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# Developing evidence: the value of family health history

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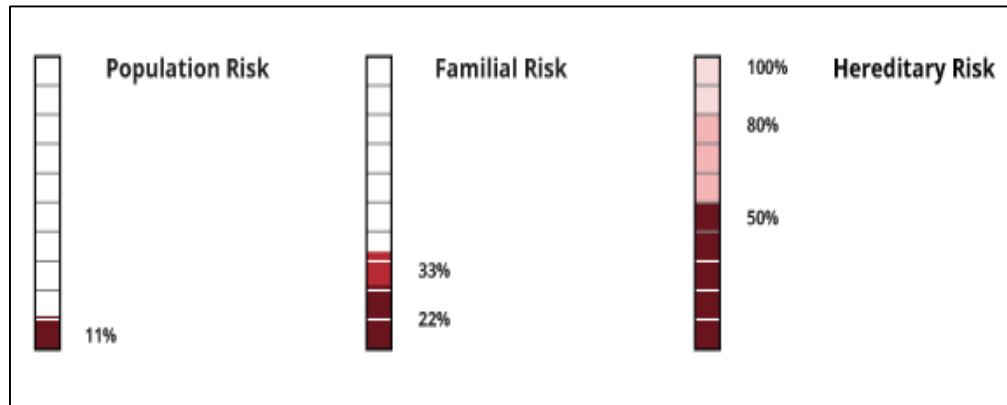
# Family Health History

- Nominally “the first genetic test” (Francis Collins)
- Reflects both:
  - Shared environments
  - Shared genetics
- Imparts information only about risk
- Can (sometimes) be both more informative and more confusing than genetic/genomic results

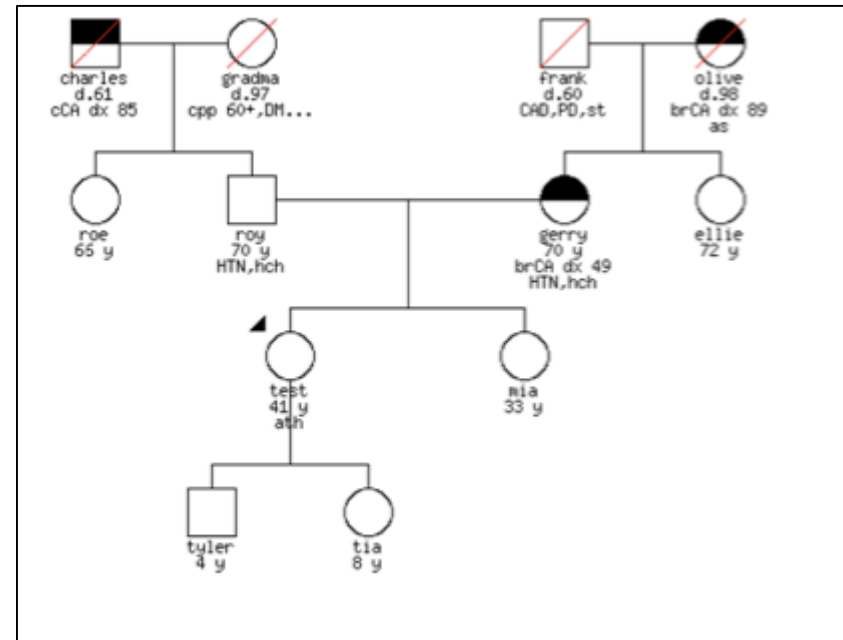
# Shared Genes

FHH Data contributes to assessing genetic risk in 2 ways

- **Infer genetic risk**



- **Contextualize genetic results**
- **Assess co-inheritance**



# Evidence Summary

- Analytic validity
- Clinical validity
- Clinical Utility

# ANALYTIC VALIDITY

# Systematic Review FHH Data

- 12 studies of community populations
- Good agreement between patient-entered data and genetic counselor derived data

**Public Health  
Genomics**

## Original Paper

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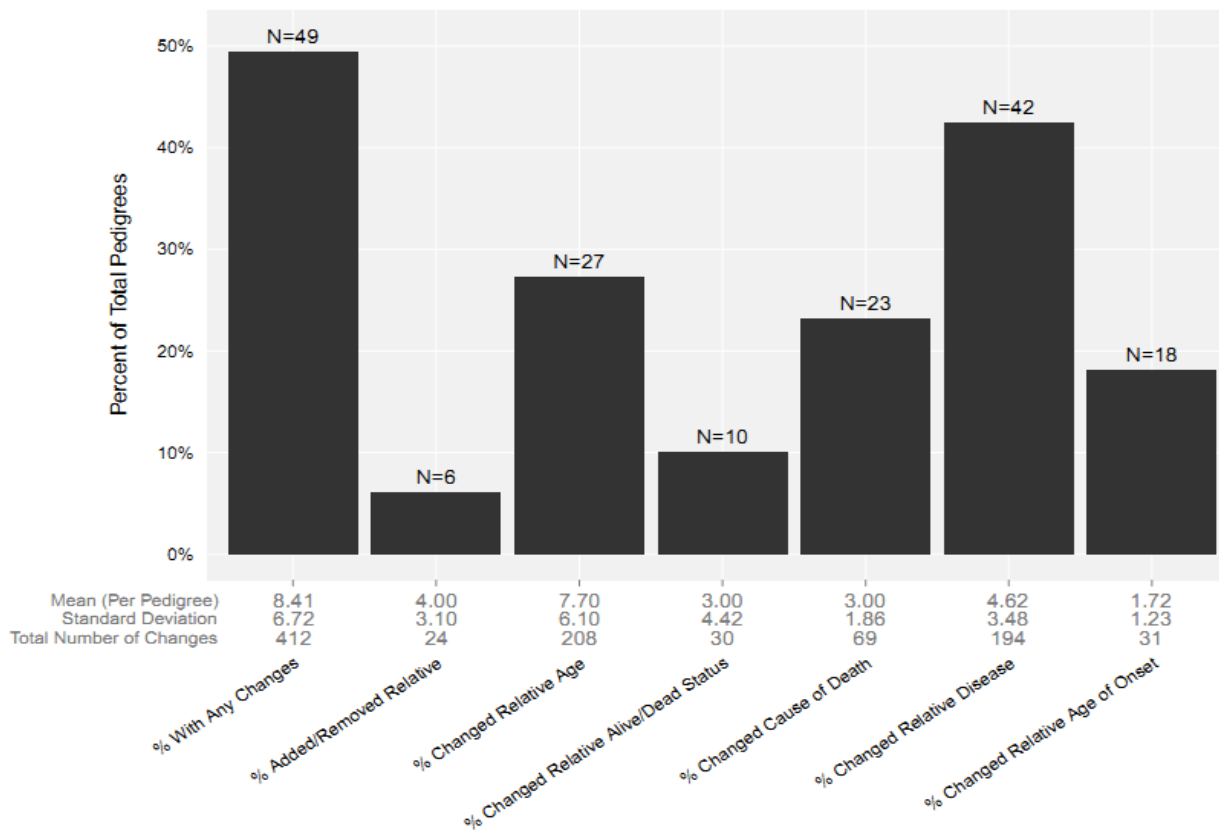
## Family History Questionnaires Designed for Clinical Use: A Systematic Review

