



OHDSI Meet & Greet

OHDSI Community Call
July 6, 2021 • 11 am ET



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July 13 Community Call: PROTEUS Presentation



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Andrew Williams

Co-Director, Informatics, Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute



Three Stages of The Journey

Where Have We Been?

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A National, Semantic-Driven, Three-Pillar Strategy to Enable Health Data Secondary Usage Interoperability for Research Within the Swiss Personalized Health Network: Methodological Study

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">AbstractIntroductionMethodsResultsDiscussionReferencesAbbreviations	<p>Abstract</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>Interoperability is a well-known challenge in medical informatics. Current trends in interoperability have moved from a data model technocentric approach to sustainable semantics, formal descriptive languages, and processes. Despite many initiatives and investments for interoperability, the interoperability challenge remains crucial. The need for data sharing for interoperability from patient care to secondary uses, such as public health, research, and other unmet problems.</p>			





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Original Research

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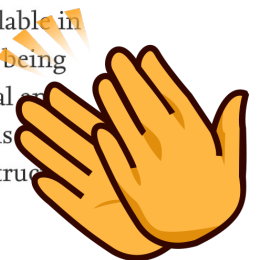
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Background

The content of the clinical notes that have been continuously collected along patients' health history has the potential to provide relevant information about treatments and diseases, and to increase the value of structured data available in Electronic Health Records (EHR) databases. EHR databases are currently being used in observational studies which lead to important findings in medical and biomedical sciences. However, the information present in clinical notes is not being used in those studies, since the computational analysis of this unstructured data is much complex in comparison to structured data.





OHDSI Shoutouts!



Any shoutouts from the community? Please share and help promote and celebrate OHDSI work!

Have a study published? Please send to sachson@ohdsi.org so we can share during this call and on our social channels.
Let's work together to promote the collaborative work happening in OHDSI!





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Upcoming Workgroup Calls



Date	Time (ET)	Meeting
Tuesday	1 pm	Common Data Model
Tuesday	3 pm	OMOP CDM Oncology – Outreach/Research Subgroup
Thursday	8 am	Psychiatry
Thursday	1 pm	OMOP CDM Oncology – CDM/Vocabulary Subgroup
Friday	10 am	Clinical Trials
Friday	10 am	Electronic Health Record
Friday	1 pm	Phenotype Development and Evaluation
Friday	11 pm	China Chapter
Monday	8 am	Early-Stage Researchers (Europe/East Coast/West Coast)
Monday	10 am	GIS-Geographic Information System
Tuesday	9 am	OMOP CDM Oncology – Genomic Subgroup

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Welcome to OHDSI!

The Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (or OHDSI, pronounced "Odyssey") program is a multi-stakeholder, interdisciplinary collaborative to bring out the value of health data through large-scale analytics. All our solutions are open-source.

OHDSI has established an international network

2020 OHDSI Symposium

Our 2020 OHDSI Global Symposium brought together a global research community for 18 hours of open science, international collaboration and community fun. The day included research presentations from community members, panels that brought together leaders from major healthcare organizations, as well as network sessions, the annual collaborator

5. Select the workgroups you want to join (you can refer to the WIKI for work group objectives www.ohdsi.org/web/wiki/doku.php?id=projects:overview)

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- ☐ Education Work Group
- ☐ Electronic Health Record (EHR) ETL
- ☐ Geographic Information System (GIS)
- ☐ HADES Health Analytics Data-to-Evidence Suite
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- ☐ Women of OHDSI

