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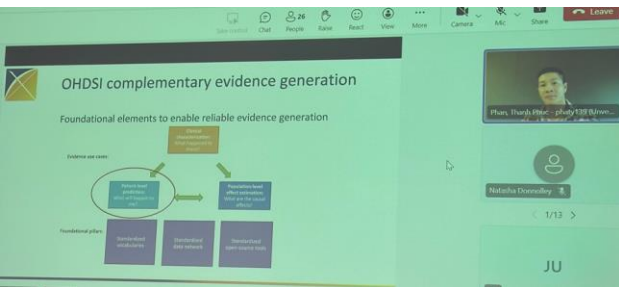
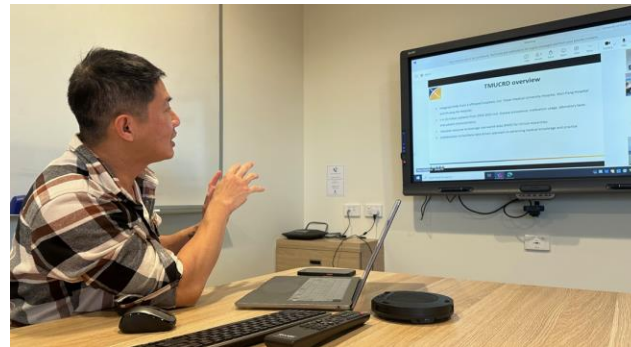


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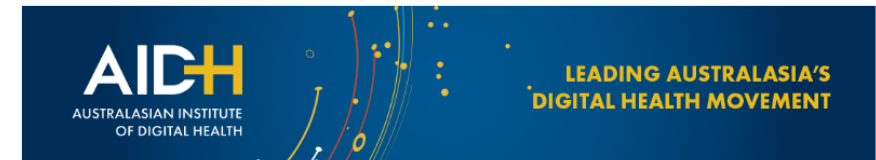




# Presentations and Training



Expand training opportunities/resources for Australia



Let's do things together – Interoperability on health

**HOSTED BY THE AIDH SA BRANCH (IN-PERSON)**

Hallmark of contemporary health care is dominated by chronic diseases. With progressive specialisation of care providers such care is offered by a growing virtual team working across jurisdictions and across organisations. If we want to follow the pathway towards digitising health and keep the idea of holistic care alive, we need to meet the challenge of interoperability across institutions and individuals.

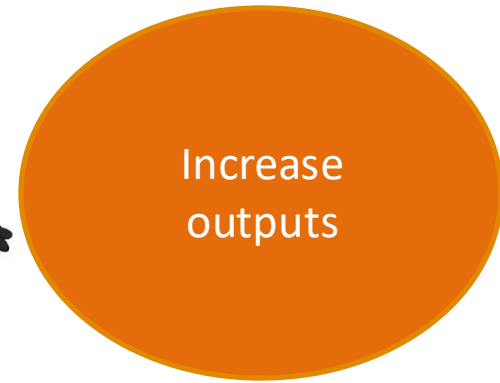
In the May event we will have 3 speakers

- Wolfgang Mayer will share experience with industry-strength semantic interoperability in software ecosystems and the role of standardisation in this endeavor
- Nicole Pratt will describe the philosophy of Common Data Models and their role in international studies
- Alastair McDonald will highlight experience and perspectives of interoperability from the point of view of SA Health.

Proudly supported by EY.

## Phuc Phan Thanh, Taipei Medical University visits Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre, University of South Australia!

# Publications



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Review

BMJ Health & Care Informatics

## Seamless EMR data access: Integrated governance, digital health and the OMOP-CDM

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**ABSTRACT**  
**Objectives** In the context of integrated governance, digital health and the OMOP-CDM, the OMOP-CDM is employed in EMR data access, secure access and secure access by health service providers. **Methods** Through data quality assessment, a robust framework into a standard of shared end-to-end security and privacy aggregated data OMOP-converted with firewalls within **Results** By using governance, and the OMOP-CDM epidemiological, well as health services.

