

# ICT SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT HUMAN-CENTRED COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES - CATALONIA

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# Agenda

- Catalan Health System
- Digitally Enabled Integrated Care Services
- Evolving ICT infrastructure
- Risk prediction tools: current status and perspectives

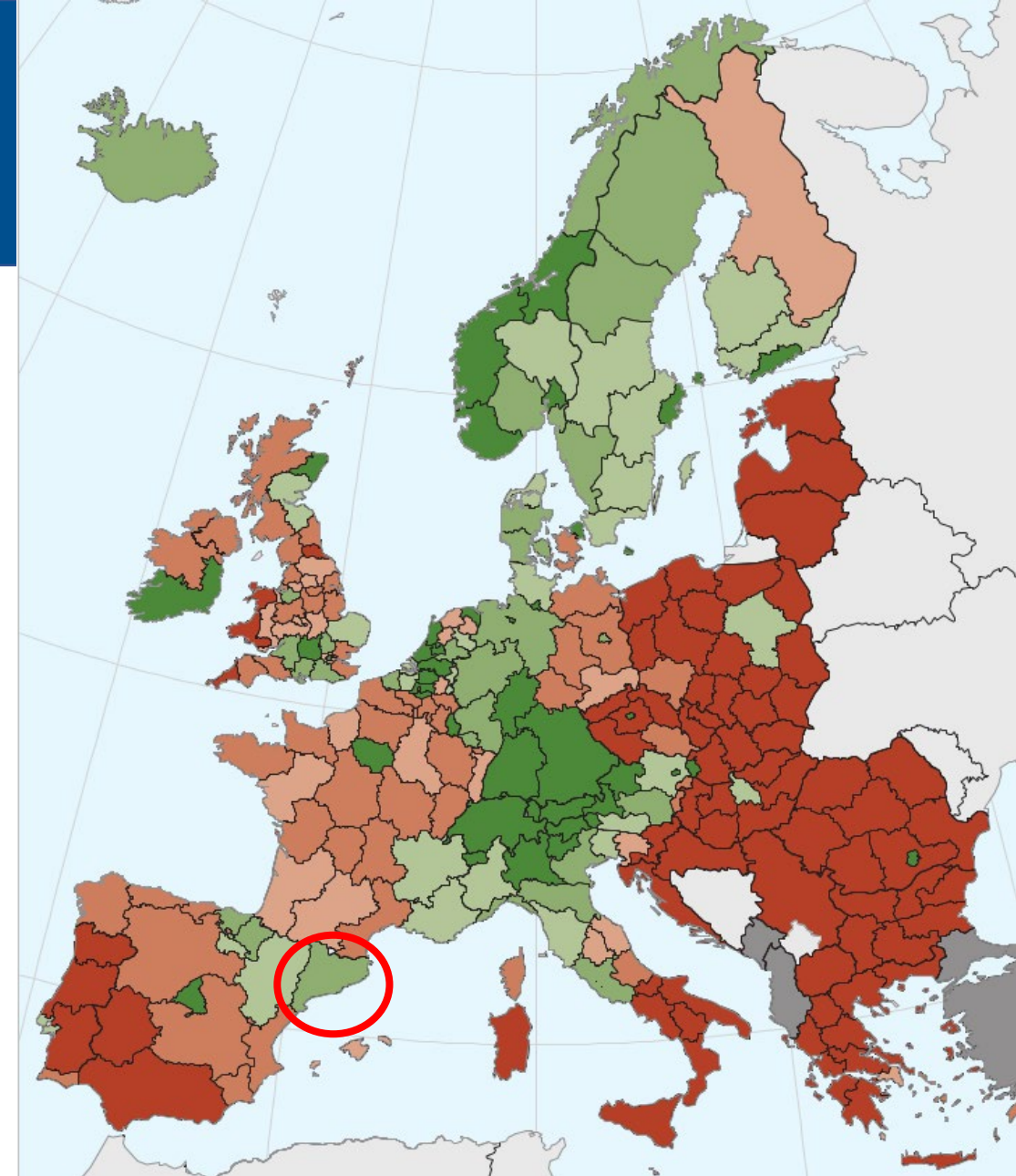
# Catalonia

7,722,203 inhabitants

GDP 108%

- Universal coverage
- Public financing of the services
- Single public payer
- Civil Society involvement
- Access equity
- Continuity of care
- Integration and coordination

65 years and over (19%)



Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in purchasing power standards per EU regions in % EU28 average= 100

# Highlights on Catalan Health System



**7,722,203**

**Population** in Catalonia on January 1, 2020.



**Universal coverage**

**The publicly health care system** of Catalonia was founded in 1990 under the principle of universality; so all individuals and communities are able to receive the health services.



**20,000 M€**

**Catalan Health Service budget** for 2020. The system is funded from general taxation and government funds and contributions.



**> 160**

**Health care entities** to provide health care services.



**>16,000**

**Applications** across the Catalan Health System:

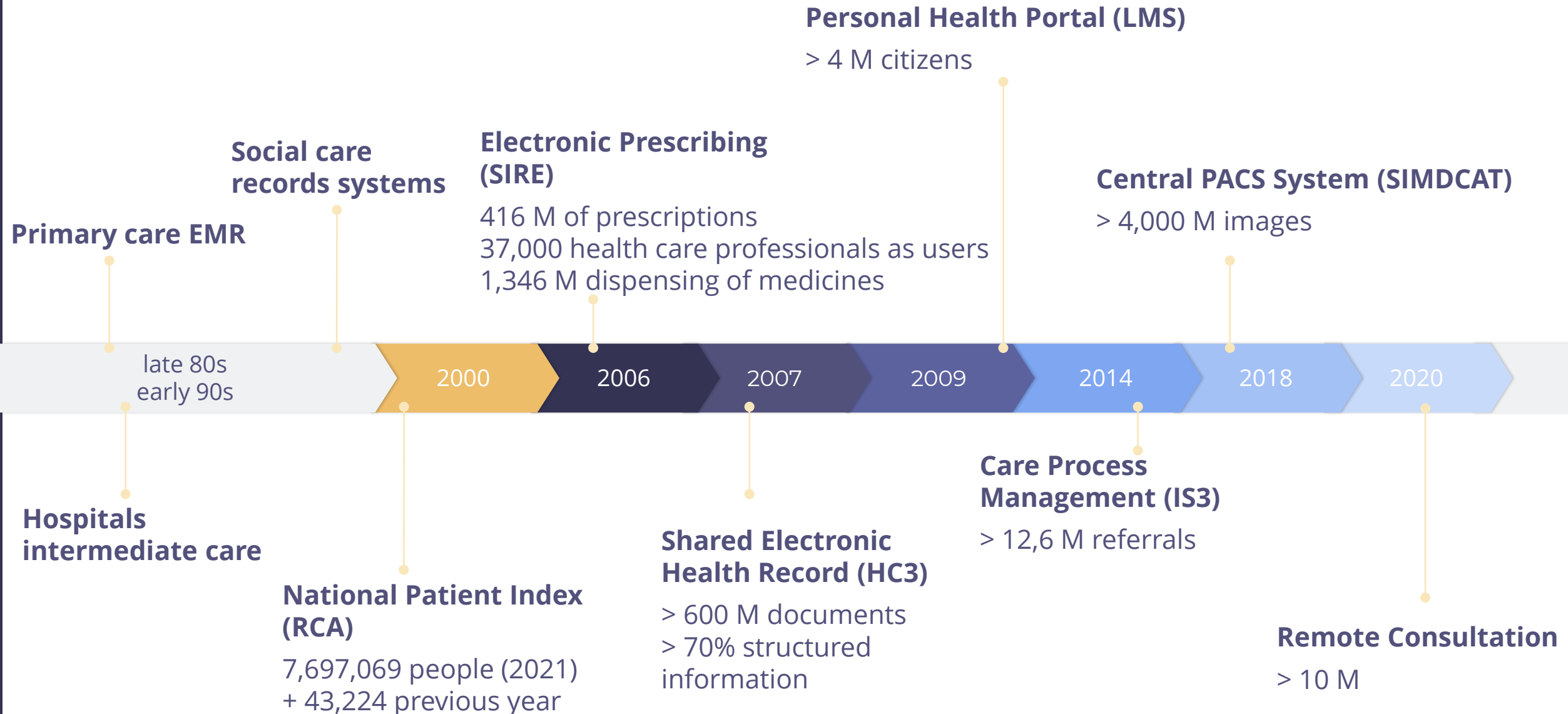
- ✓ 1 EMR for primary care.
- ✓ > 29 EMR products in the Intermediate care hospitals.
- ✓ At least 10 different systems for social care records.



