

2010 Fall i2b2 Academic Users' Group Meeting: Field Report from the CARRAnet Registry Informatics Development Team

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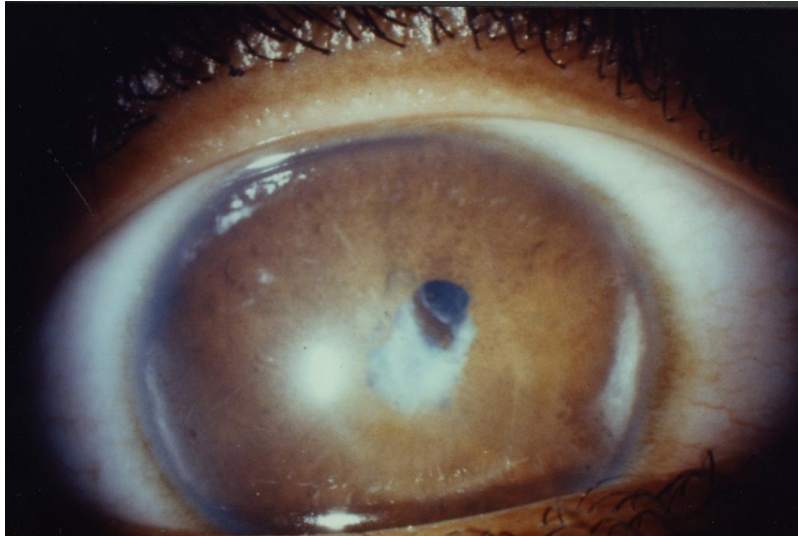
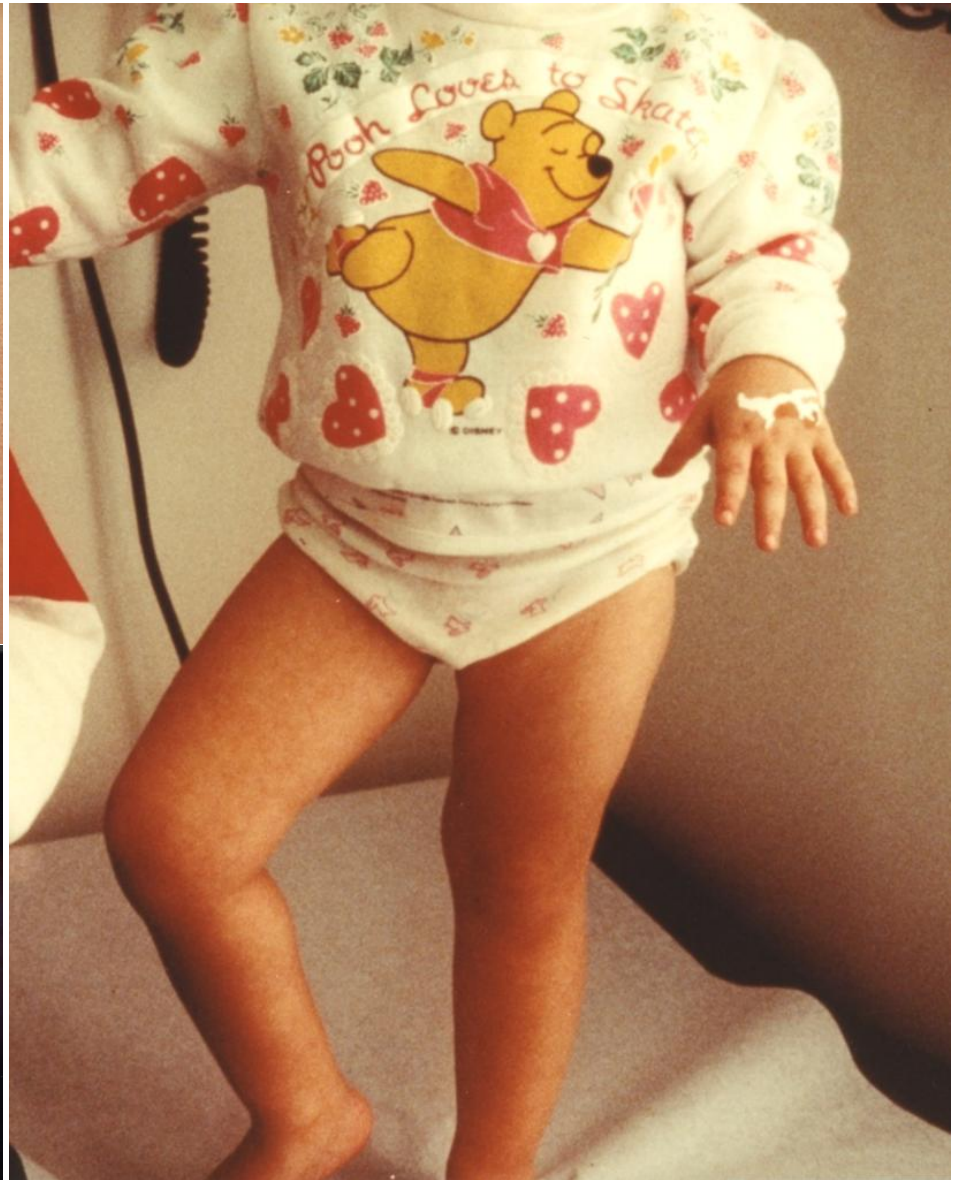
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Registries and Reasons: Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis & Risk for Eye Disease



Going 'Retro': Translating Research into Improved Care through Registries

- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
 - LeRoy Matthews, Warren Warwick, Don Berwick, and others

ANNALS OF MEDICINE

THE BELL CURVE

What happens when patients find out how good their doctors really are?

BY ATUL GAWANDE

Every illness is a story, and Annie Page's began with the kinds of small, unexceptional details that mean nothing until seen in hindsight. Like the fact that, when she was a baby, her father sometimes called her Little Potato Chip, because her skin tasted salty when he kissed her. Or that Annie's mother noticed that her breathing was sometimes a little wheezy, though the pediatrician

lection pad of dry filter paper is taped over it to absorb the sweat for half an hour. A technician then measures the concentration of chloride in the pad.

Over the phone, the doctor told Honor that her daughter's chloride level was far higher than normal. Honor is a hospital pharmacist, and she had come across children with abnormal results like this. "All I knew was that it meant

cystic fibrosis in the "Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics"—the bible of the specialty—was written by one of the hospital's pediatricians. The Pages called and were given an appointment for the next morning.

