

OpenEHR in HiGHmed

Experiences from a Modelling Journey

How It Started



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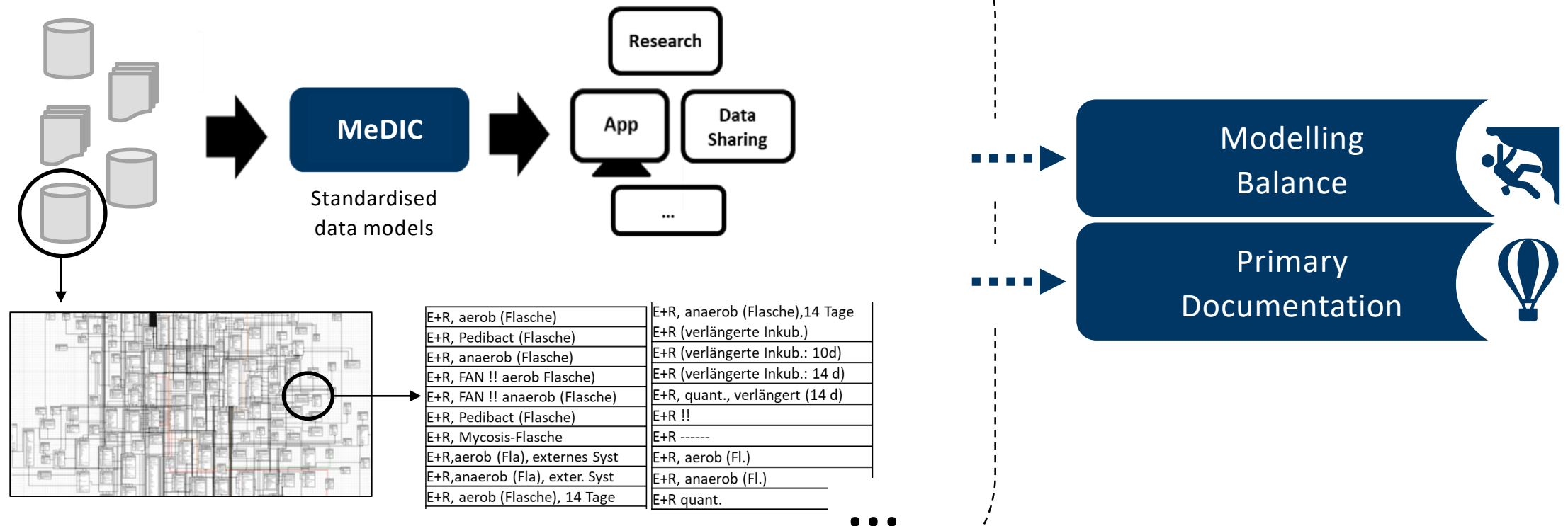
Establishment of a **national infrastructure** to enable secondary use of data within and across hospitals

Facilitating **cross-institutional** data access, analytics, sharing and applications

Development of semantically-enriched and interoperable **clinical information models**

openEHR

Integration of clinical routine data into standardised data models in the local Medical Data Integration Centres (MeDIC)



OpenEHR Modelling in HiGHmed

Modelling Framework

Organisational

Technical

Modelling Activities

Workflows

Archetypes

Reviews

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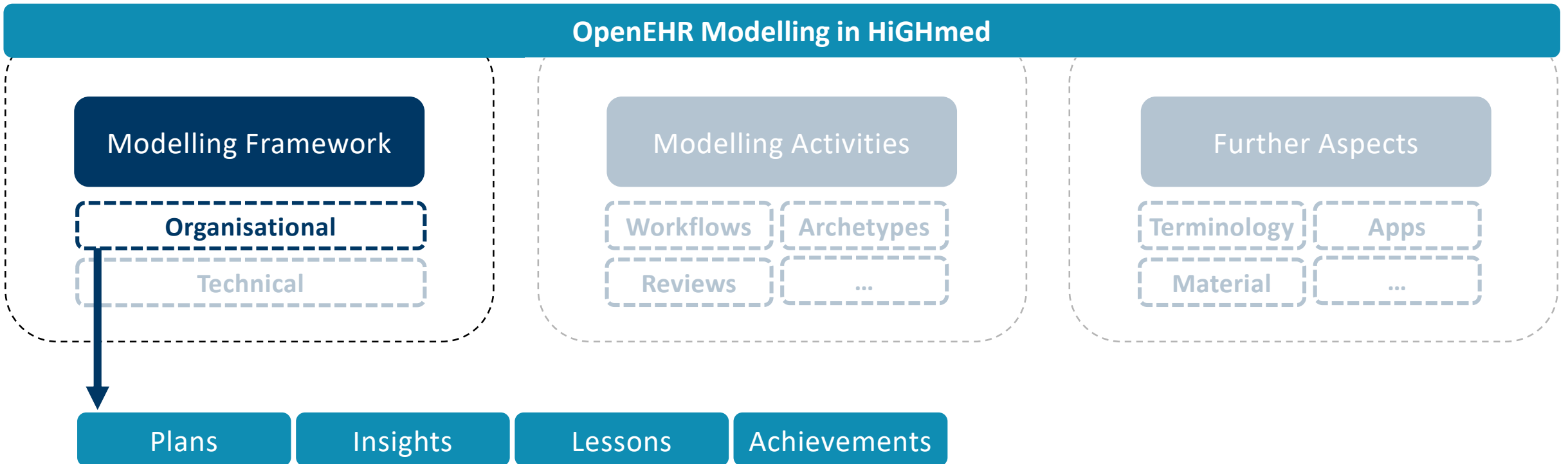
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Terminology