**940**

**Facilities** that range from primary health care centres to hospitals and intermediate care centres.

# Health care platforms in Catalonia



# The Catalanian Digital Health Platform





# Health Care Plans

## THIRTY-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE of CATALAN HEALTH PLANNING

Driver of Health System Transformation

### The current Health Plan



# Adoption of Integrated Care Services at Barcelona-Esquerra

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**INTEGRAL HEALTHCARE AREA OF  
BARCELONA ESQUERRA:**  
An example of an Integrated Care System

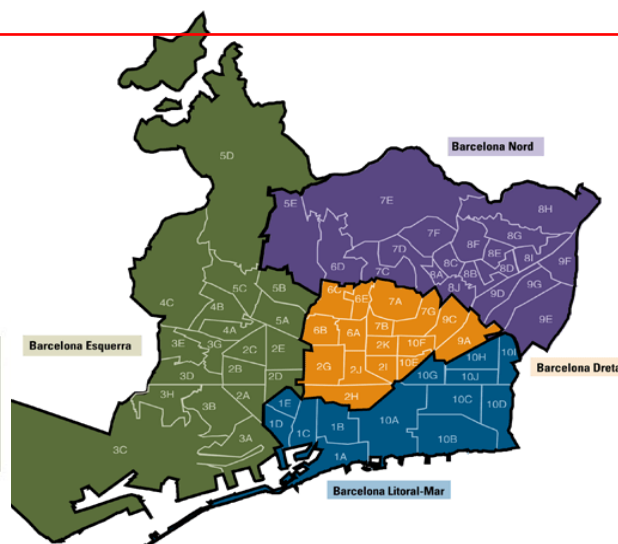
## Barcelona-Esquerra

534.955 inhabitants

