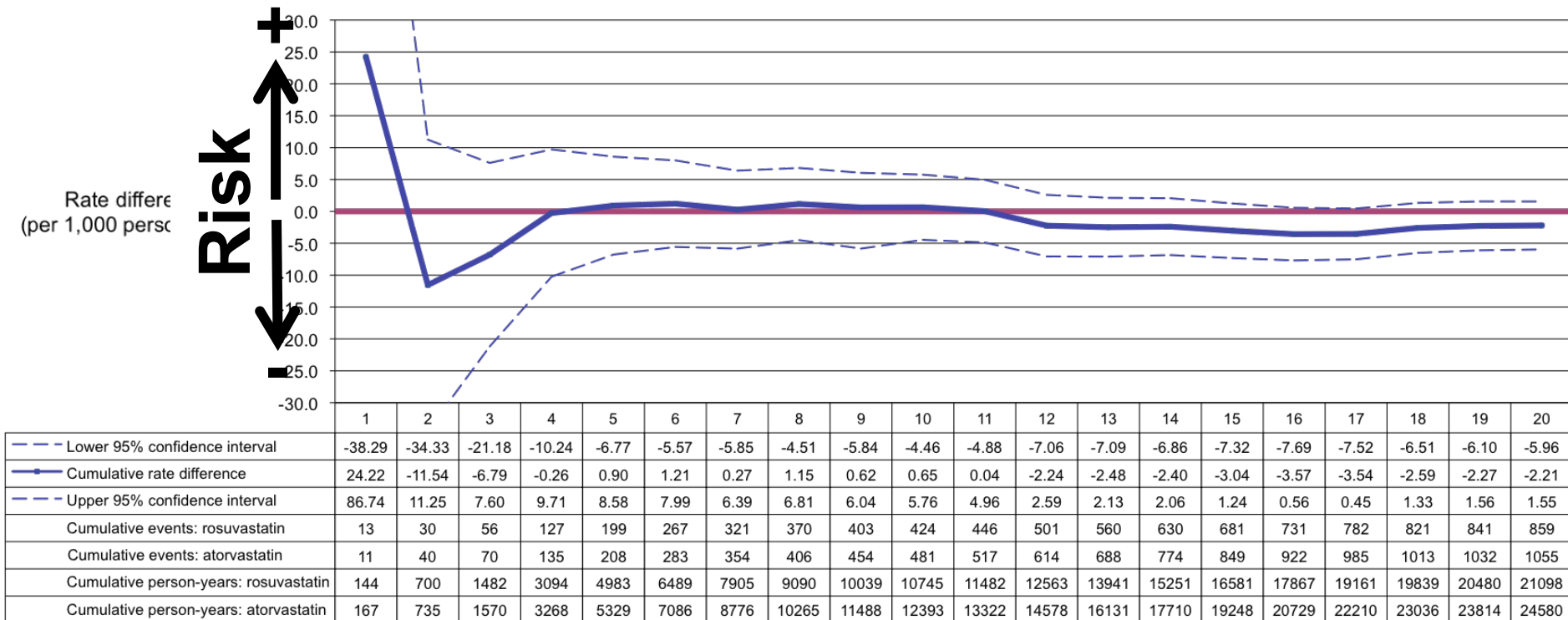
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11	P12	P13	P14
--- lnRR UL	4.00	2.75	2.56	2.50	2.05	1.77	1.48	1.46	1.33	1.26	1.09	0.96	0.91	0.88
— lnRR	1.90	1.50	1.60	1.63	1.36	1.18	1.02	1.05	0.97	0.94	0.82	0.71	0.68	0.65
..... lnRR LL	-0.19	0.25	0.64	0.76	0.67	0.58	0.55	0.64	0.62	0.62	0.54	0.46	0.44	0.43
Lisinopril events	7	14	25	31	40	47	69	93	115	142	172	194	216	231
ARB events	1	3	5	6	10	14	24	31	41	52	71	89	103	113

# Monitoring for hepatotoxicity among initiators of telithromycin (Ketek) vs. azithromycin (Zithromax)



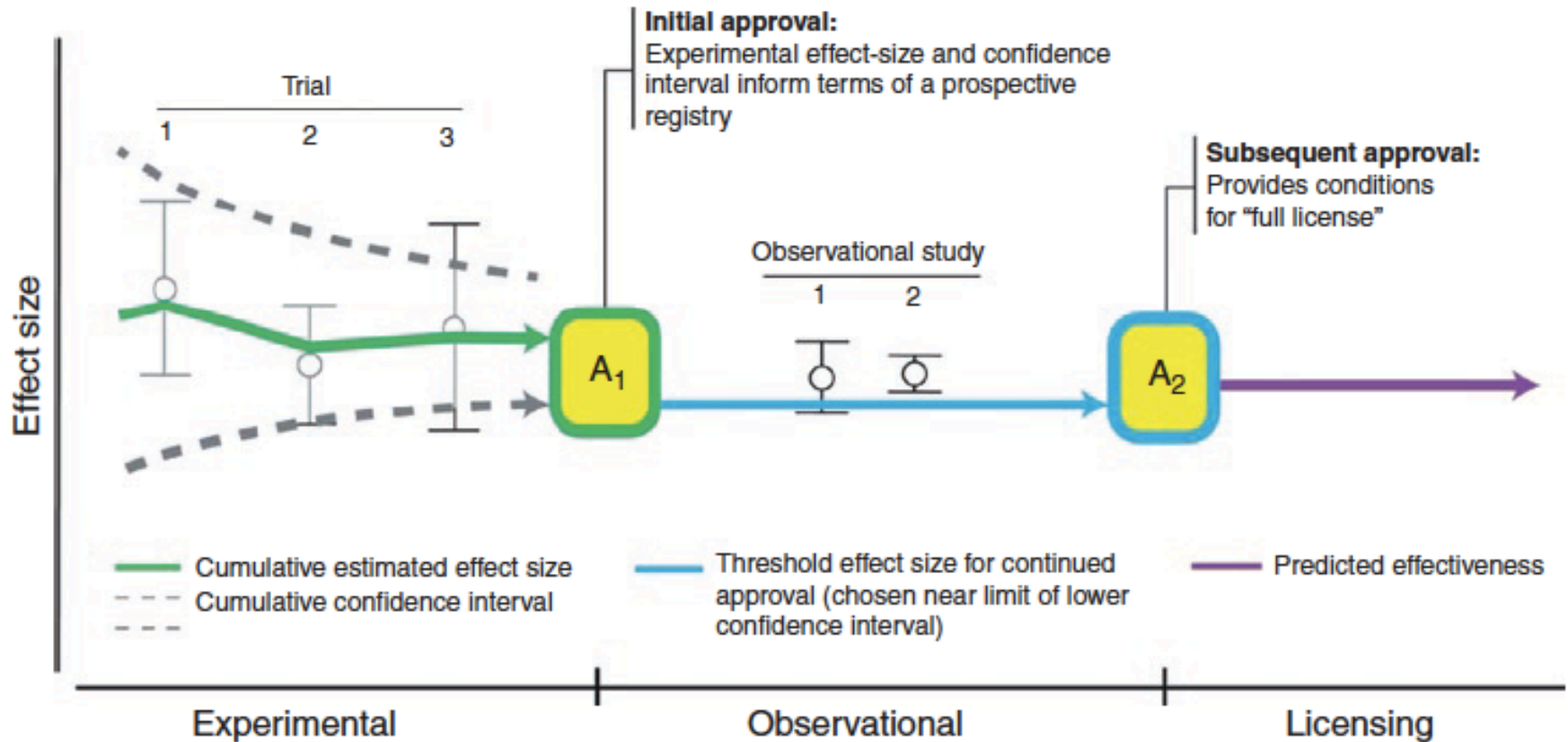
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
--- Lower 95% confidence interval	-99.00	0.31	-4.86	-0.38	-0.13	-0.55	-0.28	-0.49	-0.44	-0.55	-0.58	-0.42	-0.47	-0.45	-0.45	-0.45	-0.45
— Cumulative rate difference	0.00	15.37	5.05	7.18	2.89	1.01	0.94	0.60	0.50	0.27	0.19	0.35	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26
--- Upper 95% confidence interval	99.00	30.44	14.96	14.75	5.90	2.56	2.16	1.70	1.44	1.10	0.96	1.13	1.02	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
Cumulative events: telithromycin	0	4	6	11	13	14	18	18	19	20	20	23	23	23	23	23	23
Cumulative events: azithromycin	0	0	3	4	5	8	10	12	13	16	17	17	18	18	18	18	18
Cumulative person-years: telithromycin	13	260	593	994	2761	5917	8508	9840	11830	14237	15561	16101	17011	17615	17698	17710	17720
Cumulative person-years: azithromycin	21	260	593	1029	2745	5888	8477	9793	11760	14159	15482	15806	16697	17309	17397	17409	17416

