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Developing Tools for Conducting
Observational Database Research
Across a Network of Data Sources

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A Few Words About Observational Data

- **Very large** datasets: millions of lives
 - **Claims**: represent a financial transaction and include many biases and ‘errors’
 - **EHR**: represent a ‘clinical’ record mostly but are often incomplete; Rx written not filled
- Reflect **underlying health care delivery** system
- **Non-randomized**: measureable and un-measureable confounders and biases
- From Pharma company: ‘exploring’ database has strong **Regulatory/Criminal repercussions**

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Working with obser entails

- **Exposure**
 - Prescriptions written
 - Prescriptions filled
 - How were they taken?
 - What about prn use?
- **Outcome**
 - Diagnosis codes alone
 - Dx + procedure?
 - Dx, procedure, lab res
 - Site of care?
 - Death?



The News and Observer Sunday, December 8, 1991

"An inhaler prescribed by her doctor helps Gail Pouney's smoke-scarred lungs- like many survivors, she suffered respiratory injuries in the Imperial fire."

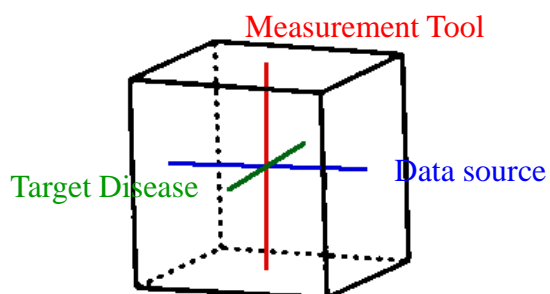
Observational Data: Information Asymmetry

- Many '**benefits**' (improvement in signs/syptoms, ADL, QoL) are not 'clinical diagnoses' so they are not captured
 - Limited capture of utilization-based measures ("switching drugs", change in ER/hospitalization) or reduction in clinical events
- Most '**risks**' *are* clinical and would be captured in clinical encounter
 - But we do not know how impactful they are nor what perception is by patients and providers

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Considerations in Clinical Information

By Perspective



From Stang et al., Am J Therap, 2008

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Outstanding questions for active surveillance

Governance

What are the keys to a successful public-private partnership?

Data

Which types of data? administrative claims, electronic health records
Which sources? healthcare providers, insurers, data aggregators

What are viable data access models:
- centralized?
- distributed?

Performance **Architecture**

Feasibility

What are appropriate analyses for:
- hypothesis generating?
- hypothesis strengthening?

How to maintain collaborations and engage research community?

Methods **Technology**

What is the appropriate infrastructure:
- hardware?
- software?
- processes?
- policies?

What are best practices for protecting data?

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Breadth and diversity of OMOP research community

OMOP's research community requires active participation from all key stakeholders, including government, academia, industry, health care organizations, and patient groups.

Governance

Data

Methods **Technology**

Governance

- 10 Executive Board members, chaired by FDA and managed by Foundation for NIH
- 21 Advisory Board members
- Led by 5 research investigators and PMO

Methods

- 17 methods collaborators

Data

- 6 distributed partners
- 5 central databases included in the OMOP Research Lab

Technology

- 2 data access models, 7 different systems architectures

Over 100 partners collaborating to advance the science of drug safety!

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A multi-stakeholder group, the OMOP Executive Board oversees the operation of the Partnership.