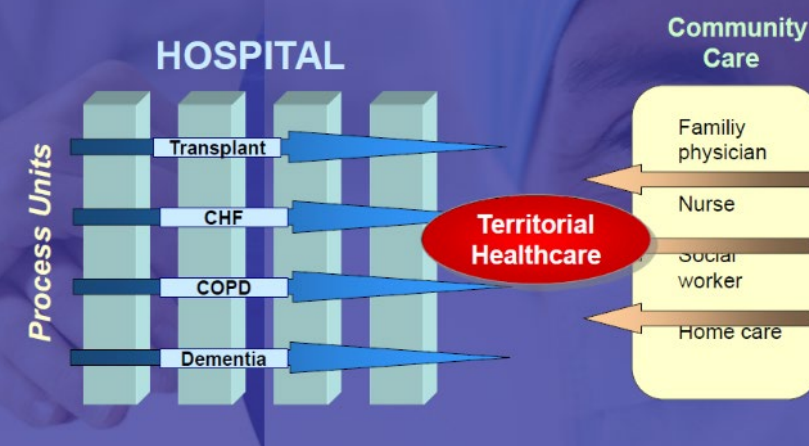
21% > 65 yrs



19 Primary Care Teams; 4 Hospitals



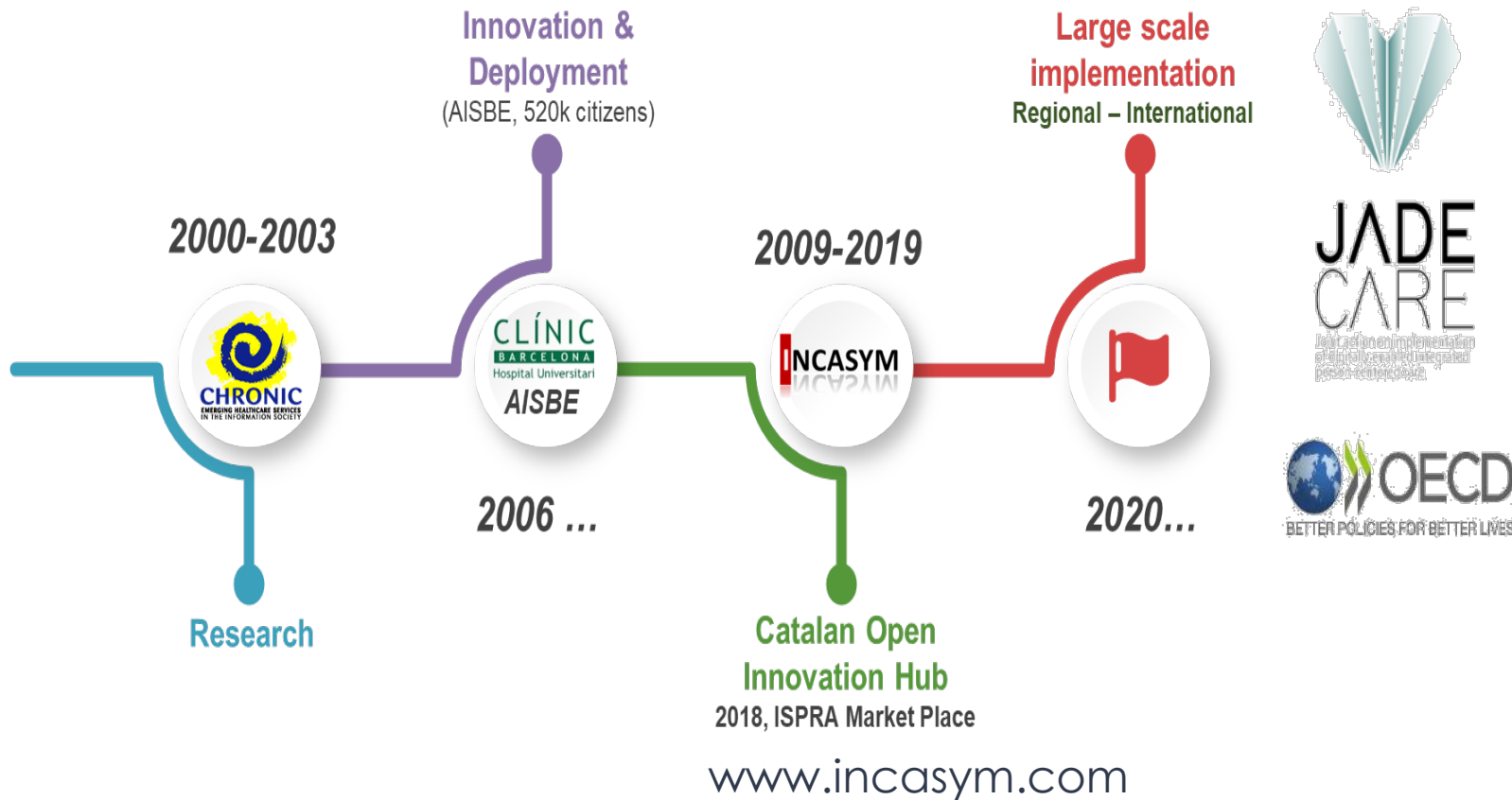
## Hospital vs Territorial Healthcare



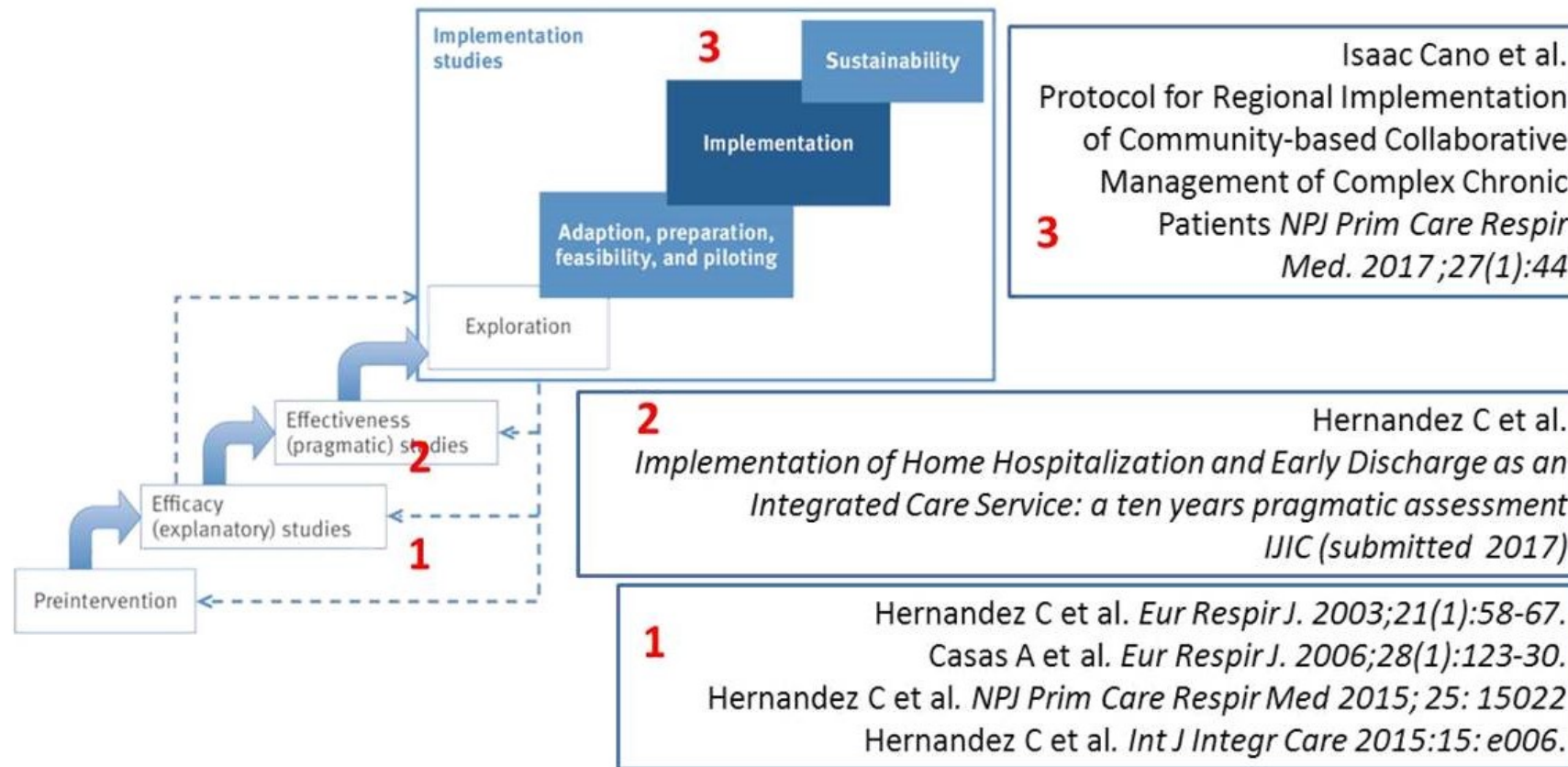
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Over 20 years of experience in continuum care pathways paving the path for International adoption of digital integrated care services solutions developed at HC-IDIBAPS



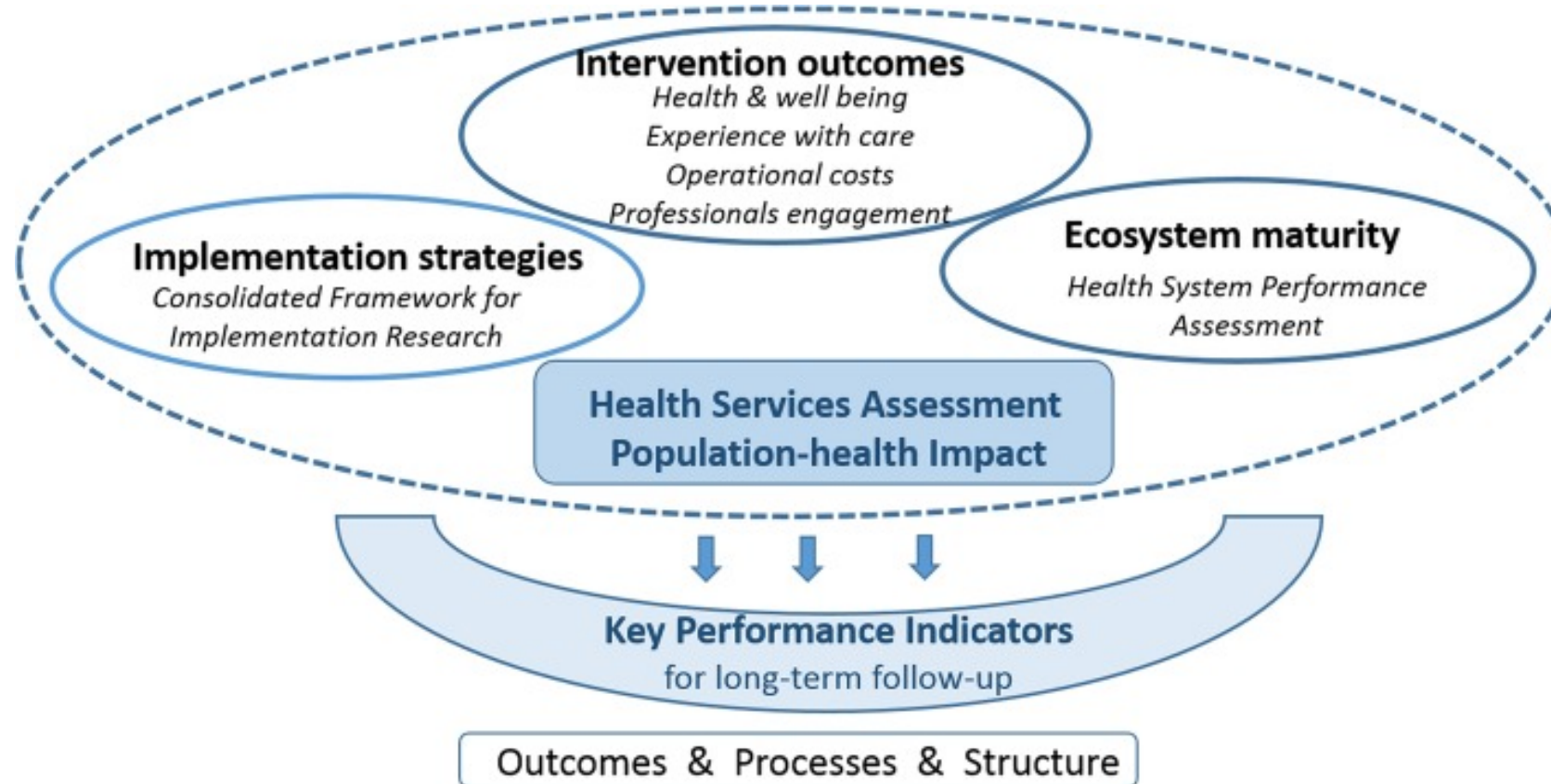
- ✓ Remote support for high quality diagnosis in Primary Care
- ✓ Wellness and Rehabilitation
- ✓ Home Hospitalization & Early Discharge
- ✓ Prevention of Hospitalizations