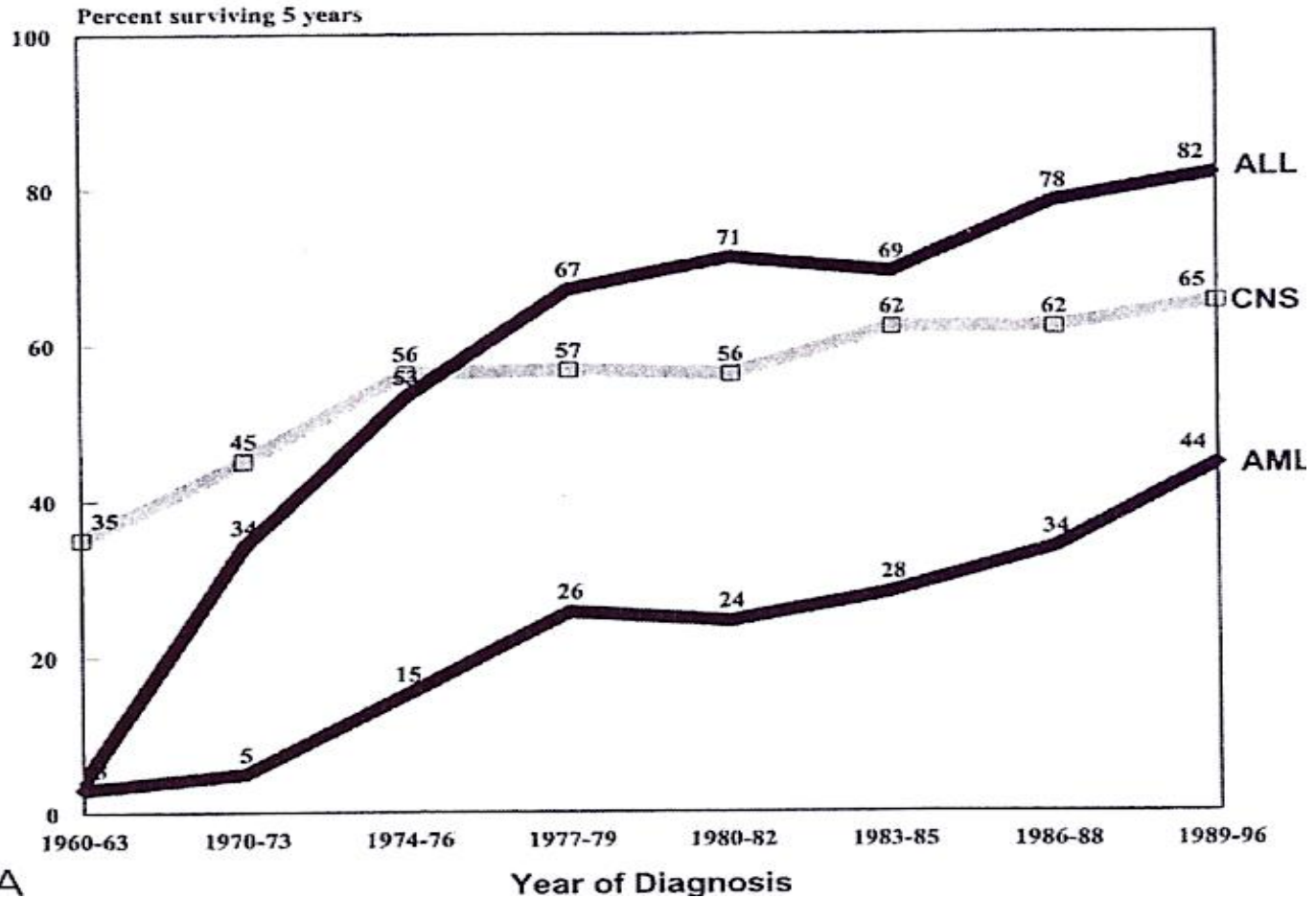
"We were there for hours, meeting with all the different members of the team," Honor recalled. "They took Annie's blood pressure, measured her oxygen



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of The New York Times website with links for HOME PAGE, TODAY'S PAPER, VIDEO, MOST POPULAR, and TIMES TOPICS. Below this is the masthead with 'The New York Times' on the left and 'Health' on the right. A secondary navigation bar includes links for WORLD, U.S., N.Y. / REGION, BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY, SCIENCE, HEALTH, SPORTS, and OPINION. A third bar contains links for RESEARCH, FITNESS & NUTRITION, MONEY & POLICY, and VIEWS. The main article title is 'Tool in Cystic Fibrosis Fight: A Registry'. Below the title is a photograph of a young girl with glasses and a nasal cannula, sitting on a red patterned sofa and drinking from a white cup. The photo credit reads 'Christopher Capozzello for The New York Times'. Below the photo is a sub-headline: 'SUPPLIES DATA Caroline Castonguay reports to a medical team that includes a physician, nurse, social worker, nutritionist and a clinical research coordinator.' The byline is 'By MILT FREUDENHEIM' and the publication date is 'Published: December 21, 2009'. In the bottom right corner, there is a 'SIGN IN TO' button with a checkmark icon.

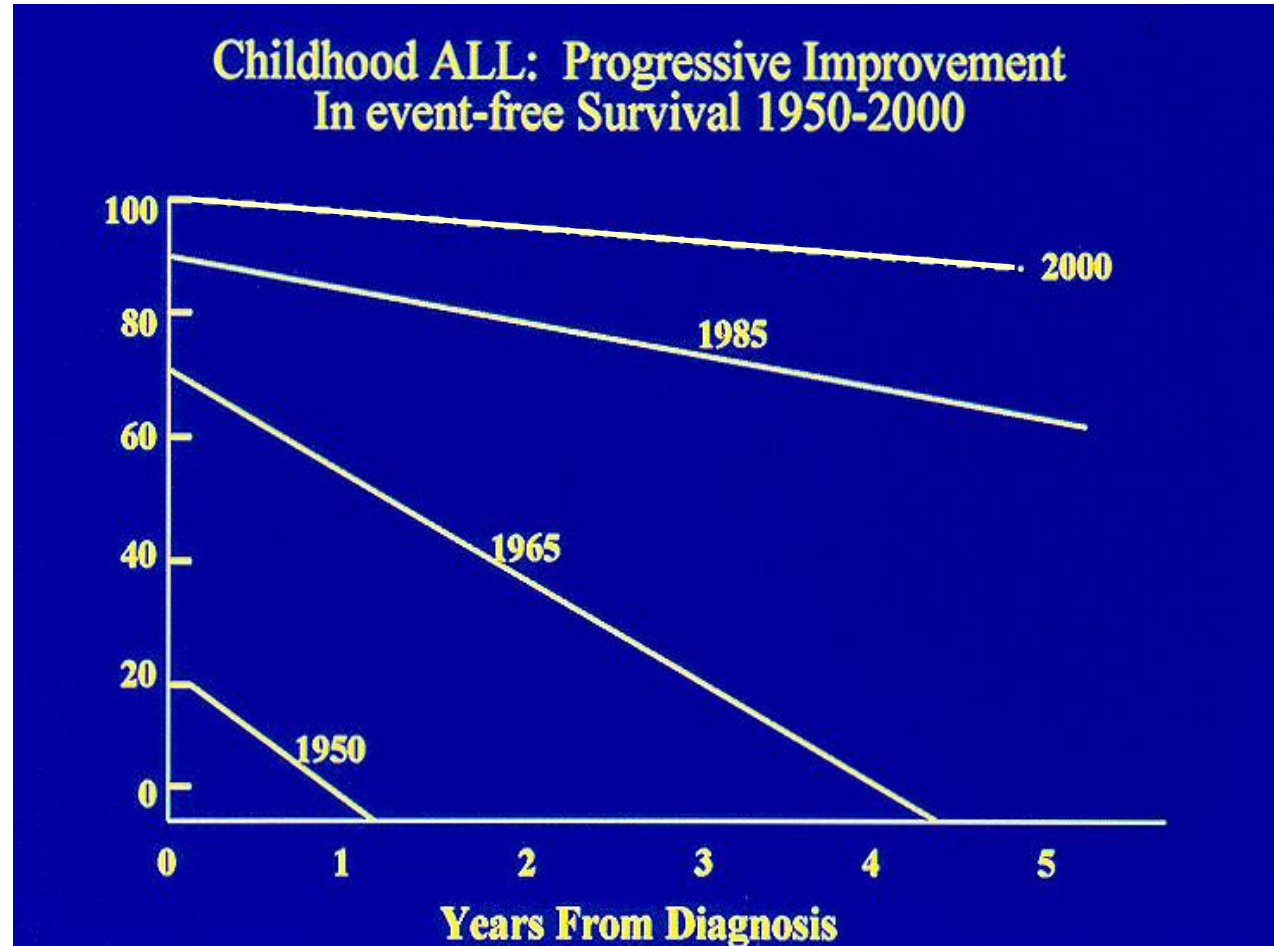
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The Pediatric Oncology Story



