

# **HL7 standards for pluggable AI**

Congres Architectuur in de Zorg

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# Introduction

## Who am I?

Volunteer at HL7 Netherlands  
One of the shareholders in Firely

## During 1993 - 2020

Consultant en CEO van Furore  
Business Intelligence specialist  
UMC's Medical Intelligence chair  
Developer in Python / R

## Outdoor lover

Guide for skating on natural ice in Sweden



Every winter  
on natural ice



**1996**

Kasparov  
won

**1997**

Deep Blue  
won

Picture courtesy  
of Imgur and used  
under their Fair  
Use policy

Nowadays, chess apps compete to each other

**Chess.com**

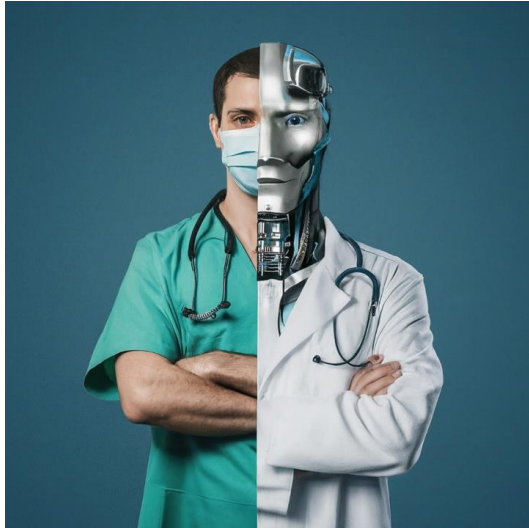
**#1 Chess App**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

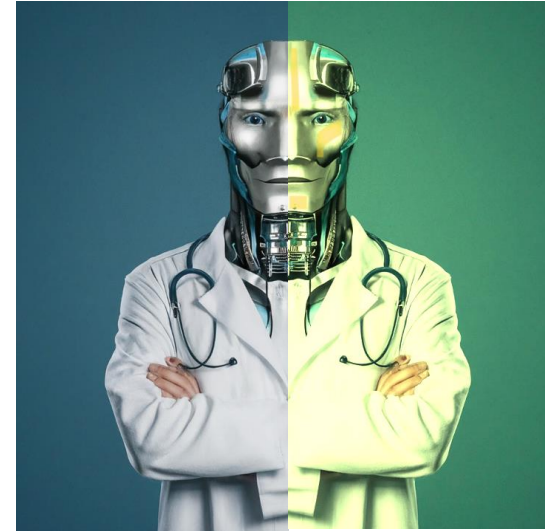
The advertisement features a central smartphone displaying a chess game interface from Chess.com. The phone is positioned on a green surface that represents a chessboard. Several 3D-rendered chess pieces, including a white king, rook, and pawn, and a black knight, rook, and king, are scattered around the phone. In the top left corner, the Chess.com logo is displayed. Below it, the text '#1 Chess App' is prominently shown. At the bottom left, there is a five-star rating and the Google Play logo with the text 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

## Doctor versus AI?



My guess is

**NO**



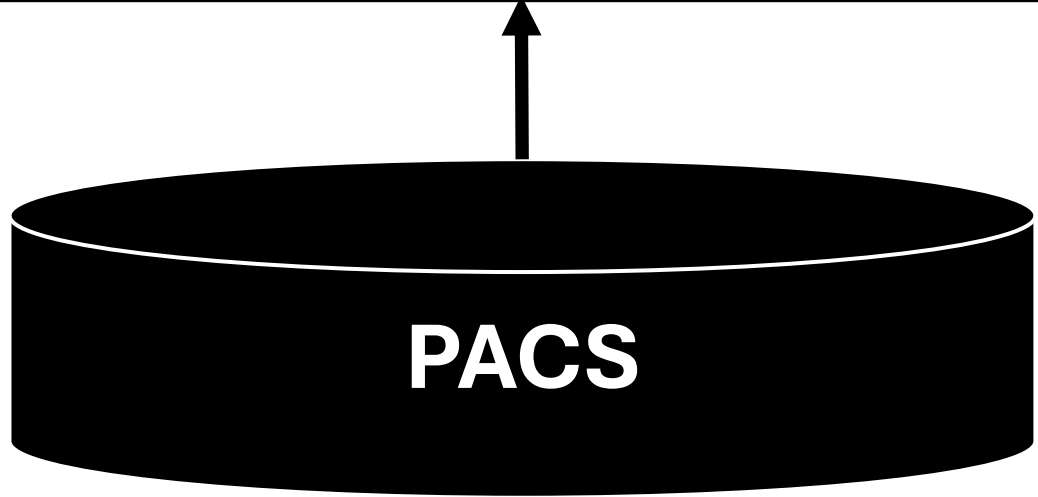
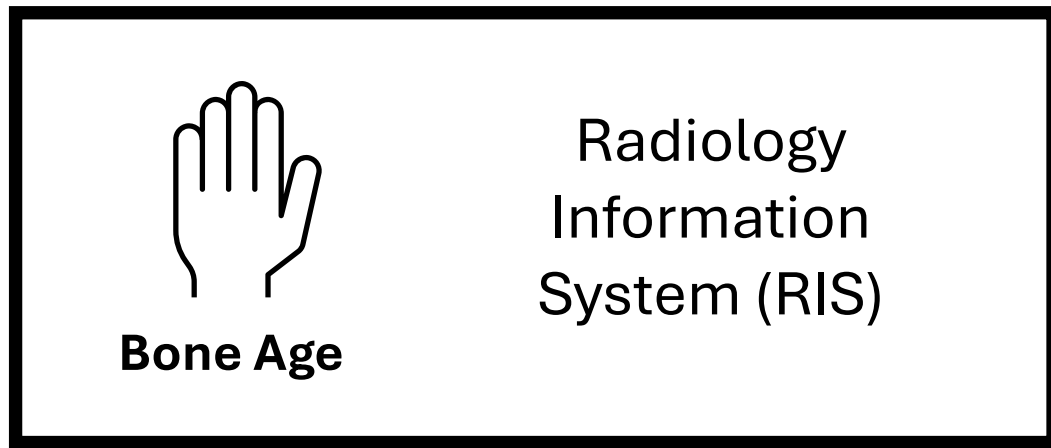
**It will be AI versus AI**

(and doctor with AI)

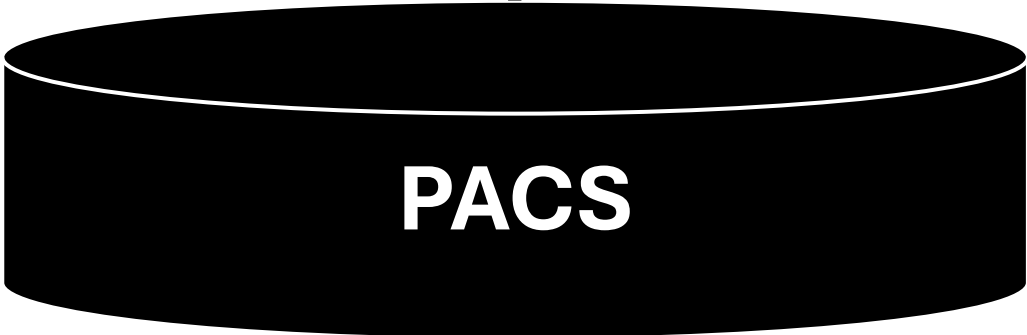
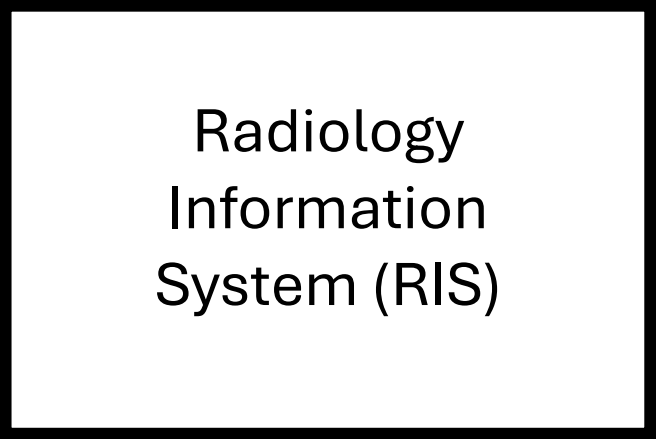
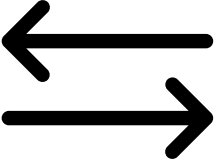
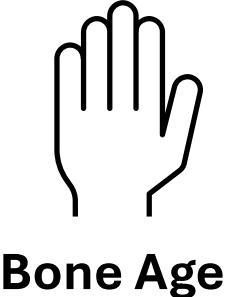
**Don't put all your eggs in one basket**