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OMOP's Methods To Date

- Disproportionality analysis (DP)
- Observational screening (OS)
- Univariate self-controlled case series (USCCS)
- Case-control surveillance (CCS)
- Bayesian logistic regression (BLR)
- Multi-set case control estimation (MSCCE)
- Maximized sequential probability ratio test (MaxSPRT)
- IC Temporal Pattern Discovery (ICTPD)
- High-dimensional propensity score (HDPS)
- Conditional sequential sampling procedure (CSSP)
- Case-crossover (CCO)
- HSIU cohort method (HSIU)
- Statistical relational learning (SRL)
- Incident user design (IUD)
- Multivariate self-controlled case series
- Case-time control
- Lasso propensity scoring
- Online algorithms
- OMOP Cup (50+ submissions)

Methodological considerations common across multiple approaches

- Exposure definition
 - Incident vs. prevalent exposure
 - Source of data capture
- Outcome definition
 - Incident vs. prevalent events
 - Diagnosis codes vs. HOI
- Defining temporal relationship
 - Time from exposure start
 - Time after exposure end
- Comparator selection
- Inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - Baseline history
 - Follow-up time
- Covariate selection and adjustment
 - Matching
 - Stratification
 - Multivariate modeling
- Output metric/statistic
 - Estimation vs. testing
 - Relative vs. attributable risk
 - Measure of uncertainty

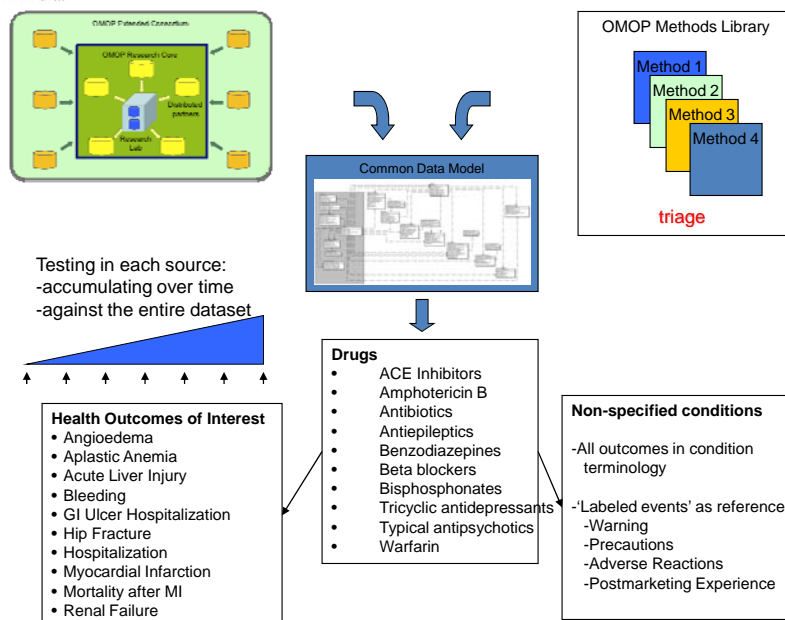
Each method has user input parameters that encode these choices

