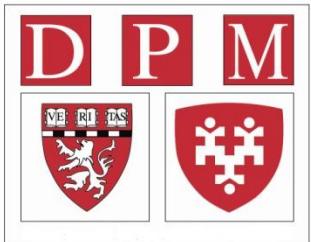


Aligning care and research to reduce burdens / improve integration

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Minimize interference with operations

- Managerial time and systems support are required to avoid impact on front line personnel
- E.g.,
VP for Clinical Operations,
Chief Nursing Officer,
Quality Improvement staff,
Infection Prevention team,
ICU directors,
Pharmacy staff,
Supply chain management,
IT department

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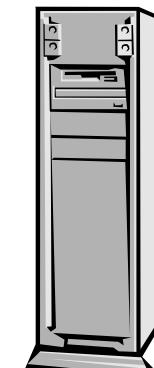


Getting Data from EHRs: EHR Support for Public Health (ESP)

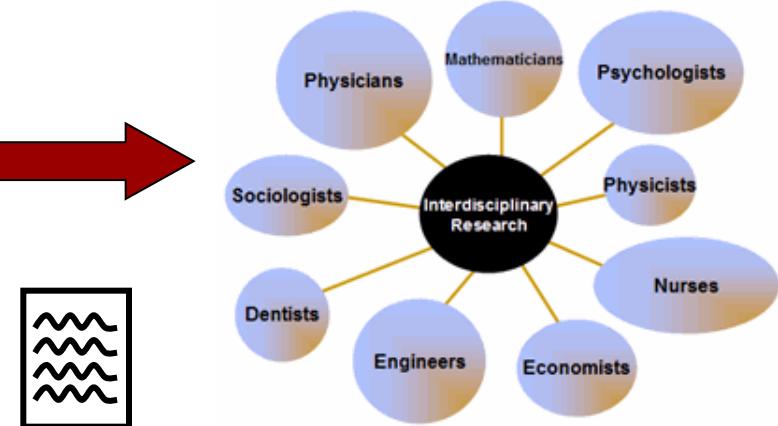
Practice EHR



ESP Server



Research team



diagnoses



lab results



meds



vital signs



demographics



HL7
electronic
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Sending data to an EHR

- Capability to send information to EHR
 - e.g., a structured query asking if a patient is eligible to be approached to participate in a trial

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Administrative data

- Covers care across locations
- Available for large populations
- Better standardized than EHRs
- Most useful when linked to EHRs

FDA Mini-Sentinel's Common Data Model

Administrative data

- Enrollment
- Demographics
- Outpatient pharmacy dispensing
- Utilization (encounters, diagnoses, procedures)

Electronic Health Record data

- Height, weight, blood pressure, temperature
- Laboratory test results (selected tests)

Registries

- Immunization
- Birth and Death

Mini-Sentinel Distributed Database

- Populations with well-defined person-time for which most medically-attended events are known
- 126 million individuals*
 - 345 million person-years of observation time
- 3 billion dispensings
- 2.4 billion unique encounters
 - 40 million acute inpatient stays
- 13 million people with laboratory test results

*As of 12 December 2011. The potential for double-counting exists if individuals moved between data partner health plans.

