

# TRUST

IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES THROUGH TRUSTED DATA EXCHANGE

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*“Trusted Research and Real world-data Utilisation and Sharing Tech”*

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Jointly developed by:



# Agenda

- What is TRUST?
- How we enable safe and efficient data sharing and analytics
- OMOP journey



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# What is TRUST

'Trusted Research and Real world-data Utilisation and Sharing Tech'

# TRUST is a data framework and analytics platform to enable anonymised health analytics by researchers from public and private sectors



One stop to request, access and analyse data

# TRUST

IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES THROUGH TRUSTED DATA EXCHANGE

Secure cloud analytical environment within Government Commercial Cloud

Anonymised and transfer

Real-World Data  
in Vault or Govt agencies' repository

Real-World Data

Strategic Research Data

Anonymised and transfer

Strategic Research Data  
in their own repositories or data  
aggregators e.g. A\*STAR  
BiomedDAR

Anonymised linked datasets for analysis



***“Trusted Research and Real world-data Utilisation and Sharing Tech” Platform***

# How TRUST addresses key data challenges faced by researchers

UNCLEAR DATA ACCESS RULES



CLARIFY PERMISSIBILITY OF USE;  
OPEN UP ACCESS

- Data permissibility rules and governance for key datasets has been clarified
- Streamlined **pre-agreements** with data custodians and users
- Establish **central Data Access Committee** for streamlined and efficient data approval

VARIED DATA SECURITY &  
INFRASTRUCTURE



NATIONAL DATA-EXCHANGE  
PLATFORM

- Established **secure environment on Government Commercial Cloud** for data linkage, access and analysis
- Established **Trusted Third Party to enable linkages across datasets** and anonymisation tool according to MOH anonymisation standards.

LACK DATA STANDARDS



DATA CATALOGUE &  
INTEROPERABILITY

- Adopt **internationally recognised data standard** (e.g. OMOP)
- A central data curation team has been set up and OMOP mapping work is ongoing

# Enabling high value health-data analytics research

## Evaluate social determinants of health to improve cardiovascular health outcomes



Generate new insights into determinants that influence cardiovascular health and equity. Guide better designed interventions for impactful and sustainable cardiovascular outcomes, through analysis of clinical-lifestyle-social data.

## Understand COVID-19 genomic risk factors in disease severity to guide future intervention strategies



Assess the prevalence and allele frequencies of host genetic variants determining the susceptibility and severity of SARS-CoV-2 infections as well as in vaccine effectiveness. Provide insights to future measures and policies to safeguard those at higher risk of infections.

## Unlock value of population cohorts to gain deeper insights to Asian precision medicine

Multi Ethnic Cohort (MEC)

SingHEART



Enable next phase of PRECISE/SG100k Precision Medicine studies in diseases such as cardiovascular, metabolic, neurological, psychiatric, ophthalmologic, as well as rare diseases. Enable improved risk prediction, risk assessment and interventions through precision population health approaches.

## Study long-term risks of diseases and overall healthcare cost impact on Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) mothers to guide appropriate care



Evaluate mother-child pairs with a history of GDM and their increased risk for diseases, including developing mental disorders. Findings will allow health-care providers to formulate strategies to appropriately follow-up, screen and treat GDM mothers and their children.

# Orchestrate and enable safe and expeditious health data analytics in the HHP research ecosystem

Promulgated data sharing principles and best practices

**TRUST DATA SECURITY DO'S AND DON'TS**

Datasets accessed through the TRUST platform are strictly CONFIDENTIAL. Follow these tips to ensure you do your part to keeping TRUST secure!

**DO**

- Do read through & familiarise yourself w/ TRUST Personal Under & TRUST Terms of reach out to the TRUST Concierge if you h any questions
- Do safeguard the sa integrity of TRUST da including accessing platform itself on approved locations" your organisation's pr "Examples include individual si isolated workspaces with priv
- Do notify both TRUST institution's IT tel immediately of any se data breaches (ev suspected ones

**DON'T**

**STEP 1**

Welcome onboard TRUST! We are looking forward to working with you.

The following outlines the process for researchers from Public Research Organisations who have signed the Data Request Agreement to join as a TRUST Member and submit data access requests for datasets through the platform.