**Make your AI's pluggable!**

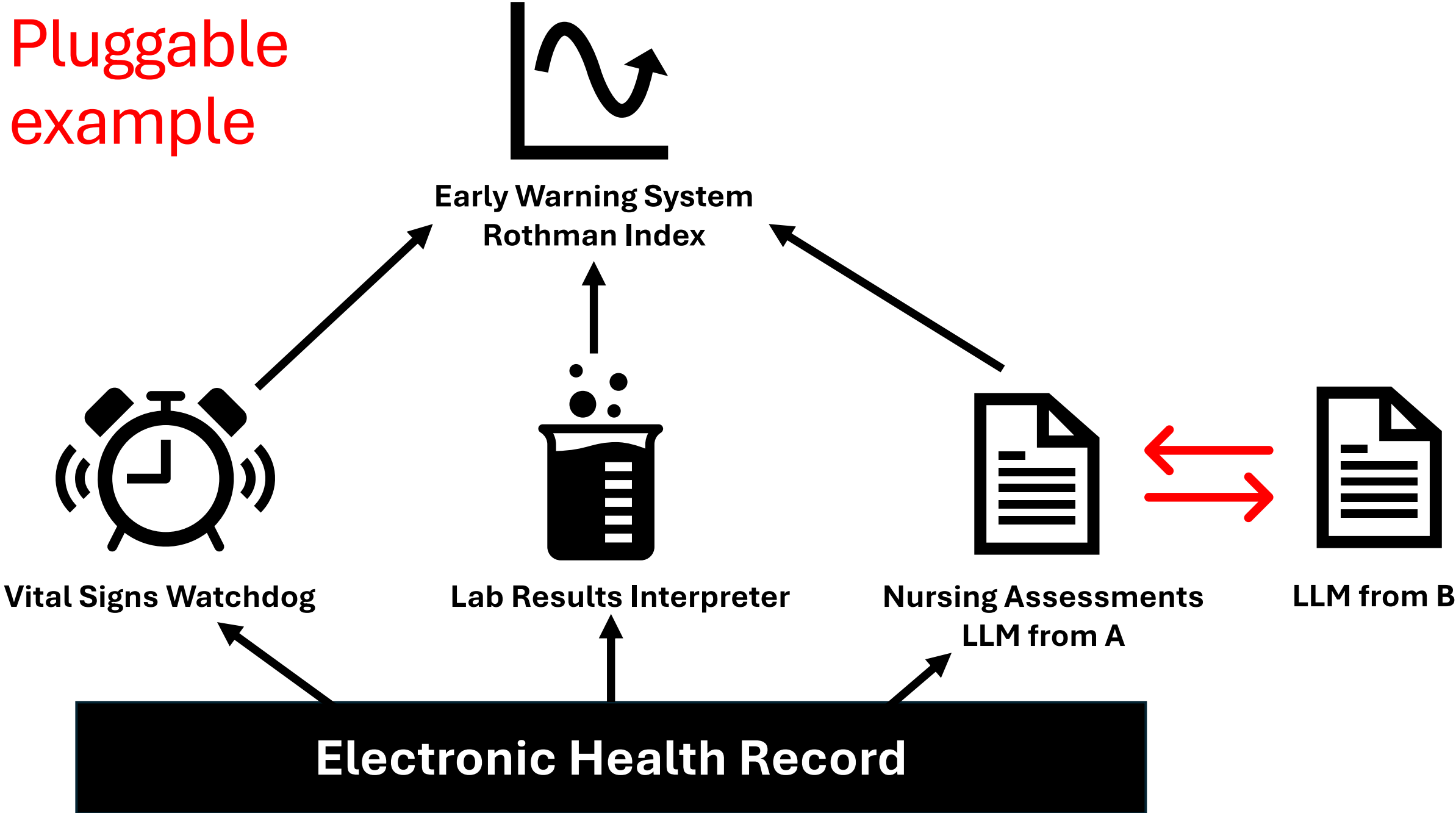
# Non-pluggable example



# Pluggable example



Pluggable  
example





Standardized semantics

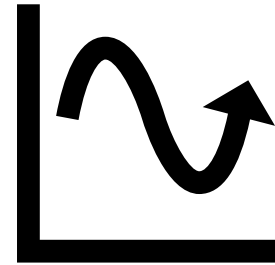
Standardized interfaces

Standardized interfaces

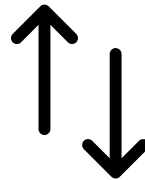
Standardized results



Nursing Assessments  
LLM



Early Warning System



Standardized  
interfaces?



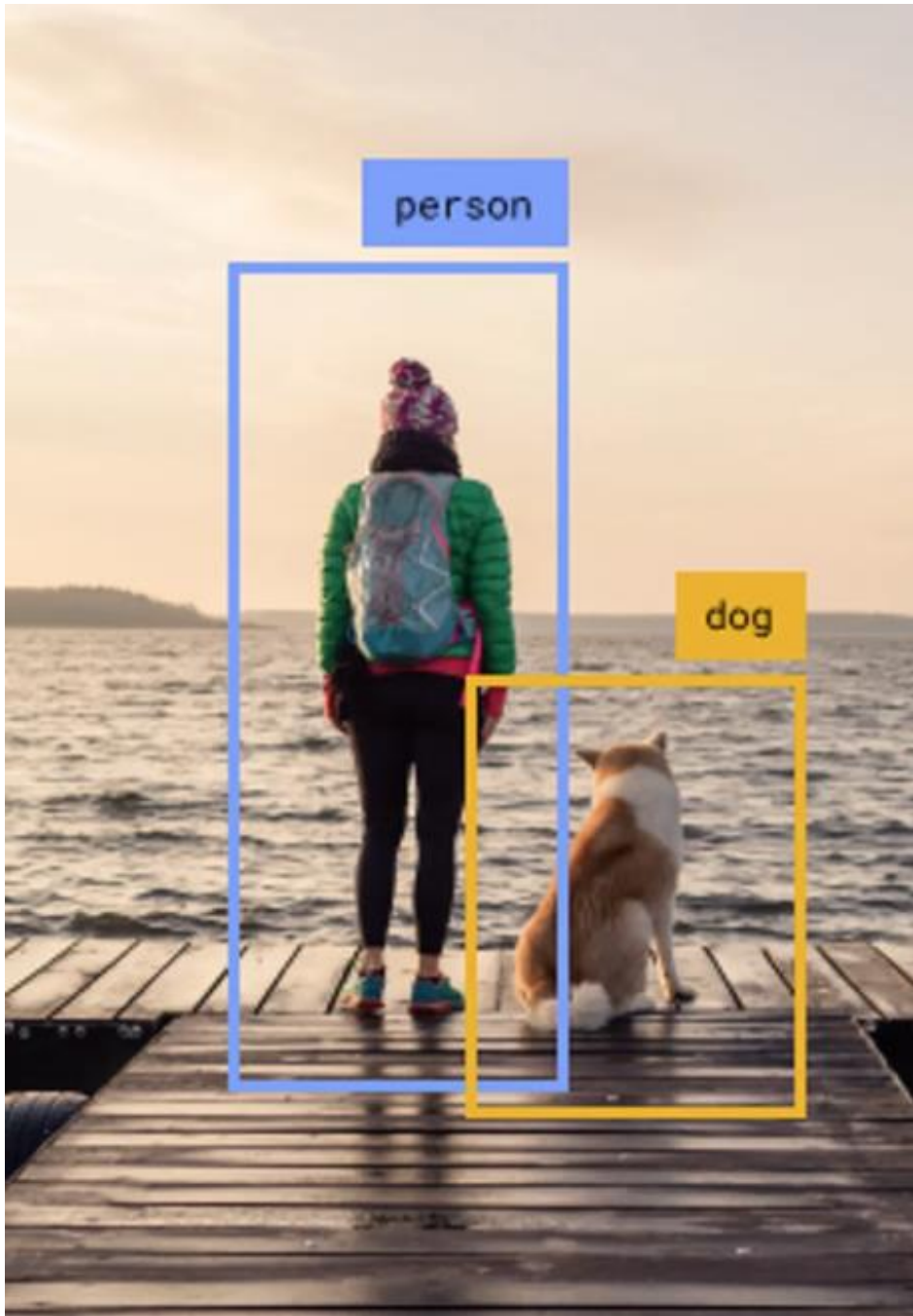
Notes to Structured Data  
LLM

What's  
needed?

# Pluggable AI

According to ChatGPT (3.5)

1. Design modular functionality
2. Standardize input and output parameters of each module
3. Apply API's to let modules interact with each other
4. Implement a process for (hot) swapping of modules/LLM's
5. ....



### A Long-Standing Relationship to Transform Next Generation Vehicles

The companies will use their expertise to meet the evolving needs of providing best-in-class experiences for consumers



### A Strategic Cooperation for Joint Development of Automated Driving Software Solutions

Combining BMW's current AD stack with Arriver's Vision Perception and NCAP Drive Policy products on Qualcomm Technologies' SoC, with the goal of designing best-in-class Automated Driving functions.





# Always open

## Note-to-FHIR

New release supporting Dutch - available now!

[Read more](#)

# Architectuur in de Zorg 6 juni 2024

## Ontdek PLUGIN en de kracht van FHIR en Federated Learning

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**pluginml**

Clinical Federated Learning

## AI-model voorspelt terugkeer van baarmoederkanker met grote nauwkeurigheid



3 juni 2024 Nieuws



Onderzoekers van het Leids Universitair Medisch Centrum (LUMC) hebben een AI-model ontwikkeld dat het risico op de terugkeer van baarmoederkanker nauwkeurig kan voorspellen.

## LUMC ontwikkelt AI voor robot-geassisteerde prostaatkankeroperaties

4 maart 2024 Nieuws



Operaties om prostaatkanker te behandelen gebeuren de laatste jaren standaard met behulp van een robot en een 3D-beeldscherm. Het LUMC ontwikkelde kunstmatige intelligentie (AI) die hierbij helpt. De AI helpt chirurgen om effectiever te ...

## LUMC eerste ziekenhuis met AI-opnamevoorspeller voor de Acute Opname Afdeling

27 februari 2024 Nieuws



Drukke op de Spoedeisende Hulp is geen betrouwbare indicator voor het aantal patiënten dat naar de Acute Opname Afdeling gaat. Daarom ontwikkelde het Leids Universitair Medisch Centrum een opnamevoorspeller. Deze tool maakt gebruik van ...



Nederlandse Vereniging voor

**Radiologie**

# **AIFI**

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AI for imaging - Haalbaarheidsproject in de praktijk van een landelijke infrastructuur voor toepassing van artificiële intelligentie (AI) producten voor radiologie.



# Besides AI, “pluggable” has moved forward

## 1984 – Getting temperature from COM-port

```
program IOBtnASM;
{$U+}
var i: Byte;

procedure InPort(Port: Byte; var Value: Byte);
begin
    inline ($3A/Port/    { ld a,Port  }
           $4F/         { ld c,a    }
           $ED/         { out a,(c)  }
           $3A/Value    { ld (Value),a });
end;

begin
    writeln('IO Temp using Assembly');
    writeln('Press Ctrl+C to break');

    while true do
        begin
            InPort(0, i);
            delay(50);
        end;
    end.
end.
```

## 2024 – Getting all KNMI realtime temperatures

```
import requests

api_url = https://api.dataplatform.knmi.nl/open-data
function_name = "Actuele10minDataKNMIstations"

api_key = "MyApiKey"

get_temps = requests.get(api_url + function_name,
                          headers={"Authorization": api_key})

ExcelGraph(get_temps)
```



But there is one 'tiny' problem!