Apps

Material

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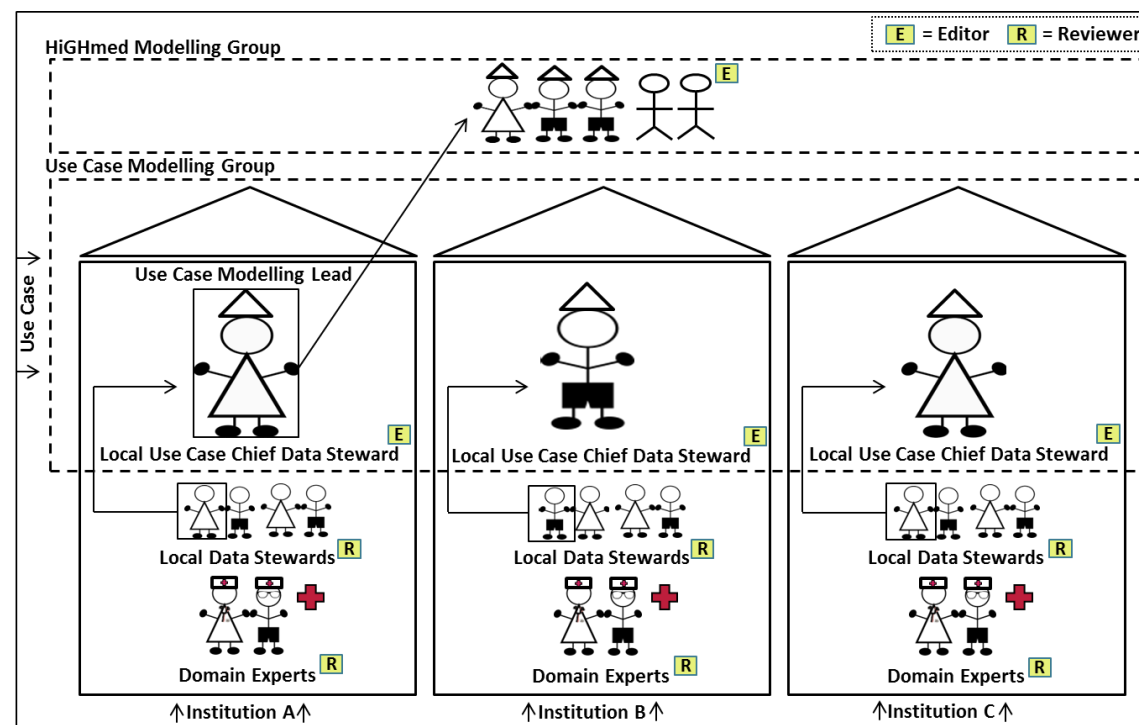
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Oncology
Cardiology
Infection Control