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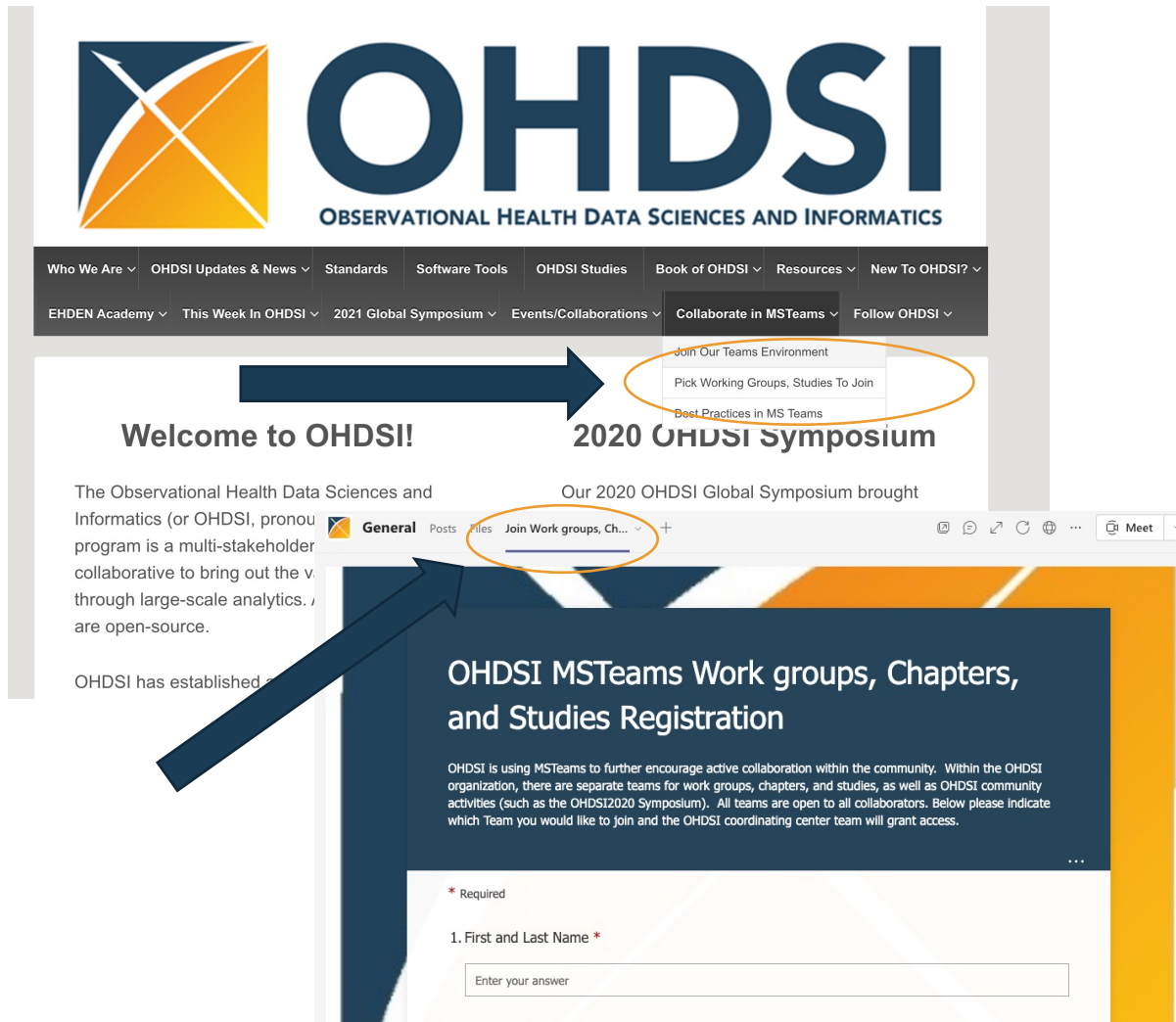
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☐ PIONEER for Prostate Cancer (study-a-thon ended)

☐ SCYLLA (SARS-Cov-2 Large-scale Longitudinal Analyses)

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The screenshot shows the OHDSI website with the following elements:

- Header:** OHDSI OBSERVATIONAL HEALTH DATA SCIENCES AND INFORMATICS
- Navigation Bar:** Who We Are, OHDSI Updates & News, Standards, Software Tools, OHDSI Studies, Book of OHDSI, Resources, New To OHDSI?, EHDSN Academy, This Week In OHDSI, 2021 Global Symposium, Events/Collaborations, Collaborate in MStTeams, Follow OHDSI.
- Main Content:** Welcome to OHDSI! The Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (or OHDSI, pronounced "oh-dsee") program is a multi-stakeholder collaborative to bring out the best through large-scale analytics. OHDSI has established...
- Annotations:** A blue arrow points from the "Collaborate in MStTeams" link in the navigation bar to the "Join Work groups, Ch..." link in the "General" tab. Another blue arrow points from the "Join Work groups, Ch..." link to the "OHDSI MStTeams Work groups, Chapters, and Studies Registration" form.
- Registration Form:** OHDSI MStTeams Work groups, Chapters, and Studies Registration. OHDSI is using MStTeams to further encourage active collaboration within the community. Within the OHDSI organization, there are separate teams for work groups, chapters, and studies, as well as OHDSI community activities (such as the OHDSI2020 Symposium). All teams are open to all collaborators. Below please indicate which Team you would like to join and the OHDSI coordinating center team will grant access.