Source:
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"Epidemiology of
Childhood Cancer", in
Principles and Practice
of Pediatric Oncology,
5th ed, Pizzo PA and
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The Pediatric Oncology Story (cont'd)



Source:
Sharon Murphy,
Pediatric Oncology
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The Pediatric Oncology Story: Protocol-Based Care, 1981-1991

- Patients enrolled on SPOG/POG Protocol: Survival = 76%, N=120
- Patients not enrolled in study: Survival = 52%, N = 42

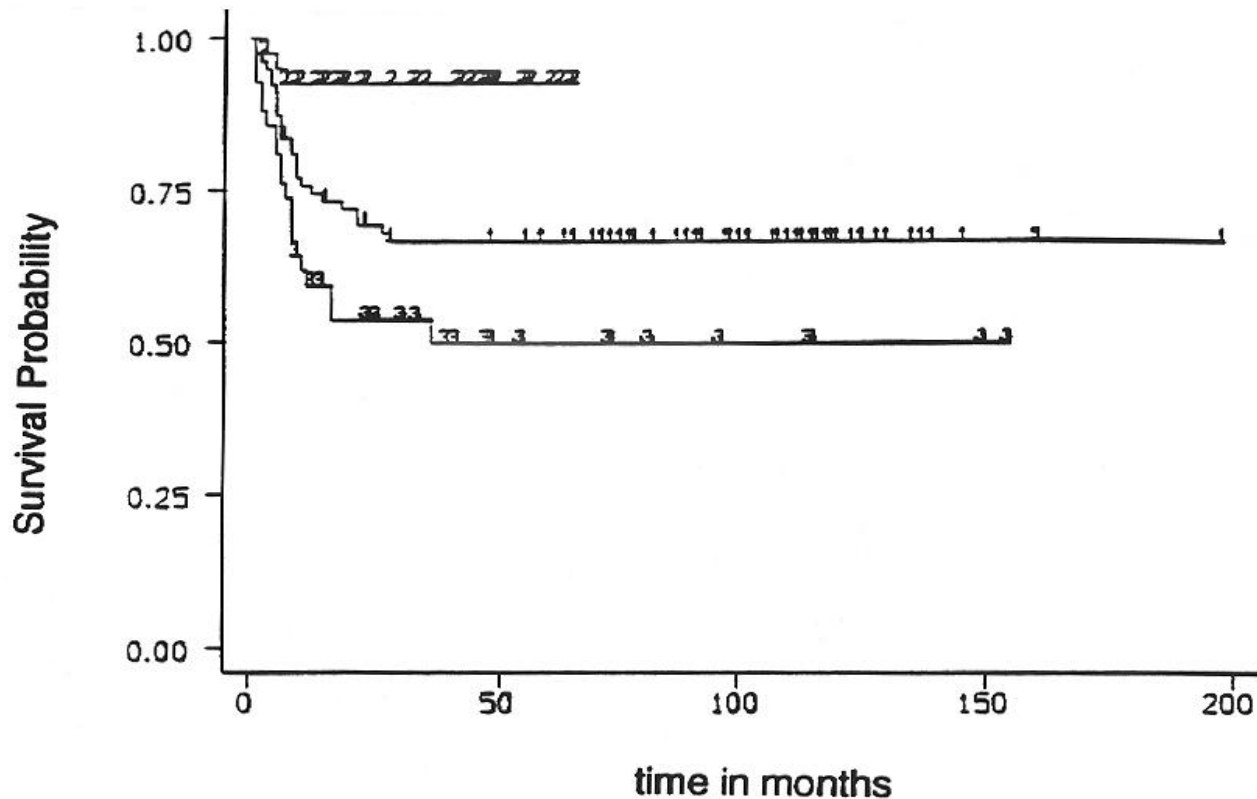


Fig. 1. Survival curves. Group 1: study patients on SPOG protocols (n = 79) = middle curve; Group 2: study patients on POG protocols (n = 41) = upper curve; Group 3: non-study patients (n = 42) = lower curve.

