# HL7® FHIR® Applications Roundtable eConnect

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## EHR data and Clinical Research – a match made – over and over again!

- Secondary use of healthcare data in clinical research has a broad range of use cases, including:
  - Protocol Feasibility
  - Subject Recruitment
  - 'Virtual' Clinical Studies
  - Lower patient load, lower site load
- "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."



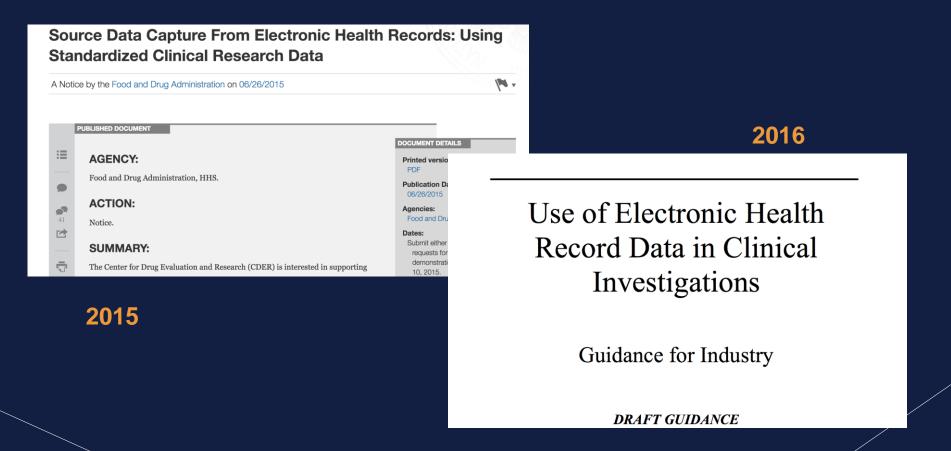
### What are the common 'barriers' to adoption?

- no continuum of regulatory requirements between clinical research and health care;
- different data standards between clinical research and health care;
- unreliable, nonstandard, non-validated, or outdated EHR systems;
- concerns with interoperability;
- uneven adoption of EHRs across geographical regions;
- concerns with data quality.

Optimizing the Use of Electronic Data Sources in Clinical Trials: The Landscape, Part 1 – Kellar et al, Therapeutic Innovation & Regulatory Science 2016, Vol. 50(6) 682-696



### Paradigms for change – Regulatory Clarification





## Paradigms for Change – Data Standards, Quality and Interoperability

- CDISC Healthcare Link (with HL7/IHE)
  - RFD
  - RPE
- CDISC eSource Stakeholders forum
  - CDISC EHR to CDASH (E2C) Project
- Support
  - Well documented APIs
  - Well supported system integrators



### How can we use FHIR to improve this?

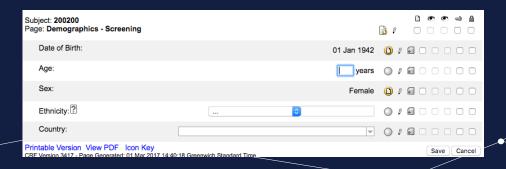
- Current standard is IHE RFD
  - Large XML documents cutting across multiple contexts

- Local context of a FHIR resource is much closer to that of a Case Report Form (CRF)
  - Extract specified data from a FHIR endpoint



#### Bootstrap

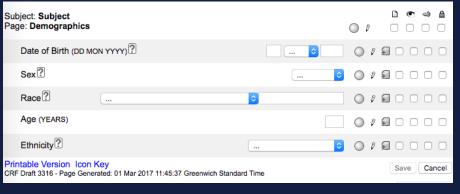
- FHIR Connectathon Baltimore, 2016
  - Retrieved Patient Resources from FHIR Server
  - Matched FHIR Resources and Attributes to CDASH Data Elements
    - Used Patient for Demography (DM)
  - Constructed a Operational Data Model (ODM) instance with matched data
  - POST to Medidata Rave CDMS





### So, we can integrate data; how do we build the business case?

Need to demystify the "quality" metric



- Coverage
- Usability



### How do we help the sites?

#### Sites

- are not systems integrators
- want it to 'just work'
- Reuse existing technology capabilities
  - Assume provision of FHIR capabilities to improve with programs like 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - Leverage these on an ongoing basis
  - Give sites the support to get up and running
- Consolidate into a support program eConnect



#### What's next?

- With increasing focus on patient centricity we are looking at OAuth using SMART-on-FHIR
- With wider adoption (READ: more darn pilots....) we are looking to improve how we manage the workflow
- Evaluate CDS-Hooks and/or Resource Subscription to set up a Pub/Sub level of trial engagement
- Bring more and more sites online in a collaborative manner, we should be doing research more SMARTly