# Monitoring for diabetes among initiators of rosuvastatin (Crestor) vs. atorvastatin (Lipitor)



Gagne et al CPT 2012

# Application: Adaptive Licensing



# Active Safety Monitoring of Newly Marketed Medications in a Distributed Data Network: Application of a Semi-Automated Monitoring System

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## Assessing the Comparative Effectiveness of Newly Marketed Medications: Methodological Challenges and Implications for Drug Development

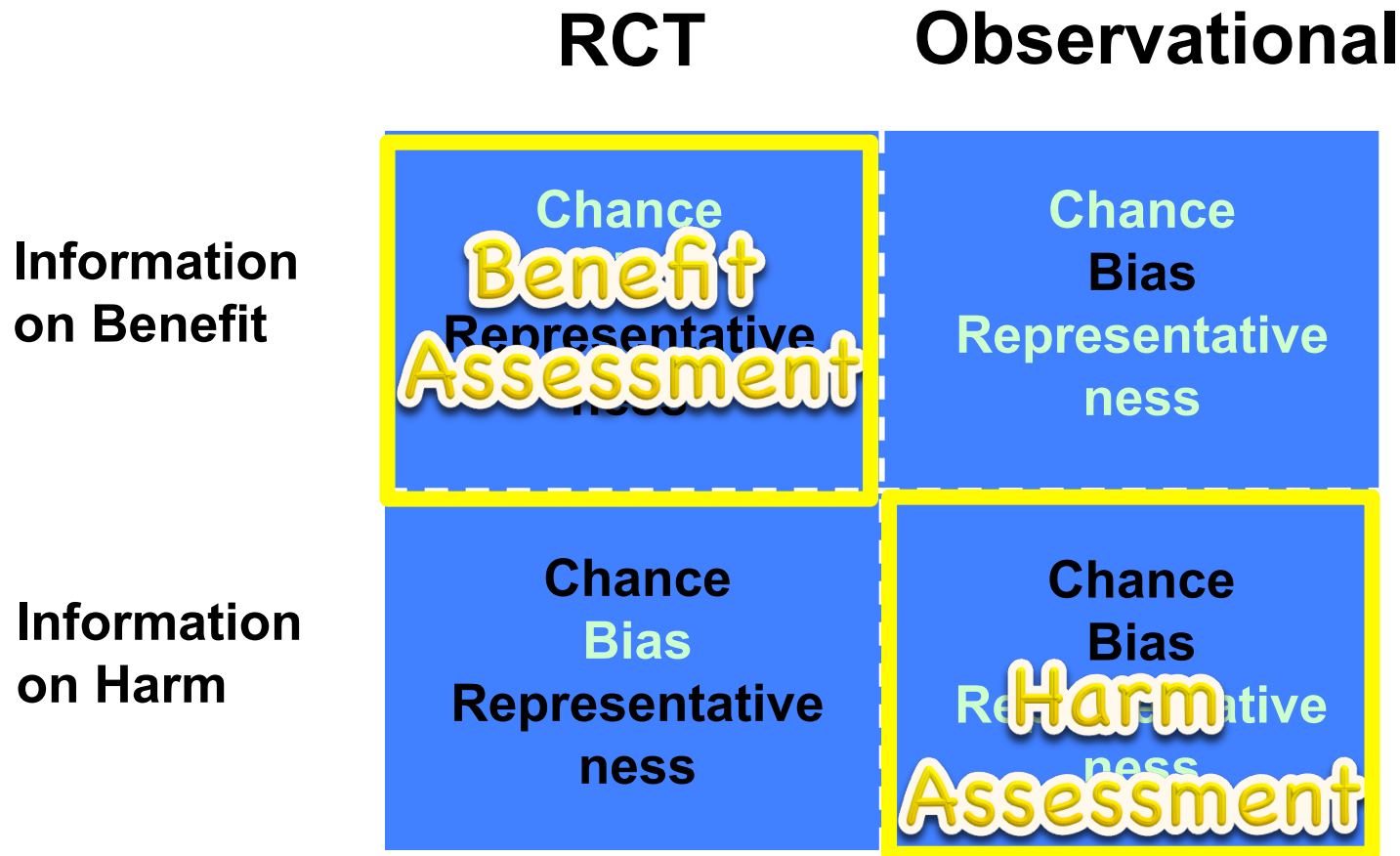
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# Early Steps in the Development of a Claims-Based Targeted Healthcare Safety Monitoring System and Application to Three Empirical Examples

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Using high-dimensional propensity scores to automate confounding control in a distributed medical product safety surveillance system