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# Our Data

- Genetic counselor review of 3 generation pedigrees entered by primary care patients for 3 months- data correlation very high
- Education critical!



16% with changed recommendation

- 6% from high risk to population risk
- 10% from population risk to high risk

# CLINICAL VALIDITY



# Shared Genes: Infer Genetic Risk

## ■ Alone

- ▶ *e.g. NCCN guidelines for HBOC testing*

## ■ In combination with other information

- ▶ *e.g. Dutch Lipid guidelines for familial hypercholesterolemia*
- ▶ *BRCApro*
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## Genetic Red Flags Checklist



Genetic red flags are features of the personal or family medical history that suggest a higher than average genetic contribution to cancer. These are unusual presentations of cancer that are more likely when a genetic variant is present from birth. Use this checklist with the Risk Stratification tool.

+ or -	Red Flag	Explanation	Description
	<i>Early age of onset</i>	The average age for breast cancer diagnosis is > 50 yrs. Pre-menopausal breast cancer suggests an underlying susceptibility.	
	<i>Bilateral disease/multiple primaries</i>	Although a tumor may metastasize, it is rare to have more than one primary cancer. Bilateral breast cancer, or breast and ovarian cancer in the same person suggest a predisposition.	
	<i>Male breast cancer</i>	Breast cancer is rare in males, and when it occurs, suggests a hereditary susceptibility.	
	<i>Ovarian cancer</i>	Ovarian cancer is rare except with a hereditary predisposition. A history of ovarian cancer is alone indication for further evaluation for HBOC.	
	<i>Multiple affected relatives</i>	Two or more close relatives* with the same or related cancers* suggests a hereditary predisposition, especially when in consecutive generations.	
	<i>Disease despite preventive measures</i>	Some interventions like oophorectomy lower the risk for breast and ovarian cancer. If cancer occurs anyway, pre-existing susceptibility is more likely.	
	<i>Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry</i>	1 in 40 individuals of Ashkenazi ancestry carries a mutation in either the <i>BRCA1</i> or <i>BRCA2</i> gene.	
	<i>Other notable history</i>	Unusual physical features, birth defects, intellectual disability or other notable family history may indicate a different genetic syndrome. Discuss these with a genetics professional.	

\*Close relatives include parents, children, siblings, grandparents, aunts/uncles and first cousins.

+HBOC-related cancers include breast, ovarian, prostate, melanoma and pancreatic.

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### Appendix 1: Dutch Lipid Clinic Network Criteria for making a diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH) in adults

		Score
Family history		
First-degree relative with known premature coronary and/or vascular disease (men <55 years, women <60 years) or First-degree relative with known LDL-cholesterol above the 95th percentile for age and sex		1
First-degree relative with tendinous xanthomata and/or arcus cornealis or Children aged less than 18 years with LDL-cholesterol above the 95th percentile for age and sex		2
Clinical history		
Patient with premature coronary artery disease (ages as above)		2
Patient with premature cerebral or peripheral vascular disease (as above)		1
Physical examination		
Tendinous xanthomata		6
Arcus cornealis prior to age 45 years		4
LDL-cholesterol (mmol/L)		
	LDL-C $\geq 8.5$	8
	LDL-C 6.5–8.4	5
	LDL-C 5.0–6.4	3
	LDL-C 4.0–4.9	1
DNA analysis: functional mutation in the LDLR, APOB or PCSK9 gene		8
STRATIFICATION		Total score
Definite FH		$\geq 8$
Probable FH		6–7
Possible FH		3–5
Unlikely FH		<3

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# Important Considerations

- Guidelines developed based on evidence
  - What is family health history measuring?
  - What evidence links family history to the outcomes?
  - How was the evidence assessed?