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### Background

The use of routinely collected health data for secondary research purposes is increasingly recognised as a methodology that advances medical research, improves patient outcomes, and guides policy. This secondary data, as found in electronic medical records (EMRs), can be optimised through conversion into a uniform data structure to enable analysis alongside other comparable health metric datasets. This can be achieved with the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership Common Data Model (OMOP-CDM), which employs a standardised vocabulary to facilitate systematic analysis across various observational databases. The concept behind the OMOP-CDM is the conversion of data into a common format through the harmonisation of terminologies, vocabularies, and coding schemes within a unique repository. The OMOP model enhances research capacity through the development of shared analytic and prediction techniques; pharmacovigilance for the active surveillance of drug safety; and 'validation' analyses across multiple institutions across Australia, the United States, Europe, and the Asia Pacific. In this research, we aim to investigate the use of the open-source OMOP-CDM in the PATRON primary care data repository.

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### Editorial

## Converge or Collide? Making Sense of a Plethora of Open Data Standards in Health Care

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## Visualising Variation in the Real-World Clinical Delivery of Chemotherapy Protocols

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**Abstract.** Typical univariate measures of variation in chemotherapy to capture and describe the full multi-dimensional complexity adjustments in real-world data. In this preliminary work, we visualisations of observed treatment events, as well as treatment relative to initial prescriptions, as a means of gaining insights into the of treatment variation in cancer patients. Simple clustering techniques used to confirm the utility of these visualisations and our ability observed variations with historical events.

## Risk of aortic aneurysm or dissection following use of fluoroquinolones: multinational network cohort study

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## Medicines Intelligence Data Platform

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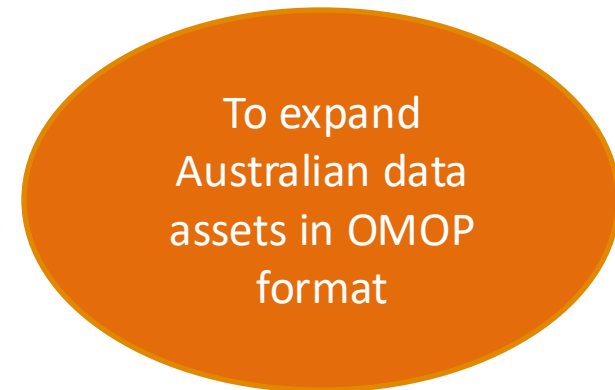
Data source establishment

### Administrative details

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<b>Name of data source</b>	Medicines Intelligence Data Platform
<b>Data source acronym</b>	MedIntel
<b>Data holder</b>	University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney)
<b>Data source type</b>	Administrative healthcare claims Hospital inpatient records Other Pharmacy dispensing records
<b>Data source type, other</b>	Emergency Department records, cancer registry, death registry
<b>Main financial support</b>	Funding by own institution National, regional, or municipal public funding
<b>Care setting</b>	Hospital inpatient care Other Primary care – GP, community pharmacist level Primary care – specialist level (e.g. paediatricians)



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Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety

REAL-WORLD DATA SOURCES FOR PHARMACOEPIDEMIOLOGIC RESEARCH OPEN ACCESS

## The Medicines Intelligence Data Platform: A Population-Based Data Resource From New South Wales, Australia

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# EMR to OMOP Project...



To expand Australian data assets in OMOP format

- Pilot study 2021-2023
  - Oracle CERNER sites
    - Queensland health, University of NSW hospital affiliates, Austin health, Western health
    - Victoria Parkville Precinct (EPIC), Peter MacCallum, Patron GP



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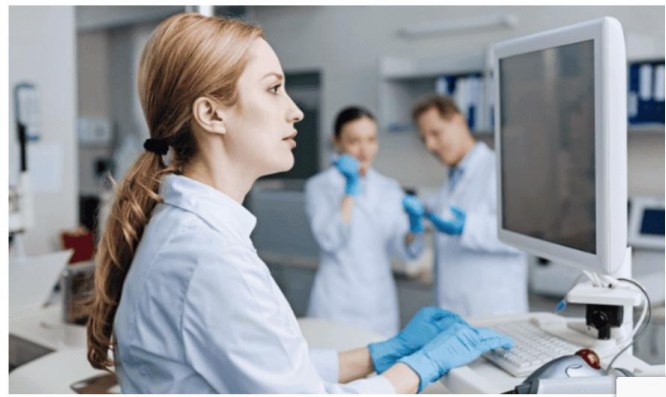
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## Advancing Healthcare Through Standardised Electronic Medical Records