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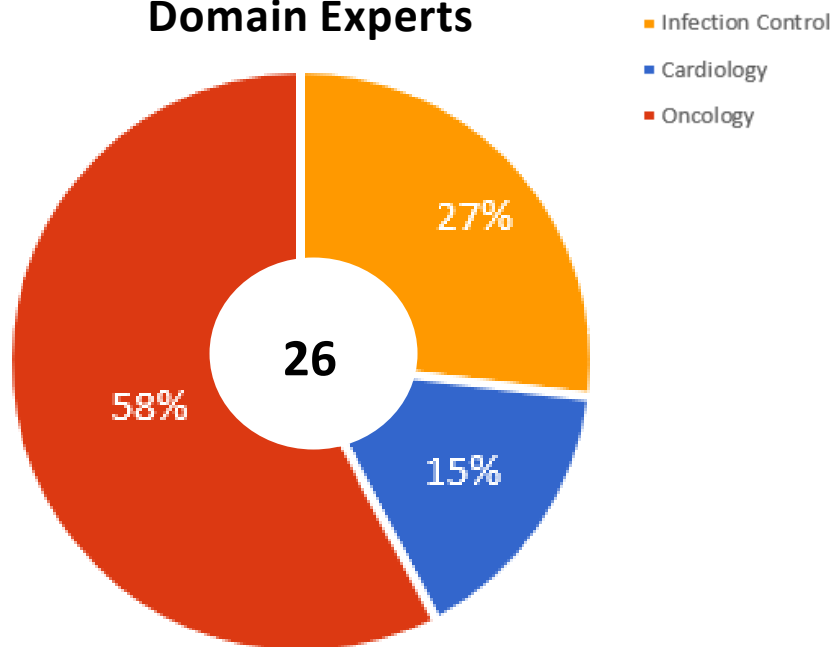
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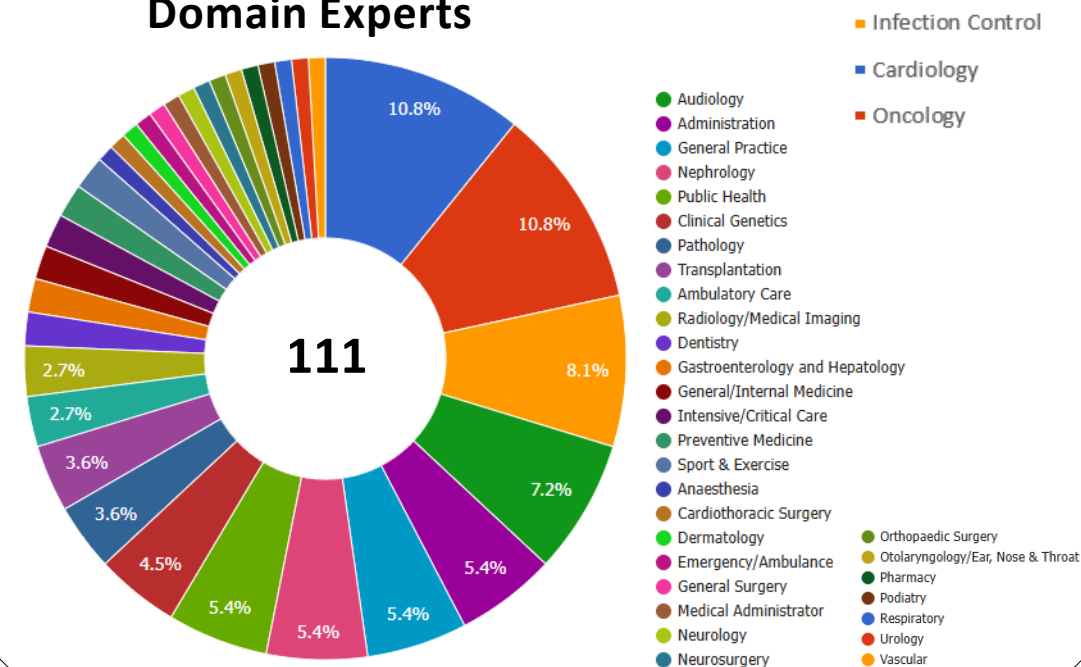
2019

Domain Experts



2025

Domain Experts



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**Involvement of
Medical Experts**



**Further
Modelling Roles**



**Enabling Data
Stewards to Start**

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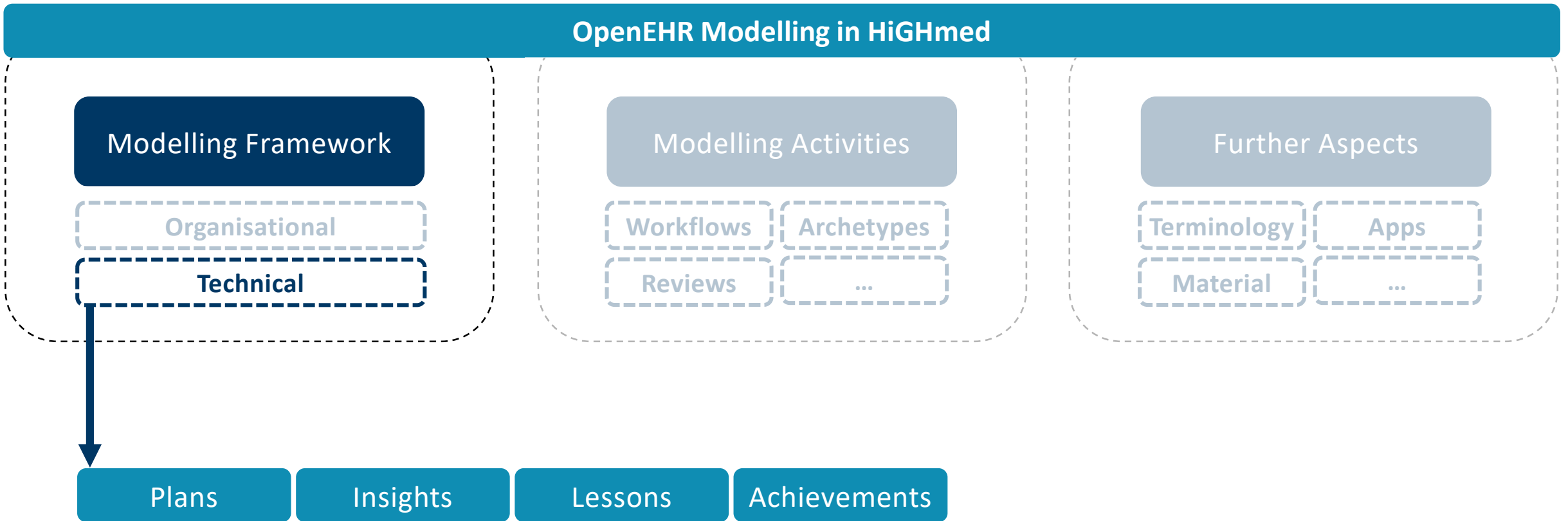
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Medical and Technical Data Stewards