# Guideline Differences

**TABLE V. Comparison of Genetic Counseling (GC) Referral Recommendations Between MeTree, and the NCCN's Colon and Breast Cancer Guidelines, and the Michigan Department of Community Health's Cancer Family History Guide (CFHG)**

	MeTree GC referral		
	No, N (%)	Yes, N (%)	Total
CFHG GC referral			
No	768 (64.9%)	94 (7.9%)	862 (72.8%)
Yes	86 (7.3%)	236 (19.9%)	322 (27.2%)
Total	854 (72.1%)	330 (27.9%)	1,184 (100%)
NCCN breast cancer GC referral			
No	891 (75.3%)	12 (1.0%)	903 (76.2%)
Yes	114 (9.6%)	167 (14.1%)	281 (23.7%)
Total	1,005 (84.9%)	179 (15.1%)	1,184 (100%)
NCCN colon cancer GC referral			
No	1,070 (90.4%)	103 (8.7%)	1,173 (99.1%)
Yes	0 (0%)	11 (0.9%)	11 (0.9%)
Total	1,070 (90.4%)	114 (9.6%)	1,184 (100%)

- Breast/ovarian cancer differences:  
NCCN refers for any relative with ovarian cancer or breast cancer < age 45
- Colon cancer differences:  
MeTree includes Bethesda criteria for any relative, NCCN only if the proband, FDR or SDR had colon cancer

# What about common complex diseases?

## **FHH is better predictor the current genomic tests**

### ■ Coronary Artery Disease

- Framingham risk score does not include FHH
- Europeans multiple Framingham x 2.5 for FDR with premature CAD
- Canadians multiple Framingham x 2 for FDR with premature CAD

### ■ Diabetes risk

- 3.2% without FDR to 14.3% (absolute risk) with FDR\*
- SNP OR varies ~2-3

\*Annis AM, Caulder MS, Cook ML, Duquette D. Prev. Chronic Dis. 2005 2(2)



# CLINICAL UTILITY

# Quality of FHH Data

	Baseline FHH N=390 for all and 227 for deceased	MeTree N=1184 for all and 1179 for deceased
Quality Criterion		
• 3 generations	0 (0%)	1184 (100%)
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• Relatives' gender	356 (91.2%)	1184 (100%)
• Pertinent negatives	173 (44.3%)	1184 (100%)
• Age of disease onset	71 (18.2%)	854 (72.1%)
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- **Pre-MeTree < 4% of FHHs were high-quality (single relative)**
- **Post-MeTree 99% of FHHs were high-quality (single relative)**

# FHH-based Risks in General Population

TABLE IV. Frequency of Hereditary Syndrome Risk and Familial-Risk Recommendations for Each Clinical Decision Support Condition

Disease	Recommendation	Frequency among all participants (N = 1,184), N (%)	Frequency among eligible participants <sup>a</sup> , N (%)
Hereditary syndrome risk	Genetic counseling <sup>b</sup>	308 (26.0%)	308/1,184 (26.0%)
Breast cancer	Breast MRI	10 (0.8%)	10/694 (1.4%)
	Chemoprophylaxis	58 (4.9%)	58/694 (8.3%)
	Start colon screening early	114 (9.6%)	114/1,178 (9.7%)
Colon cancer	More frequent colonoscopies	107 (9.0%)	107/1,178 (9.1%)
	Referral to gynecology	14 (1.2%)	14/694 (2.0%)
Ovarian cancer	Genetic testing <sup>b</sup>	42 (3.5%)	42/1,184 (3.5%)
Thrombosis	Genetic counseling <sup>b</sup>	29 (2.4%)	29/1,184 (2.4%)

<sup>a</sup>The number of participants eligible for a recommendation in that disease category. Those with the disease are removed and for breast cancer and ovarian cancer, men are removed.

<sup>b</sup>These recommendations make up the “hereditary syndrome risk” group, the others up the “familial-risk” group.

	Patients at Increased-Risk who Meet Criteria for Risk Management Strategy			Patients Not at Increased-Risk who Do Not Meet Criteria for Risk Management Strategy		
Risk Management Strategy	Total N	Before MeTree N (%)	After MeTree N (%)	Total N	Before MeTree N (%)	After Metree N (%)
Hereditary Cancer: Genetic Counseling	124	0 (0%)	18 (14.5%)	364	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)
Breast Cancer: MRI	4	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	280	5 (1.8%)	1 (0.4%)
Breast Cancer Chemoprevention	26	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	258	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Ovarian Cancer: Gynecology	2	0 (0%)	1 (50%)	282	12 (4.2%)	9 (3.2%)
Thrombosis: Genetic Testing	11	1 (9.1%)	2 (18.1%)	477	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Thrombosis: Genetic Counseling	7	0 (0%)	4 (57.1%)	481	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Total	174	2 (1.1%)	28 (16.1%)	2,142	17 (0.8%)	11 (0.5%)

# Decreasing Mismatch in Risk Level and Risk Services

- Pre-MeTree 2/19 (10%) undergoing increased risk management were at increased risk
- Post-MeTree 28/39 (72%) were at increased risk.



# New Frontiers: contextualize genetics

## ■ PALB2\*

- ▶ *No FHH breast cancer risk 33% by age 70*
- ▶ *2 or more FDRs with breast cancer risk 58% by age 70*

## ■ BRCA

- ▶ *Lifetime breast cancer risk 45-65%*
- ▶ *No FHH breast cancer?*
  - + ***Counsyl tested 2500 women in San Diego for free***
  - + ***4.2% tested positive, half did not meet NCCN criteria***