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HADES Unit-Test-A-Thon: July 14-16

There will be a **HADES Unit-Test-A-Thon** held July 14-16, which aims to increase the coverage of all HADES packages to above 80%. If you have R experience, this is a great opportunity for you to:

- improve the reliability of HADES tools (which are critical to our community success)
- learn more about OHDSI software
- have fun with our global collaborators!

The screenshot displays the HADES (Health Analytics Data-to-Evidence Suite) website. At the top is the HADES logo. Below it is a grid of 20 tool cards, each with a title, description, and a 'Learn more...' link. The tools are arranged in four rows and five columns.

Tool Name	Description
CohortMethod	New-user cohort studies using large-scale regression for propensity and outcome models.
SelfControlledCaseSeries	Self-Controlled Case Series analysis using few or many predictors, includes splines for age and seasonality.
Cyclops	Highly efficient implementation of regularized logistic, Poisson and Cox regression.
DatabaseConnector	Connect directly to a wide range of database platforms, including SQL Server, Oracle, and PostgreSQL.
SqlRender	Generate SQL on the fly for the various SQL dialects.
SelfControlledCohort	A self-controlled cohort design, where time preceding exposure is used as control.
EvidenceSynthesis	Routines for combining causal effect estimates and study diagnostics across multiple data sites in a distributed study.
ParallelLogger	Support for parallel computation with logging to console, disk, or e-mail.
FeatureExtraction	Automatically extract large sets of features for user-specified cohorts using data in the CDM.
Andromeda	Storing very large data objects on a local drive, while still making it possible to manipulate the data in an efficient manner.
PatientLevelPrediction	Build and evaluate predictive models for user-specified outcomes, using a wide array of machine learning algorithms.
EmpiricalCalibration	Use negative control exposure-outcome pairs to profile and calibrate a particular analysis design.
BigKnn	A large scale k-nearest neighbor classifier using the Lucene search engine.
ROhdsiWebApi	Interact with OHDSI WebAPI web services.
OhdsiSharing	Securely sharing (large) files between OHDSI collaborators.
MethodEvaluation	Use real data and established reference sets as well as simulations injected in real data to evaluate the performance of methods.
CohortDiagnostics	Generate a wide set of diagnostics to evaluate cohort definitions against databases in the CDM.
Hydra	Hydrating package skeletons into executable R study packages based on specifications in JSON format.
Eunomia	A standard CDM dataset for testing and demonstration purposes that runs on an embedded SQLite database.
CirceR	An R wrapper for Circe, a library for creating cohort definitions, expressing them as JSON, SQL, or Markdown.

[Forum Post: More Info & Registration Link](#)



July OHDSI Newsletter Available



Community Updates

Where We've Been

- The largest, most extensive international [study of the background rates of adverse events of special interest \(AESI\)](#) being tracked in vaccine surveillance efforts show that adverse event rates vary substantially by age, sex, and method of data capture.
- Our colleagues within the EHDEN Consortium recently announced [a total of 41 data partners have been selected](#) in our latest open call for data partners. Combined, these new data partners represent over 78 million patient records, originating from various care settings.

Where We Are

- The new Health Equity Workgroup held its first meeting in late June, and it followed [a community brainstorm on research challenges and opportunities](#) in this area. If you would like to join this (or any of OHDSI's 27 workgroups), [please fill out this form](#).
- Our EUMAUEUS (Evaluating Use of Methods for Adverse Event Under Surveillance) team [presented their study design and ongoing work](#) at our most recent community call. This is important and exciting work with several papers in development, so please follow this space to learn more.