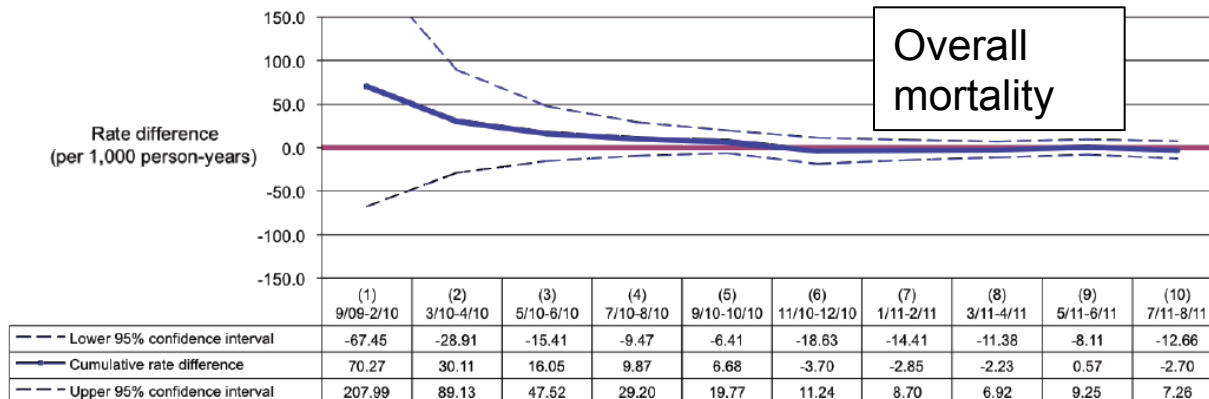
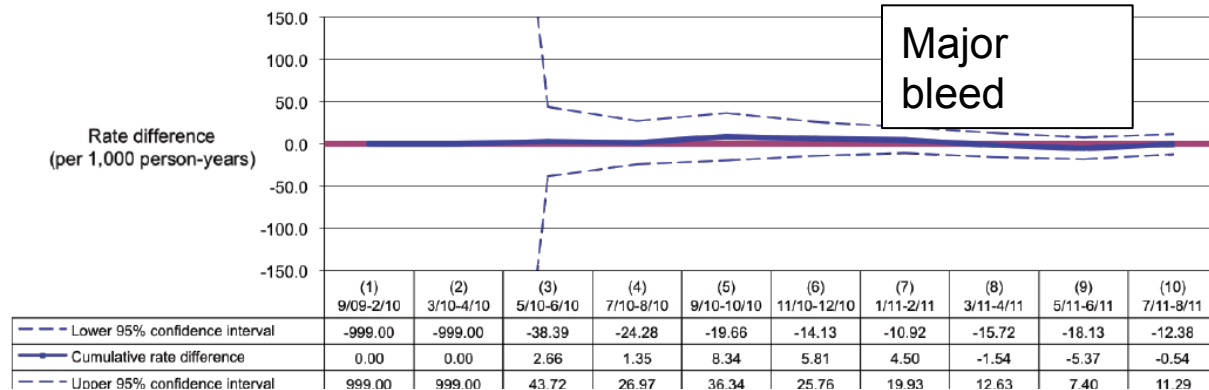
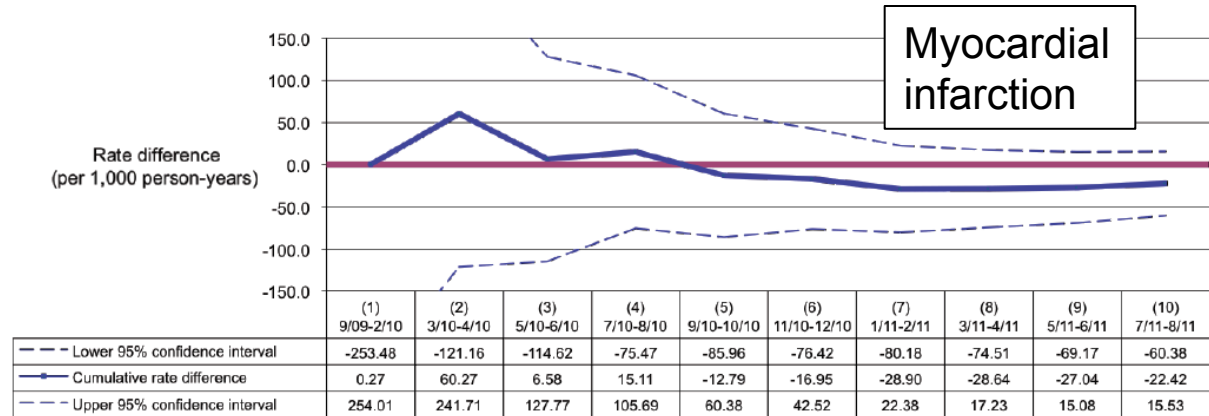
# Typical value judgment: Efficacy (benefit) - Harm Assessment



# Net benefit

Clopidogrel vs.  
prasogrel:

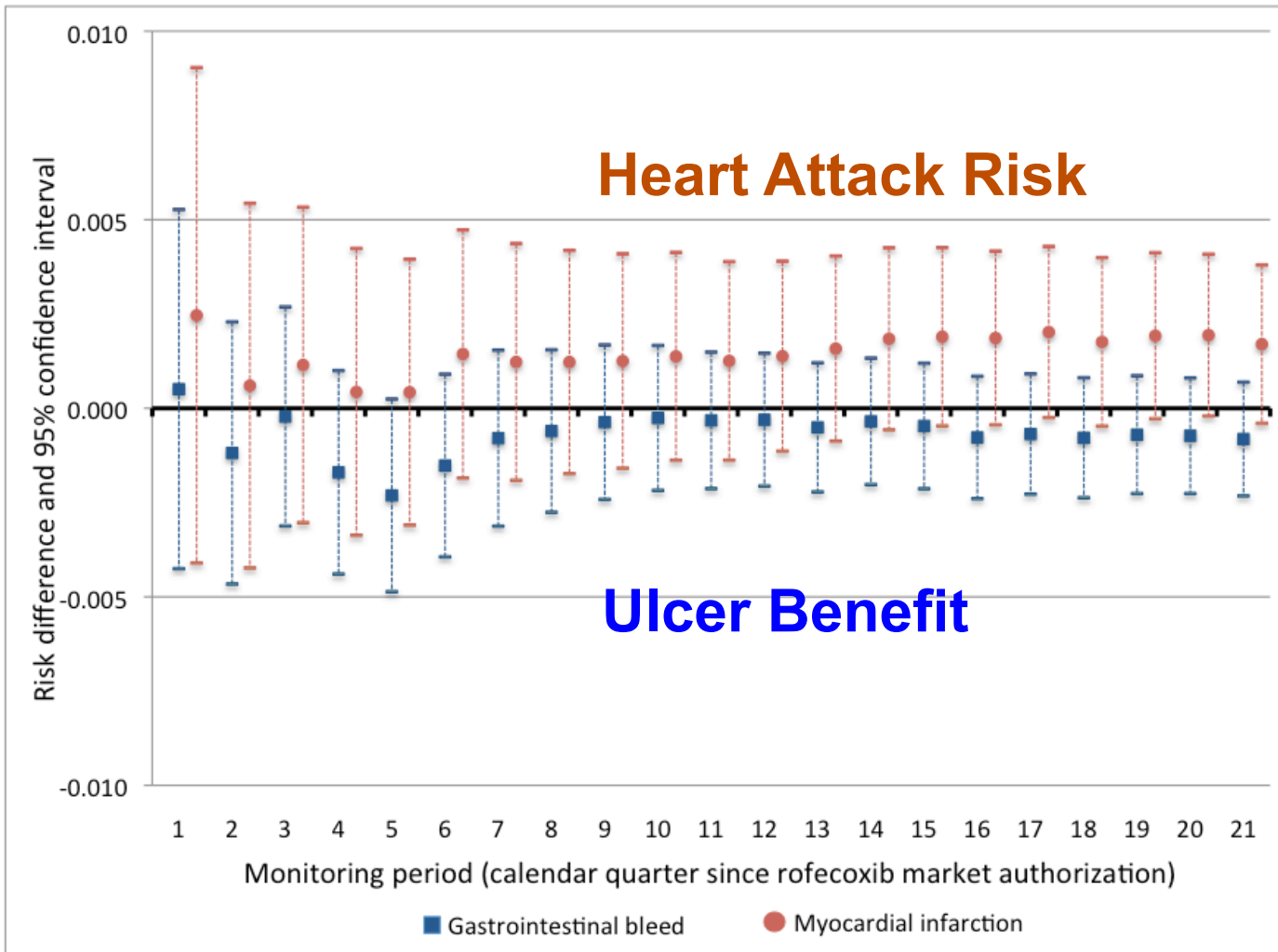
MI prevention  
vs. bleed





# Net Benefit

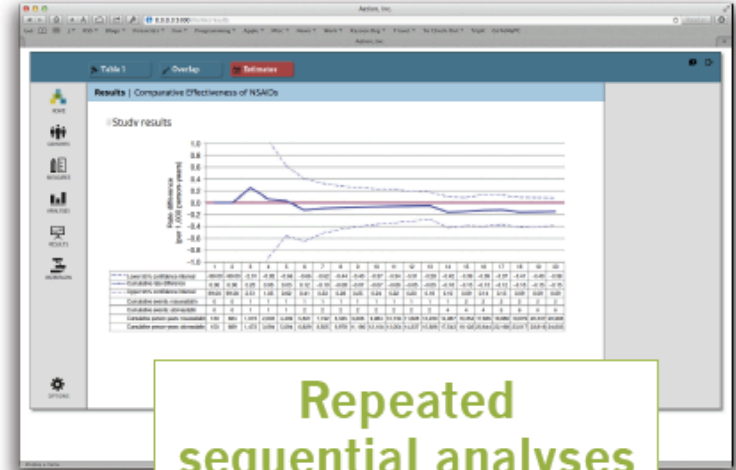
## Rofecoxib vs. NSAIDs



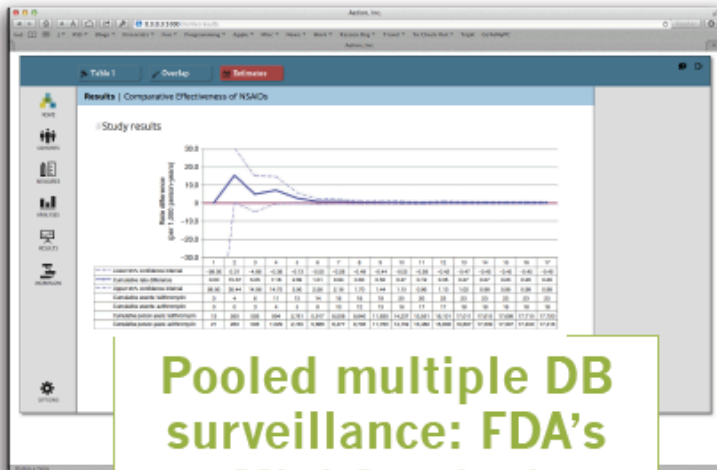
# Scalability across multiple Databases



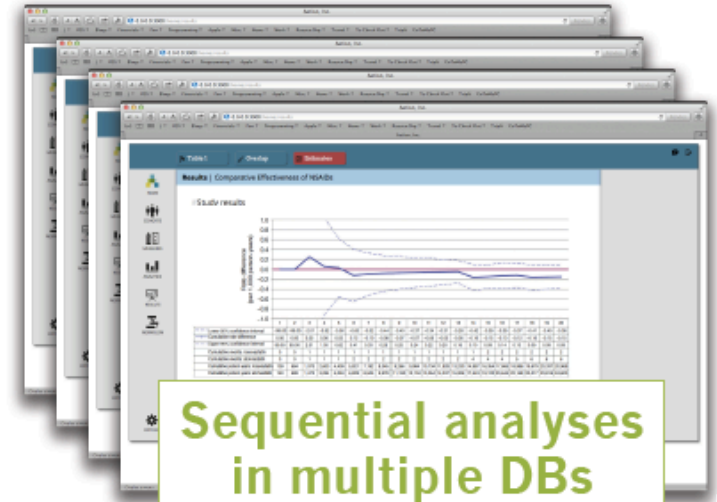
One-off fully adjusted analysis: local or national DB