## ■ Variants of Undetermined Significance

# FHH – New Horizons

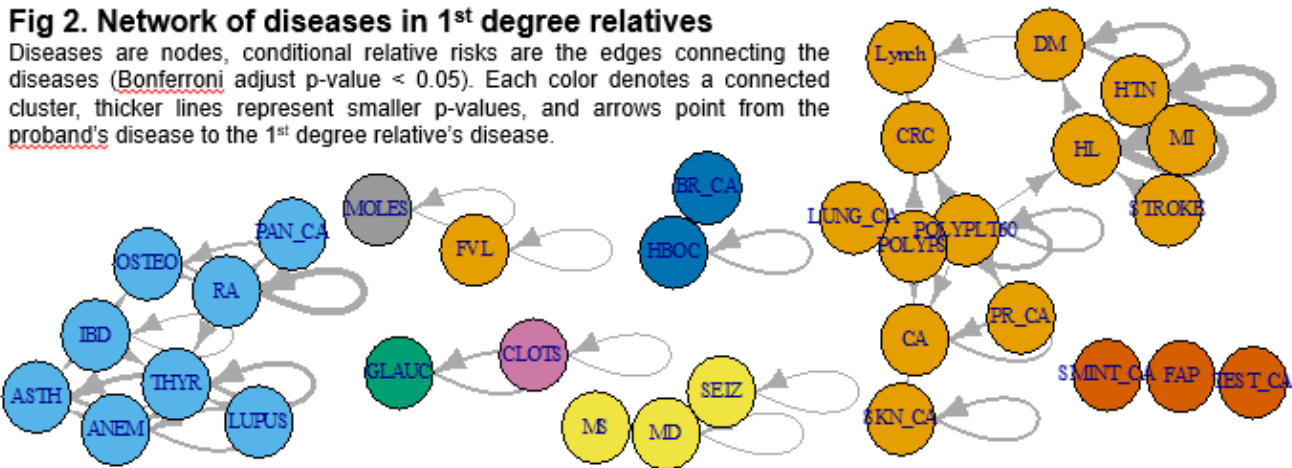
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  - Social network analysis
  - Relationships between relatives
  - Estimate heritability
  - Disease clustering
  
- Differentiating Environmental from Heritable Risk
  - Environmental conditional risk
  - Estimate environmental relative risk

# FHH – New

## Genetic network and sub-networks of diseases

**Fig 2. Network of diseases in 1<sup>st</sup> degree relatives**

Diseases are nodes, conditional relative risks are the edges connecting the diseases (Bonferroni adjust p-value < 0.05). Each color denotes a connected cluster, thicker lines represent smaller p-values, and arrows point from the proband's disease to the 1<sup>st</sup> degree relative's disease.



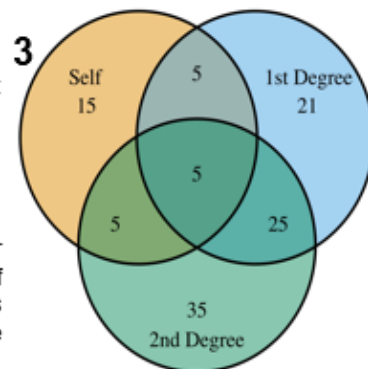
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**Fig 3. Consistency across relationship types**

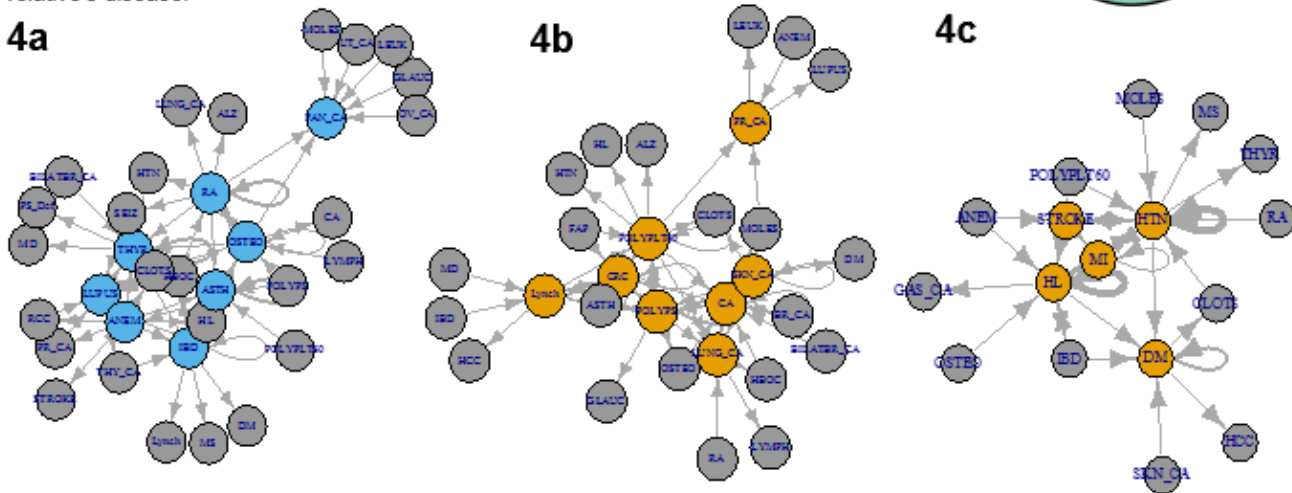
Overlap of disease pairs with Bonferroni adjusted p-values < 0.05 in all three relative types: self\*, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree relatives.

\*Instances of disease A == disease B are omitted.



**Fig 4a-c. Sub-networks of diseases in 1<sup>st</sup> degree relatives**

Three sub-networks seeded using clusters identified in Figure 2, autoimmune (a), cancer (b), and metabolic syndromes (c). Included edges (disease pairs) contained a minimum of one disease from the clusters noted above with FDR adjusted q-value < 0.05. Thicker lines represent smaller p-values and arrows point from the proband's disease to the 1<sup>st</sup> degree relative's disease.



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# IMPLEMENTING IN CLINIC

# Barriers by Stakeholder

## Patient

- Education
- Accuracy



## Provider

- Time
- Awareness
- Complexity



## Health System

- Inadequate systems for data collection & providing actionable information
- Tools that interact with the EMR
- Awareness of population impact

The Logistic Function

$$\text{Log} \left[ \frac{Y}{(1-Y)} \right] = b_0 + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + b_3X_3 + \dots + b_nX_n$$

Log(Likelihood)