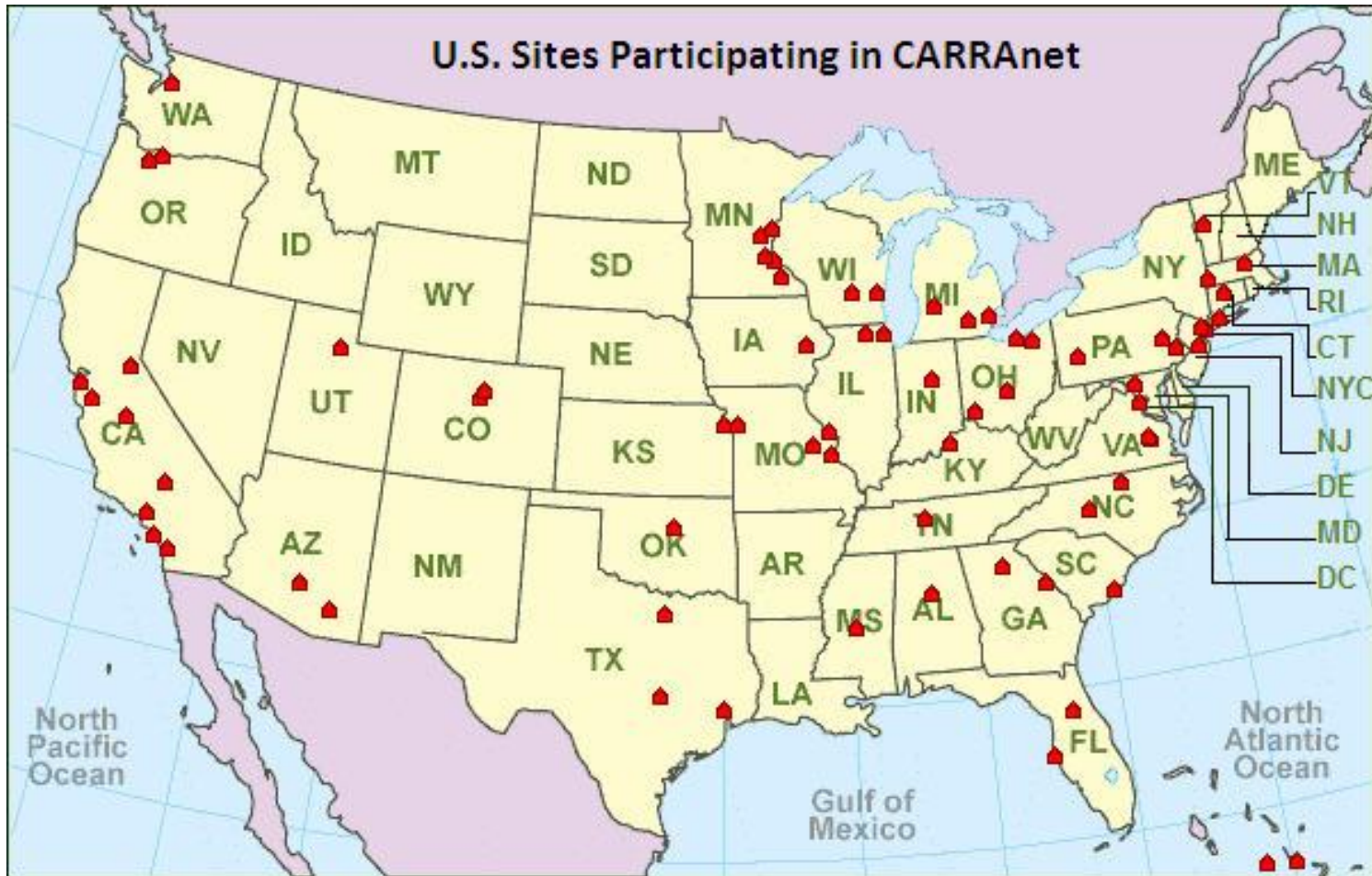
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1. Wagner HP, et al. Childhood NHL in Switzerland: incidence and survival of 120 study and 42 non-study patients. *Med Pediatr Oncol.* 1995 May; 24(5):279-80.

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CARRAnet Grand Opportunities Grant National Registry

NIAMS RC2AR058934, Sites=60, Target Enrollment=20,000



So, what's wrong with most existing clinical registries?

- Cannot readily access one's own data
- Difficult to modify databases after-the-fact
 - Changing and adding fields can be problematic
 - Often unclear how to accommodate changes in data elements over time
- Challenge to collect and analyze similar data across different databases
 - Geographic boundaries (e.g. U.S. vs. foreign)
 - Subspecialty divide (e.g. rheum – nephro – IBD)



Not to mention...

- Long-term follow-up: Crossing the pediatric to adult care transition – a ‘Data Canyon’
- High cost of reinventing the wheel with a custom solution for each new registry



CARRAnet Design Principles

- Build a valuable base of shared clinical research data
 - All investigators agree to collect a parsimonious ‘common data set’ to be shared
 - Able to layer additional, individual or group-based data sets on top of base data
- Enable ready, equitable access to data
 - Ensure *full, near real-time* access to self-contributed data
 - Incorporate flexible model for different sets of data to be shared among different groups of investigators
- Enable users to directly visualize and analyze data
- Maintain data security and network reliability

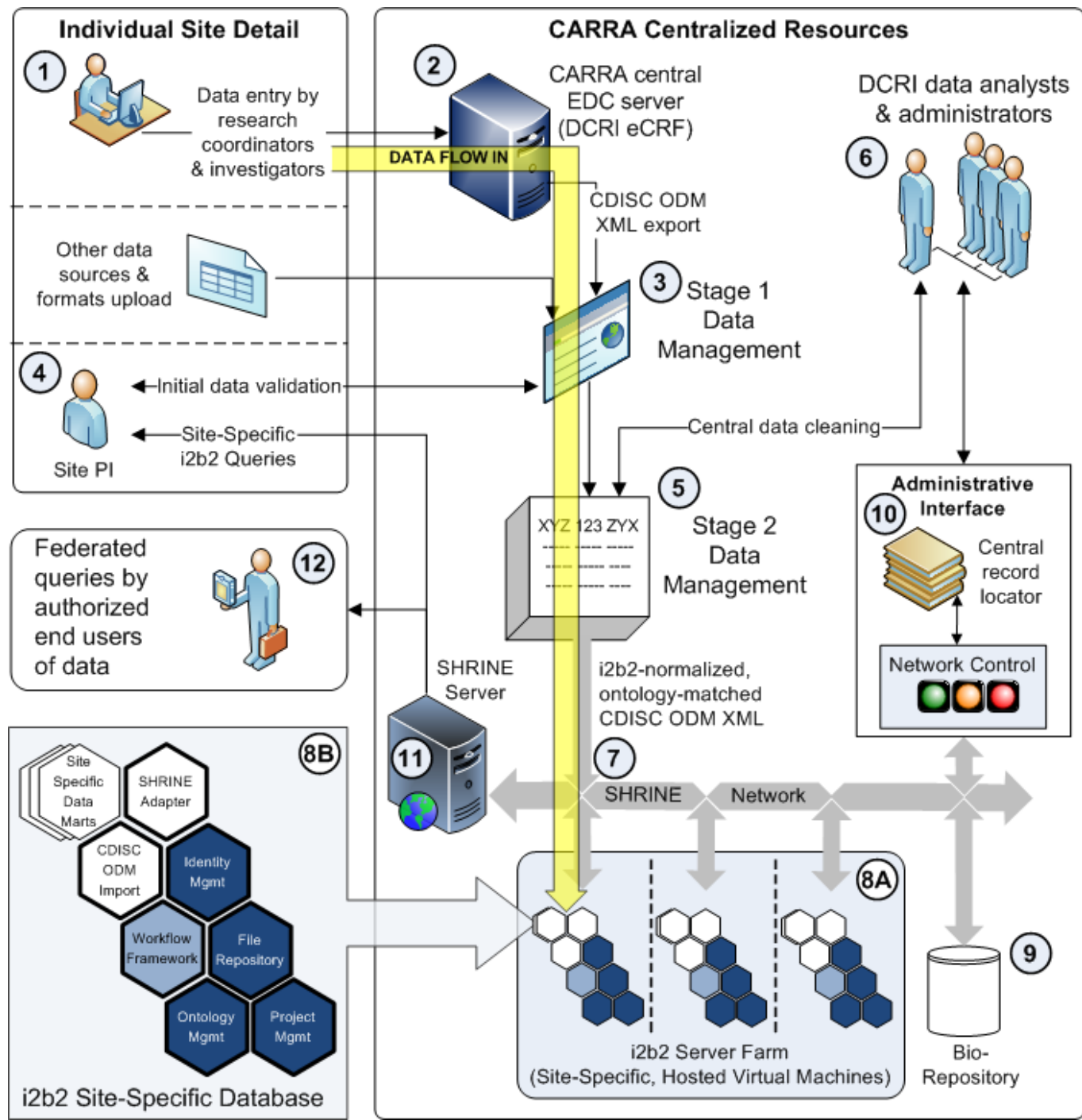


Childhood Arthritis & Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA)