Where We're Going

- We were thrilled to have the most collaborator showcase submissions ever this year. If you have been selected to present your work for the 2021 Symposium Collaborators Showcase, you will be notified via email by Monday, August 2, 2021. [Registration](#) is OPEN for [the 2021 Global Symposium](#), which will take place Sept. 12-15 in a virtual environment. More details will be shared in the next newsletter.
- The next edition of the CBER BEST Initiative Seminar Series will be this Wednesday, July 28, at 11 am. Jessica Gronsbell (University of Toronto) will present a talk on "Statistical learning with electronic health records data." The seminar series is open to everybody. [More information and a registration link is available](#).

The Journey Newsletter (July 2021)

Vaccine surveillance and health equity were focal topics during an exciting month inside the OHDSI community, which received the most submissions ever for a Collaborator Showcase. [#JoinTheJourney](#)

Recent Publications

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Community Call Presentations

June 1: OKR Mid-Year Review
[OKR Mid-Year Review](#) (Patrick Ryan)

June 8: 10-Minute Tutorials
[PHOEBE](#) (Anna Ostropelets)
[Cohort Diagnostics](#) (Gowtham Rao)
[ATC Hierarchy](#) (Christian Reich)

June 15: Professional Development Breakouts
[Clinical Epidemiology](#) (Moderators: Talita Duarte-Salles and Dani Prieto-Alhambra)
[Information/Data Management](#) (Moderators: Maxim Moinat and Mui Van Zandt)
[Open-Source Software Development](#) (Moderators: Greg Klebanov and Kees van Bochove)
[Statistical Methods](#) (Moderators: Yong Chen and Marc Suchard)

Largest, Most Extensive Measurement Of Adverse Events Background Rates Can Inform Safety Monitoring Efforts For COVID Vaccines

Dani Prieto-Alhambra



We knew regulators would be monitoring a long list of events for the surveillance of COVID vaccines safety. To do this, they need robust estimates of the background rates of these events in historical data. These results can be used as benchmark for the monitoring of these potential safety events and for any upcoming COVID-19 vaccines.



COVID vaccine surveillance efforts are a global priority, but safety monitoring for vaccines should not reflect a single global population. The largest international network study ever completed on the background rates of adverse events of special interest (AESI) being monitored in vaccine surveillance efforts identified that these rates vary substantially by age, sex, and database.

Led by researchers at Oxford University, Columbia University, Erasmus MC, UCLA, and Janssen, an international team of collaborators within the Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) network provided a timely reference of the background rates of AESIs in the recent study ["Characterising the background incidence rates of adverse events of special interest for covid-19 vaccines in eight countries: multinational network cohort study"](#) published June 14 by The BMJ.

There were significant differences in the observed rates of AESIs based on the age groups and sex of more than 126 million people across four continents and 13 total databases in this observational study. Furthermore, differences were observed across people in distinct databases.

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CBER Seminar Series

The next edition of the CBER BEST Initiative Seminar Series will be **July 28 at 11 am ET. Jessica Gronsbell** (University of Toronto) will present a talk on “**Statistical learning with electronic health records data.**”

Get more information and register by using the link below.



Webinar Registration



Topic	CBER BEST Initiative Seminar Series - Statistical learning with electronic health records data
Description	<p>The adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) has generated massive amounts of routinely collected medical data with potential to improve our understanding of healthcare delivery and disease processes. However, the analysis of EHR data remains both practically and methodologically challenging as it is recorded as a byproduct of billing and clinical care, and not for research purposes. In this talk, I will discuss methods that bridge classical statistical theory and modern machine learning tools in an effort to efficiently and reliably extract insight from EHR data. I will focus primarily on (i) the challenges in obtaining annotated outcome data, such as presence of a disease or clinical condition, from patient records and (ii) how to reduce the annotation burden by leveraging unlabeled data in model estimation and evaluation.</p> <p>Presented by: Dr. Jessica Gronsbell, University of Toronto</p>
Time	Jul 28, 2021 11:00 AM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)



[Register Here](#)



July 27 Visualization Challenge

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Try @mentioning the people you want to participate in this channel

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Patrick Ryan 10:09 AM

OHDSI Visualization Challenge for July 2021 on Health Equity

In March, we held our first [OHDSI Visualization Challenge](#), focused on COVID-19. The community came together to demonstrate how visualization can share stories at the population level as well as the personal, as a compelling way of sharing insights that can promote better health decision and better care.