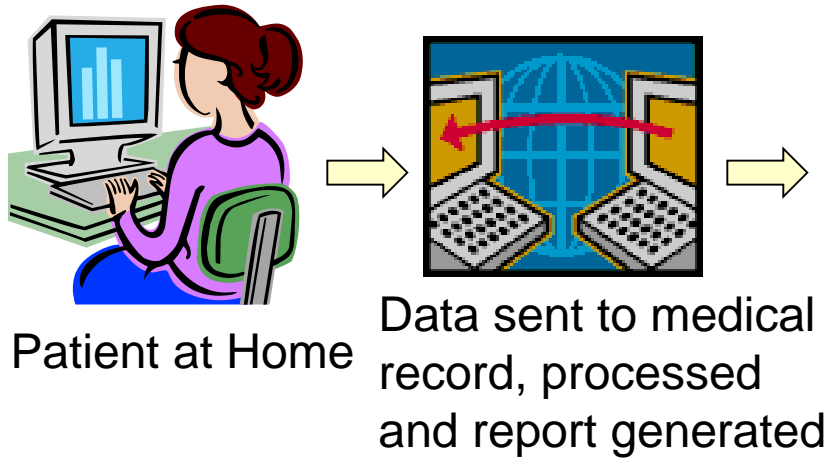
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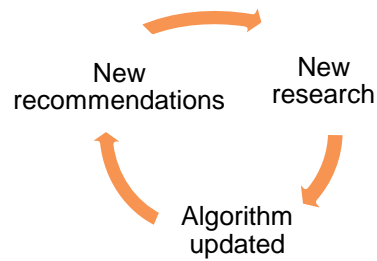
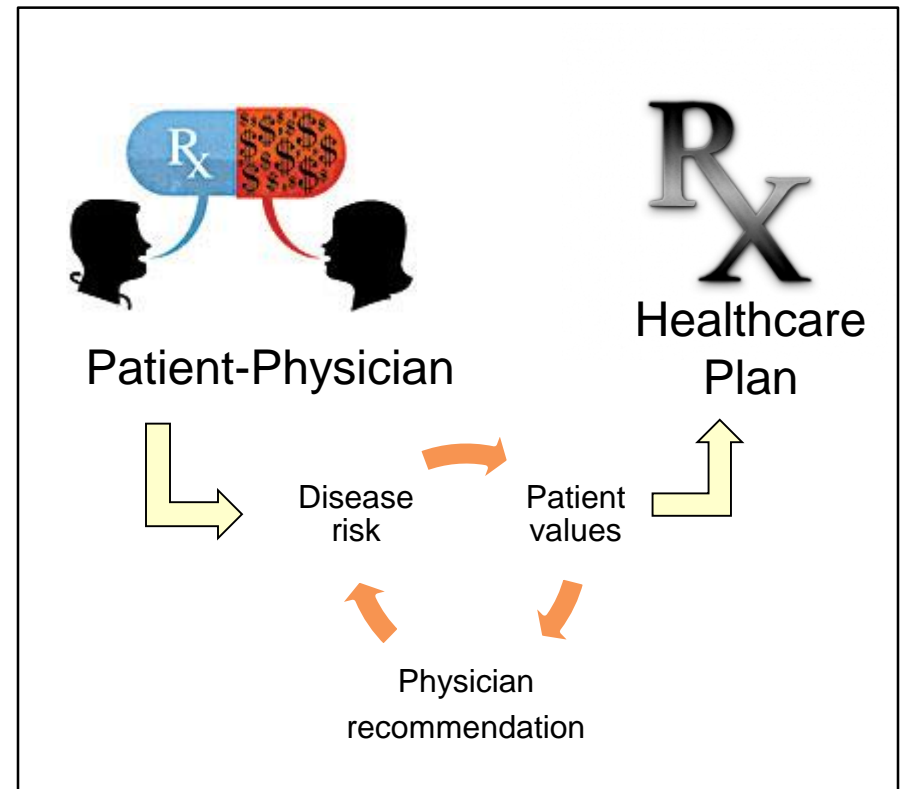
sex (0/1)



# Ideal Flow of FHH Information



## Appointment



# Help is Available! FHH Tools

- Global Alliance for Genomics and Health has a catalogue of existing tools and their capabilities

<https://genomicsandhealth.org/work-products-demonstration-projects/catalogue-global-activities-family-history-tools>

- Many are companies associated with genetic testing labs and very few provide clinical decision support



Program	Decision Support Diseases	Completed By	Publicly Available	Who Receives Output	Available at Point of Care	Action Oriented Recomm.
<b>MeTree®</b>	colon, breast, and ovarian cancer; aortic aneurysm, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, hereditary cancer syndrome, hereditary cardiovascular syndrome, hereditary liver diseases	<b>Patient online or physician's office</b>	<b>In future</b>	<b>Patient and physician</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Schroy et al.</b>	colon cancer	Physician	Unknown	Physician	Yes	No
<b>GRACE</b>	breast cancer	Patient in physician's office	Unknown	Patient, clinical nurse specialist, physician	Yes	No
<b>Family Healthware</b>	coronary heart disease, diabetes, stroke, colon, breast, and ovarian cancer	Patient online	No	Patient	No	No
<b>Family HealthLink</b>	coronary heart disease, cancer	Patient online	Yes	Patient	No	No
<b>CRIS</b>	colon cancer	Patient in physician's office	No	Patient and physician	Yes	No
<b>MyGenerations</b>	cancer	Patient online	Yes	Patient	No	No
<b>Hughes Risk Apps</b>	breast and ovarian cancer, colon cancer, hereditary cancer risk	Patient – clinician can revise online or physician's office	Yes	Patient and physician	Yes	No
<b>Health Heritage.net</b>	87 diseases: multiple cancers, diabetes, neuromuscular diseases, and cardiovascular diseases	Patient online	In future	Patient	No	No
<b>Invitae</b>	Cardiac disease, colon cancer, cmt, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer	Physician online	Yes	Patient and Physician	?	No
<b>MyFamily</b>	Cancer, cardiology, GI- proprietary algorithms	Patient	In future	Physician	Yes	Yes
<b>Myriad</b>	29 cancers	Patient	Yes	Patient	No	No
<b>Power Lineage</b>	cancer	Patient and Physician	Yes	Physician	No	No