As always, the TRUST Support team is on hand to assist (TRUST\_Support@moh.gov.sg).

**STEP 2**

**Submit Data Access Request**

Data access is dependent on approval by TRUST Data Access Committee (DAC), based on public interest and social value. IRB approval (or a waiver) must be received before submitting a request. The request form is available in the Member's Portal under Requester TRUST Data.

The DAC meets once a month (including December) and researchers who wish to submit a request should do so by the last Friday of the month for review in the following month. Data Access Requests typically take between four to six weeks to approve. In exceptional circumstances, more time may be required for sensitive data or sensitive purpose of use.

**STEP 3**

**Data is prepared / provisioned by TRUST**

Access to requested datasets is granted to TRUST approved users under the DAC approval, through a TRUST User Account (this is separate from the Member Account & is tagged to the specific data request). Preparation of the approved datasets takes between two and six weeks after DAC approval, depending on the complexity of the data requested for.

Approved users can access and analyse the data dataset & request to export the analytical output (aggregated data). TRUST will use the output according to the parameters approved by the DAC (around seven working days turnaround).

Logos: MOH, SMART NATION, GOVTEK, VYTERO

Established pre-agreements with 12 Public Research Organisations to enable expeditious data access (as at 22 April 2024)



Support broader types of analytics e.g. genomics & low/no code analysis



Initiated national level effort to harmonise data standard

- Key clinical data domains<sup>1</sup> have been mapped to OMOP CDM<sup>2</sup>
- Established partnerships to setup national curation team on OMOP mapping

<sup>1</sup>Domains (from NEHR) include Demographics, Diagnosis, Medication, Visits, Labs, Radiology, Procedures.

<sup>2</sup>Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership Common Data Model (OMOP CDM).

# Currently, TRUST offers access to ~40 anonymised datasets across the following domains

List updated as of August 2024

### Population

- Birth & Death
- Passes & Permits
- Citizenship & Residency

### Social

- Economic
- Housing
- Education\*

\*subject to MOE approval

### Health

- Polyclinic
- Patient Management
- Surgery
- Laboratory
- Accident & Emergency
- Case & Visit
- Drugs
- Diabetes
- Comorbidity
- Beds
- Radiology
- Diagnosis

### Lifestyle / Preventive Care

- iQuit Smoking
- Leisure Time Activity
- Sleep Tracking
- Steps Challenge
- Screening
- Immunisation

### Health Finance

- Community Assistance
- Billing & Subsidy
- Medical Claims

### Disease Registry

- Myocardial Infarction
- Stroke
- Cancer
- Renal

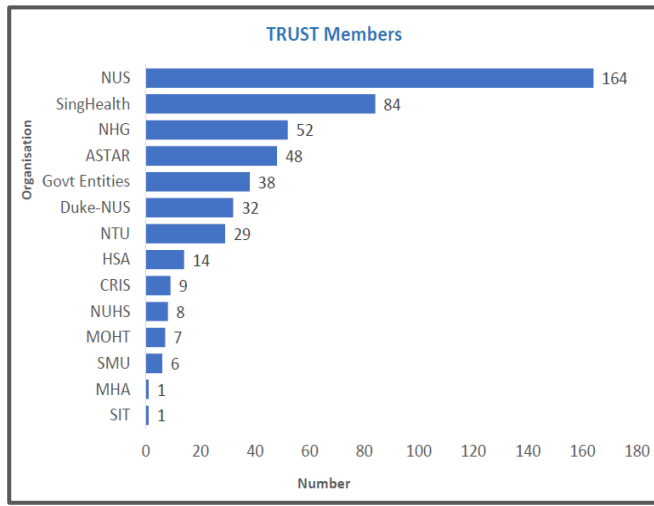
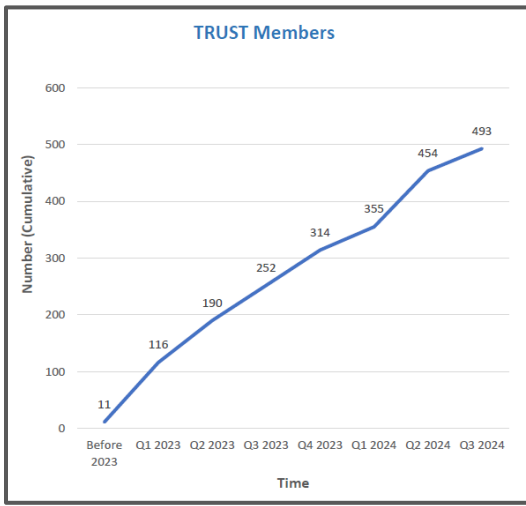