**Granularities of several successful experiences across the region on vertical & horizontal integration**

**Expertise on real-world integration of health and social care**

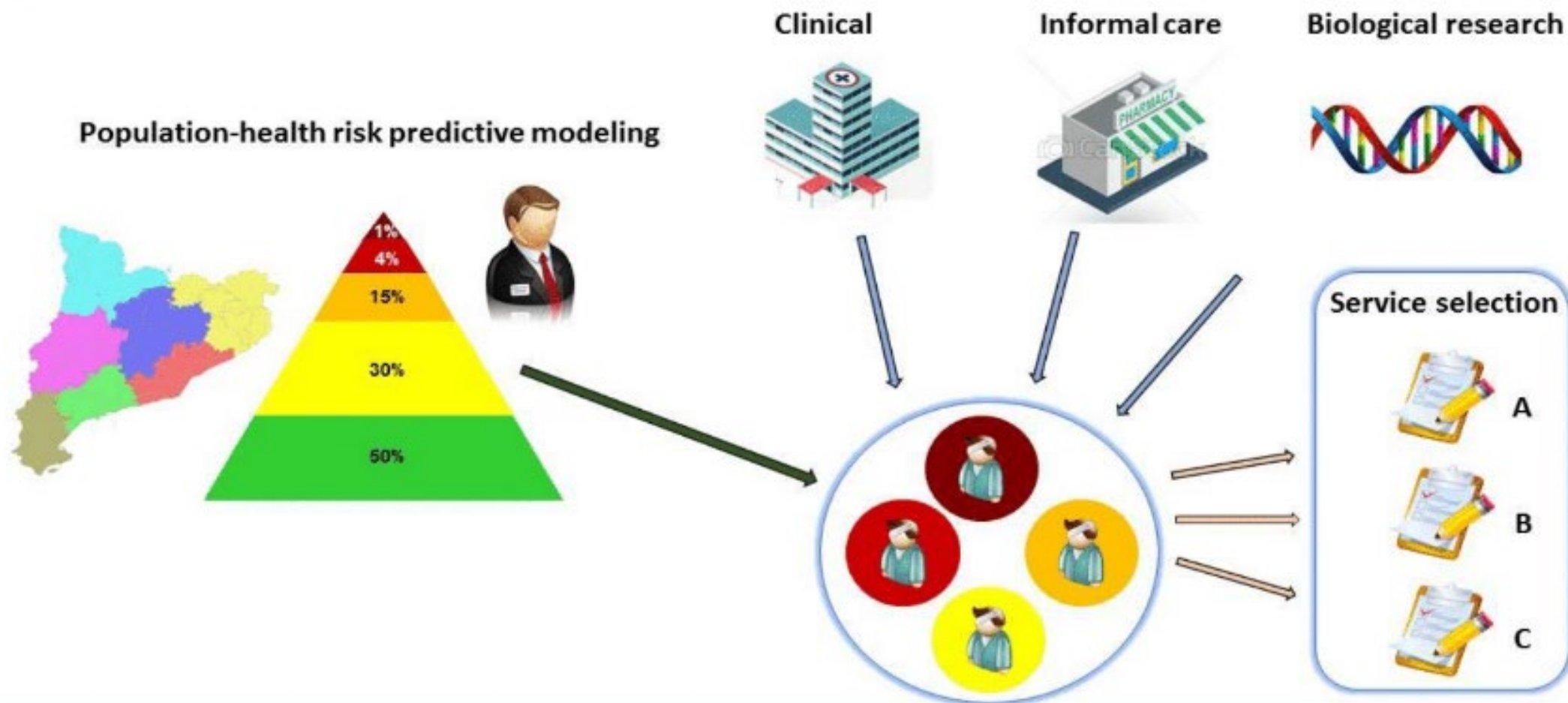
# Refinement of assessment methodologies supporting large-scale adoption of Integrated Care programs



- Evidence-based efficacy
- Clinical leadership
- Patients and professionals engagement
- Effectiveness proven in real-world scenarios
- Robust & user-friendly digital support
- Healthcare value generation

# Health risk assessment and service selection

**Fosters inclusion of covariates from multilevel data sources, resulting in enhanced patient-based stratification and optimization of service selection.**



# Limitations of current information systems

- **Diverse information systems, organized in silos** by care levels and providers, with individual medical histories in each provider
- Communication between suppliers through **static and incoherent interoperability solutions**
- **High maintenance and evolution costs**, which limit the ability of the system and each supplier to cope with innovation
- **Rigidity of the system to deal with changes** in the paradigm of care and management
- **Low level of satisfaction** from professionals and managers