# MeTree

- Patient facing web-based software program
- Educates patients on what and how to collect FHH
- Gives patients time to collect FHH
- Easy to use graphical user interface
- Creates 3+ generation pedigree
- Generates risk scores and evidence-based risk stratified prevention recommendations for selected conditions
- Clinical decision support for patients and providers
- Evidence guidelines monitored with updating of rules

# SMART-FHIR

# What exactly is SMART-on-FHIR

## SMART

- Substitutable medical apps, Reusable Technology
- Authentication through OAuth2
- HTML5 and Javascript permits views in an “app window”
- Microinteractions which allows wrapping of data into different “views”

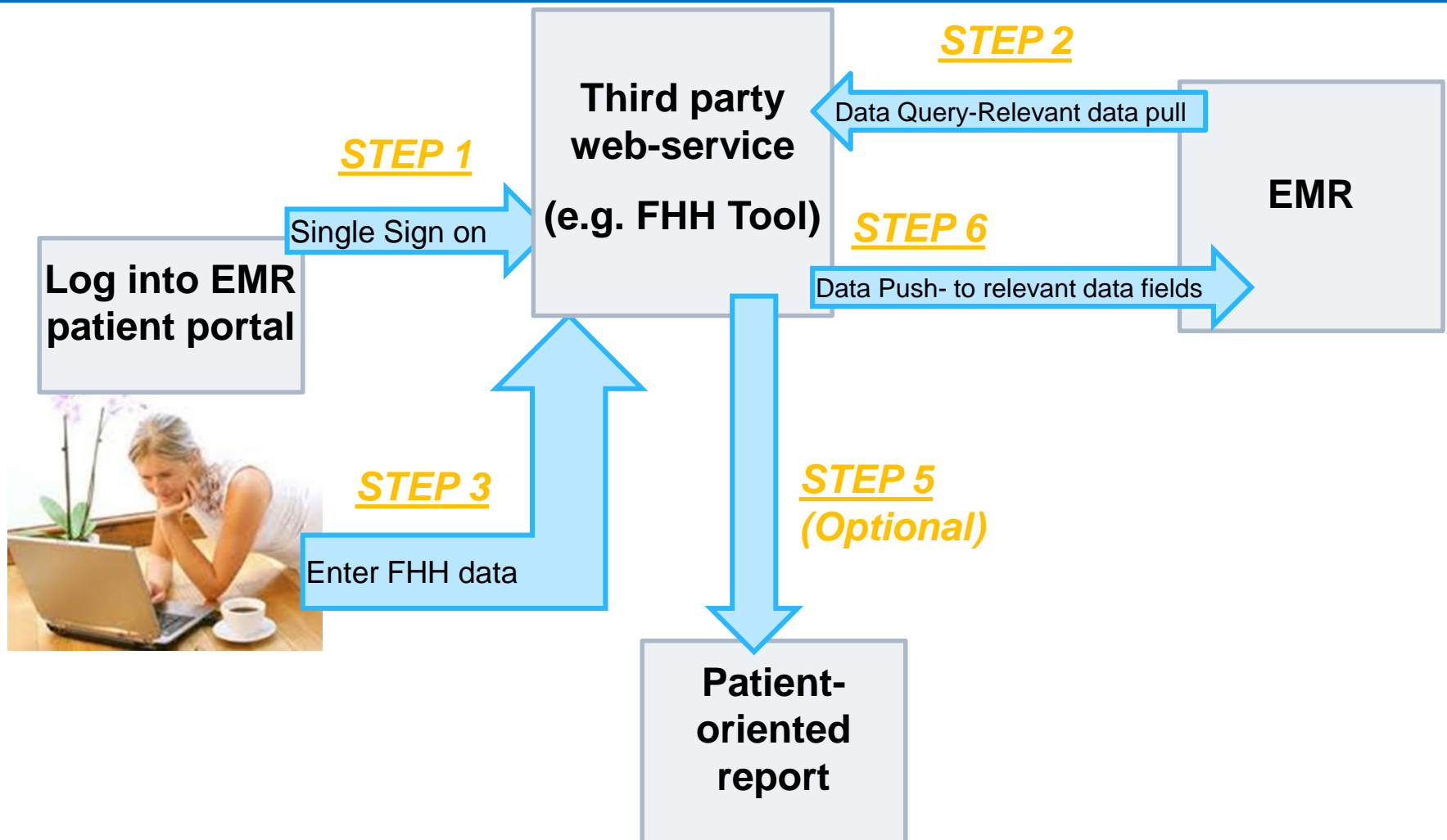
## FHIR

- Fast health interoperability resource
- ReSTful API (resource oriented)
  - Bi-directional data transfer
- FHIR profiles
  - include a growing list of defined resources
  - Permits plug and play interoperability
  - Leverages standardized nomenclatures (snomed, rxnorm, loinc, CVX, etc..)
- Extensions for data not already defined

# Key Features of SMART on FHIR

- Takes advantage of standards-based modern technology expanding accessibility, scalability, and interoperability.
  - HL7 now considers FHIR to be the next generation .api
  - These tools are already in use by systems like facebook and google so widely familiar to programmers outside the healthcare space
- SMART and FHIR combine authentication and data transmission in a single plug and play app
- Open source with no license fees
  - Prior to 2013 HL7 charged licensing fees and even now in some cases fees apply
- Narrowly defined data for plug and play capacity
  - The Argonaut project supported by all major stakeholders developed narrowly defined data to avoid the use of "optionality" as much as possible
  - Extension permit optionality when needed and once built by early adopters submitted to help establish a new data standard
- Widely supported by major EMR vendors