German openEHR Modelling Group

Further Roles, Collaboration and Projects



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Clinical Knowledge Manager

Subdomains

Incubators

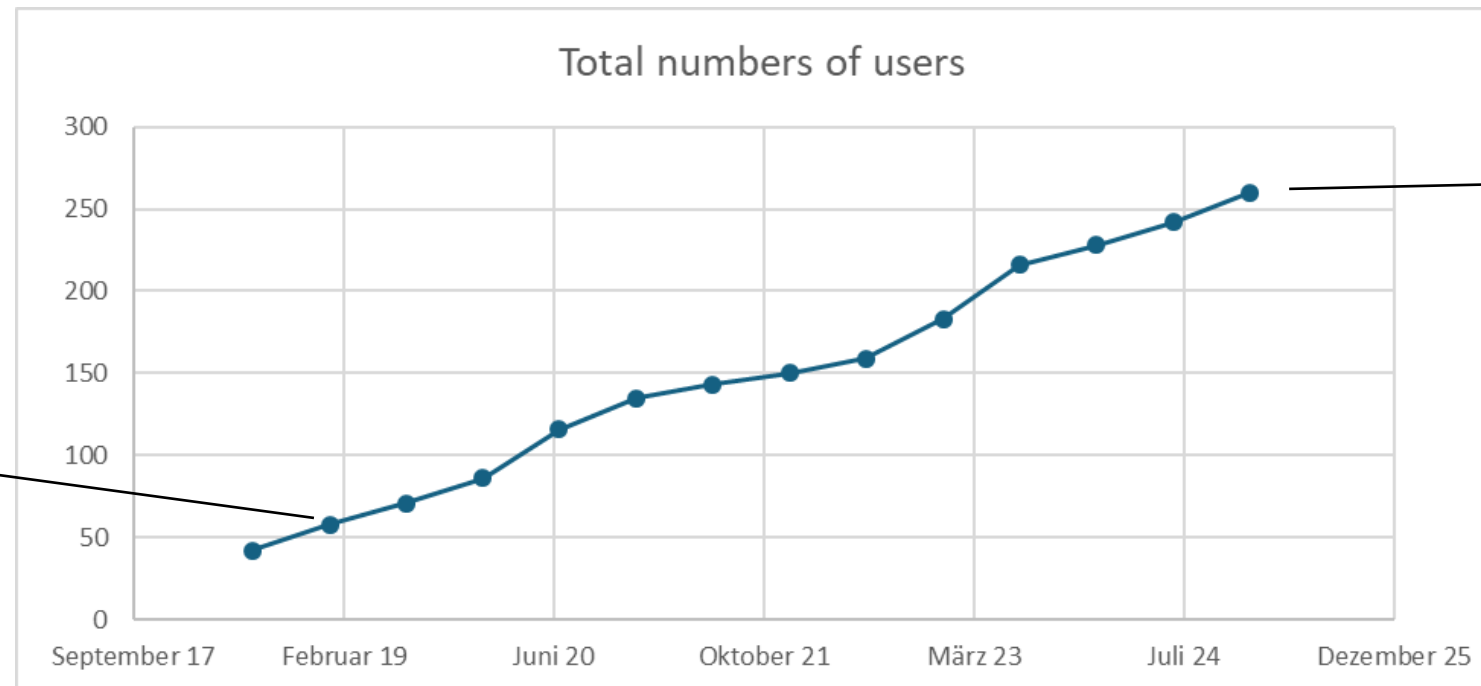
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Clinical Knowledge Manager