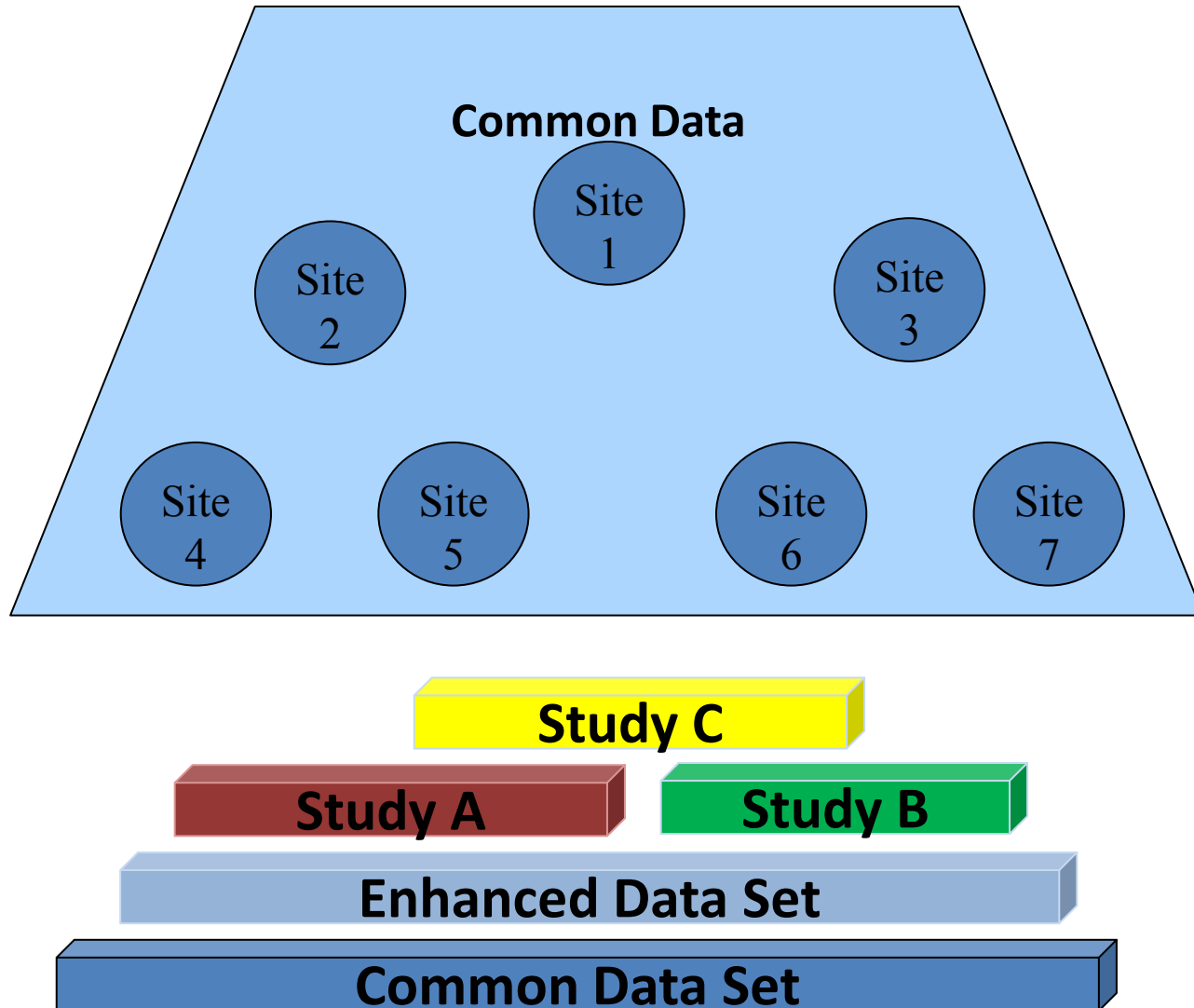
- Investigator-sponsored research network representing essentially all North American pediatric rheumatologists (N~300) & ~64 sites in United States
- Received Grand Opportunities and Challenge Grant to improve care through clinical and comparative effectiveness research
- *CARRAnet* GO Grant Targets
 - 60 sites, 20,000 subjects
 - Long-term longitudinal follow-up (every 6 months)
- *CARRAnet* GO Status
 - First site activated and enrolling subjects on May 27, 2010
 - 20 sites activated as of 10/08/2010
 - 13 sites entering data
 - Nearly 700 subjects enrolled to date 😊

CARRAnet Development Partners

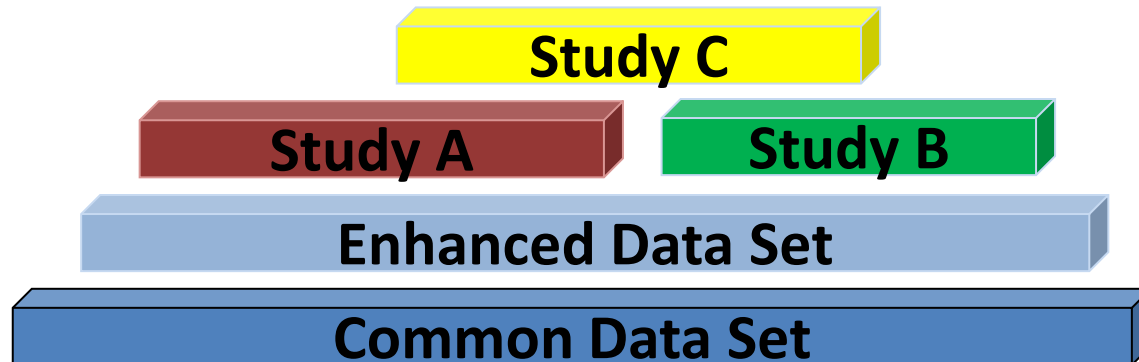
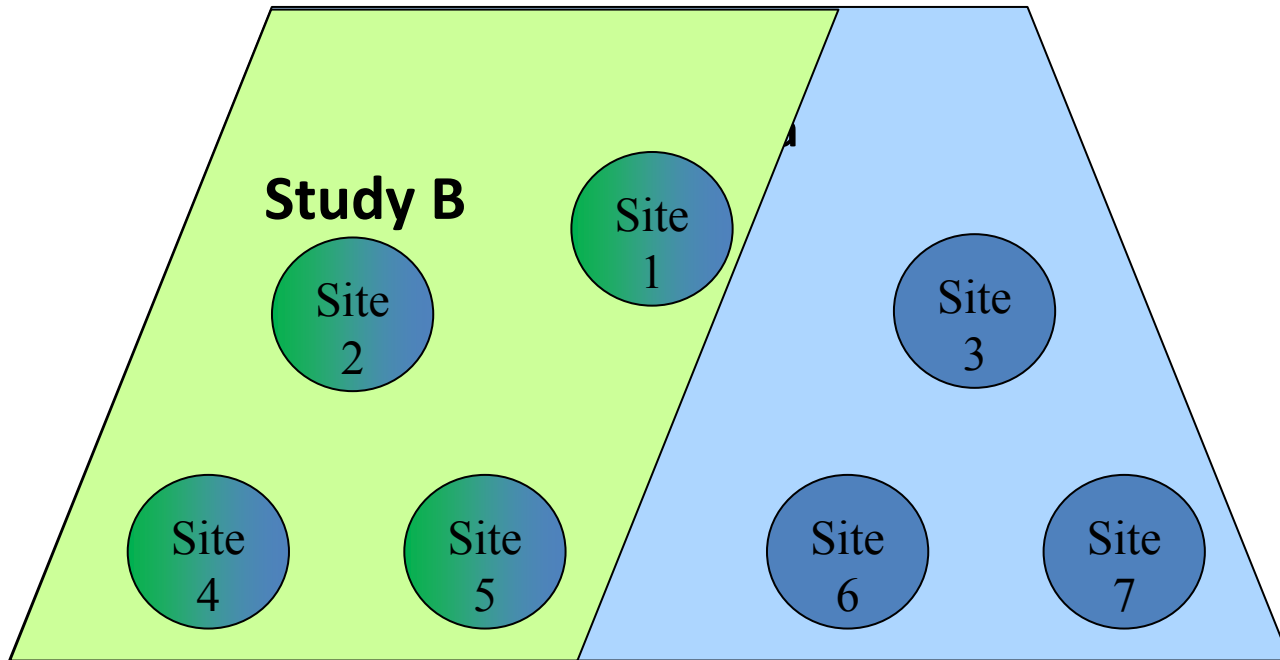
- Duke Clinical Research Institute
 - Prime, acts as CRO, coordinates clinical and development components
 - Electronic Data Capture, data export
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital
 - Front end user interface, reporting and business intelligence-like features
- Children's Hospital Boston
 - i2b2/SHRINE development & integration
- Harvard Medical School
 - Data export (CDISC ODM) to i2b2 import
 - SHRINE/SPIN coordinated development