# Patient Flow



# Provider Flow

## STEP 1

**Log into  
EMR**

New Access Link to Web-Service creates  
an “applet” view in EMR window

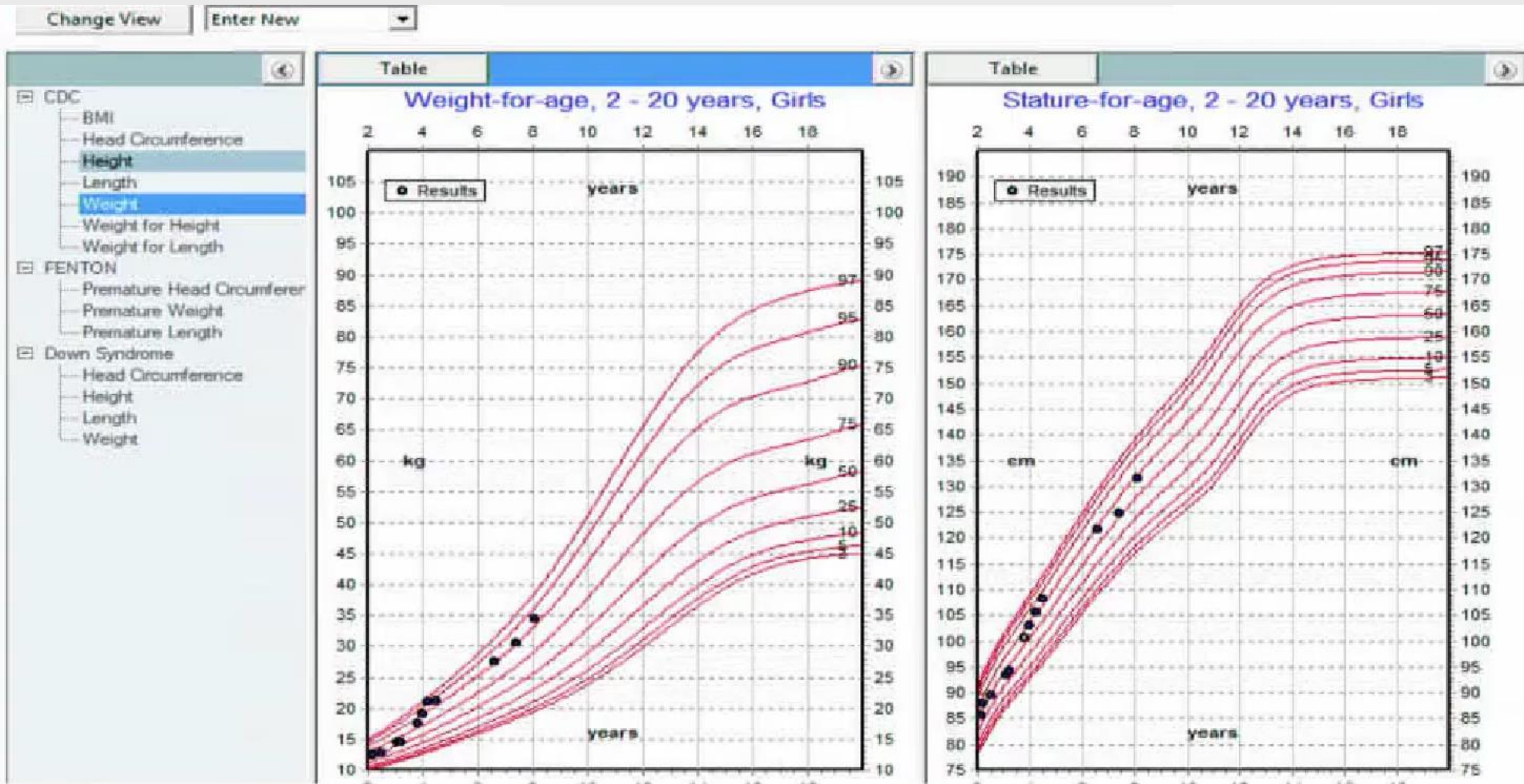
**Interactive  
Graphical  
Interface with  
web-service**