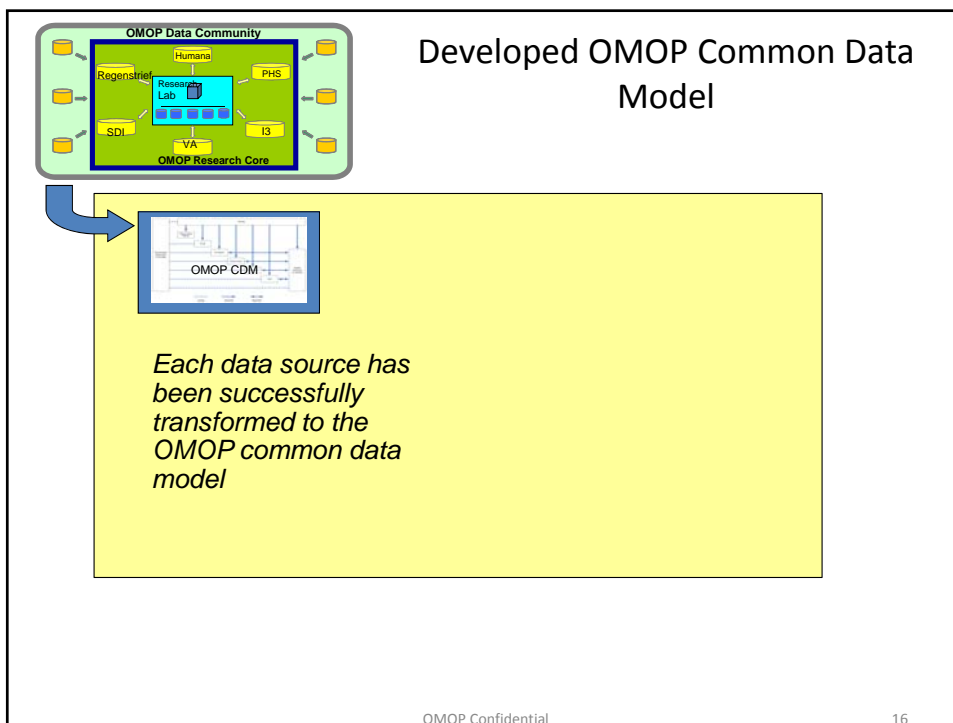
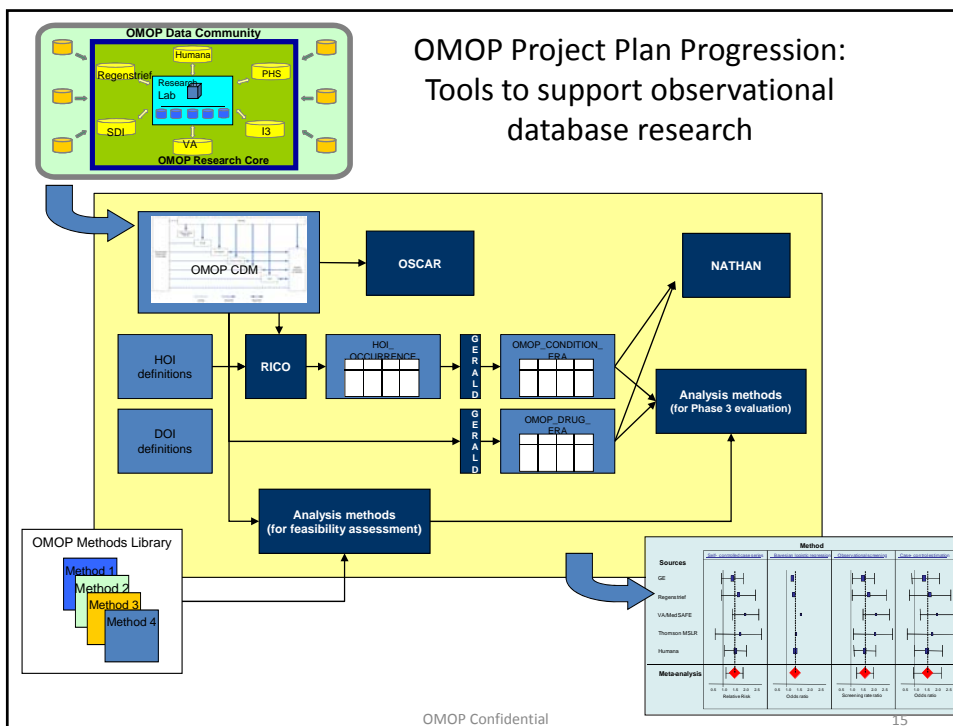
Analysis problems under study by OMOP

- **Monitoring of Health Outcomes of Interest (HOIs):**
 - Estimate the strength of the association between drug exposure and specific events (e.g. acute liver failure, bleeding, MI)
 - Modest in number so can customize analytic approach
 - Expert assessment of drug-HOI causal associations based on literature search
- **Identification of non-specified associations:**
 - More exploratory in nature
 - Same goal: estimate the strength of the association between drug exposure and conditions
 - Necessarily more generic analyses (e.g., adjust for age and sex)
 - Causality assessment relies on the product labels
- **Performance against simulated data**
 - Complement 'real world' experiments
 - Ground truth explicitly defined