Repeated sequential analyses



Pooled multiple DB surveillance: FDA's Mini Sentinel



Sequential analyses in multiple DBs

# FDA Mini Sentinel system: Size

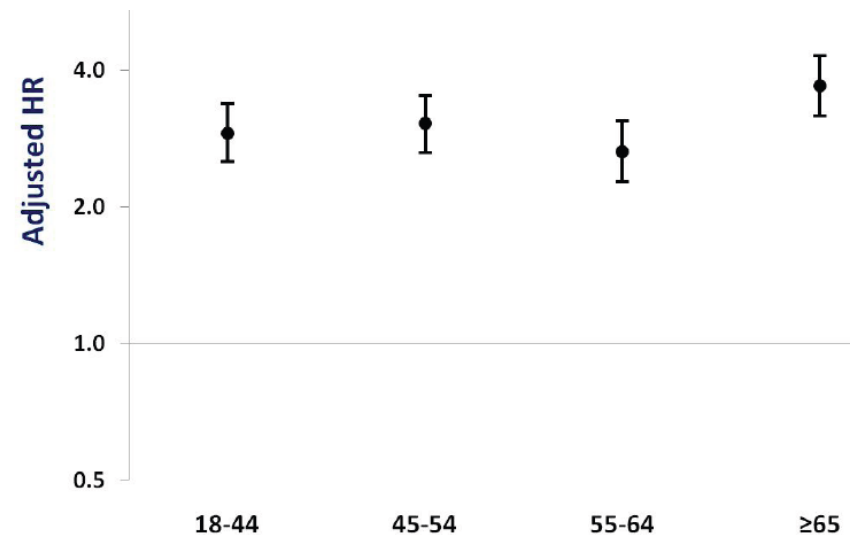
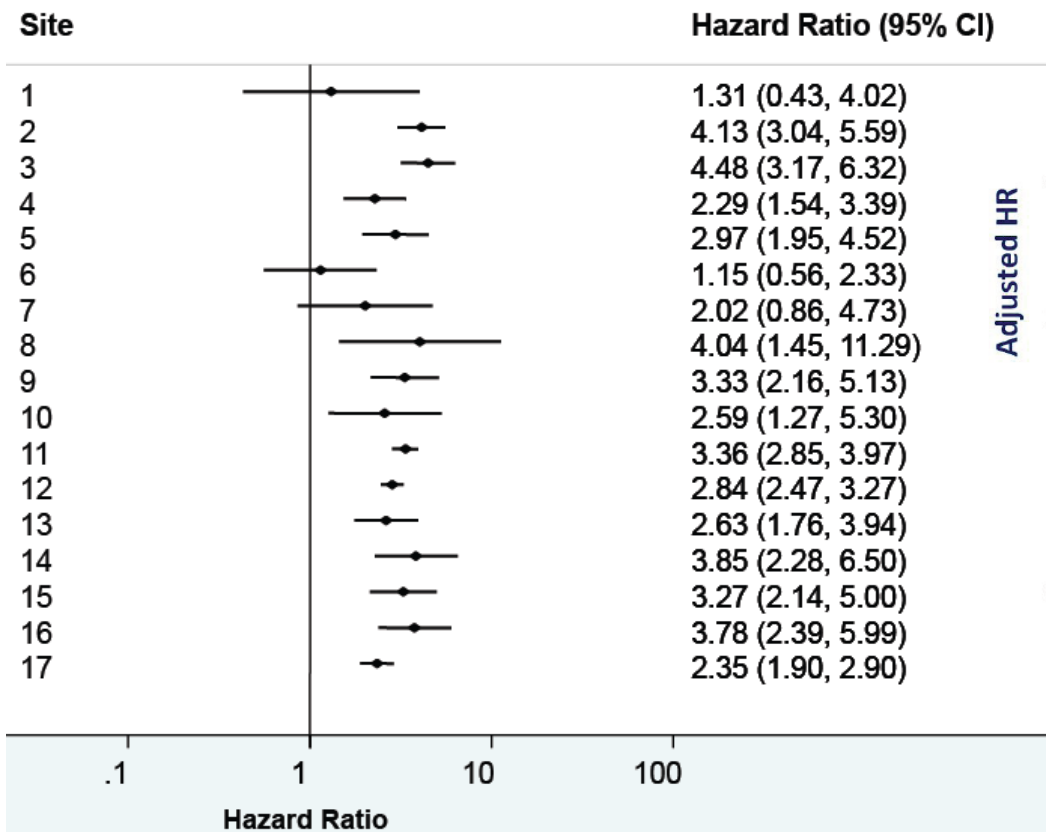
ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

## Comparative Risk for Angioedema Associated With the Use of Drugs That Target the Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System

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Mini-Sentinel data partners between  
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# FDA Mini Sentinel system: Speed

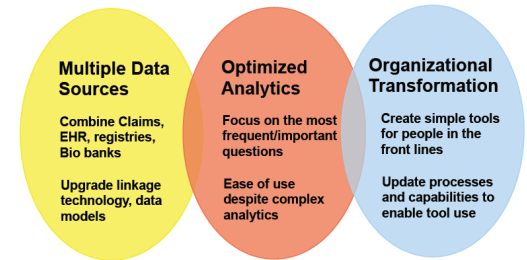
## Dabigatran and Postmarketing Reports of Bleeding

Mary Ross Southworth, Pharm.D., Marsha E. Reichman, Ph.D., and Ellis F. Unger, M.D.

Intracranial and Gastrointestinal Bleeding Events in New Users of Dabigatran and Warfarin from the Mini-Sentinel Distributed Database, October 2010 through December 2011.\*

Analysis	Dabigatran			Warfarin		
	No. of Patients	No. of Events	Incidence (no. of events/ 100,000 days at risk)	No. of Patients	No. of Events	Incidence (no. of events/ 100,000 days at risk)
<b>Gastrointestinal hemorrhage</b>						
Analysis with required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	10,599	16	1.6	43,541	160	3.5
Sensitivity analysis without required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	12,195	19	1.6	119,940	338	3.1
<b>Intracranial hemorrhage</b>						
Analysis with required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	10,587	8	0.8	43,594	109	2.4
Sensitivity analysis without required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	12,182	10	0.9	120,020	204	1.9