(Back-)
Referencing

openEHR
Clinical Knowledge Manager
Powered by Ocean Health Systems

Less used

Subdomains

Incubators

Need

Standards
Mappings

Projects

Added

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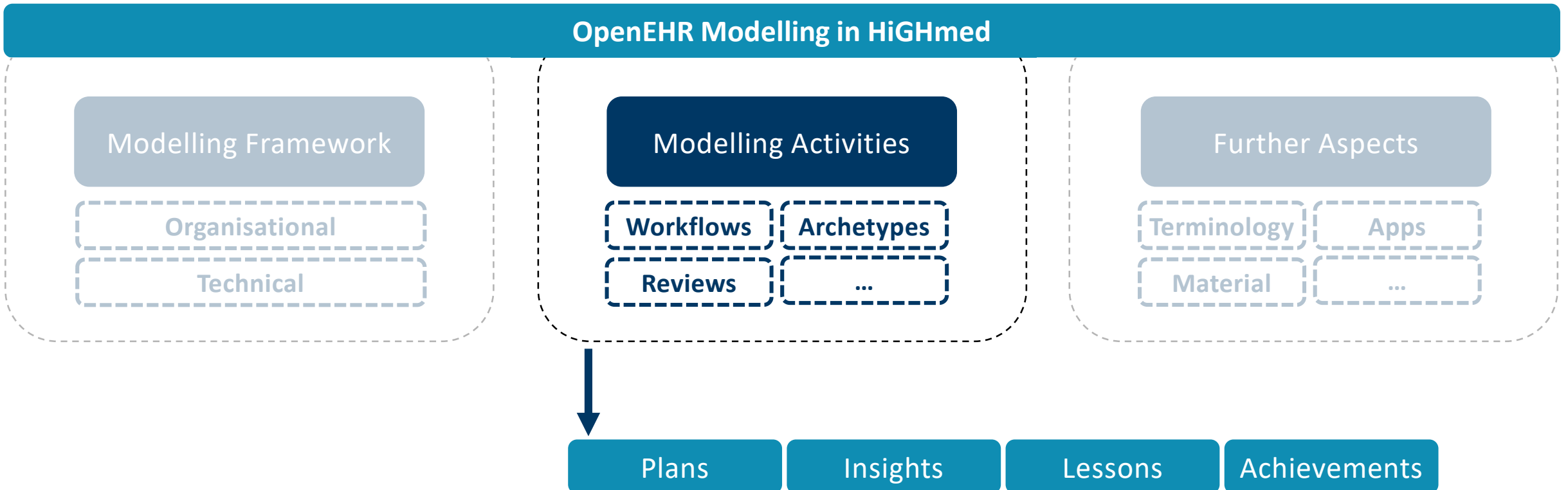
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Establishment and Active Usage of CKM



Clinical Knowledge Manager



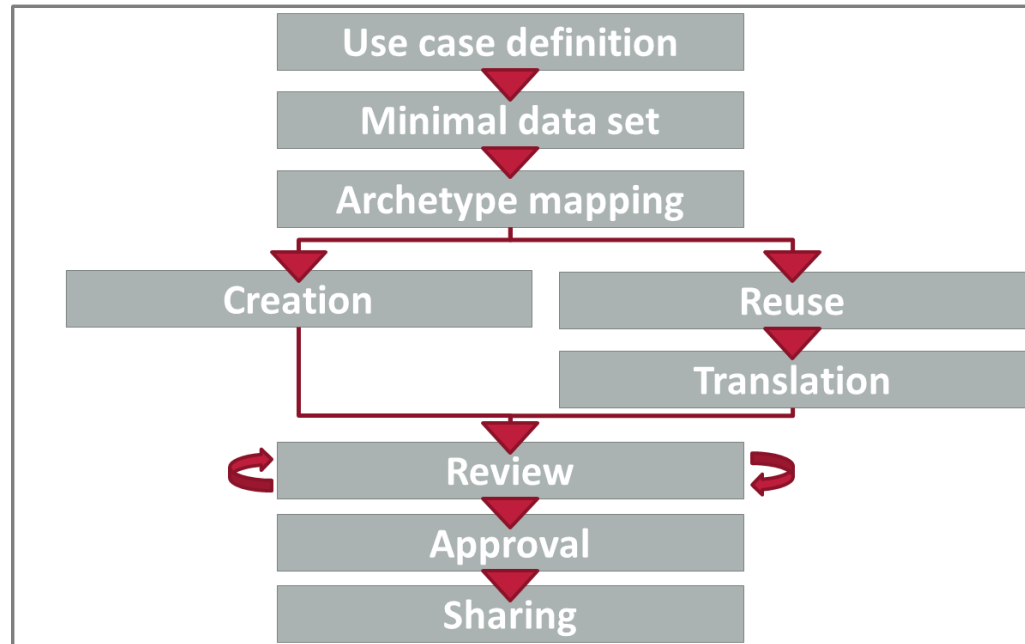
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Modelling per Use Case

Focus on Templates

Reuse existing models

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Archetypes

79%

Reuse Rate

23

Templates

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Archetypes

57%

Reuse Rate

114

Templates

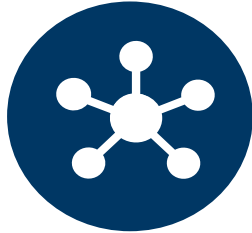
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**Prioritisation Shift
to Archetypes**



