# The Book of OHDSI Workgroup meeting notes

February 26, 2019

Present: Martijn Schuemie, David Madigan, George Hripcsak, Clair Blacketer, Paola Saroufim, Peter Rijnbeek, Greg Klebanov, Wanda Lattimore, Sara Dempster

Greg has started working on Network Studies. Often had to choose between desired state and current state.

Martijn: Proposes using the standard Introduction, Theory, Practice, Advanced sections, and moving ARACHNE to the advanced section.

Peter: Will the Network Studies chapter go into existing study?

Martijn: We could use the Oxford Study in the Practice section?

Clair presents an update on the CDM chapter. She has changed the pictures and tables to fit smaller screens, made hyperlinks texts be the URL, and has started working on demonstrating each table in the CDM using a single person as example.

Peter: Probably best to not use the actual photo of the person due to copyright issues.

Greg: Should we really focus on CDM v6.0? Most tools aren’t v6 ready.

Most agree we should.

Martijn: exercises?

Peter: knowledge questions or applied ? Probably more applied.

Martijn: Are we happy with the current chapter outline?

Peter: Where does ‘international work’ go?

Martijn: international studies in Network Research, regional chapters in Collaborators

Peter: first vocab then CDM like Christian does in his tutorials?

Clair: could go either way

Clair: keep vocab mapping in ETL chapter. Greg and Peter agree.

Martijn: Querying CDM using SQL?

Peter: Querying is very difficult

Martijn: Will add chapter “Querying the CDM using SQL and R” before the cohorts chapter.

Greg: what research use cases are covered should be described somewhere. E.g. Drug adherence? Drug utilization? What is possible now? What do we cover in the future? List most often implemented use cases.

Martijn: will put a placeholder for this in the chapter on analytic use cases.

Peter: Discuss that you haven’t solved interoperability just by the CDM and Vocab (data is still different, for example in what is captured and what not). Maybe tune cohorts to databases?

Martijn: add this to chapter on Cohorts?

Martijn: Would like to have a first version of the book (hard copy) ready by the Symposium (Sep 15). Does anyone object? (no one does)

Next meeting March 12. The 3 chapters should then be in semi-final form (to serve as examples for others)