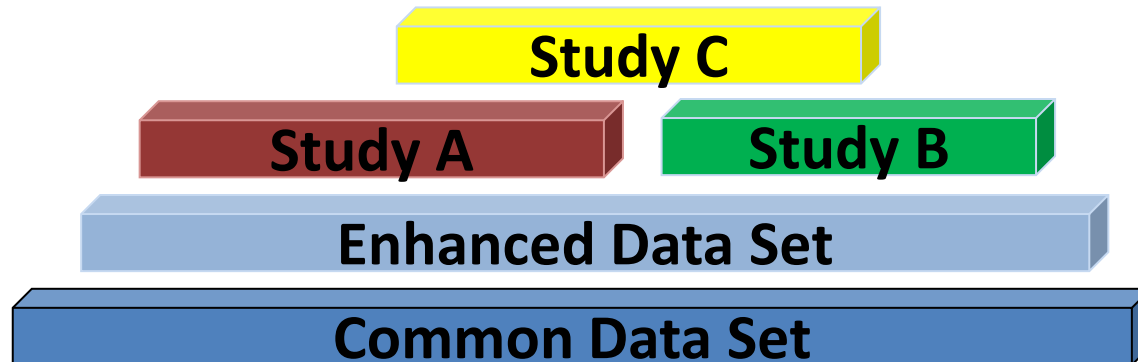
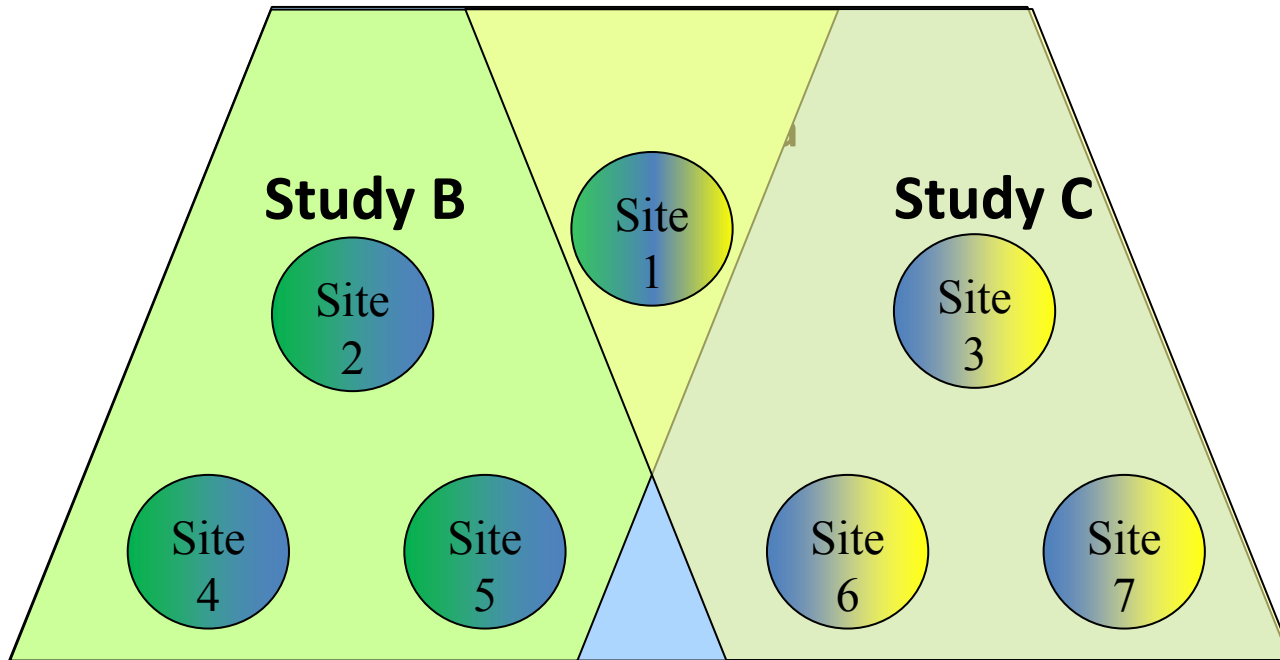
SHRINE/i2b2 for Layered, Multi-Site, Multi-Study Registries