# Growth in usership + use cases (data up to 30 August 2024)

## TRUST Membership

Registered Members on TRUST website for access to data catalogue, training materials & data request application form

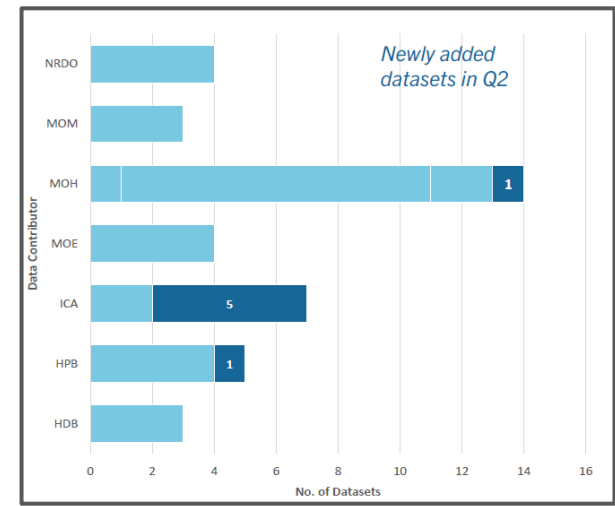
Expanded by 39% since Q1 2024 with NUS (33%) comprising the majority



## TRUST Datasets

TRUST Datasets available for request by TRUST Members

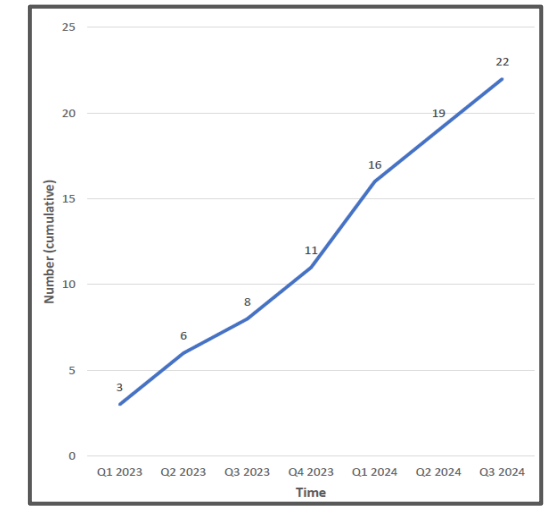
7 new datasets available in Q2 2024, mostly from ICA



## TRUST Use Cases

Approved TRUST Data Requests by TRUST DAC

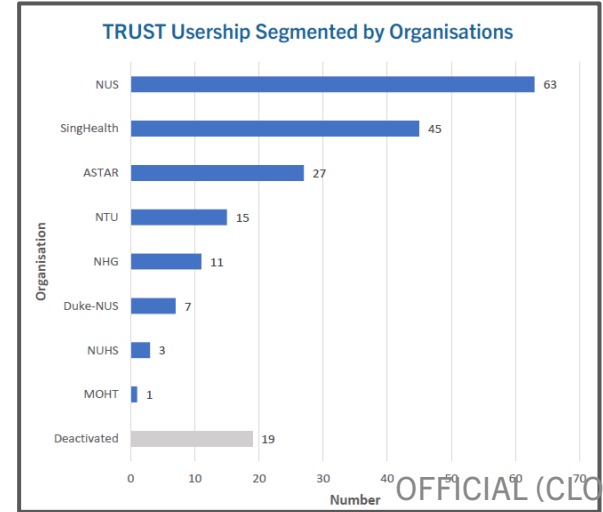
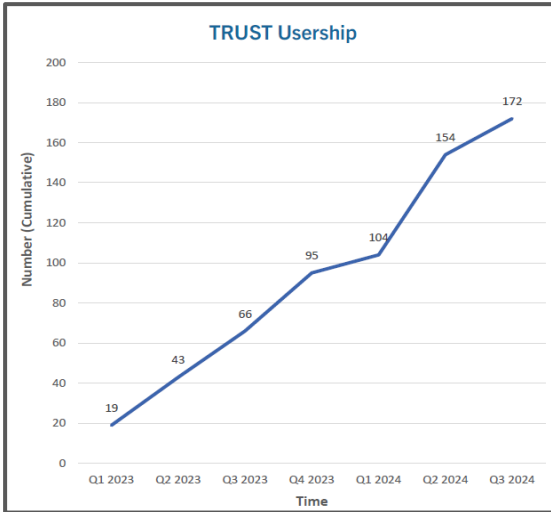
22 approved use cases, with majority of use cases from NUS