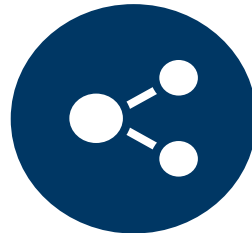
**Communication of
Drafts and Duplicates**



**International
Archetype Sharing**



**Metadata and
Translation Guidelines**



**Terminology Bindings in
Modelling Workflows**

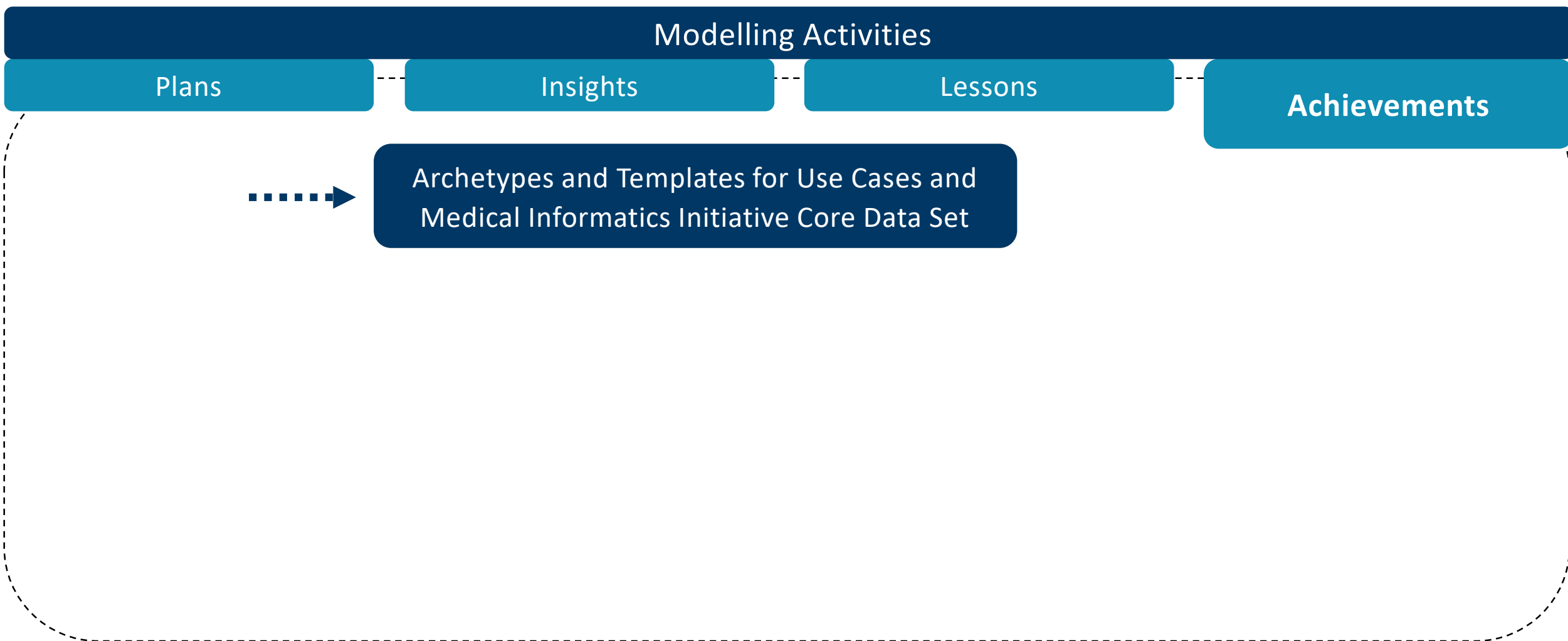


**Standards Bridging in
Modelling Workflows**



**Fixed Versions
Called “Freezes”**

Modelling Activities



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.....→ Archetypes and Templates for Use Cases and Medical Informatics Initiative Core Data Set

.....→ Complex Pattern Modelling

scientific reports

OPEN Transformation of microbiology data into a standardised data representation using OpenEHR

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Archetypes and Templates for Use Cases and Medical Informatics Initiative Core Data Set