There is a 'huge' gap between progress in

**pluggability**

within healthcare versus other industries



NEDERLANDSE TRANSPLANTATIE STICHTING

ChipSoft EZIS Net / 5.2 Onaalking Test-omgeving (Kopie van 18-08-2014 09:19 / Volgende versie: niet ingespland)

Smeets, R.J.  
Geboren 02-03-1946 M

Fysiotherapie  
Behandelaar: Lamers, F.W.

Activiteit: Onderszoeken en resultaten (24)

Algemene standaardgegevens

Opmerkingen

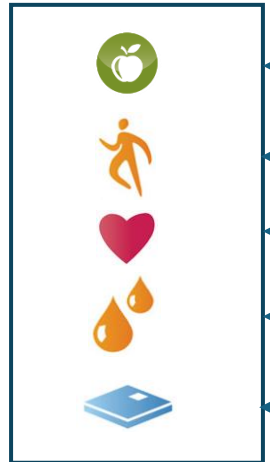
Medicatie

Medicatie	Datum	Waarde	Streefwaarde	Referentiewaarde
H: Ultrason code NBP				
H: Bloeddruk (mmHg)	19-06-2014	94/61	< 120/80	
H: Gewicht (kg)	10-09-2014	61.2	< 62	
H: Puls (per min)				
H: Temperatuur (graad Celsius)				

EHR



PHR



Voeding item

Tijdstip: 06-09-2013 12:27

Moment: Missdag

Eedmoment: Bloedje gezond

Verwijder

diet



activities



pressure



weight



other

Transplantatie  
Behandelaar: Dubbe

Donorrijp nier: Dooder, Transplantatie 03-08-2011

Algemene donorgeschiedenis

Donor (ET)-nummer

LIHC-nummer donor

Gender

(Donor) Leeftijd

Gewicht (kg)

Leigte (centimeter)

BHT

Bloedgroep

Rhesus-factor

Hypertensie

Diabetes mellitus

Raken

HbA1c

HbA2c

HCV Ab

HIV Ab

Diagnosis

Transplantatie  
Behandelaar:

Nier (ontvanger): Cluster, nog geen verrijkt(m) geregistreerd

Algemene operatieverloop

Soort transplantatie

Reductie van de donoren

Urgen van nier

Aantal artsen

Aantal verrijkt met patch

Aantal vemen met patch

Ureter

Perfusie via machine

Preservatievloeistof

Perfusiekuist

Treatment

Medication

PSA (%)

CNV IgG Donor

EBV IgG Donor

EBV IgG Ontvanger

Stofde

Infectie

Indicatie

Medication

Ref. waarde	08-07-2014	08-08-2014	08-09-2014	08-10-2014	08-11-2014	08-12-2014
	136-144	130	-	-	-	-
	2.6-7.5	4.1	-	-	-	-
	49-90	6.4	-	-	-	-
	>60	19.1	-	-	-	-
	2.16-2.55	2.30	-	-	-	-
	0.00-1.50	2.40	-	-	-	-
	0.17	1.12	-	-	-	-
	18-150	478	-	-	-	-
	0.197	265	-	-	-	-
	0.107	117	-	-	-	-
	26-42	36	-	-	-	-
	3.1-6.4	5.5	-	-	-	-
	3.90-7.30	7.18	-	-	-	-
	0.00-2.30	2.97	-	-	-	-
	1.18-1.68	2.46	-	-	-	-
	0.00-3.37	3.30	-	-	-	-
	0.09-5.00	2.9	-	-	-	-
	0.0-6.0	-	-	-	-	-
	0.3-2.0	-	-	-	-	-
	0.30-1.30	3.54	-	-	-	-
	0.7-6.0	3.3	-	-	-	-
	66-250	74	-	-	-	-

Laboratory


# Doctor = integrator



**Healthcare = copyshop**

# Interoperability in The Netherlands

Standard	How it works	Examples of use cases
HL7v2	Messaging between applications within a healthcare organization	Hospital Information System sends admission of new patient to various department systems
HL7v3	Messaging between healthcare organizations and (governmental) institutes	LSP at VZV7 RIVM Breas
HL7 CDA	Structured data of various aspects combined in one document	BGZ between
IHE XDS	Exchange of documents between healthcare organizations, like “verwijsbrieven”, “ontslagbrieven”, images	Via regional X copy of the in es a ital
EI-standard	Financial declaration of care delivery	Sending bills via Vecozo to the payer



These widely used standards in NL are duplicating data

People also ask :

Is duplicate data bad for machine learning?

Duplicate data can have detrimental effects on your machine learning models and outcomes, such as reducing data diversity and representativeness, which can lead to overfitting or biased models. 21 Sept 2023

Data Ladder BLOG

# Merging Data from Multiple Sources – Challenges



# The Copy Problem in Machine Learning

LinkedIn  
<https://www.linkedin.com › learning › the-dangers-of-co...>

## The dangers of copying a bad copy

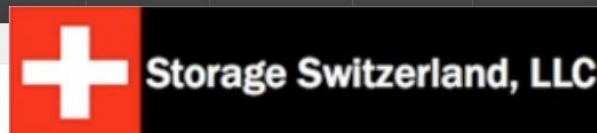
24 Apr 2017 — The danger is that if you have a bad **copy** of your **data** and you simply duplicate that bad **copy**, well, now you have two bad copies. Here's the ...

Miro Community Forum  
<https://community.miro.com › ask-the-community-45 › i...>

Issue with copying data from excel to M

Atlassian Support  
<https://support.atlassian.com › docs › troubleshoot-issues...>

## Troubleshoot issues with copying product data



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# StorageShort: Why is Copy Data a Problem?

# Recurring discussions

- “AI will recognize the collection of applications within an organization”
- “AI will know how to handle multiple instances of the same data”
- “AI will learn what to do when multiple data sources contradict each other”
- “AI will become so smart that structured data is no longer needed”

# Dream on

The problems AI has with duplicated data is one of the reasons of the Peak of Inflated Expectations

# Hype Cycle for Artificial Intelligence, 2023



[gartner.com](https://www.gartner.com)

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**Gartner**

# Structured and unstructured data

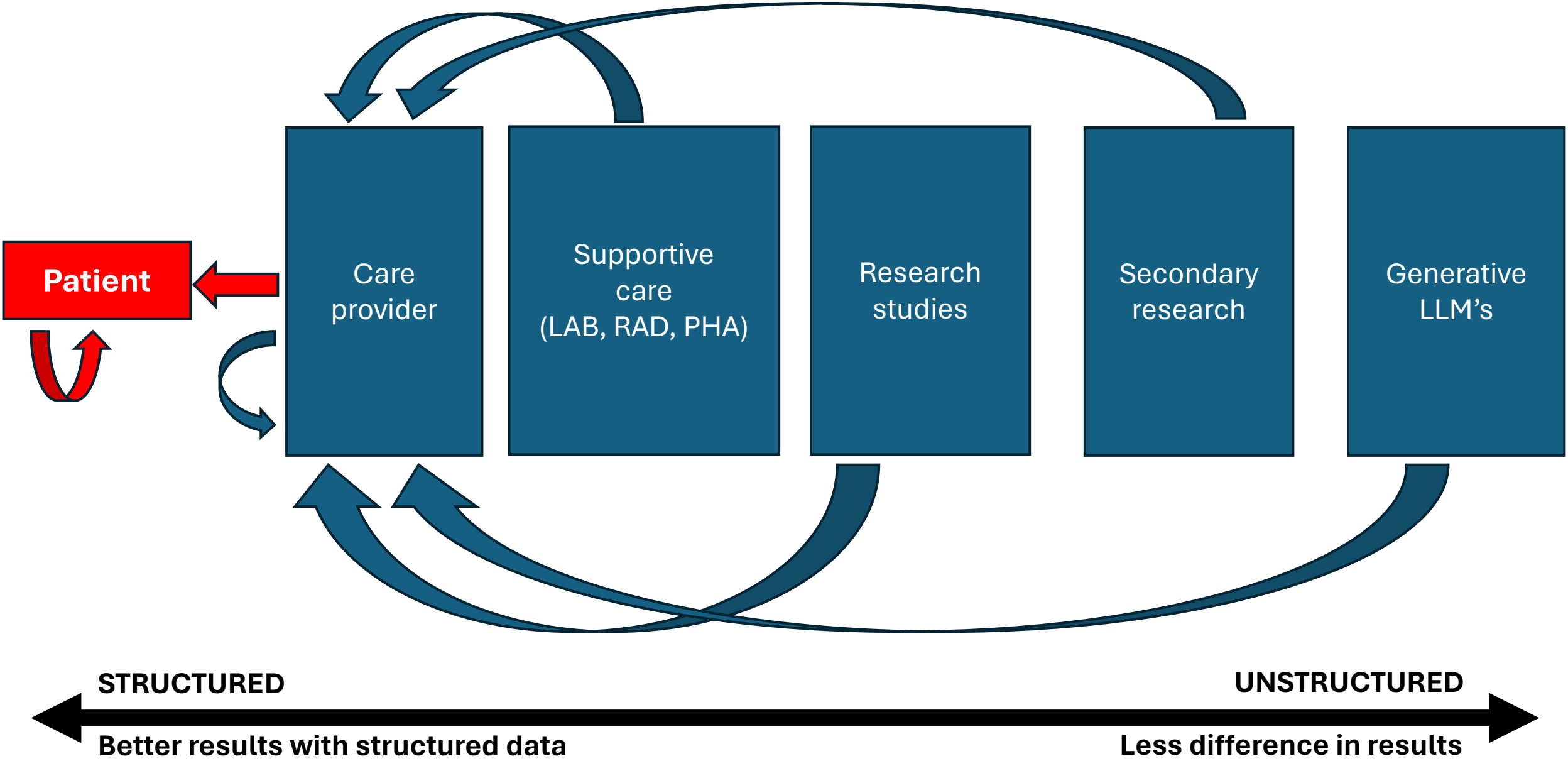
- **Structured data** – AI models trained on structured data can often make precise predictions and perform well on tasks that require clear patterns or rules for an individual entity.
- **Unstructured data** – Examples as text, images and audio, do not have a predefined format and are more challenging for traditional AI models to process. However, RAG can effectively support tasks like answering open-ended questions, generating text, and summarizing information from unstructured text.