SAB/HIAB Review Process: July 2009 Methods strategy / briefing web meeting

OMOP research experiment workflow





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Establishing a Common Data Model

- Developed with broad stakeholder input
- Designed to accommodate disparate types of data (claims & EHRs)
- Applied successfully across OMOP data community

<http://omop.fnih.org/CDMandTerminologies>

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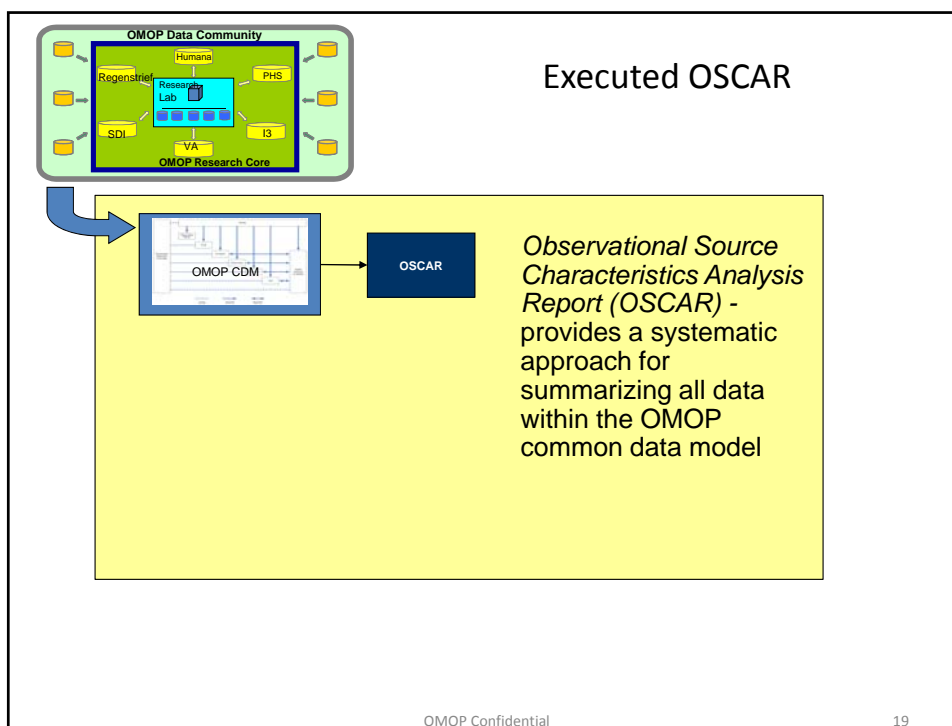
Standardizing terminologies to accommodate disparate observational data sources

Standardizing conditions:

<http://omop.fnih.org/Vocabularies>

Standardizing drugs:

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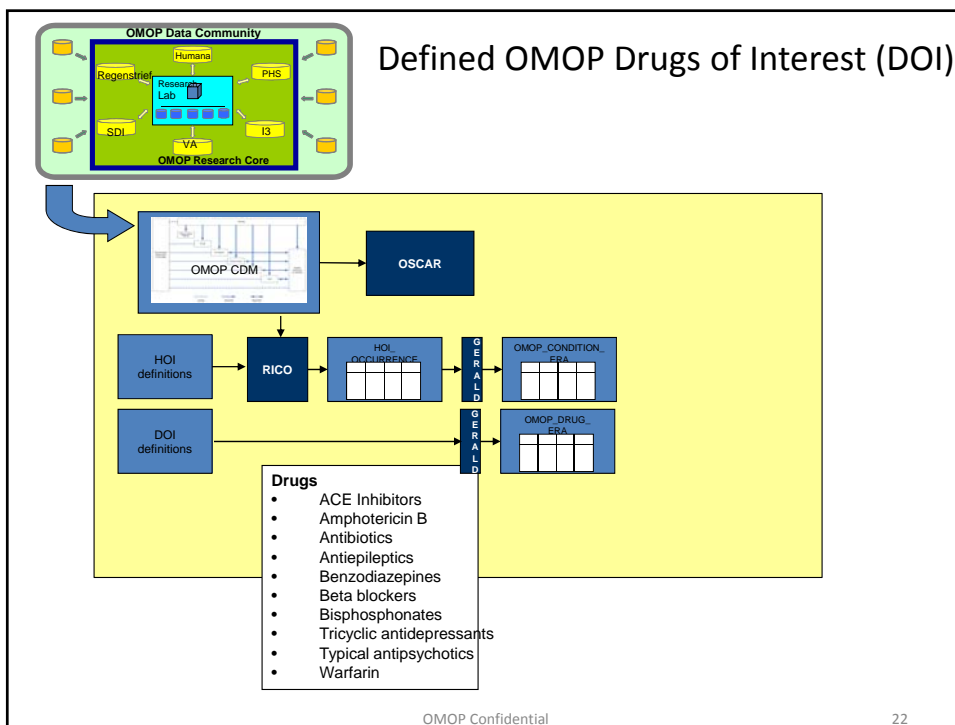
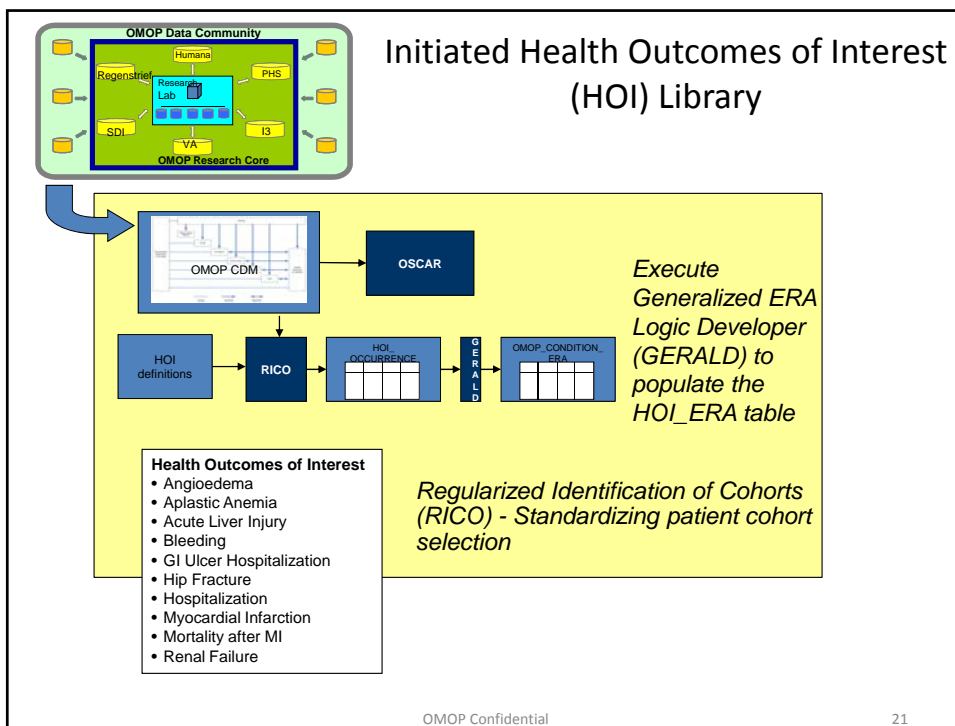
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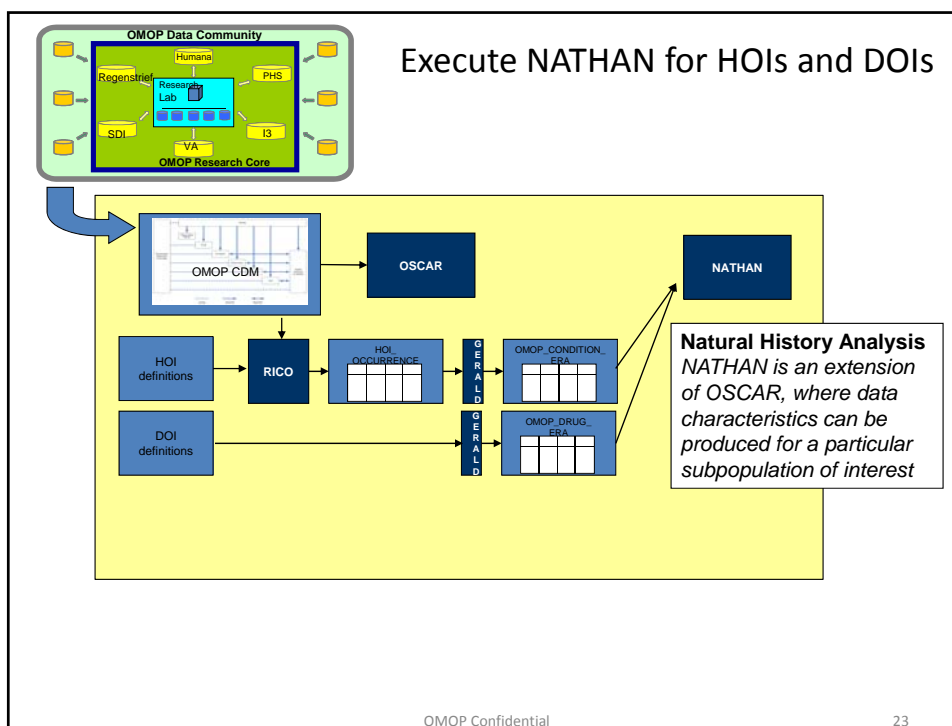
Observational Source Characteristics Analysis Report (OSCAR)