## TRUST Usership

TRUST Users' access to data analytics portal based on approved TRUST Data Requests by TRUST DAC

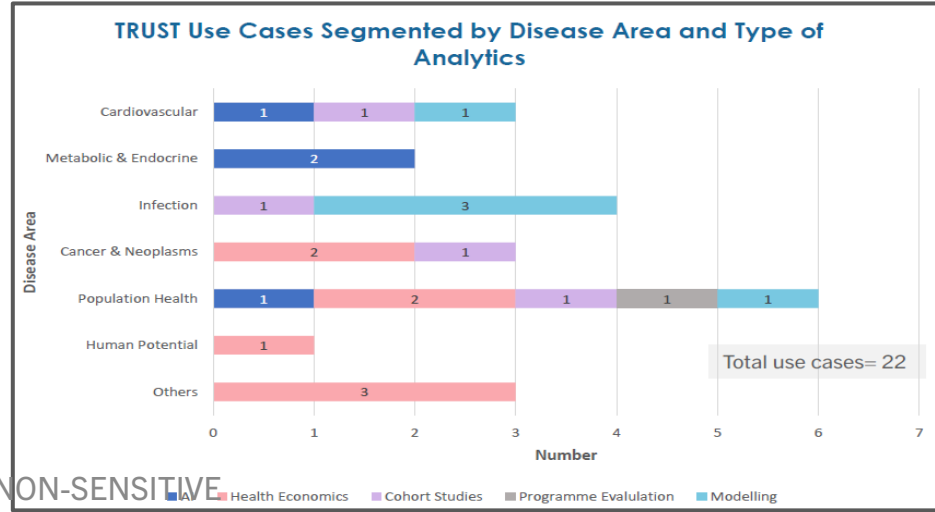
Expanded by 65% since Q1 2024 with NUS (37%) users as the majority



## TRUST Use Cases (breakdown)

Approved TRUST Data Requests by TRUST DAC

More use cases in areas of Population Health (n=6) & Health Economics (n=8)



# New opportunities

## Increasing Impact



- Enable unstructured data (e.g., free text clinical notes, retinal images) and broaden data types (e.g. geospatial)
- Support strategic industry partners

- Future-proof with Privacy Preserving Tech (e.g. federated analysis)
- Enhance interoperability with other Trusted Research Environments local and internationally