The ARDC has helped safely and securely standardise electronic medical record data using the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership Common Data Model (OMOP-CDM) to realise its huge potential for research and healthcare. We're now building on this work through the new Data Integration activity of our People Research Data Commons for health research and translation.

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**ABSTRACT**  
**Objectives** In this overview, we describe the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership Common Data Model (OMOP-CDM), the established governance processes employed in EMR data repositories, and demonstrate how OMOP transformed data provides a lever for more efficient and secure access to electronic medical record (EMR) data by health service providers and researchers.

**Methods** Through pseudonymisation and common data quality assessments, the OMOP-CDM provides a robust framework for converting complex EMR data into a standardised format. This allows for the creation of shared end-to-end analysis packages without the need for direct data exchange, thereby enhancing data security and privacy. By securely sharing de-identified and aggregated data and conducting analyses across multiple OMOP-converted databases, patient-level data is securely freewalled within its respective local site.

**Results** By simplifying data management processes and governance, and through the promotion of interoperability, the OMOP-CDM supports a wide range of clinical, epidemiological, and translational research projects, as well as health service operational reporting.

electronic medical record (EMR) data into a standardised structured data model. The conversion of data has the potential to provide hospitals, health departments, auditors, regulators and universities valuable insights tailored to each institution's needs, both for operational and research purposes. This is achievable as long as the secure utilisation of an institution's EMR clinical and administrative data for purposes beyond its initial collection, known as 'secondary use', is effectively managed and employed.



What's next....





The cover image for the ARDC Medical Research Data Integration Framework. It features a dark blue background with a network of glowing orange and yellow nodes connected by thin lines, suggesting data integration and connectivity. The ARDC logo is in the top right corner.

**ARDC Medical Research Data Integration Framework**

"True integration is about creating a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, where each element enhances the value of the others."  
– Stephen Covey

Roger Ward<sup>1</sup>, Professor Nicole Pratt<sup>2</sup>, Professor Dougie Boyle<sup>3</sup>, Professor Clair Sullivan<sup>4</sup>, Associate Professor Blanca Gallego Luxan<sup>5</sup>, Dr Graeme Hart<sup>1</sup>, Dr Adrian Burton<sup>1</sup>

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The Australian Research Data Commons proposes a framework for the systematic integration and use of data from electronic medical records (EMRs) across Australia for research and analysis.



Three year project to establish “Australian Health Data to Evidence Network” **AHDEN** to coordinate the adoption and implementation of the OMOP CDM across Australia, including; key governance, security, and privacy considerations to ensure the framework’s successful integration into existing health data systems

- Implementing the OMOP CDM across Australian States and territories to standardise EMR data,
- enhance interoperability,
- Build capacity,
- share learnings, and
- support local, national, and international collaborative research projects.