- Provides a systematic approach for summarizing observational healthcare data stored in the OMOP common data model
- Creates a structured output dataset of summary statistics of each table and field in the CDM
 - Categorical variables: one-, two-, and three-way stratified counts (e.g. number of persons with each condition by gender)
 - Continuous variables: distribution characteristics: min, mean, median, stdev, max, 25/75 percentile (e.g. observation period length)
 - OSCAR summaries from each source can be brought together to do comparative analyses
- Uses
 - Validation of transformation from raw data to OMOP common data model
 - Comparisons between data sources
 - Comparison of overall database to specific subpopulations of interest (such as people exposed to a particular drug or people with a specific condition)
 - Providing context for interpreting and analyzing findings of drug safety studies

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Natural History Analysis (NATHAN)

- OSCAR provides a systematic approach for summarizing all data within the OMOP common data model.
- Natural History Analysis (NATHAN) is an extension of OSCAR, where data characteristics can be produced for a particular subpopulation of interest
 - Exposed population (e.g. patients taking antibiotics)
 - Cases (e.g. patients with acute liver injury)
 - Exposed cases (e.g. patients taking antibiotics with acute liver injury)
- Additional NATHAN summary statistics provide temporal assessment, relative to index date
 - Ex. conditions 30d prior to drug start
 - Ex. drug exposure any time prior to incident condition
- Uses:
 - Evaluate alternative cohort definitions (HOIs)
 - Comparisons between data sources
 - Providing context for interpreting and analyzing findings of drug safety studies

<http://omop.fnih.org/NATHAN>

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Developed Methods Library

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OMOP's Methods Landscape

Disproportionality Analysis

	AE j = Yes	AE j = No
Drug i = Yes	a=20	b=100
Drug i = No	c=100	d=1080

- Distinct Patients
- SRS
- Modified SRS

MGPS
BCPNN
PRR X Stratified
Chi
etc.