# RAG – Retrieval Augmented Generation

- RAG is about enhancing the accuracy and reliability of generative AI models with facts fetched from internal/external sources.
- IRL example: judges have learned the law, but with precedents and specific cases they can cite, the verdict of a new case is better.
- In healthcare, RAG probably will consist of online access to the EHR, RIS/PACS, Lab-system, devices, third party software and databases.
- For realtime AI-appliances, access via API's will be key.

# AI – Feedback loops and distance to patient



As with many projects in Health IT, the patient will be forgotten. But not at FHIR DevDays.

## Panel: AI Opportunities for Patients

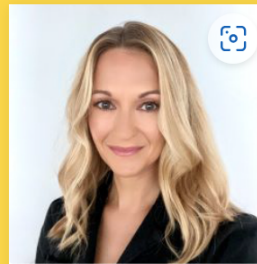
Join us for a frank and thought-provoking conversation on the future of AI in patient care as we navigate this rapidly evolving field. Our panelists will explore the role of AI in patients' hands, sharing their own experiences using LLMs to better understand their own health. We'll consider how empowered patients can mitigate the challenges of AI "hallucinations" and errors, and we'll touch on the evolving relational dynamics between patients and the healthcare system as patients bring their own tools to the table.

### Panel members



**Dave  
deBronkart**

Patient Data  
Activist,  
e-Patient  
Dave



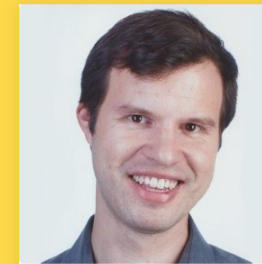
**Grace  
Cordovano**

Professional  
Patient  
Advocate;  
HITAC  
Member



**Hugo  
Campos**

Advocate for  
Health Data  
Liberation &  
Patient  
Autonomy



**Josh  
Mandel**

Chief  
Architect,  
Microsoft /  
SMART



**Chethan  
Sarabu**

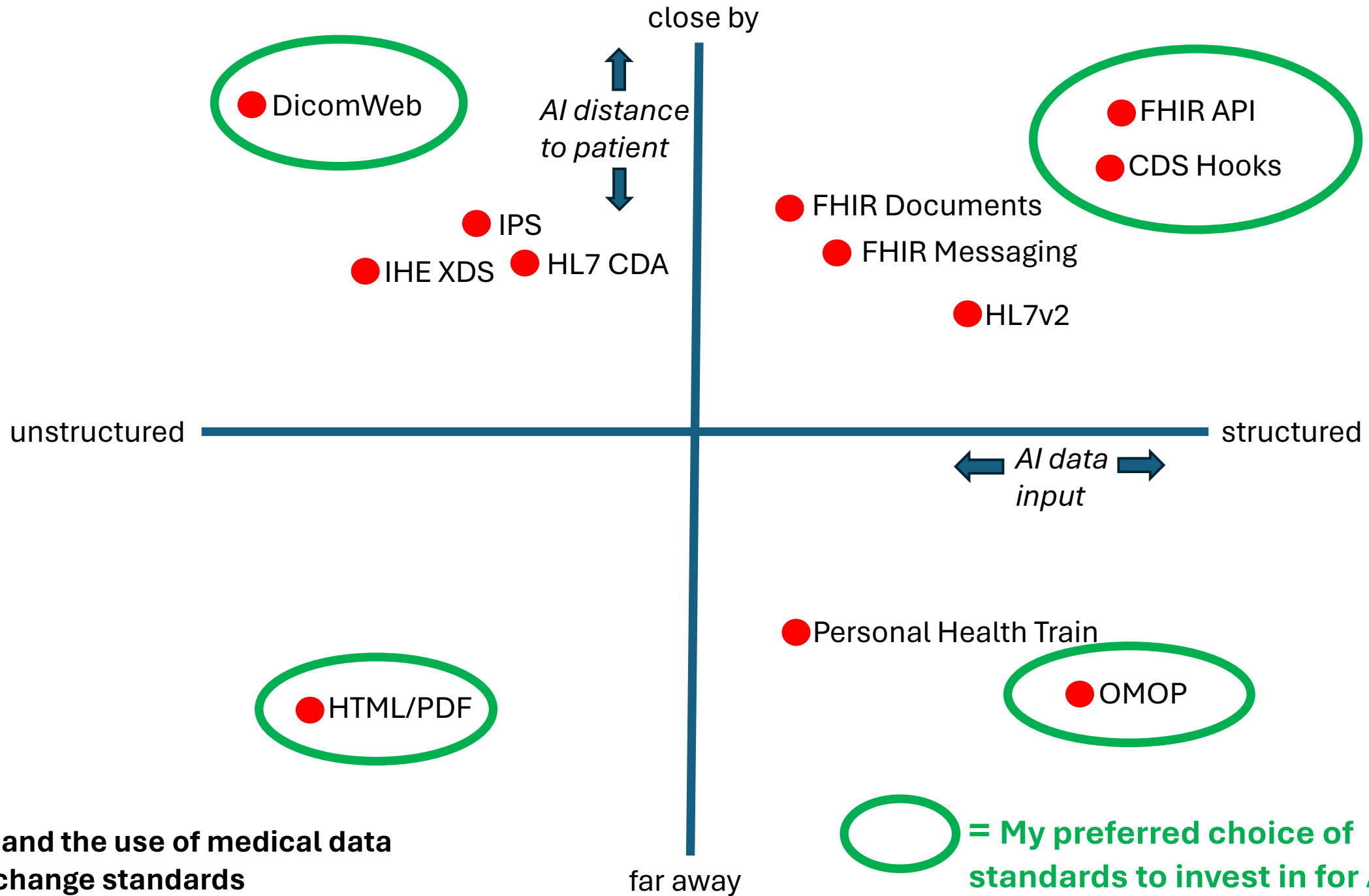
AI &  
Informatics  
Strategist,  
OpenNotes

*Come and listen to the panel on Tuesday, June 11 from 1:30-2:15 PM*



# A boy saw 17 doctors over 3 years for chronic pain. ChatGPT found the diagnosis

Alex experienced pain that stopped him from playing with other children but doctors had no answers to why. His frustrated mom asked ChatGPT for help.



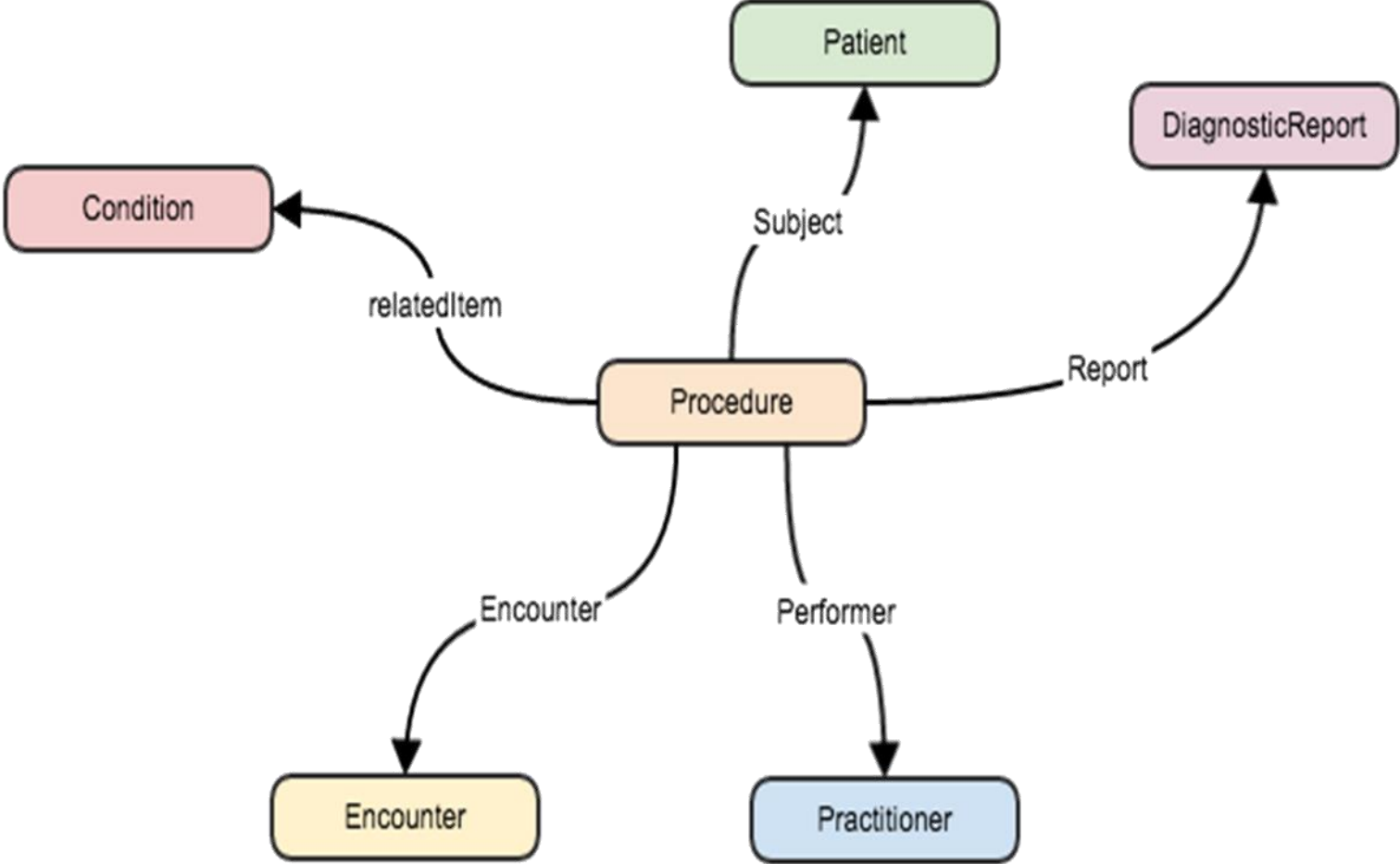
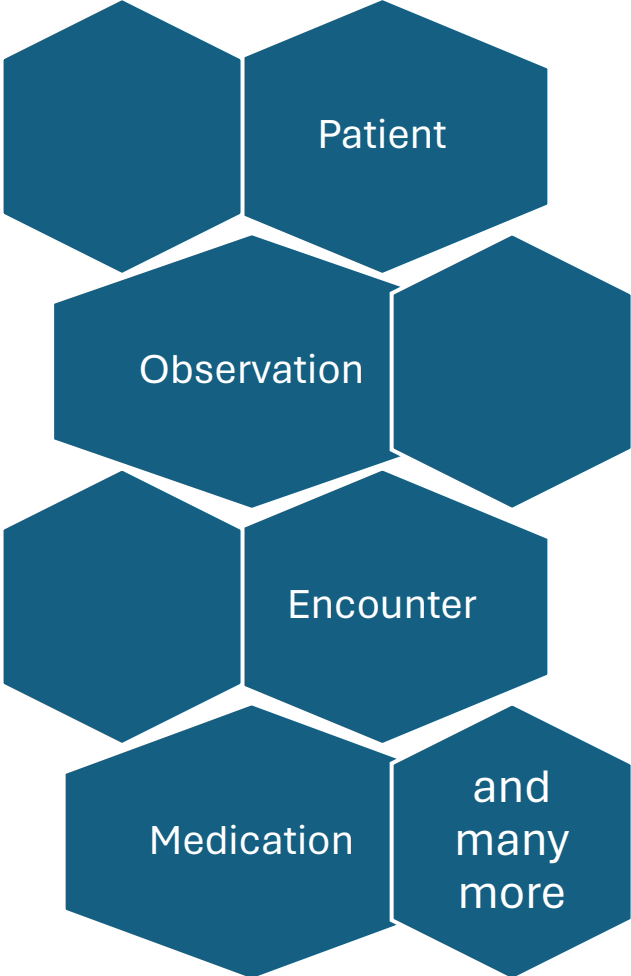
# Some misunderstandings