<https://ardc.edu.au/program/data-integration/>





# A coordinated National Approach to

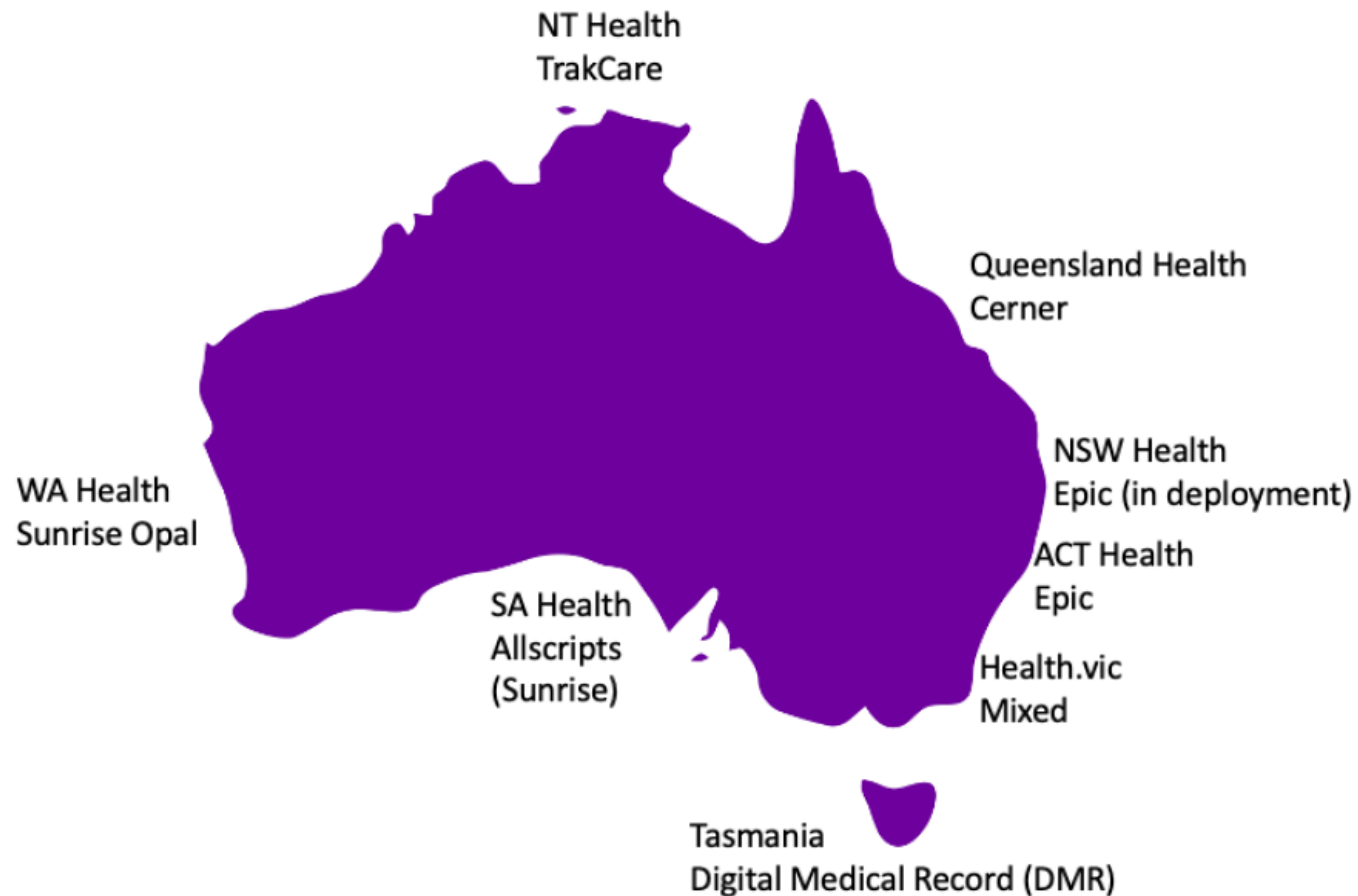


Figure 2. Public Hospital Electronic Medical Records Systems in Australia

AHDEN	
Data	Making EMR data research ready
Research	Catalysing “networked” studies on EMR data
Skills	Building the skills of researchers and health services to participate
Policy	Improving policy coherence and strategy
Services	Central shared services eg. Discovery dashboards QA/QC, automation



# Issues specific to Australia!

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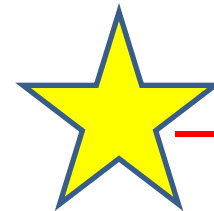


*Indigenous data sovereignty and the identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in health data within Australia*

# Generating the evidence!

## New studies:

- Treatment pathways in Epilepsy
- Implementation of the Prevalent New User Design in Pharmacoepidemiology



– **GLP1RA and DILI**



To increase the use of Australian datasets in OHDSI studies



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