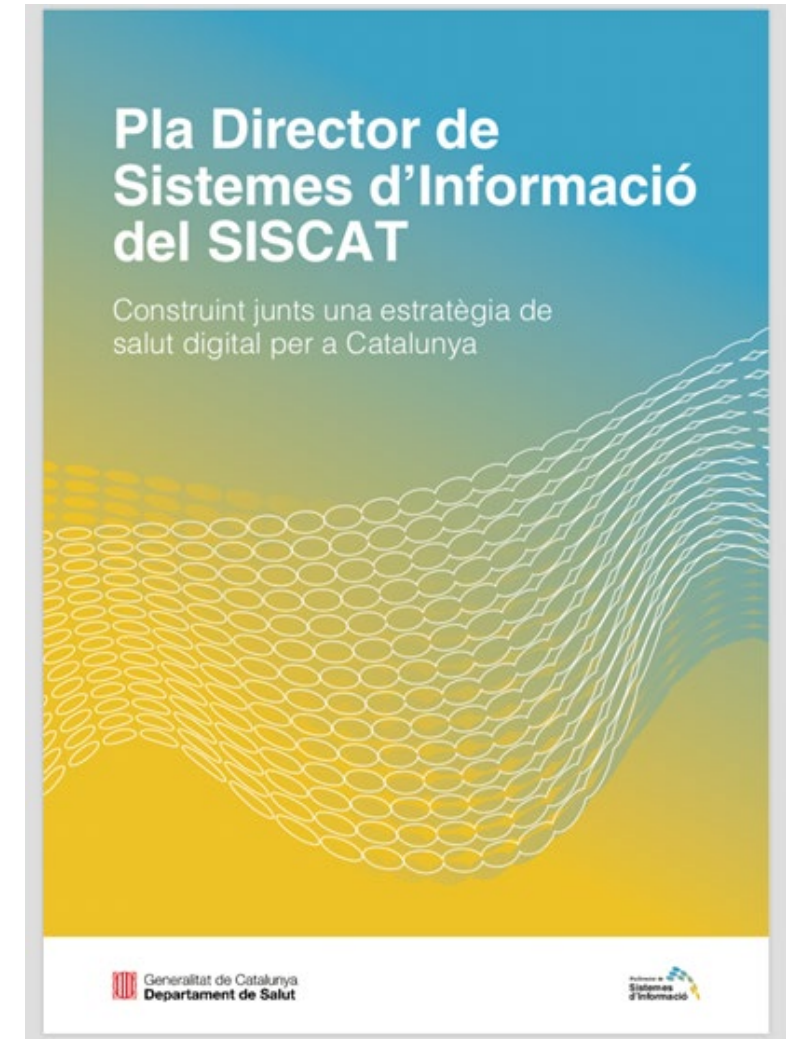


# Overcoming limitations

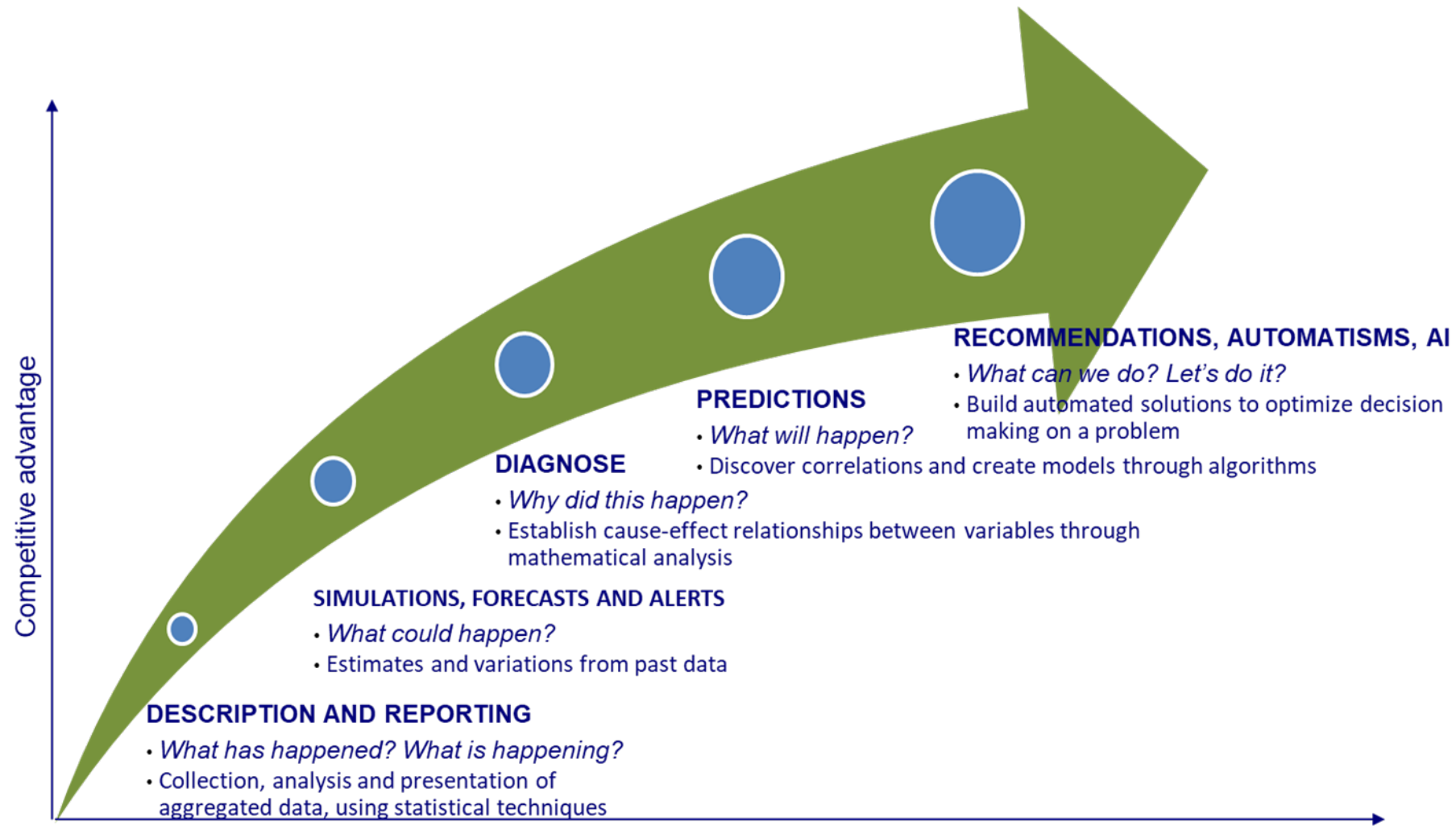
- **Our proposal:**
  - Transfer of core services, data and capabilities to a new paradigm based on a **knowledge-driven platform**, within a service infrastructure and a modern application development environment
- **Alternatives not considered:**
  1. Purchase of a **commercial mega-suite**
  2. Purchase of **different commercial parts**, followed by integration according to the desired standards
  3. A **technological update** of current products with the aim of improving the UI / UX and, potentially, solving database and interoperability problems

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## Clinical Information Model



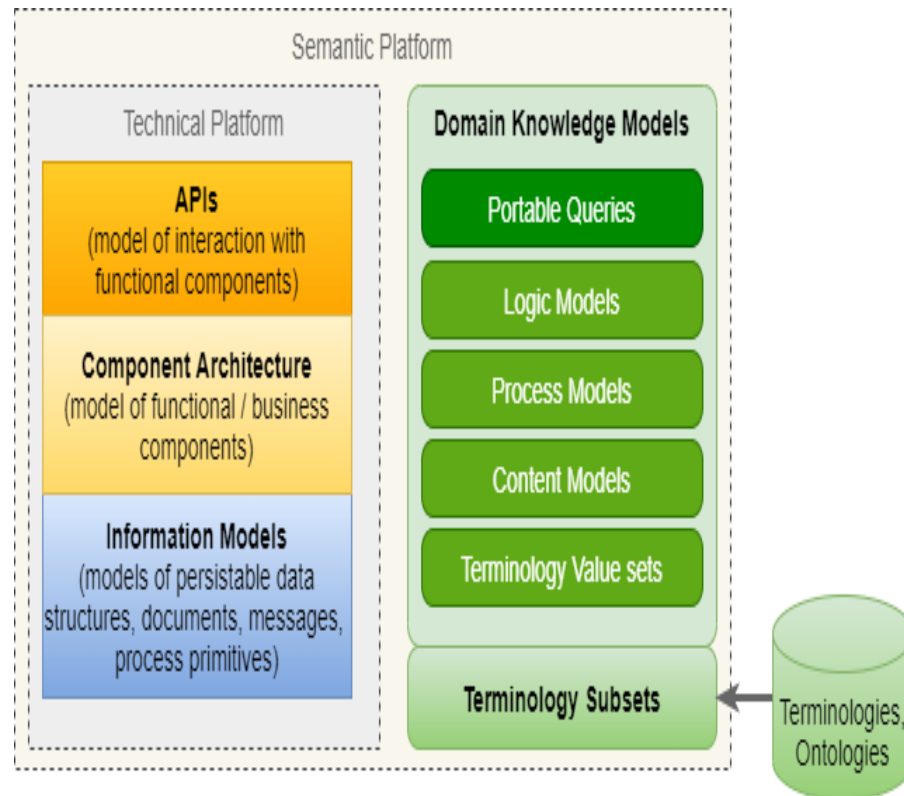
# Harnessing the power of data



# What is a “knowledge-driven platform”?

The aim of such a platform is to allow health professionals to structurally represent their knowledge with a longitudinal vision. This representation becomes requirements for software development (transactional and informational) in an automated manner

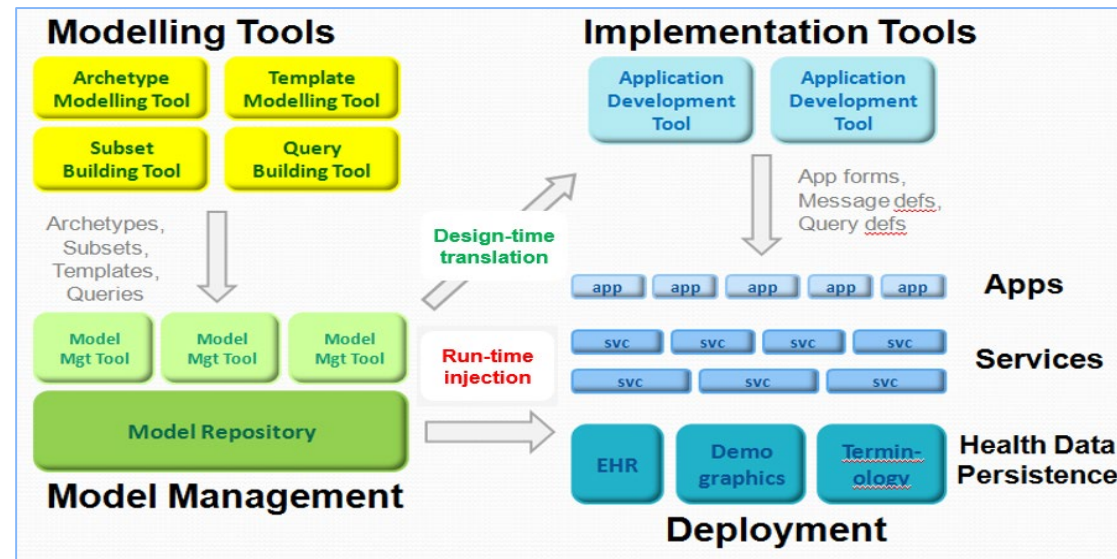
- Separate semantic definitions from software and databases
- Define a method of formal and explicit representation of this semantics
- Be focused on the requirements of representation in the field of Health
- Have tools that give autonomy to "knowledge specialists" in the management of semantic definitions
- Provide tools that allow the translation of this formal semantics, highly complex, into software solutions



# What is OpenEHR

OpenEHR is a Health Knowledge-based, open and independent technology provider platform.