- “We do FHIR” does not necessarily mean “we do FHIR API”.
- FHIR Documents is in fact the successor of HL7 CDA and FHIR Messaging is in fact a successor of HL7v2. Both are not an API.

Ewout Kramer, one of the founding fathers of FHIR:

*“We have added a few features just because we had to support older systems where in retrospect we could have said: you will have to migrate or change your ways, otherwise you cannot use FHIR as API.”*

# Resources with references



A web of resources that can tell any healthcare story

# What is a FHIR Resource?

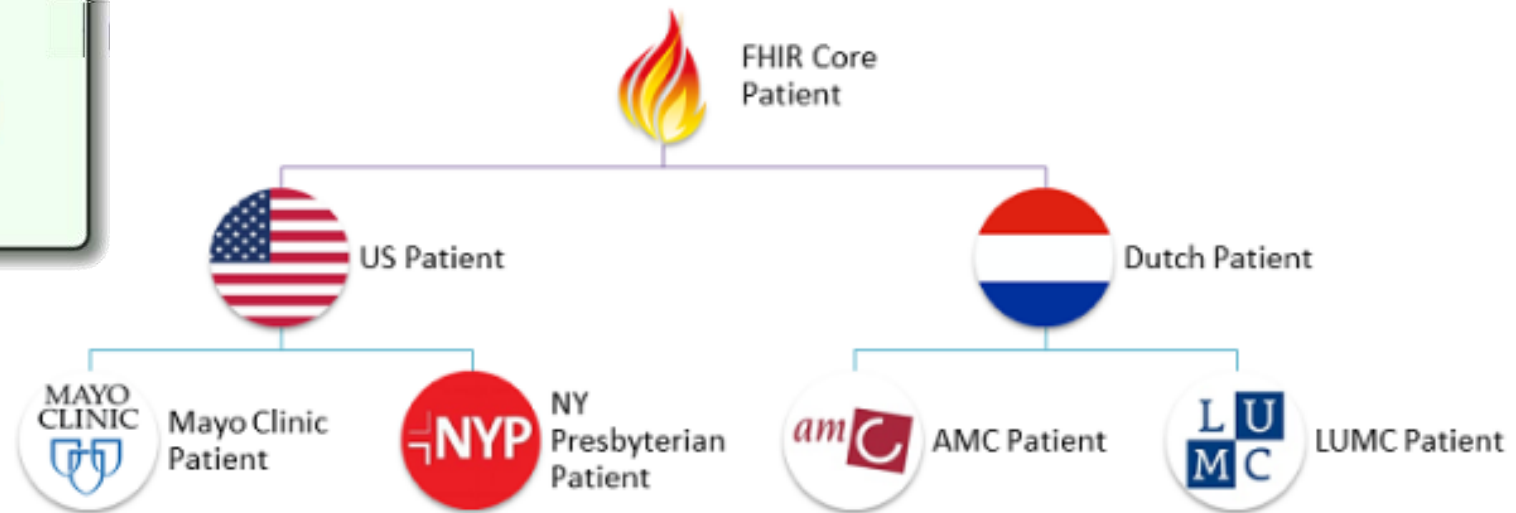
Patient (DomainResource)

```
identifier : Identifier [0..*]  
active : boolean [0..1]  
name : HumanName [0..*]  
telecom : ContactPoint [0..*]  
gender : code [0..1] « AdministrativeGender! »  
birthDate : date [0..1]  
deceased[x] : Type [0..1] « boolean | dateTime »  
address : Address [0..*]  
maritalStatus : CodeableConcept [0..1] « Marital Status + »  
multipleBirth[x] : Type [0..1] « boolean | integer »  
photo : Attachment [0..*]  
generalPractitioner : Reference [0..*] « Organization | Practitioner |  
PractitionerRole »  
managingOrganization : Reference [0..1] « Organization »
```

A FHIR resource describes the content of the data involved. FHIR has “core” resources, valid worldwide.

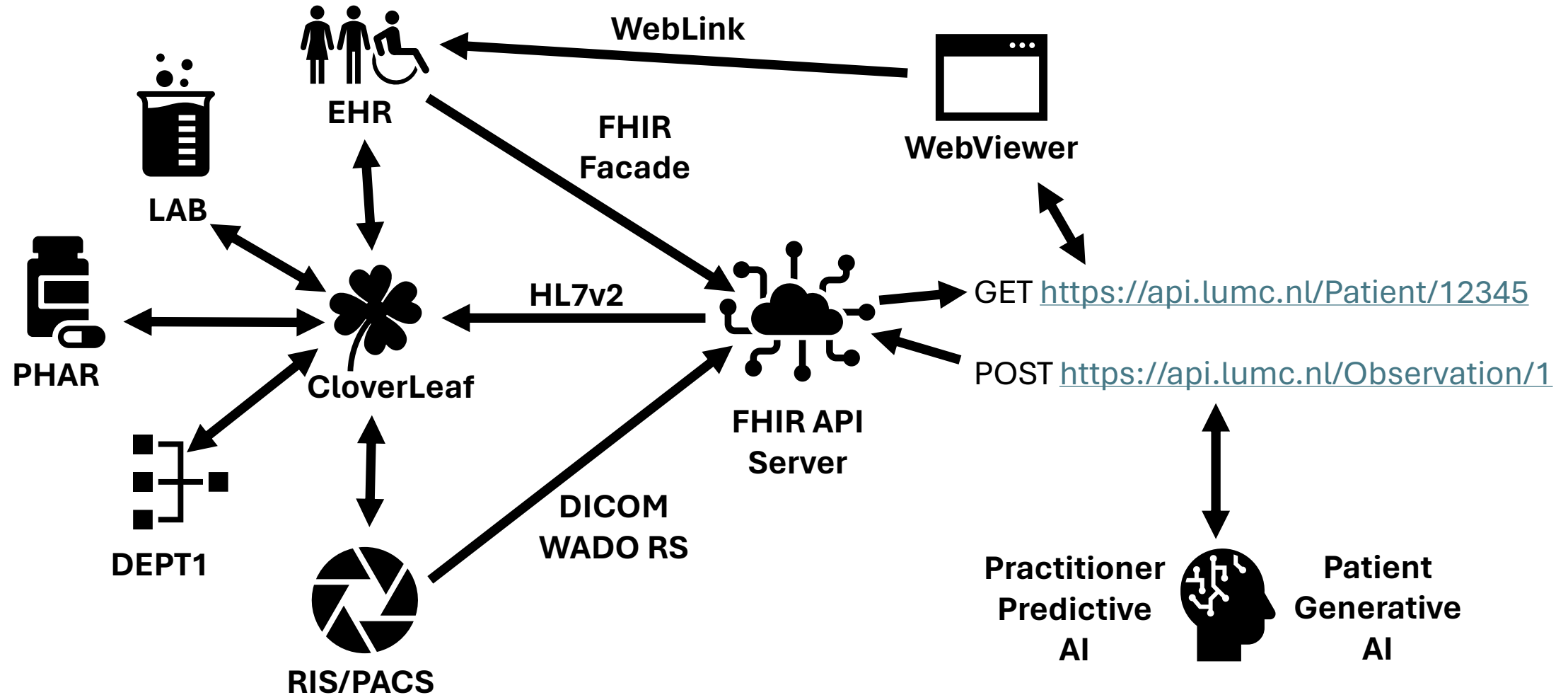
Each country and organization can derive their own resources with extensions.

The global registry [simplifier.net](http://simplifier.net) keeps track of versions, differences and timestamped packages of resources worldwide.





# AI architecture – with FHIR API



# What happens in the USA, doesn't stay in the USA



Each HL7 International WGM has a FHIR connectathon.

**CDS Hooks** started as a “dream” of a group of young developers.

Before FHIR, such a standard wouldn't have emerged from HL7.

Personally, I think, next to FHIR, this is the most promising standard from HL7.