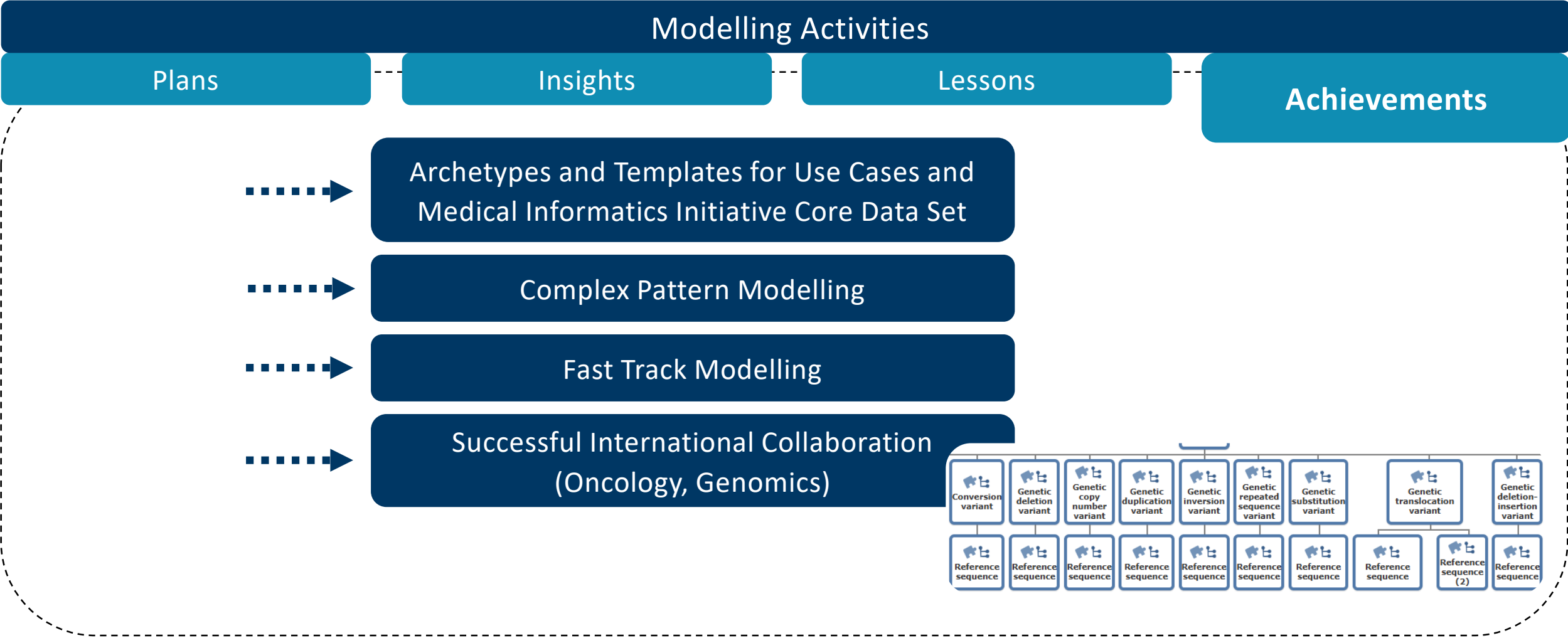
Complex Pattern Modelling

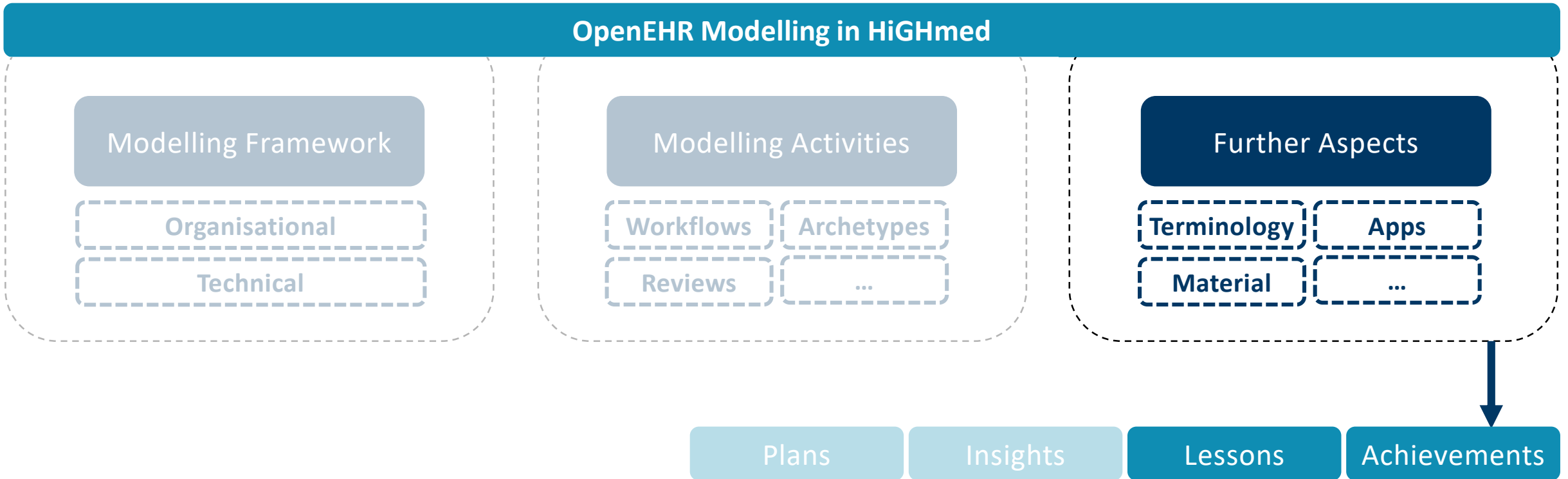
Fast Track Modelling

COVID-19 GECCO DATASET



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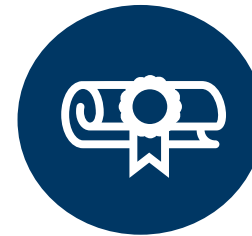
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Archetype
Query Language