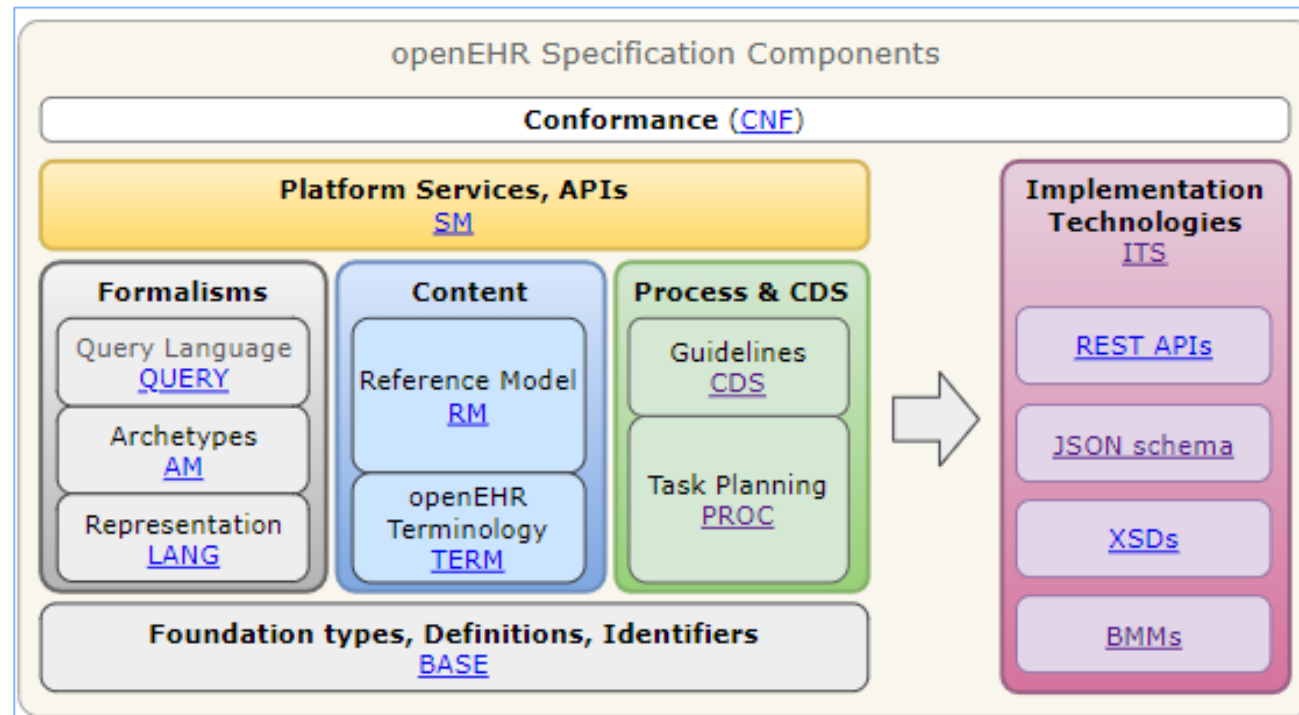
- The platform is specified in a set of standards, implementation specifications and tools that meet the most widespread technical criteria.
- Open philosophy implies that the use of definitions and specifications is freely accessible
- OpenEHR is NOT a software, a messaging system or an interoperability standard (it complements the existing ones –HL7, FHIR, ...)





## What is OpenEHR (II)

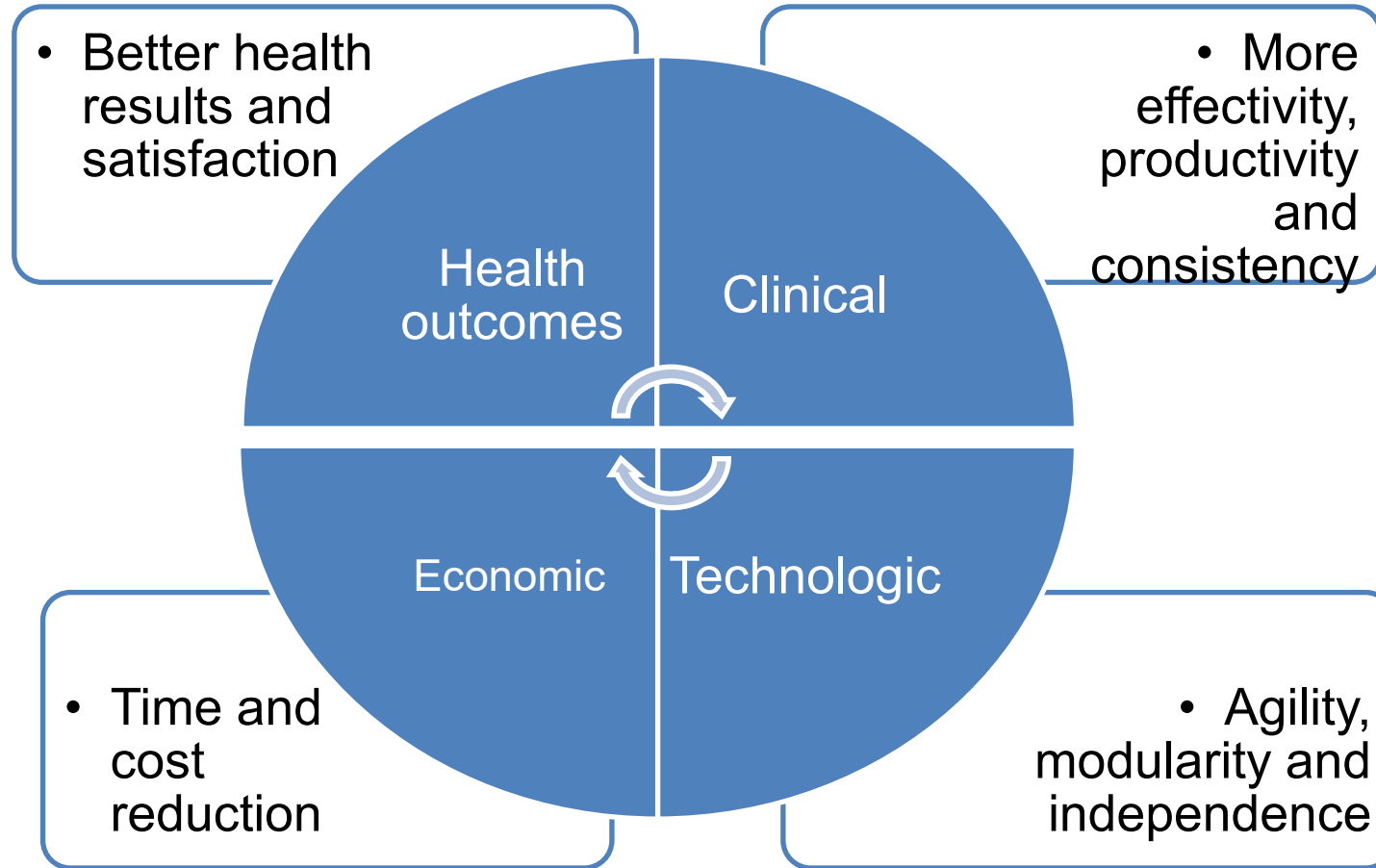
As a result of the activity of the OpenEHR community, they are available to its members, a series of components in a continuous process of refinement and evolution.



<https://specifications.openehr.org/>

# Benefits

The implementation of a knowledge platform brings health, clinical, technical and economic benefits.