## Increasing Interoperability

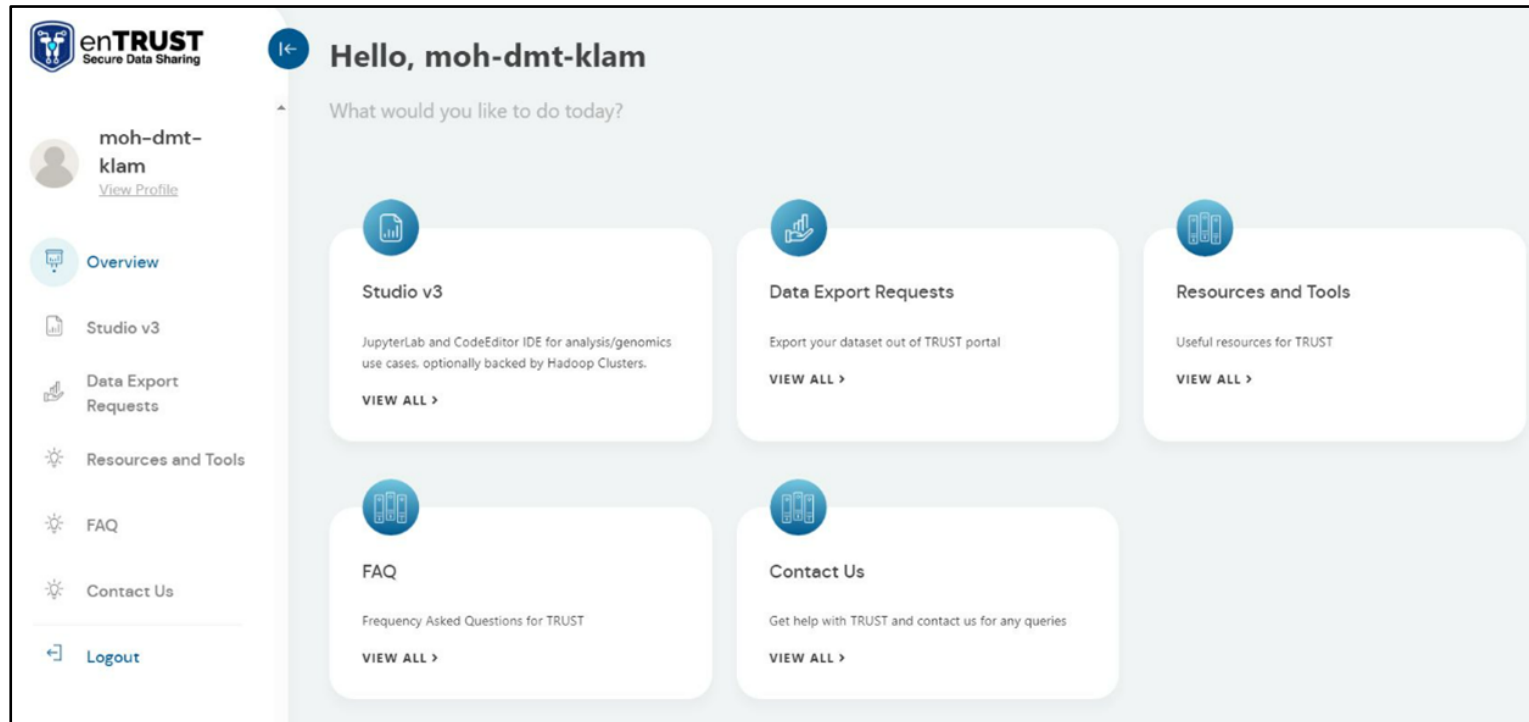


## Enhancing experience



- Scaling and automation (e.g. output checking)
- Enable self-serve (e.g. data exploration & visualisation)
- Develop the TRUST Academy, comprising training curriculum for both Users and Data Contributors (e.g. governance, best practices, data science)

# TRUST portal as launch point for user to access various features and functions



## Key Features and Functions

- R, Python and Spark access via Sagemaker Studio, CodeEditor IDE
- Low/no code data exploration and analytical tools via Lifebit Platform (coming soon Q4 2024)
- Requests within air-gap environments:
  - General requests/enquiries from within the portal
  - Export requests of analytical insights