- Temporal Pattern Discovery (WHO)

Sequential Methods

	AE j = Yes	AE j = No
Drug i = Yes	a=20	
Drug i = No		

← Compare to baseline Poisson

- Maximized Sequential Probability Ratio Test (MaxSPRT)
- Conditional Sequential Sampling Procedure (CSSP)

Exposure Based Methods

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    graph LR
      A[Exposure] --> B[Exposed]
      A --> C[Non-exposed]
      B --> D[Case?]
      C --> E[Case?]
    
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- Observational screening
- HSIU
- Incident User Designs
- High-Dimensional Propensity Scoring
- Local control

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OMOP's Methods Landscape

Case Based Methods

Exposed? ← Case

Exposed? ← Non-case

- Case control surveillance
- Multiset case control
- Self-controlled case series
- Case crossover

Other Methods

- Hi-Dimensional logistic regression
- Statistical relational learning

Future Methods

- Multivariate self-controlled case series
- Case-time control
- Lasso propensity scoring
- Online algorithms
- OMOP Cup (50+ submissions)

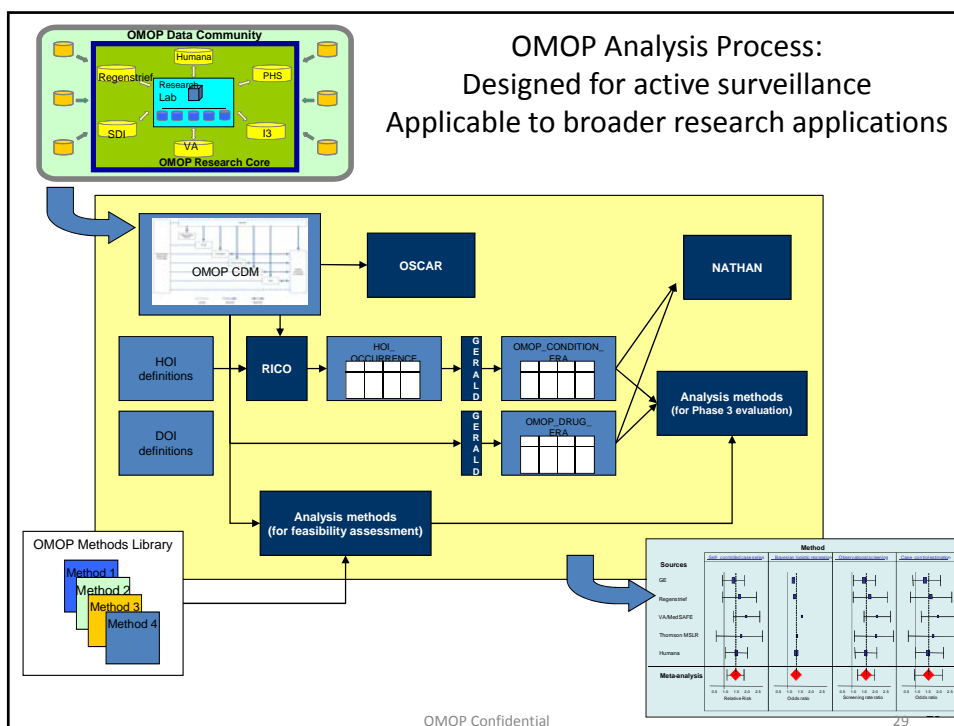
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Conduct Analyses to Evaluate Methods

Sources	Method			
	Self-controlled case series	Bayesian logistic regression	Observational scenario	Case-control estimator
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Regenstrief	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]
VA/MedSAFE	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]
Thomson MSLR	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]
Humana	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]	[Forest plot]
Meta-analysis	Relative Risk	Odds ratio	Screening rate ratio	Odds ratio

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Derivative Products and Impacts

- Validation tools
- Standards: Connected to Office of the National Coordinator
- Feedback loop to data capture in EHRs
- Decision-making tools
- Visualizations
- 'Natural Experiments'

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