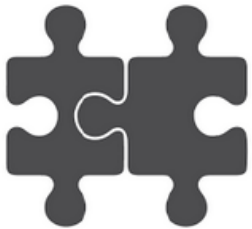
# EHR Integrated CDS



Clinical decision support (CDS) provides the right information, to the right person, at the right time



96% of non-Federal acute care hospitals have a certified EHR in 2015 [ONC Data Brief 35](#)

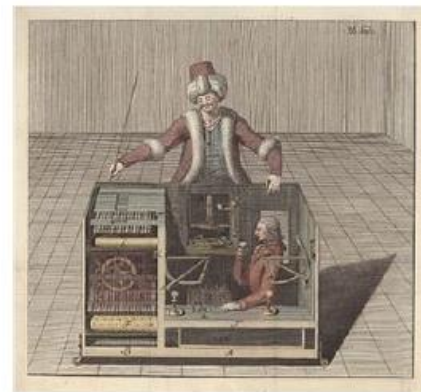
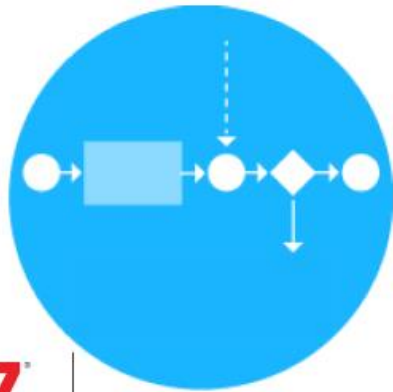


Decision support should be integrated with the EHR to provide seamless user-experience



# CDS Service

- A service that is:
  - invoked by the EHR via a **hook**,
  - evaluates **its own logic** using FHIR data,
  - returns decision support via **cards**



# Hook Definitions

<https://cds-hooks.org/>

- patient-view
  - <https://cds-hooks.org/hooks/patient-view/>
- order-select
  - <https://cds-hooks.org/hooks/order-select/>
- order-sign
  - <https://cds-hooks.org/hooks/order-sign/>



EHR Med Order

**R** Toprol XL  
50 mg daily

**information card**

\$200 per month  
(patient pays \$30)

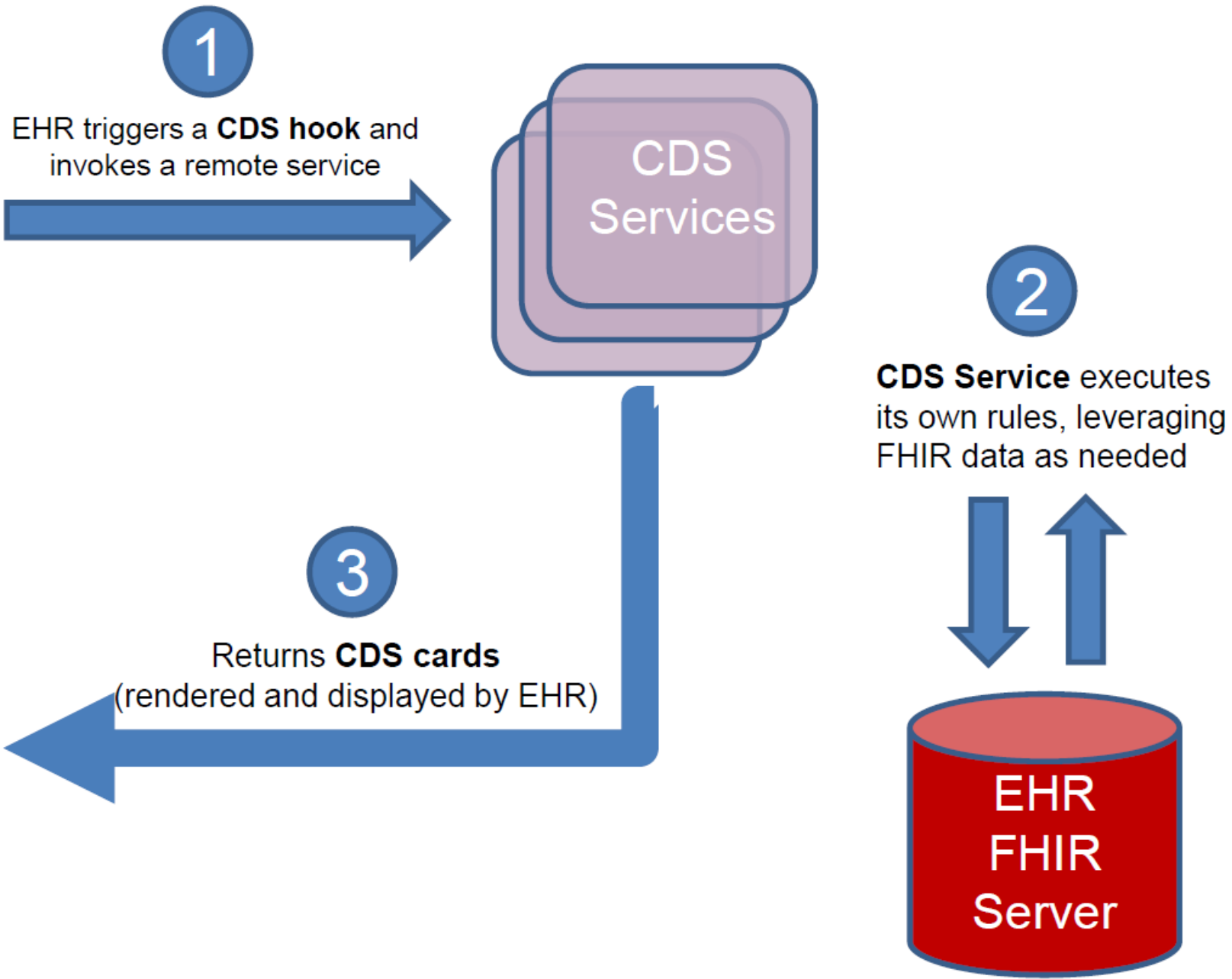
**suggestion card**

Try Propranolol instead

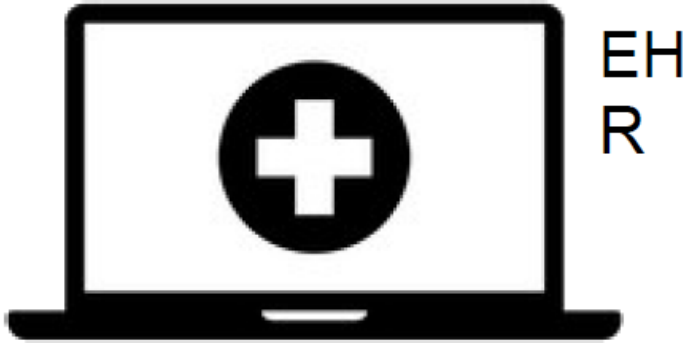
**Switch to Propranolol**

**smart app link card**

Managing hypertension?  
[Launch JNC 8 Rx Pro](#)



# CDS Hooks Request



EH  
R



CDS  
Service

POST <https://example.com/cds-services/example-service>

```
{  
  "hook": "patient-view",  
  "fhirServer": "https://fhir.example.com",  
  "context": {  
    "user": "Practitioner/789"  
    "patientId": "123",  
    "encounterId": "456",  
  },  
  ...  
}
```



# Cards can contain any combination of information, suggestions, and links

## Medication Alert

Source: RxCheck



### lisinopril 5 mg tablet

- This medication is not recommended for Black or African American patients.

*82% of providers selected this recommendation.*

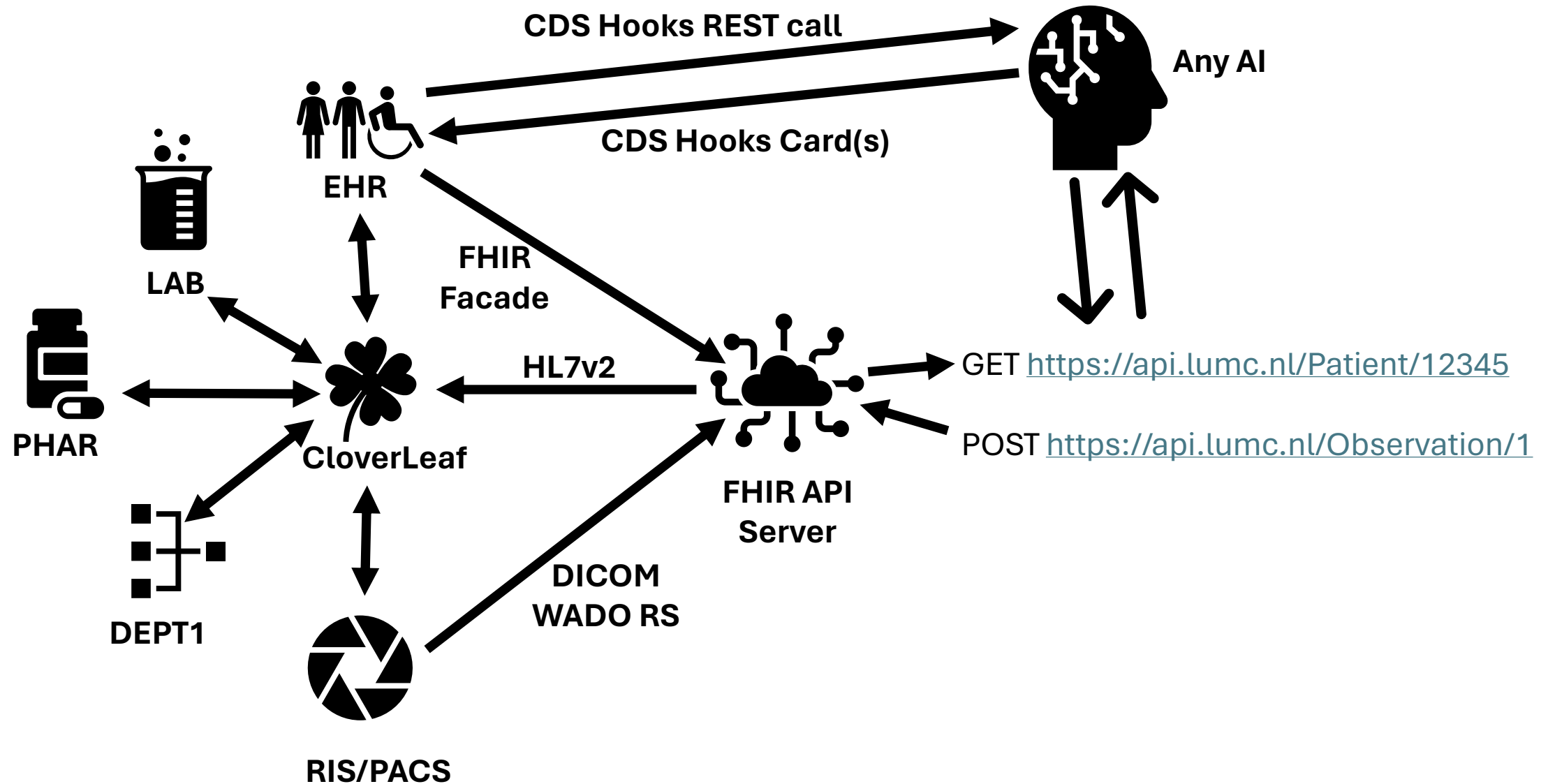
[Switch to amiloride 5 mg-hydrochlorothiazide 50 mg tablet](#)