**How do we enable safe and  
efficient data sharing and analytics**

# TRUST's core features are built on the 5 Safes Framework, ensuring safe data access

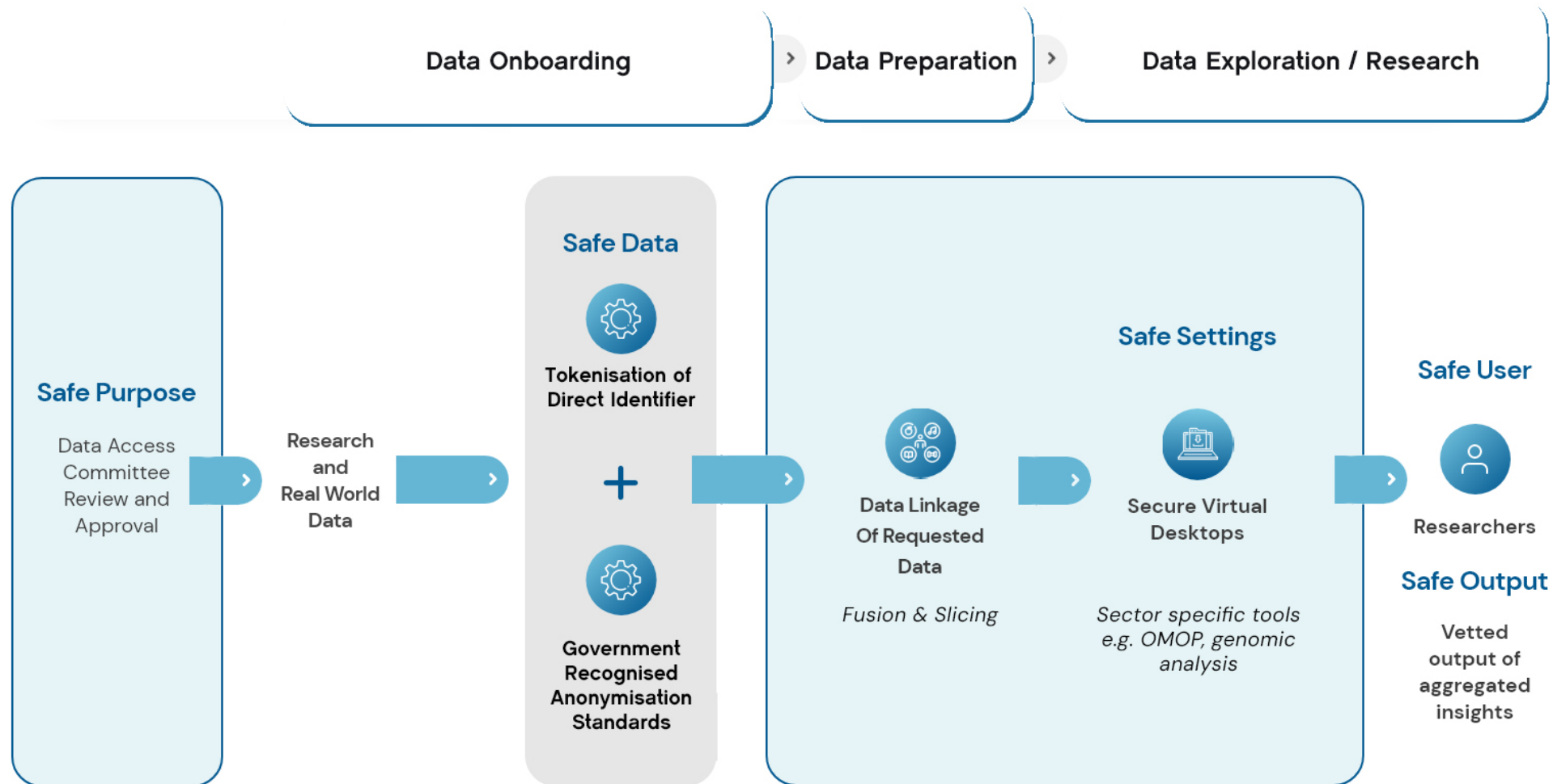


Deploy synergistic policy and technical solutions across the data lifecycle

Balance privacy & public interest with safe use of data

Improved health outcomes & better care delivery

# TRUST adopts the Five Safes Framework



# TRUST Data Access Committee (DAC)



## Government Data Reps



Mr Philip Ong (Chair)  
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Mr Lai Kai Bin  
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## Domain Experts