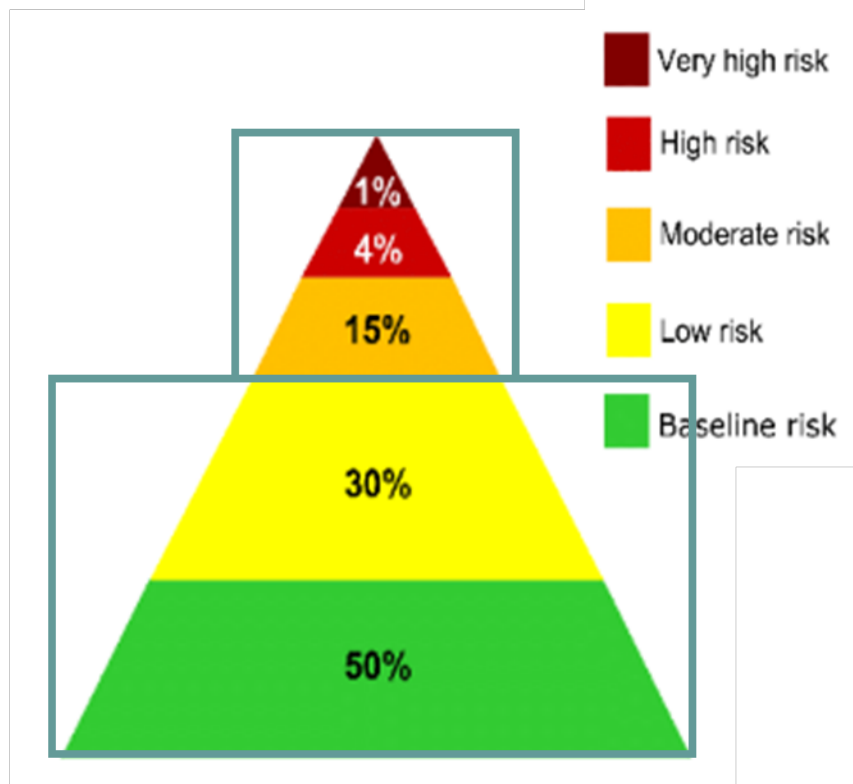


# Risks

- Functional and technological learning curve
- Availability of suppliers with technical capabilities
- Deadlines for getting the first results
- Sizing and training of current teams
- Coexistence of both solutions (avoiding big bang)
- Migration of the legacy to the new solution

# GMA – Current applications and future developments

## Uses of **Adjusted Morbidity Groups (GMA)**:



It allows the identification of patients with specific healthcare requirements facilitating personalized health delivery strategies by way of two different interventions:

- **Case Finding:** Highly vulnerable patients, allocated at the tip of the risk pyramid, prone to major deleterious health events, such as unplanned hospital admissions, fast functional decline, death.
- **Screening:** Discovery of cases with non-manifest illnesses may benefit from early diagnosis and cost-effective preventive interventions

# GMA – Current applications and future developments

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(DONA, 68 ANYS) **GMA** 3,7% reingr. Estat risc COVID-19: Alt

**GMA 33.2: Pacient amb patologia crònica en 4 o més sistemes, amb Nivell de Complexitat 2. (A data 02/2021)**  
Asma + T. de tiroides + Osteoporosis + Artrosis + Ansiedad + Otras patologías crónicas  
3,7% de risc de reingres. Valorable a partir del 10%. (A data 02/2021)  
Dades de tot el servei català de salut.  
Estat risc COVID-19: Alt  
(Data actualització 20/11/2020)

ASMA

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DOLOR A LA CAMA

Valoració crònica

DETALL DEL PROBLEMA | NOU PROBLEMA | COMENTARI

Data Alta: 11/12/2018 Codí: E53.8

Descripció: DÉFICIT DE FOLATS

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## Future challenges:

Improve the case screening anticipating movements across the Risk Pyramid

Use GMA for specific clinical risk predictive modelling

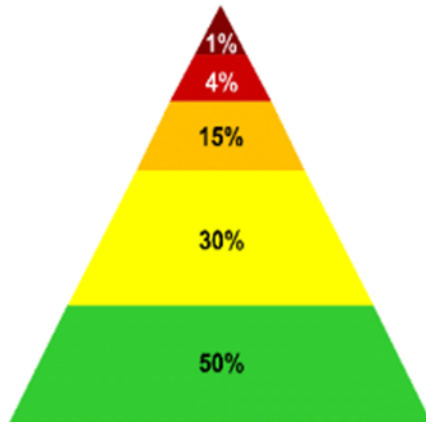


# GMA – Current applications and future developments



## Turning the Crisis Into an Opportunity: Digital Health Strategies Deployed During the COVID-19 Outbreak

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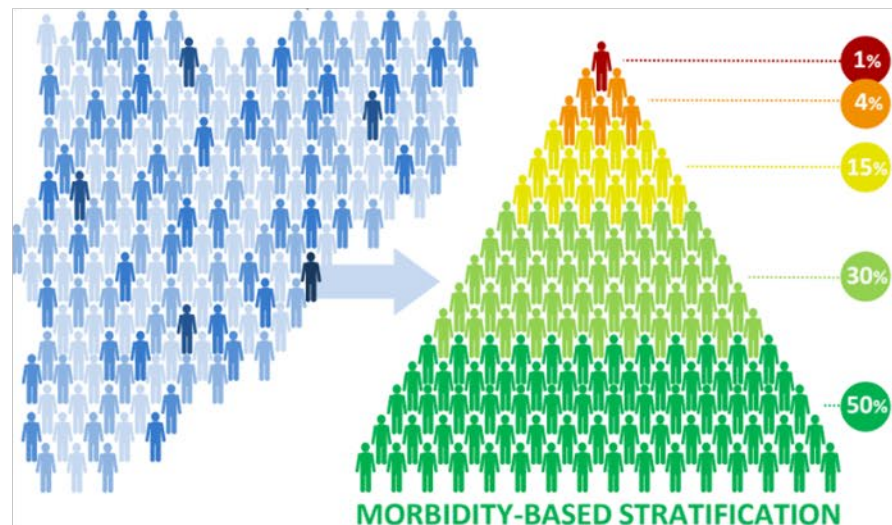
### Covid 19 Risk strata:

Risk of mortality: High	Risk of hospital admission: Very high
Risk of mortality: Moderate	Risk of hospital admission: High
Risk of mortality: Low	Risk of hospital admission: Moderate
Rest of the population	

# Health Risk Assessment

**Risk assessment** is the effort of identifying and analysing potential (future) events that may negatively impact individuals or a subset of a population, taking in account their likelihood and consequences, and the tolerances for such events.