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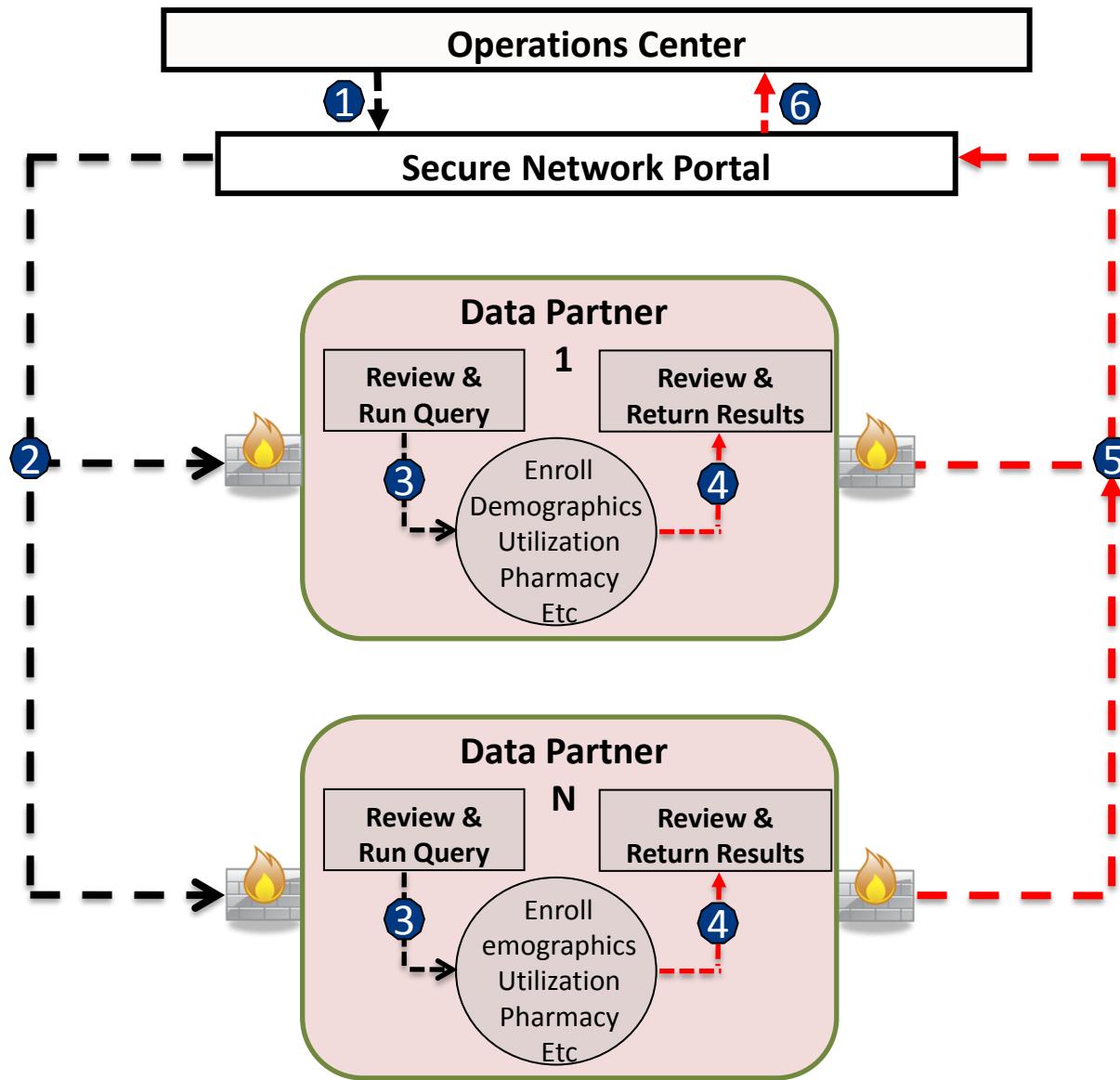


Query Health: Distributed Population Queries



“Send questions to the data!”

Distributed analysis schema



- 1- User creates and submits query (a computer program)
- 2- Data partners retrieve query
- 3- Data partners review and run query against their local data
- 4- Data partners review results
- 5- Data partners return results via secure network
- 6 Results are aggregated