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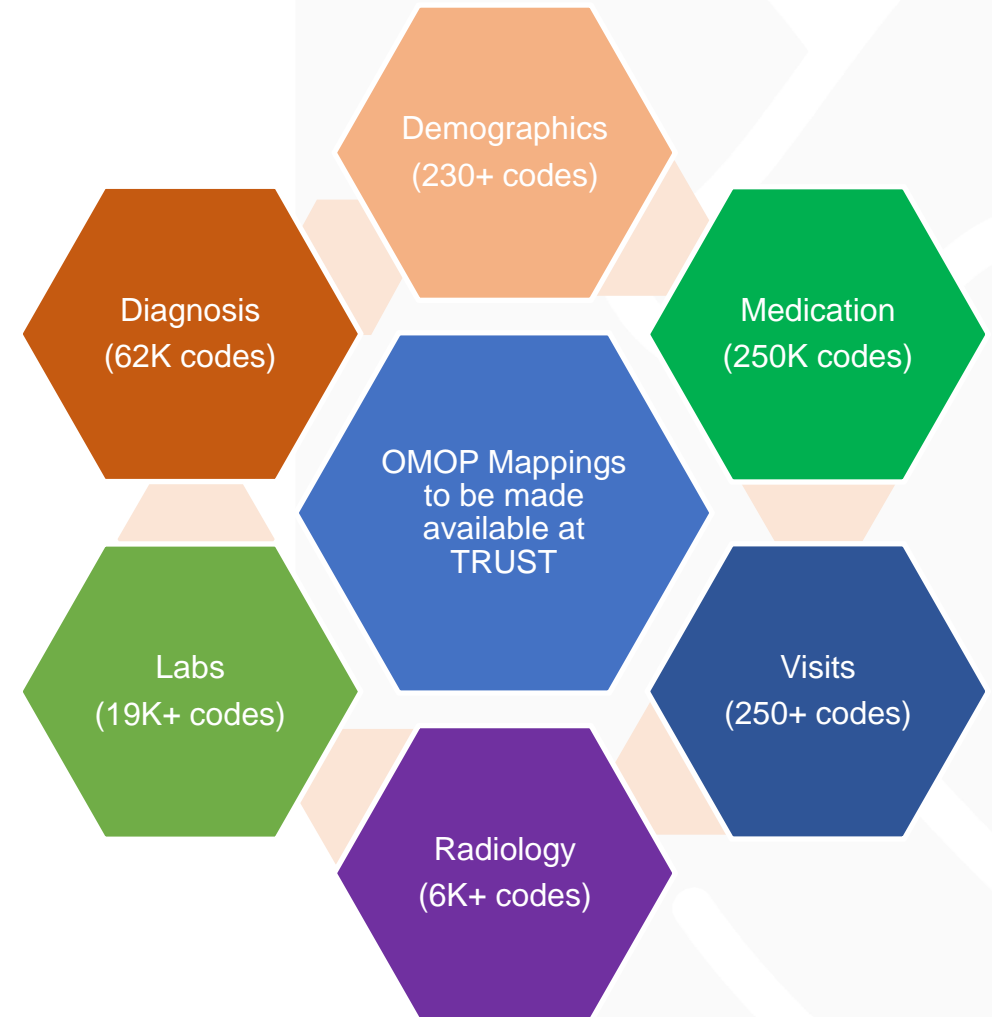
**OMOP journey**



# TRUST OMOP Approach

All-of-Singapore EMR mapping efforts since 2021:

- Mapping and harmonisation of demographics, diagnoses, medications, visits, laboratory tests, and radiology codes completed.
- Standardised ICD/SNOMED/SDD codes to OMOP terminology across all healthcare institutions.
- Mapping codes to be made available centrally in the TRUST platform to enable whole-of-country data harmonisation.
- Achieved 98% of DQD of mapping to ensure accuracy and relevance.



# Key challenges

- Scaling efforts
  - Bulk of data must be **manually mapped** and reviewed to OMOP standard concept codes ensuring data quality standards score remain intact.
- Clinical domain knowledge
  - **Lack of domain knowledge** among the data engineering team members to perform OMOP mapping. Regular or **continuous involvement of a clinician** is required until satisfactory DQD scores are achieved for the pertinent clinical domains.
- Data quality of source
  - Much effort have been put in to **improve the quality of data** before OMOP mapping, such as remove special characters, corrected typos, remove duplicates etc.,

# Plans ahead - National Data Curation Team (NDCT) Initiative Overview

## 1. Formation of NDCT:

- TRUST to establish NDCT in Singapore's A\*STAR Bioinformatics Institute (BII) to

- Facilitate OMOP mapping knowledge sharing
- Grow a core team of OMOP expertise
- Improve data curation efficiency