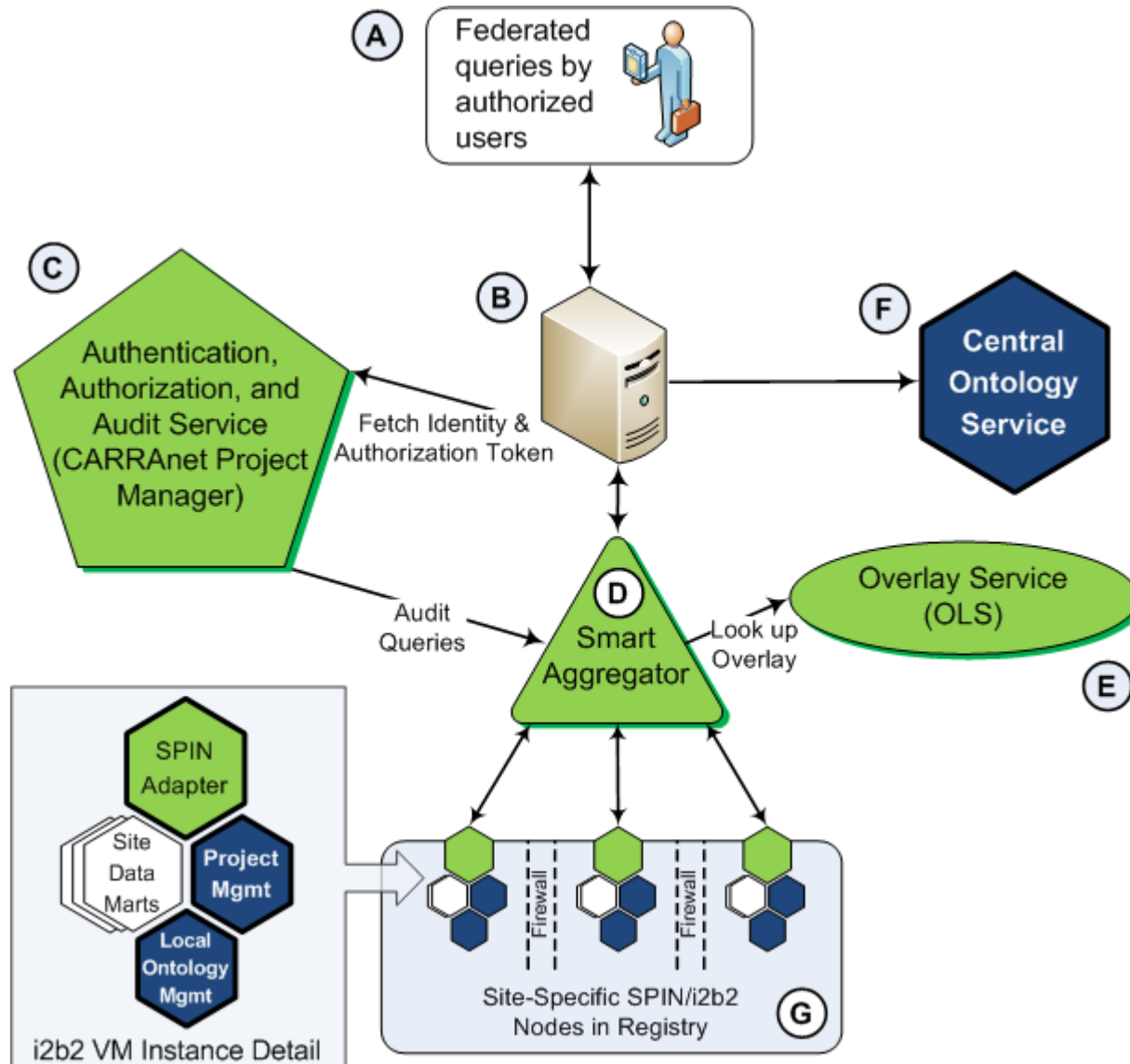
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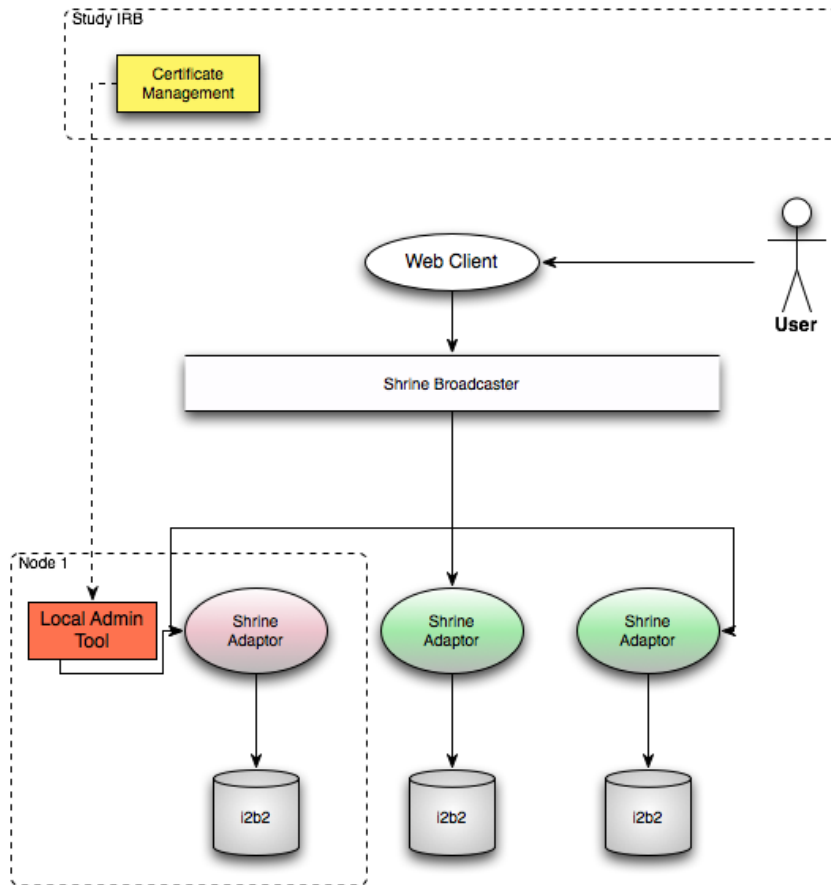


CARRAnet SHRINE/SPIN Framework Enhancements



Certificate & Admin Enhancements

Local Admin Certificate Management Capistrano for bulk admin of 60 VMs



- Automatically deploy software to X number of virtual machines leveraging ssh and shared keys
- Software updates/rollbacks can be deployed simultaneously across entire network
- Allows us to run commands on the remote machines, stop tomcat across all 60 sites, restart tomcat, install software, setup databases, etc. for deployment and maintenance
- Extensible, ruby based software
- Envision all 60 sites administered by a single admin

CARRAnet Subscription Model: Early Functionality



CARRAnet Admin

Manage Users Manage Studies Status Logout

Manage Users

Username	Studies	Delete User	Edit User
admin	[Demo]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit User"/>
StudyUser1	[LimitedGroup1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit User"/>
StudyUser2	[LimitedGroup2, LimitedGroup3]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit User"/>
StudyUser3	[LimitedGroup3]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit User"/>



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Manage Study Groups

Study	Machines	Edit	Delete
Demo	[carranet node 1, carranet node 2, carranet node 3, carranet node 4, carranet node 5]	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>
LimitedGroup1	[carranet node 1, carranet node 2]	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>
LimitedGroup2	[carranet node 4, carranet node 5]	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>
LimitedGroup3	[carranet node 2, carranet node 3, carranet node 4]	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>

New study group

Study Group

LimitedGroup4

Machines

- carranet node 1
- carranet node 2
- carranet node 3
- carranet node 4
- carranet node 5