In July, we will hold our second OHDSI Visualization Challenge, this time focused on another OHDSI priority public health issue: health equity.

The challenge: We are asking community collaborators to submit a static image (something that could be scaled to print 8.5x11, landscape or portrait) or link to an interactive visualization that stands on its own, and then accompany it with a 1-paragraph summary of why you think the image tells a compelling story.

The visualization can come from anywhere, it needn't necessarily be a new or existing OHDSI study. There are numerous publications and public resources that are attempting to put a spotlight on health disparities from many ways. But you are also welcome and encouraged to explore [data.ohdsi.org](#), which you could use as is, or perhaps you could augment it to help tell your story (if you do alter a graphic from another study, please add an attribution). Noemie's HERA study is a great place to start for those looking for inspiration, and CHARYBDIS still provides a tremendous resource to consider. Or, if you are ambitious, consider new analyses on your data, perhaps inspired by the community brainstorm last week on Health Equity or the initiation of the Health Equity workgroup.

Whatever the graphic is, we want to know why it's meaningful to you — and perhaps why it should be meaningful to all of us.

All submissions should be posted in the OHDSI team in the channel 'OHDSI Viz Challenge July2021 HealthEquity' by Thursday, July 22, at 8 pm ET. On the July 27 community call, we will review the visualization gallery and recognize the contributions.

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2021 Global Symposium: Sept. 12-15

2021 Global OHDSI Symposium

We are excited to announce that general registration for the 2021 Global OHDSI Symposium, which will be held virtually in Microsoft Teams, Sept. 12-15, is now open! This will be our seventh annual OHDSI Symposium, and it will provide another opportunity for our community to come together, share ideas, learn from each other and network with our fellow collaborators.

We are working on many details for the four-day event, which will feature plenary talks, a state of the community presentation and our collaborator showcase. One detail has not changed — the symposium remains free to attend and is open to anybody, whether you are a community veteran or a newcomer looking to learn more about how we generate real-world evidence that promotes better health decisions and better care.

Please continue to check the OHDSI website (www.ohdsi.org) and the OHDSI social platforms periodically for updates as we plan for a rewarding, online event!

While we are excited to again create an opportunity for everyone to participate in the Symposium for free if they choose, there are costs associated with coordinating all OHDSI community activities. To help offset these costs, we provide the additional optional opportunity for participants to support the OHDSI community through 'registration contribution' and 'optional registration fee' tickets. Thank you in advance for your generous support! **Should you require a tax receipt for your contribution, please email symposium@ohdsi.org BEFORE you make the contribution through the Eventbrite registration site.**

In addition, as all OHDSI activities depend largely on government grants and organization sponsorships, please email symposium@ohdsi.org if you would like to consider sponsorship opportunities for this year's symposium.

Should you wish to change or cancel your registration ticket, kindly log into your Eventbrite account where you may edit or cancel your free registration ticket at any time. Registration contribution tickets/optional registration fee tickets are non-refundable; however, if you need to make changes to this ticket, kindly email us at symposium@ohdsi.org. Also, if you make any changes to your registration ticket such as a name change or update an email address, please email us at symposium@ohdsi.org to inform us as well. Thank you!

To Register for the 2021 Global OHDSI Symposium, please click the button below:

[Register For #OHDSI2021 Here!](#)

What Can You Expect At #OHDSI2021?

The 2021 Global OHDSI Symposium will be held virtually for the second straight year. This allows both veteran collaborators and those new to OHDSI from around the world to come together and share ideas, learn from each other and enjoy the spirit of our community. If you missed our 2020 Global Symposium, check out the link below to get a sense of what takes place during our biggest event of the year.

[The 2020 Global Symposium](#)

[Symposium Information and Registration](#)



Where Are We Going?

**Any other announcements
of upcoming work, events,
deadlines, etc?**





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During the July 6 call, we want to give members of the community a chance to let us know a bit more about them.

- Introduce yourself
- What is your background?
- How do you hope to contribute?
- How can OHDSI support you?



Help us continue to build this community!