Need for
Workshops



Licensing and
Copyrights

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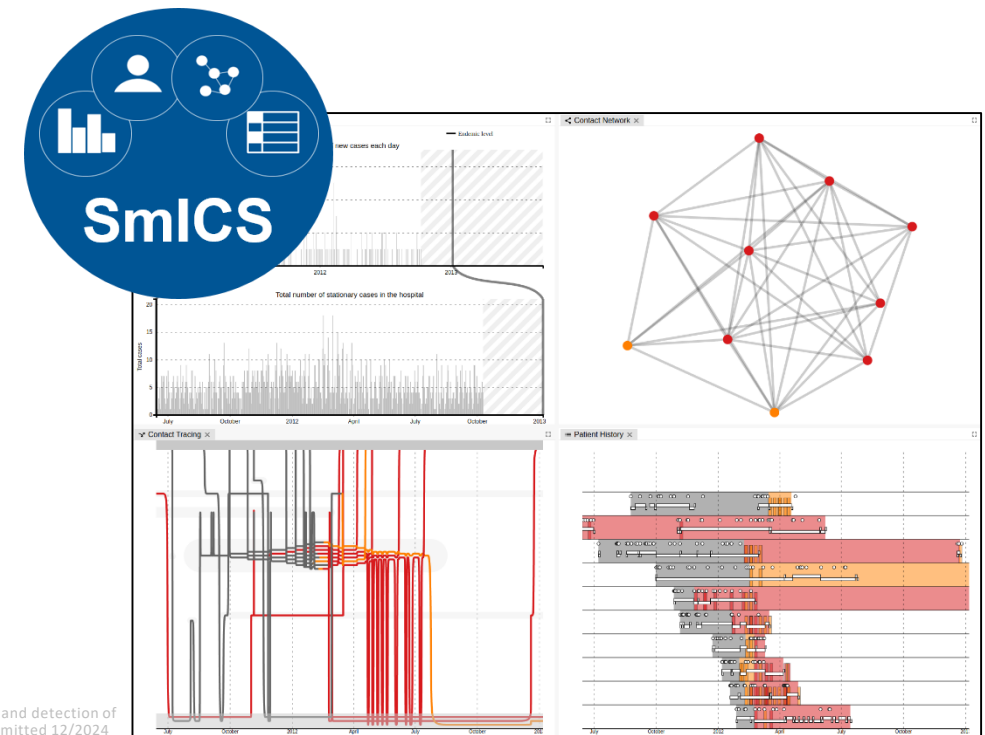
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Design of Interoperable Applications



Biermann, P. et al. Towards digital infection control:
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nosocomial bacterial clusters, contact networks and epidemiologic analysis, submitted 12/2024

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OpenEHR-based Documentation Modules

HiGHmed
Medical Informatics
Use Case Kardiologie

Anamnese

Angaben zum Dokument

Datum: 06/12/2020
Dokumentar: Dr. Mustermann

Patientendaten

Patienten-ID: 111111111
Fall-Kennung: 123456
Geschlecht: Weiblich Männlich Divers nicht erhoben

Körperliche Untersuchung

Größe und Gewicht

Größe: 175 cm nicht erhoben
Gewicht: 80 kg nicht erhoben

Ethnische Zugehörigkeit und Hautfarbe

Nierensuffizienz: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben

Kardiale Diagnosen

Koronare Herzkrankheit: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben
Zustand nach Myokardinfarkt: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben
Kardiomyopathie: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben
Zustand nach Dekompensation: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben

Erstdiagnose Herzinsuffizienz (Jahr): 2003, unbekannt, nicht erhoben

NYHA-Klasse derzeit: I, II, III, IV, unbekannt, nicht erhoben

Belastungsdyspnoe: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben
Ruhedyspnoe: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben
Vorhofflimmern/-flattern: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben
Herzklappenkrankung: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben

Bisherige kardiovaskuläre Interventionen

Interventionelle koronare Revaskularisation: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben
Periphere Revaskularisation: ja, nein, unbekannt, nicht erhoben

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Workshops, Materials, Courses

HiGHmededucation

HiGHmed-Konsortium

<https://education.highmed.org/>



Secondary use of data based on openEHR models is valuable

Reusing archetypes and global contribution of models is key

International archetype sharing and bridging standards are fostered



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Thank you!

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