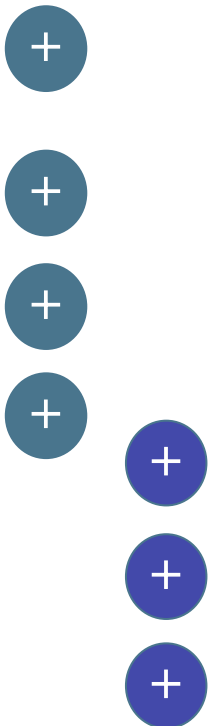
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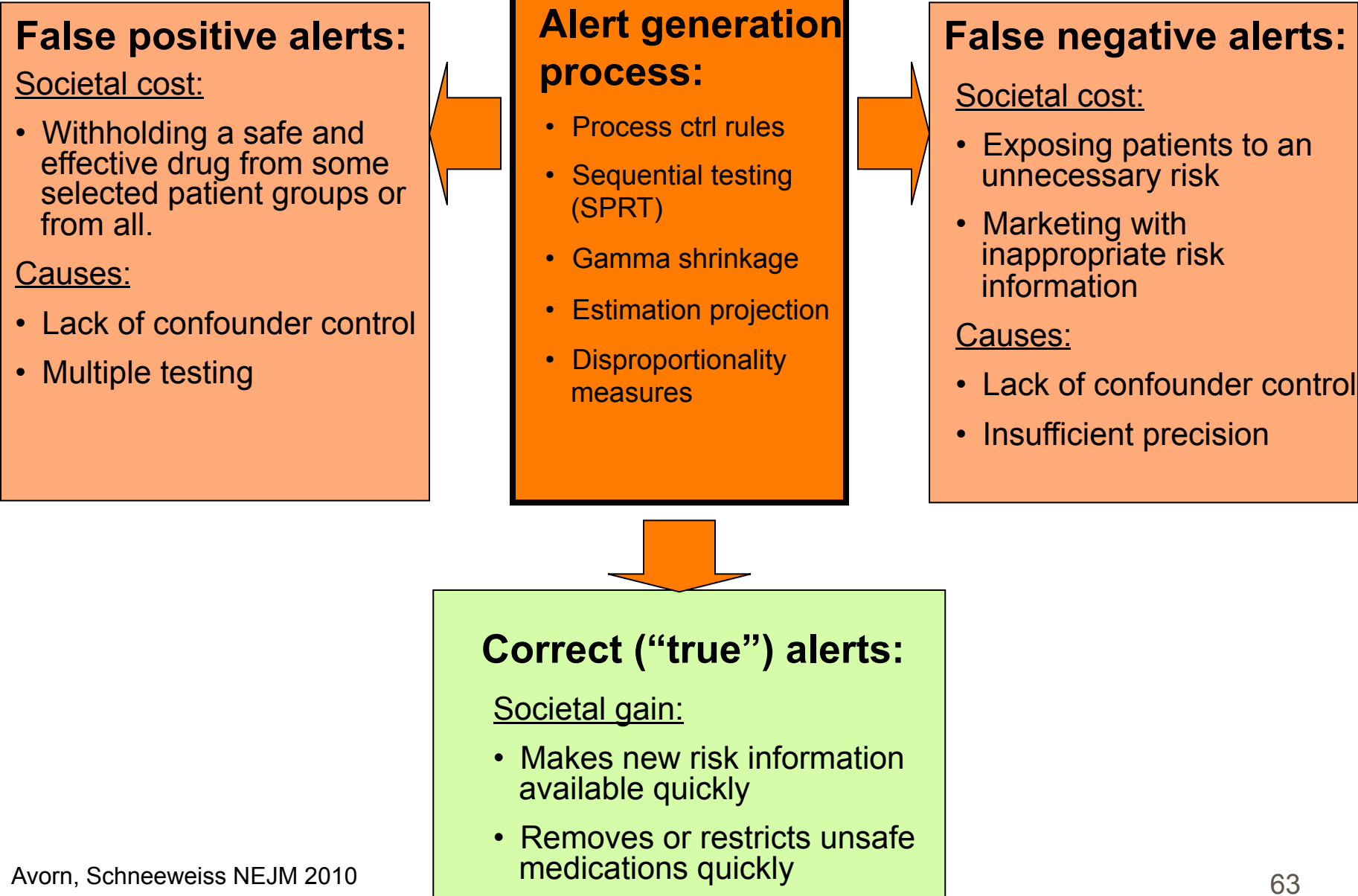
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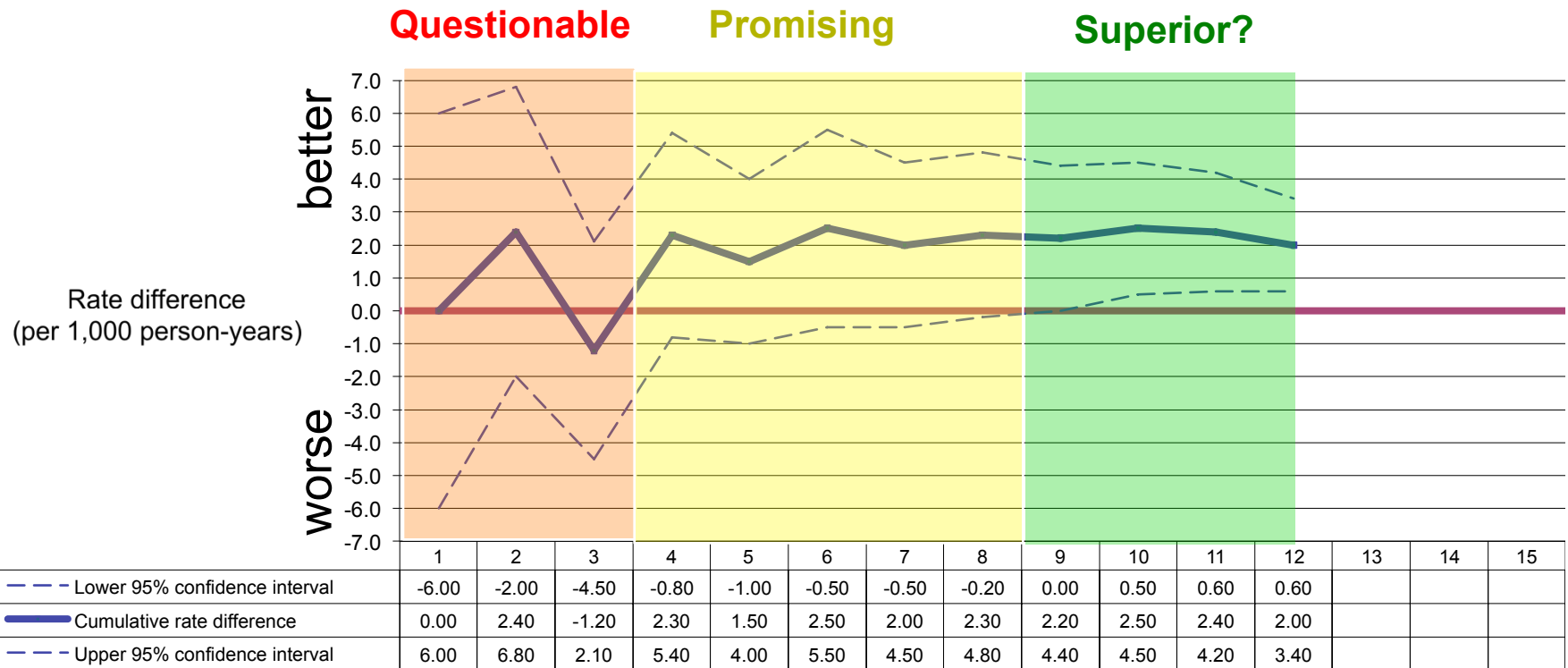
# **Rapid-cycle analytics and decision making**

Schneeweiss, Shrank, Maclure  
For the CMS Innovation Center, 2014

# Safety monitoring & false decision making



# Decision-making with rapid-cycle evaluation using healthcare databases



Questionable:

- Investigate subgroup effects
- Continue evaluation

Promising:

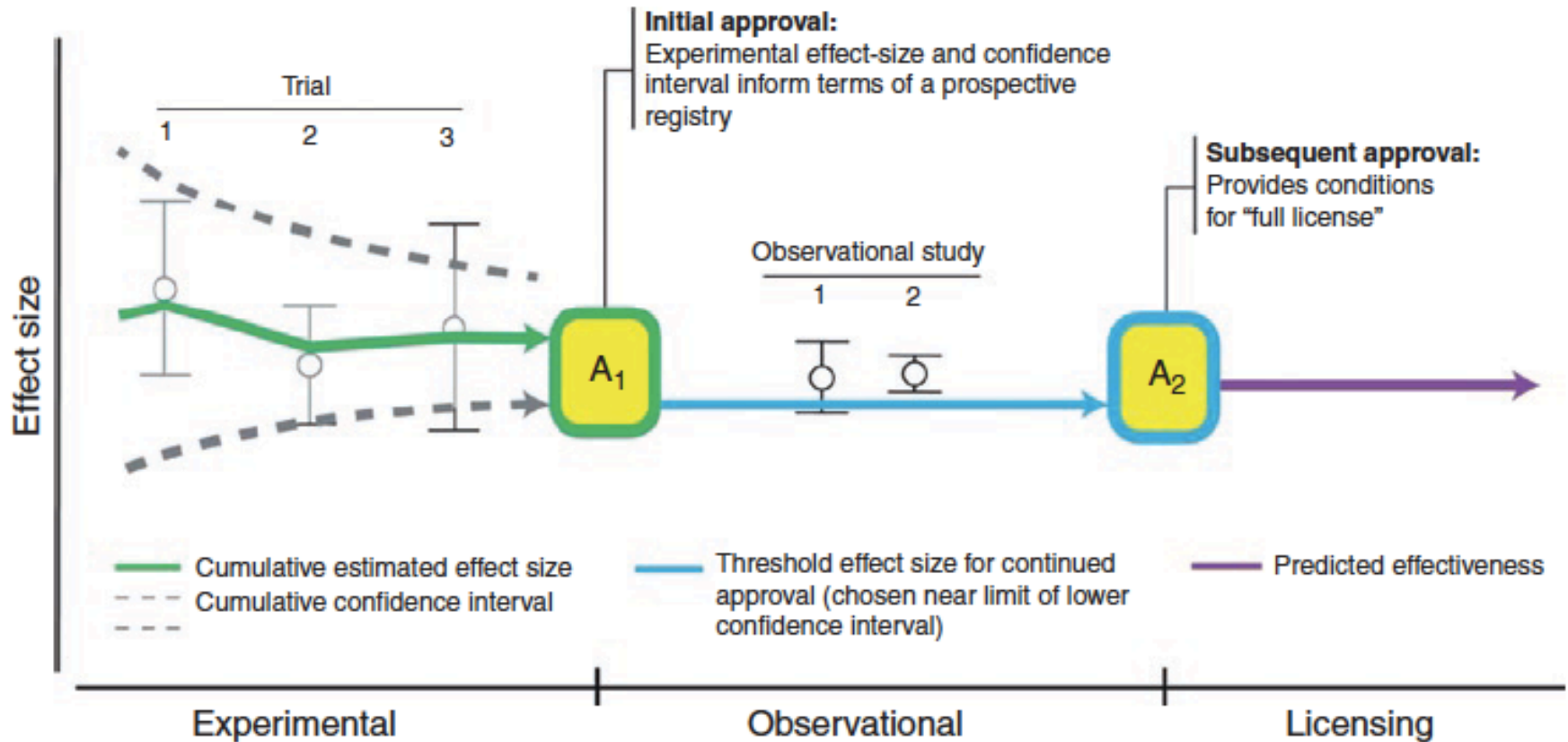
- Continue program
- Continue evaluation
- Moderately expand program