## Population risk assessment



## Patient-based risk assessment

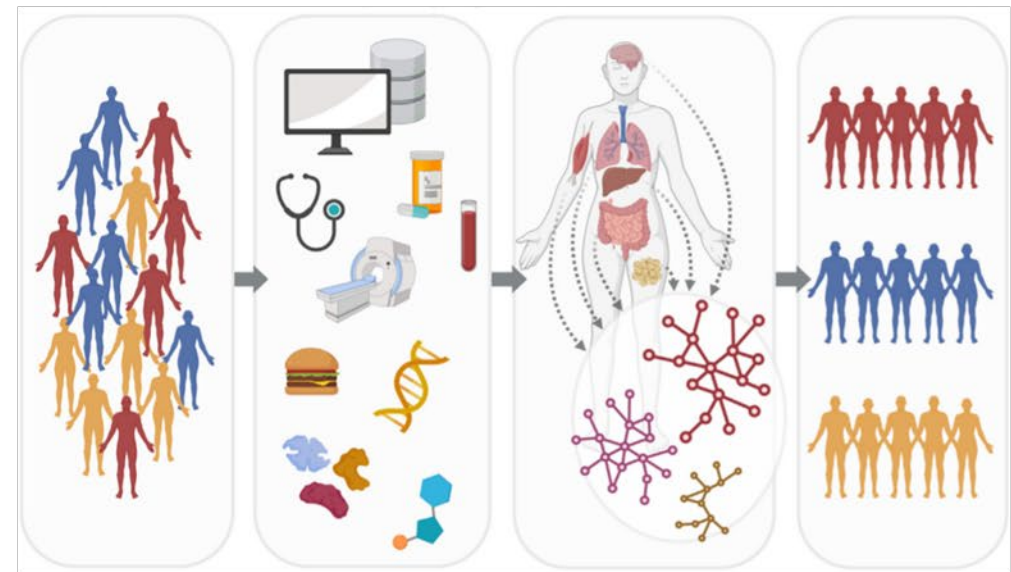
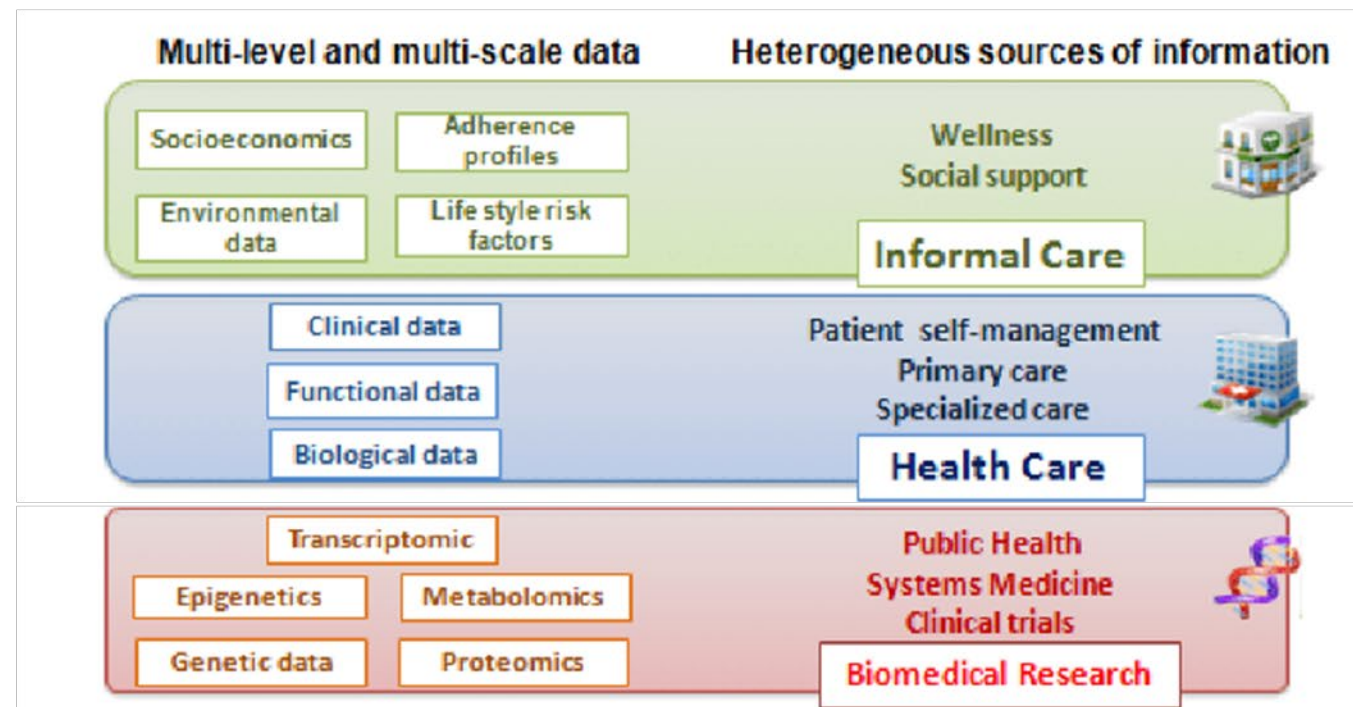


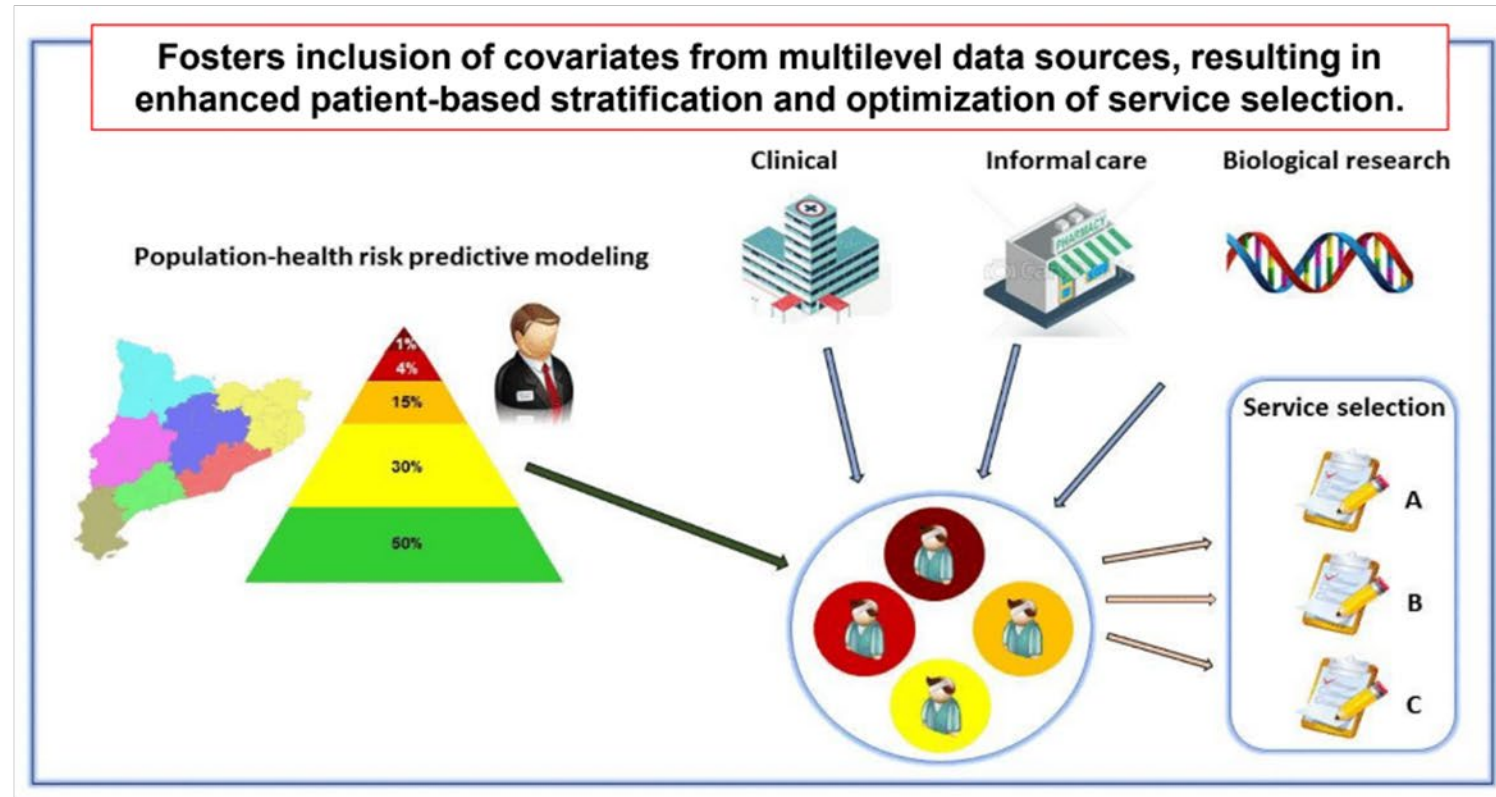
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# Multisource Clinical Predictive Modelling

**Multisource Clinical Predictive Modelling** emerges as a holistic strategy for subject-specific risk prediction and patient stratification, considering multilevel data sources which influence patient health in order to improve disease prediction and prevention, foster personalized treatment strategies and facilitate clinical decision-making.



# Working Hypothesis



Applying holistic strategies for subject-specific risk prediction and stratification, that consider multisource covariates influencing patients health, could increase the predictive accuracy and facilitate clinical decision-making

## Aspects that made the success and made it sustainable

- ✓ Political consensus on the health model with a positive perception of the population
- ✓ Long tradition of successful Catalan Health Plans
- ✓ Entrepreneurship & networking tradition leading to a consolidated ecosystem
- ✓ Despite some resistances, health professionals are champions of the change
- ✓ Current predominant analysis of the COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity

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