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Cluster Status

Machine ID	Machine Hostname	Status
carranet node 1	https://shrine-node-1:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="radio"/>
carranet node 2	https://shrine-node-2:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="radio"/>
carranet node 3	https://shrine-node-3:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="radio"/>
carranet node 4	https://shrine-node-4:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="radio"/>
carranet node 5	https://shrine-node-5:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="radio"/>



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Manage Cluster Machines

MachineId	Hostname	Edit	Delete
carranet node 1	https://shrine-node-1:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>
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carranet node 3	https://shrine-node-3:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>
carranet node 4	https://shrine-node-4:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>
carranet node 5	https://shrine-node-5:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl	<input type="button" value="edit"/>	<input type="button" value="delete"/>

New Machine

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New Machine

endpoint URI

https://node-uri:8081/shrine-cell/QueryToolService/aggregate?wsdl

Moving Towards 'Self-Service' Model for Federated Data Sharing of Registry Data

I2B2 Workbench - Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation Welcome: admin
Find Patients | Analysis | Logout

Navigate Terms Find Terms

- ▶ Clinical Trials
- ▶ Ontology
 - ▶ Demographics
 - ▶ Age
 - ▶ 0-9 years old
 - ▶ 10-17 years old
 - ▶ 18-34 years old
 - ▶ 35-44 years old
 - ▶ 45-54 years old
 - ▶ 55-64 years old
 - ▶ 65-74 years old
 - ▶ 75-84 years old
 - ▶ >= 65 years old
 - ▶ >= 85 years old

Query Tool

New Query Add Group

1 Dates Clear Exclude

▶ 0-9 years old

Drag terms here

2 Dates Clear Exclude

Drag terms here

3 Dates Clear Exclude

Drag terms here

Run Query

Previous Queries

Drop here to re-run saved queries..

Query Results Patient Visits

Patient Count: 9

Patient Gender/Race/Age Breakdown									
Gender	Race	0 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 18	19 - 29	
M	indian	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
M	black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M	asian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
M	hispanic	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
F	indian	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
F	black	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
F	asian	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
F	hispanic	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Amazon EC2 Deployable Demo Environment



CARRA *net* Live Demo

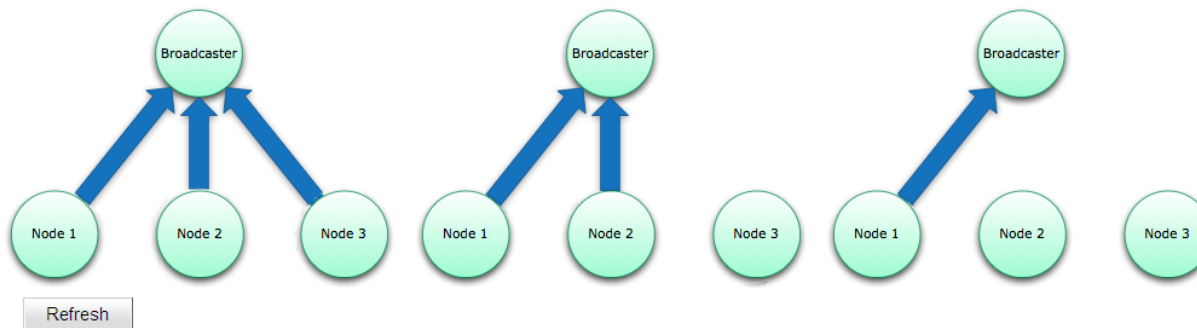
Welcome to this live demonstration of the CARRANet project. The CARRANet project aims to connect multiple [i2b2](#) data repositories together in order to form a collaborative study network. Our vision is to create the next generation platform for building and sharing large patient registries.

Federated Query Demonstration

[Federated Query Page](#)

Network Communication Demonstration

Below is a diagram that shows three different studies each with a different node membership. The memberships are described by the arrows. The node at the top is the CARRANet node that will federate queries across all the i2b2 nodes. The 3 nodes at the bottom are each an i2b2 instance that belong to different institutions. The current state of a node's connectivity to the network is represented by its color (green is connected, red is not). These 3 studies happen to be on the same 3 node network.



The following links will take you to a view of how a local administrator would add their institution's node to the CARRANet network.

- [See Configuration Page for Node1](#)
- [See Configuration Page for Node2](#)
- [See Configuration Page for Node3](#)

Amazon EC2 Deployable Demo Environment (Two Nodes Participating)

The screenshot displays the SHRINE web application interface. The top navigation bar includes "SHRINE" on the left and "Find Patients | Message Log | Help | Logout" on the right. The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Navigate Terms / Find Terms:** A tree view on the left shows a hierarchy of terms under "Ontology", including "Demographics" (Age, Gender, Language, Marital Status, Race, Religion, Vital Status, Zip codes), "Diagnoses", "Expression Profiles Data", "Laboratory Tests", "Medications", and "Procedures".
- Query Tool:** A central panel with a "Query Name" field containing "Gender@07:54:40". Below it are three query groups (Group 1, Group 2, Group 3) with columns for "Dates", "Occurs > 0x", and "Exclude". A "Gender" term is visible in Group 1. A green box says "one or more of these" and a yellow box says "drag a term to here". An "AND" operator is positioned between Group 1 and Group 2. At the bottom of the query tool are buttons for "Run Query", "New Query", "Print Query", "1 Group", and "New Group".
- Query Status:** A panel at the bottom right showing the results of the query: "Finished Query: 'Gender@07:54:40'", "Harvard - 45 patients", "Children's Hospital Boston - 45 patients", and "aggregated - 90 patients". Each result line is followed by "FINISHED [7.7 secs]".

Amazon EC2 Deployable Demo Environment (Three Nodes Participating)

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- Navigate Terms / Find Terms:** A tree view on the left showing a hierarchy of terms. Under "Ontology", the "Demographics" folder is expanded, listing terms such as Age, Gender, Language, Marital Status, Race, Religion, Vital Status, and Zip codes. Other top-level categories include Clinical Trials, Diagnoses, Expression Profiles Data, Laboratory Tests, Medications, and Procedures.
- Query Tool:** A central panel with a "Query Name" field containing "Gender@07:58:16". Below this is a visual query builder with three groups (Group 1, Group 2, Group 3). Each group has columns for "Dates", "Occurs > 0x", and "Exclude". The "Gender" term is added to Group 1. A green box in Group 1 says "one or more of these", and a yellow box in Group 2 says "drag a term to here". An "AND" operator is positioned between Group 1 and Group 2. Below the query builder are buttons for "Run Query", "New Query", "Print Query", and "New Group".
- Query Status:** A panel at the bottom right showing the results of the query. It lists "Finished Query: 'Gender@07:58:16'" and provides a summary of results for four categories: Children's Hospital Boston (45 patients), Harvard (45 patients), Partners (43 patients), and aggregated (133 patients). Each result is marked as "FINISHED" with a duration of 10.5 seconds.

Future Directions

- Multiple projects and networks
- Integrate with hospital-based i2b2 systems
- International collaborations

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