



# HealthPartners: Joining the OHDSI Evidence Network

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# Background

- ❖ Based in Minnesota, HealthPartners is an integrated health care organization serving over 1.3 million patients across the upper Midwest and 1.8 million medical and dental health plan members nationwide.
- ❖ We have 3+ years of OMOP CDM experience on several statewide and national projects.
- ❖ We are excited to participate in a network that will allow us to partner with organizations around the world and contribute to research that can promote better health and improve care.

# Planning for Joining the Evidence Network

## ❖ What we needed:

- Senior leadership buy-in and initial financial support
- Project staff including Project Manager, Principal Investigator, Programmer/Analyst
- Budget and effort estimates
- IRB review:
  - Submitted research determination form and protocol to local IRB
  - Determination: No local IRB oversight needed
- Agreements:
  - Determination: no agreements required at HealthPartners
- Answers to the questions that came up along the way...
- To run the DbDiagnostics R package and submit results (not yet completed)

# HealthPartners – Questions we had (part 1)

## ❖ Questions we had about joining the OHDSI Evidence Network:

- **Q: What is the deadline for joining the network to be involved in the OHDSI Evidence Network paper referenced in section 8 of the protocol?**
  - A: OHDSI would like to have an indication of intent to participate in the Evidence Network by the end of August (intent = wanting to be a part of the network and working through governance at your site to share the required information).
- **Q: What is the typical time commitment for a network study?**
  - A: There is no obligation to participate in studies as a Data Partner Organization in the OHDSI Evidence Network. Time commitment is dependent on the complexity of the study and can vary based on involvement in a project (ranging from being involved solely as a data node in a study and taking only a few hours to run a study package and returning results or being more involved in the planning, protocol, and study package development process).
- **Q: Are data use agreements needed?**
  - A: This is up to your site. There are no formal agreements between OHDSI and Data Partner Organizations since there is no person-level data being shared but the expectation is that each Data Partner Organization will be responsible for their own governance requirements.

Answers from OHDSI in green above

# HealthPartners – Questions we had (part 2)

## ❖ Questions we had about joining the OHDSI Evidence Network:

- **Q: Will we need to submit updated DbDiagnostics results on a regular basis? Is there a QA process and re-submission required after each run?**
  - A: There is no immediate expectation that these results will need to be updated regularly. We are anticipating likely a yearly request to update the information from each Data Partner Organization. We do have a short list of QA checks we do, like odd years, for example, that we will communicate with the Data Partner. It will be up to them if they would like to address any issues and rerun/resend their results.
- **Q: Is there funding available for future studies or any additional financial incentives for participating?**
  - A: There will be some funding, but that will be dependent on the study or sponsor. OHDSI as a group does not offer funding but many studies are funded as part of a grant. Similarly, there are some commercial organizations interested in engaging with the OHDSI network and there will be funding available through those avenues as well.

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