Superior:

- Widely disseminate



# Reminder: Adaptive Licensing



# **When should we stop monitoring?**

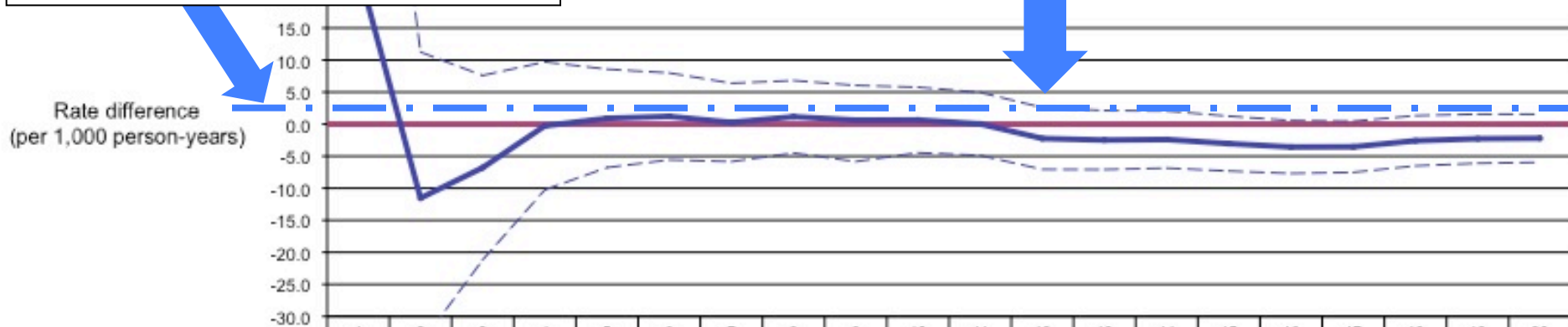
**... and conclude a drug is effective/safe?**

- ❖ Need a threshold of acceptable safety
  - Acceptable to whom?
- ❖ If monitoring is inexpensive, largely automated, why ever stop?
  - Safe at this point with today's usage pattern
  - Evaluation of risk management programs