**Supporting  
“multiple” views**

**EMR  
contains  
updated  
information**

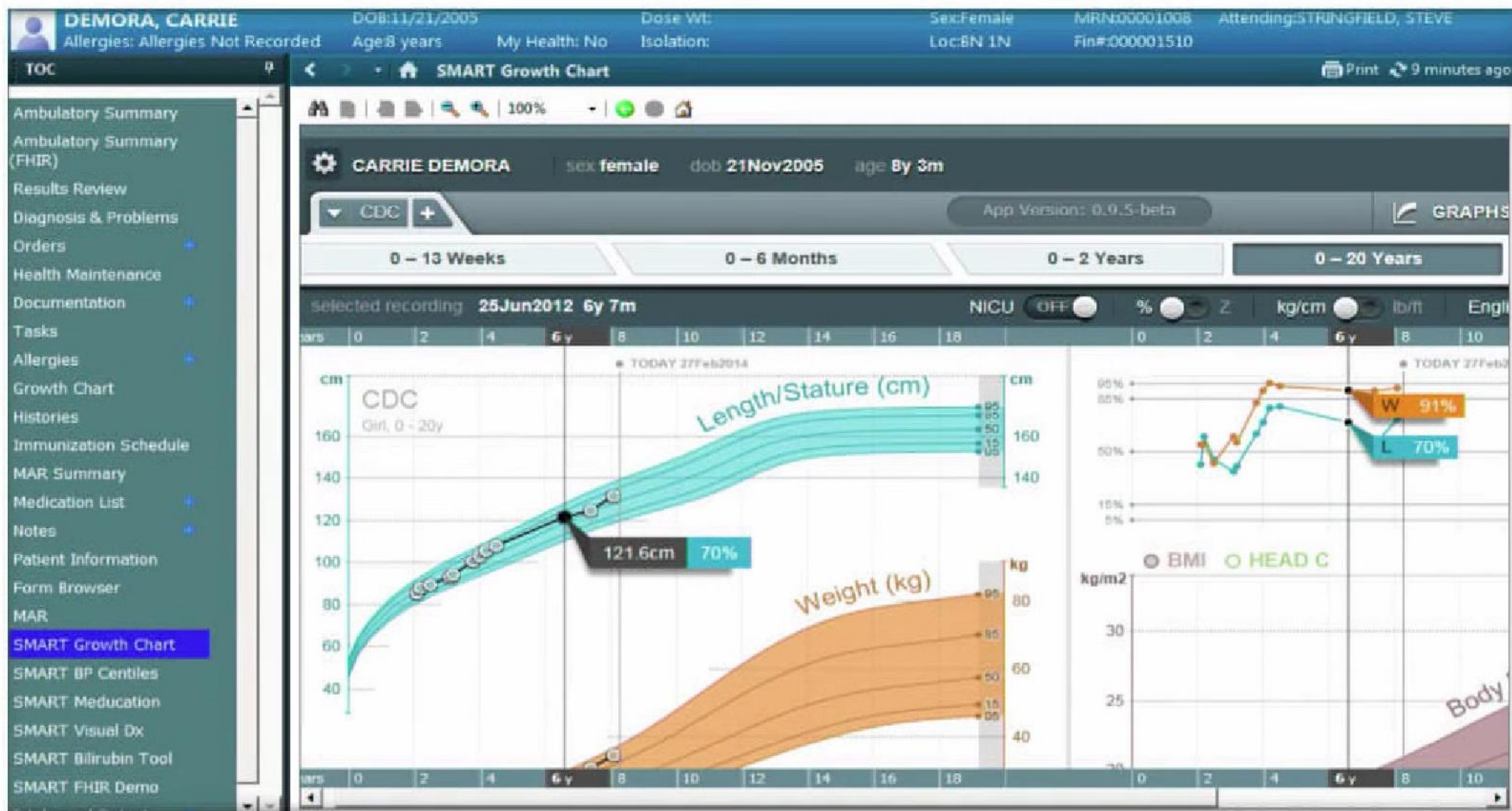


# Example Provider View in Epic

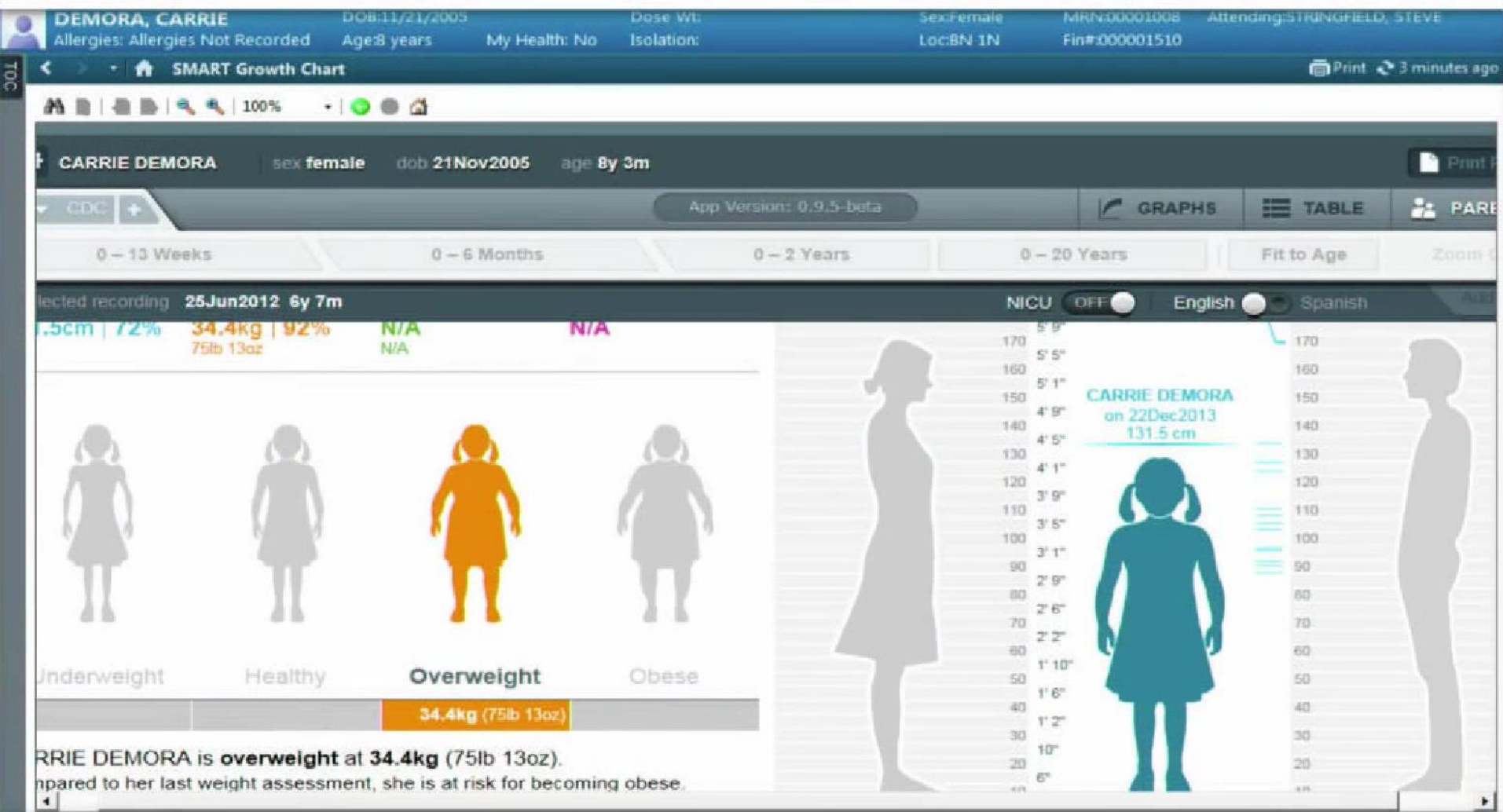




# Data Visualization with FHIR



# Multiple Views: Patient-oriented



# Questions?

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