[Medication Review](#)





# AI architecture – with CDS Hooks





covermymeds



NORTHROP GRUMMAN



MCKESSON



QVΣRA



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INTEROPION



EBSCO Health



Epic



eClinicalWorks



Lantana CONSULTING GROUP



RxREVVU



ENVISION TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS



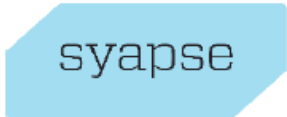
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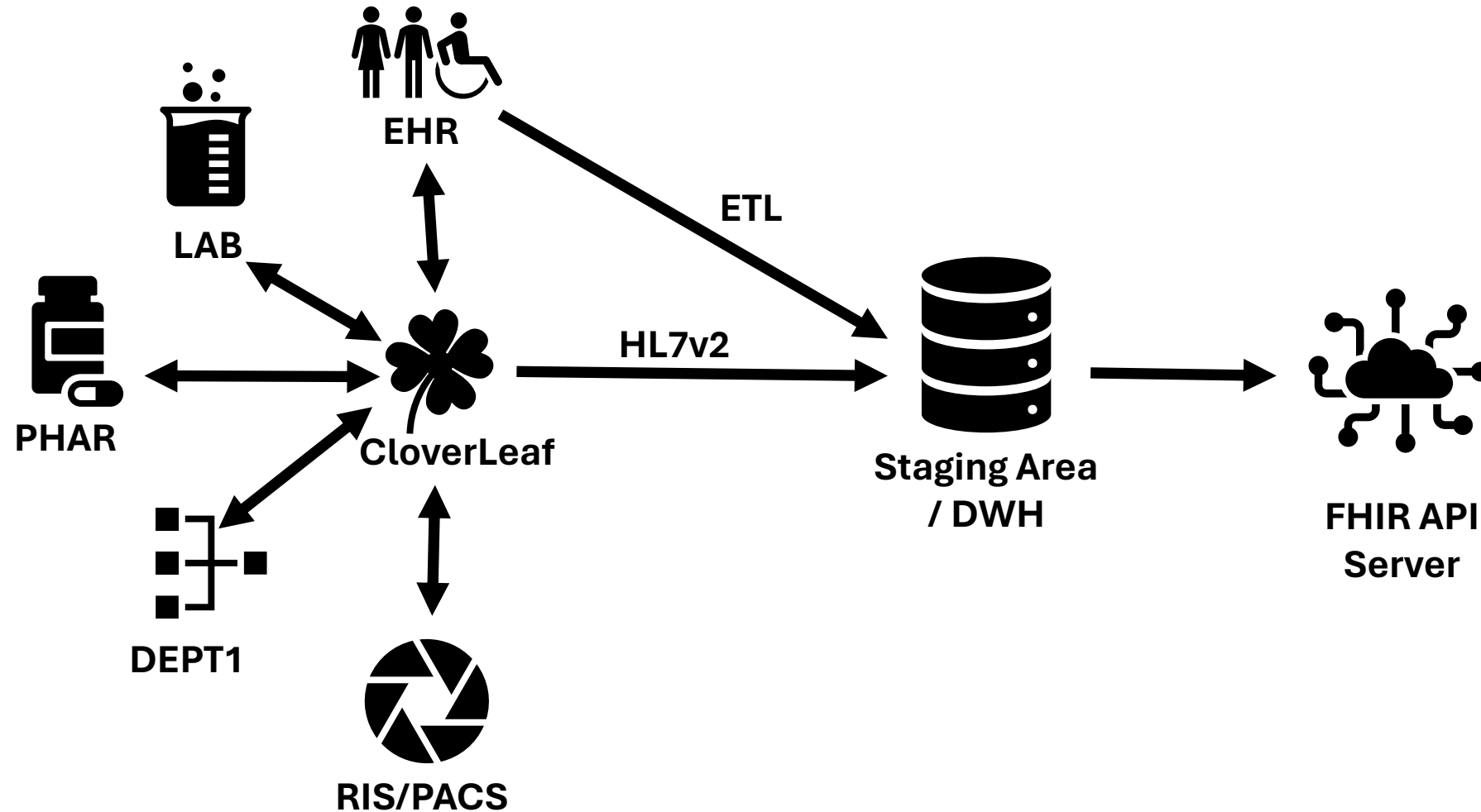
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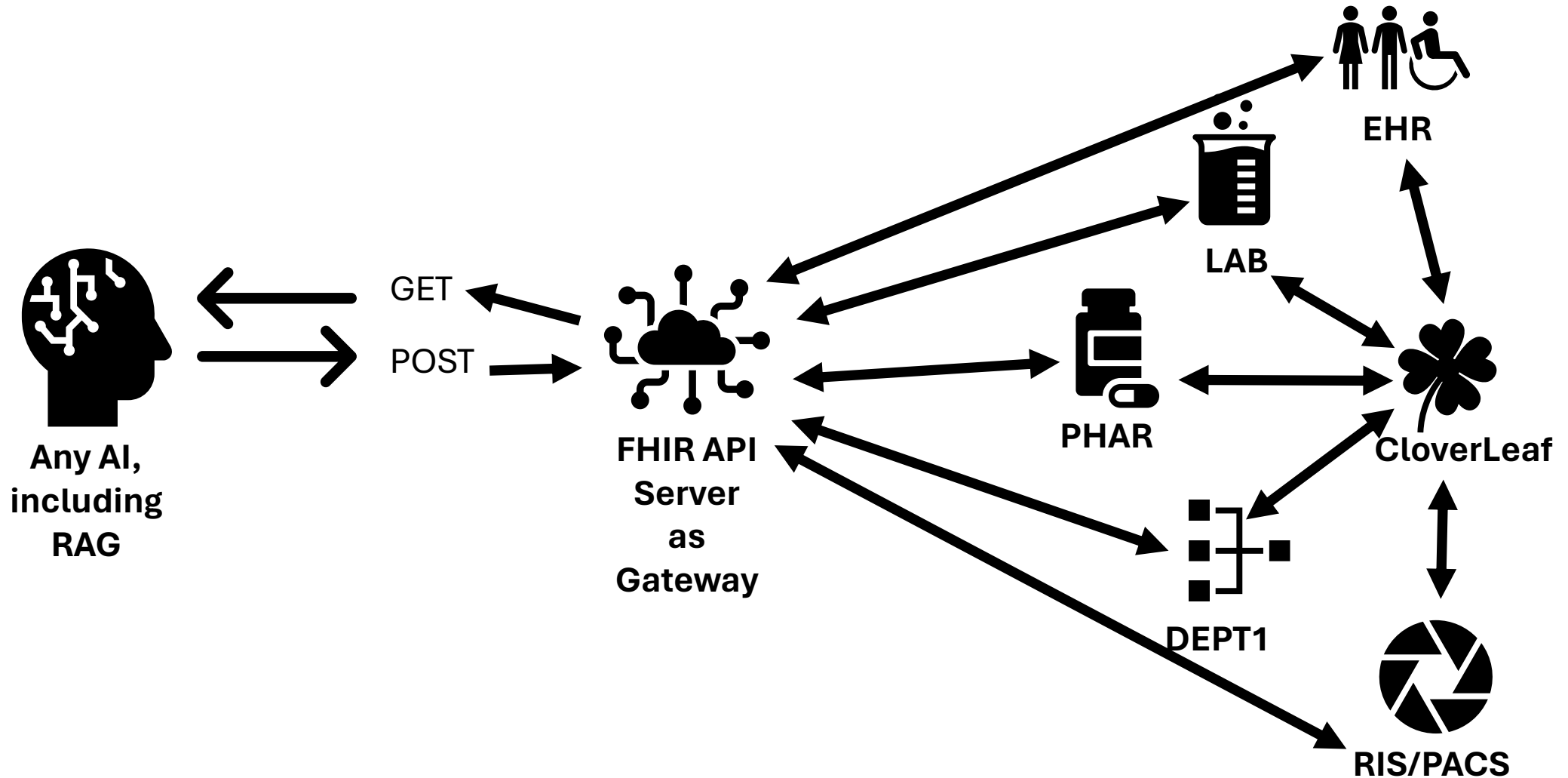
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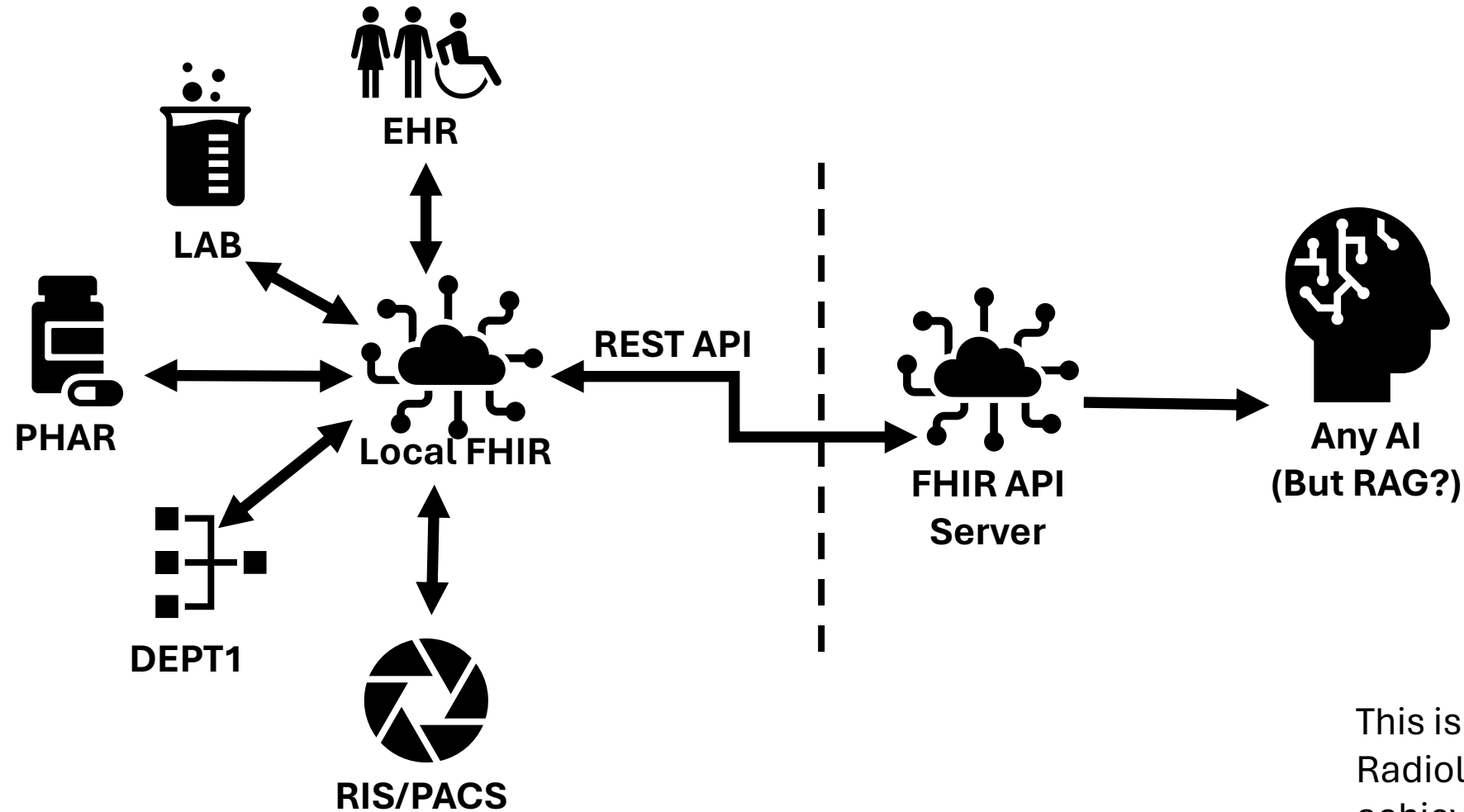
# Alternative: via Staging and/or Datawarehouse