# Rosuvastatin and DM

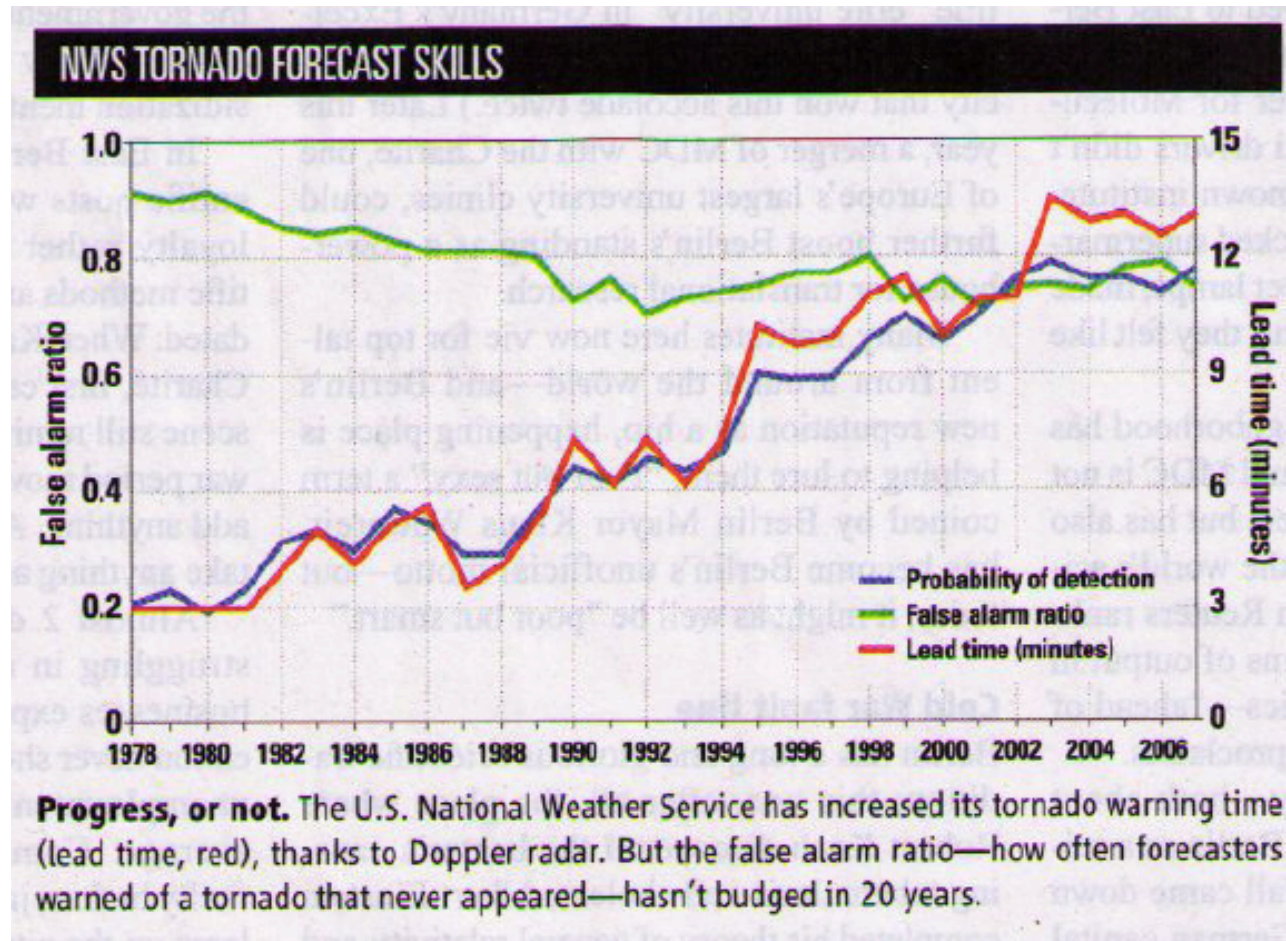
**Safety threshold at 2.5/1,000 P-Ys**

**Upper 95% CI below threshold**



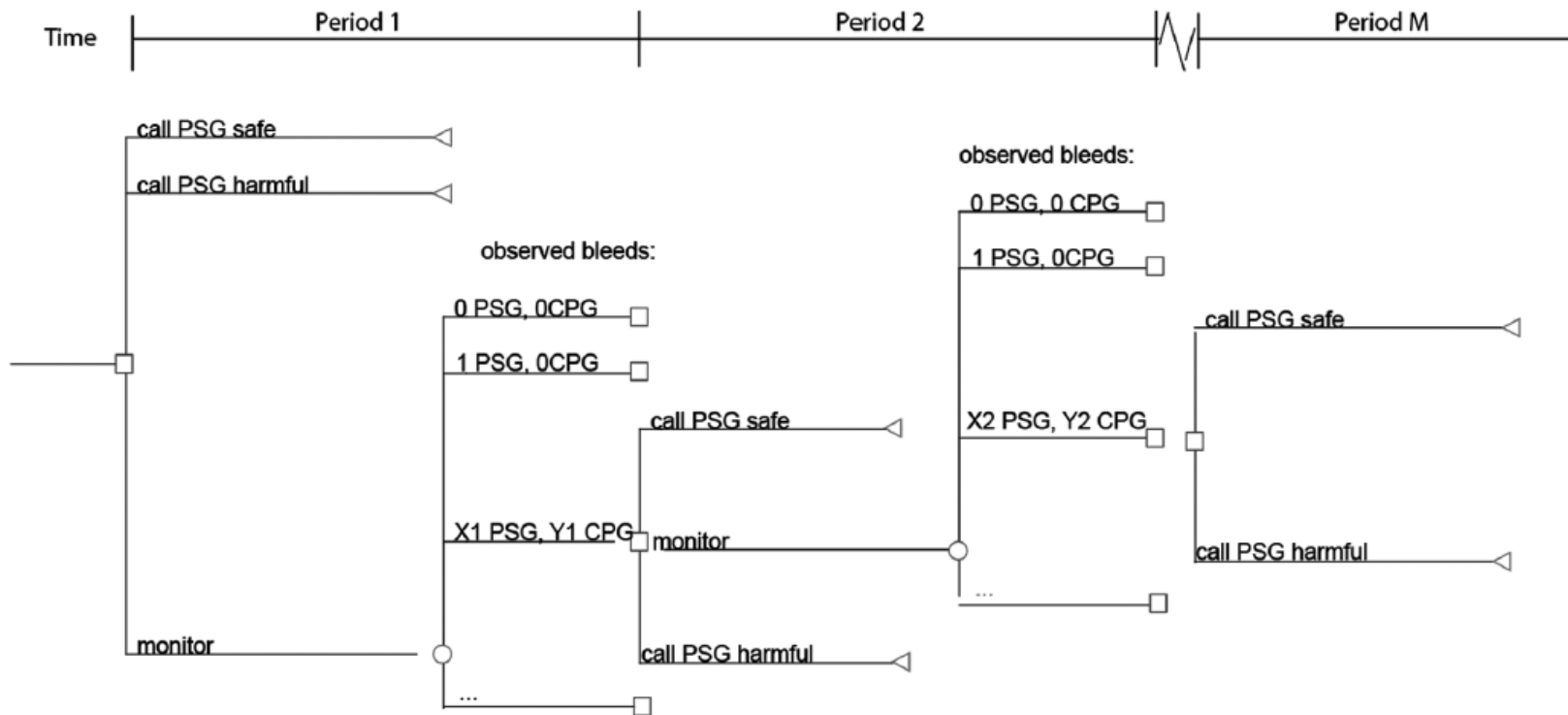
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--- Lower 95% confidence interval	-38.29	-34.33	-21.18	-10.24	-6.77	-5.57	-5.95	-4.51	-5.84	-4.46	-4.88	-7.06	-7.09	-6.86	-7.32	-7.69	-7.52	-6.51	-6.10	-5.96
— Cumulative rate difference	24.22	-11.54	-6.79	-0.26	0.90	1.21	0.27	1.15	0.62	0.65	0.04	-2.24	-2.48	-2.40	-3.04	-3.57	-3.54	-2.59	-2.27	-2.21
--- Upper 95% confidence interval	86.74	11.25	7.60	9.71	8.58	7.99	6.39	6.81	6.04	5.76	4.96	2.59	2.13	2.06	1.24	0.56	0.45	1.33	1.56	1.55
Cumulative events: rosuvastatin	13	30	56	127	199	267	321	370	403	424	446	501	560	630	681	731	782	821	841	859
Cumulative events: atorvastatin	11	40	70	135	208	283	354	406	454	481	517	614	688	774	849	922	985	1013	1032	1055
Cumulative person-years: rosuvastatin	144	700	1482	3094	4983	6489	7905	9090	10039	10745	11482	12563	13941	15251	16581	17867	19161	19839	20480	21098
Cumulative person-years: atorvastatin	167	735	1570	3268	5329	7086	8776	10265	11488	12393	13322	14578	16131	17710	19248	20729	22210	23036	23814	24580

# What level of false decision making is acceptable?



# Ongoing decision making via Sequential value of information (VOI)

- Decision nodes
- Chance nodes
- △ Terminal nodes



# Near-term Reality: Opportunities

- ❖ Maturing monitoring methodology
- ❖ Maturing software technology
- ❖ Some standardization
- ❖ Increasing pooling of databases
- ❖ Increasing linking of databases
  - Claims w/ EMR, w/ pathology, w/ imaging, w/ genetics
- ❖ Let's make sure we wont drown in data but make meaningful and targeted use

# Near-term Reality: Challenges

- ❖ Bias in non-randomized analyses of healthcare data
    - Surveillance-related biases
    - Selection-related biases
- } Jointly agree on standards!
- ❖ Separate accurate effect estimation from decision making
  - ❖ Need to better understand implications of continuous decision making
  - ❖ Governance (Mini Sentinel, PCORNet)
  - ❖ Data privacy confusion: research vs. quality improv't
  - ❖ Value communication of Real World Data analytics

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The Mini-Sentinel, which costs about 6 cents per capita per year, protects privacy, maintains transparency, and provides an essential public health service.





# Some papers that cover this talk

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