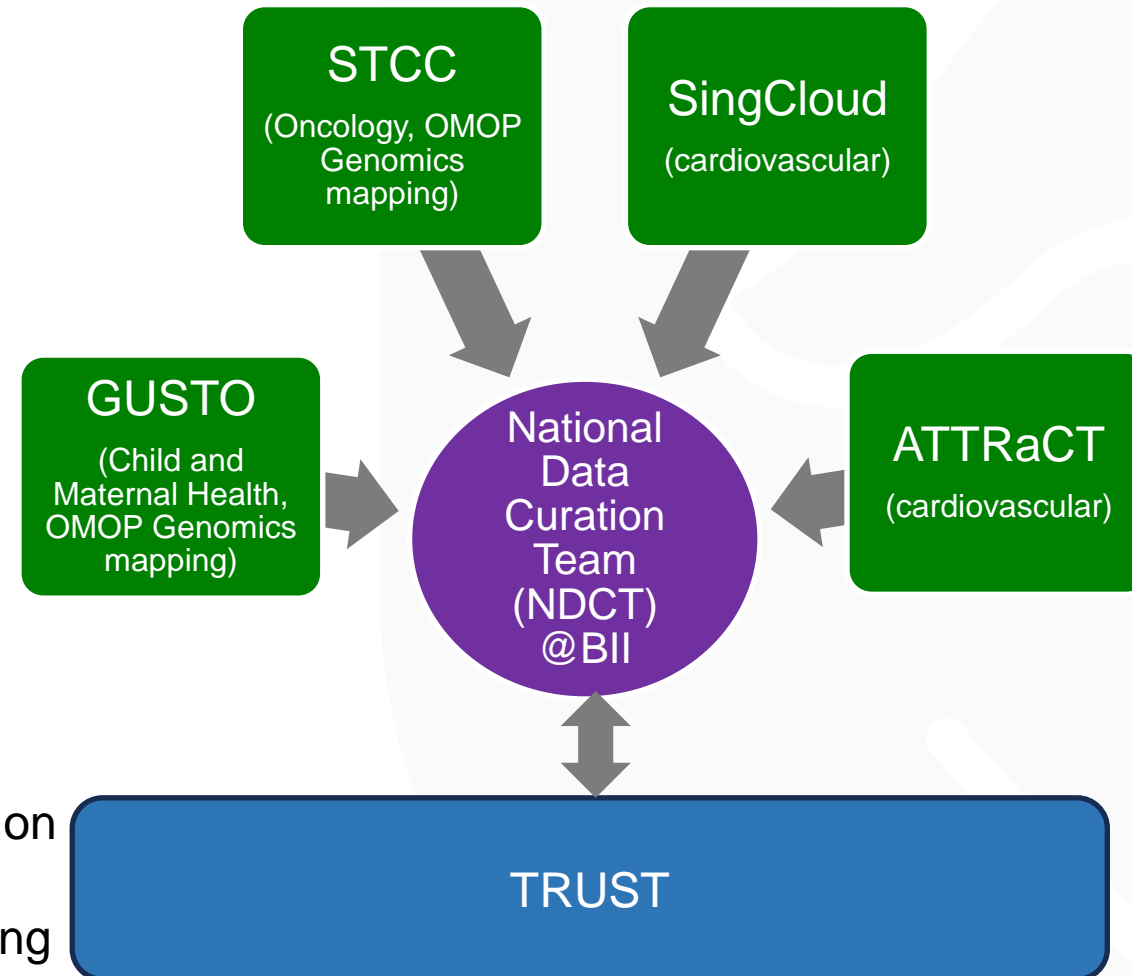
## 2. Initial Focus Areas:

- Clinical domains identified for OMOP mapping:

- Oncology
- Child and Maternal Health
- Cardiovascular
- Genomics data mapping

## 3. Approach:

- NDCT will be collaborating with clinicians to provide guidance on OMOP mapping codes, harmonisation process and share knowledge with research programmes to support OMOP mapping
- TRUST to store all mapping codes centrally and establish secure API for OMOP code sharing, to be completed in Q3 2025





**Thank you**  
Questions?