# Alternative: as a Gateway to direct FHIR API's



# Alternative: a dedicated external AI-portal



This is what the Dutch Radiologists want to achieve with project AIFI.

Take care.

It is  
NOT  
that  
simple.



## Understanding OAuth2

Explaining the concepts, use-cases, and possibilities of the protocol



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To ZIB or not to ZIB

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an owner or



**Level 2** Supporting implementation and binding to external specifications



**Implementer Support**

Downloads,  
Version Mgmt,  
Use Cases,  
Testing



**Security & Privacy**

Security,  
Consent,  
Provenance,  
AuditEvent



**Conformance**

StructureDefinition,  
CapabilityStatement,  
ImplementationGuide,  
Profiling



**Terminology**

CodeSystem,  
ValueSet,  
ConceptMap,  
Terminology Svc











**Exchange**

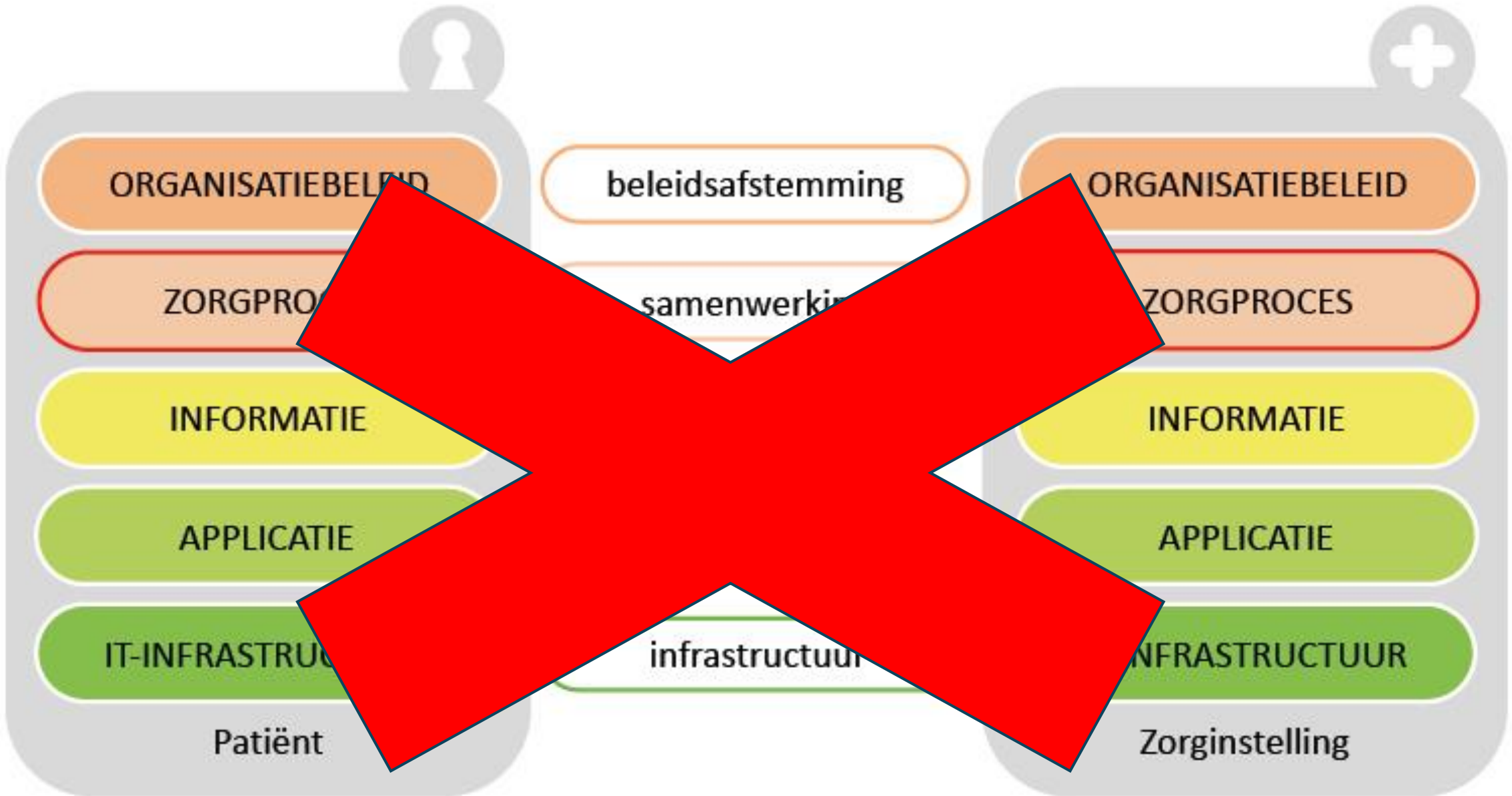
REST API + Search  
Documents  
Messaging  
Services  
Databases  
Subscriptions

Be prepared to dive in some of the more technical, in-depth, level 2 resources of FHIR

And be aware that AI-companies are like any other internet companies: they are after your knowledge to train their models

 UBER World's largest taxi company Owns NO <del>Taxis</del>	 airbnb World's largest Accommodation provider Owns NO <del>Real estate</del>	 skype WeChat World's largest Phone companies Owns NO <del>Telco infra</del>	 Alibaba Group World's most Valuable retailer Owns NO <del>Inventory</del>
 facebook. Most popular Media owner Owns NO <del>Content</del>	 SocietyOne World's fastest Growing bank Owns NO <del>Actual money</del>	 NETFLIX World's largest movie house Owns NO <del>Cinemas</del>	 OpenAI Famous in 1 month with ChatGPT Owns NO <del>Subject Matter Expertise</del>





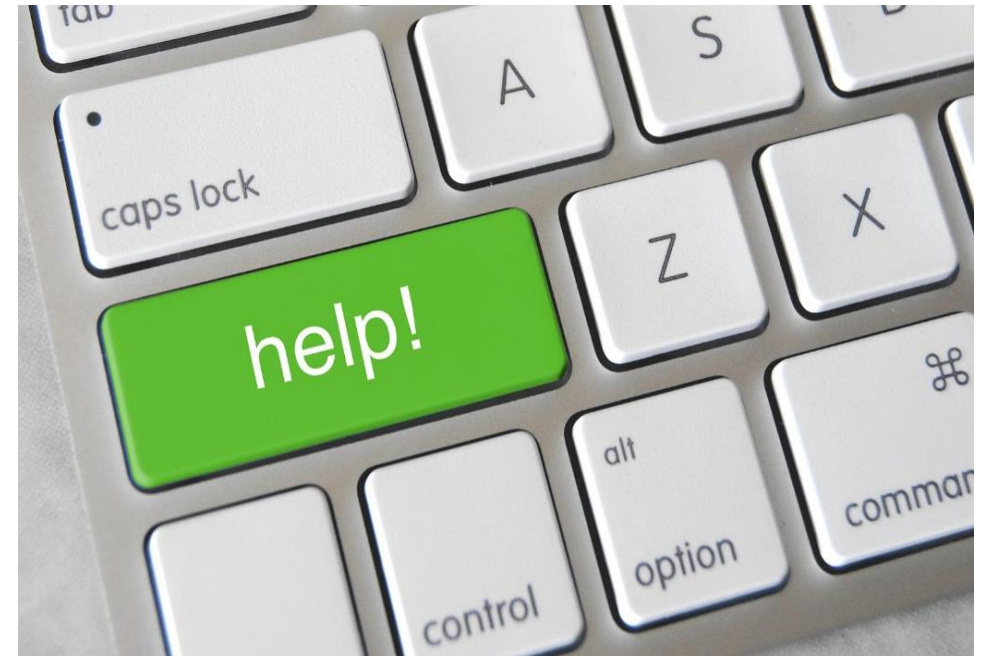
**Please note: Disruption seldom starts with a bureaucratic layered model. The red cross is not from the presenter, but it's the thoughts of tech companies.**

# Questions?

Now.

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