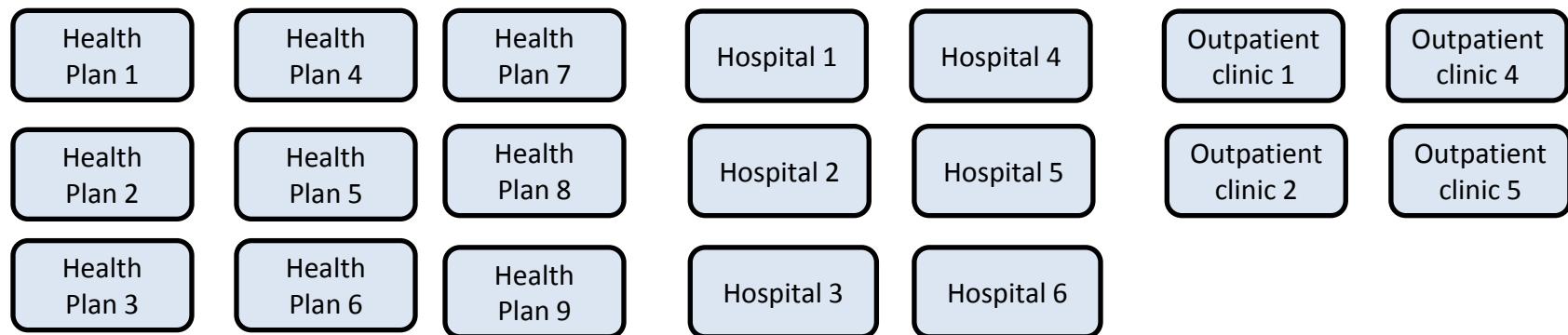
Rationale for Distributed Networks

- Minimizes sharing of confidential information
 - Protected Health Information
 - Proprietary data
- Data holders retain control over the users and uses of their data

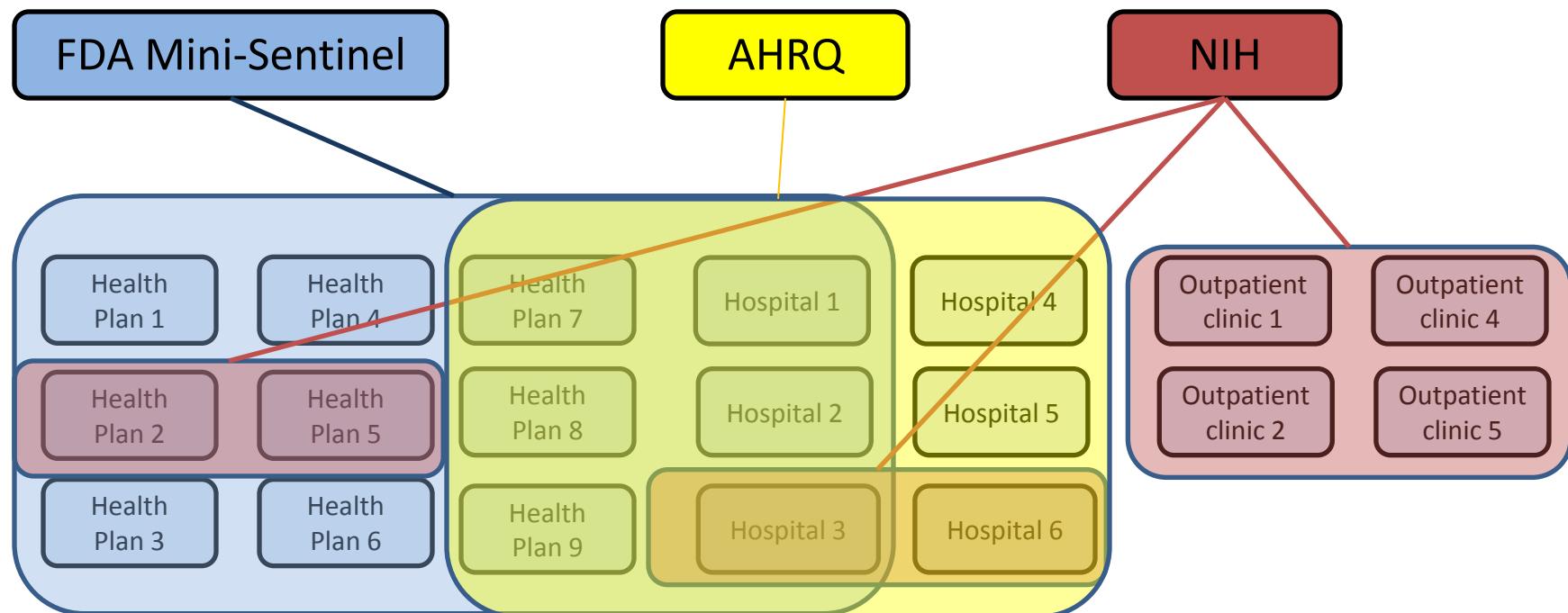
Distributed network examples

- FDA Mini-Sentinel
- NIH
 - Cancer Research Network
- AHRQ
 - SPAN (Scalable PArtnering Network for CER)
 - PEAL (Population based Effectiveness for Asthma and Lung Disease)
- HMO Research Network

Multiple Networks Sharing Infrastructure



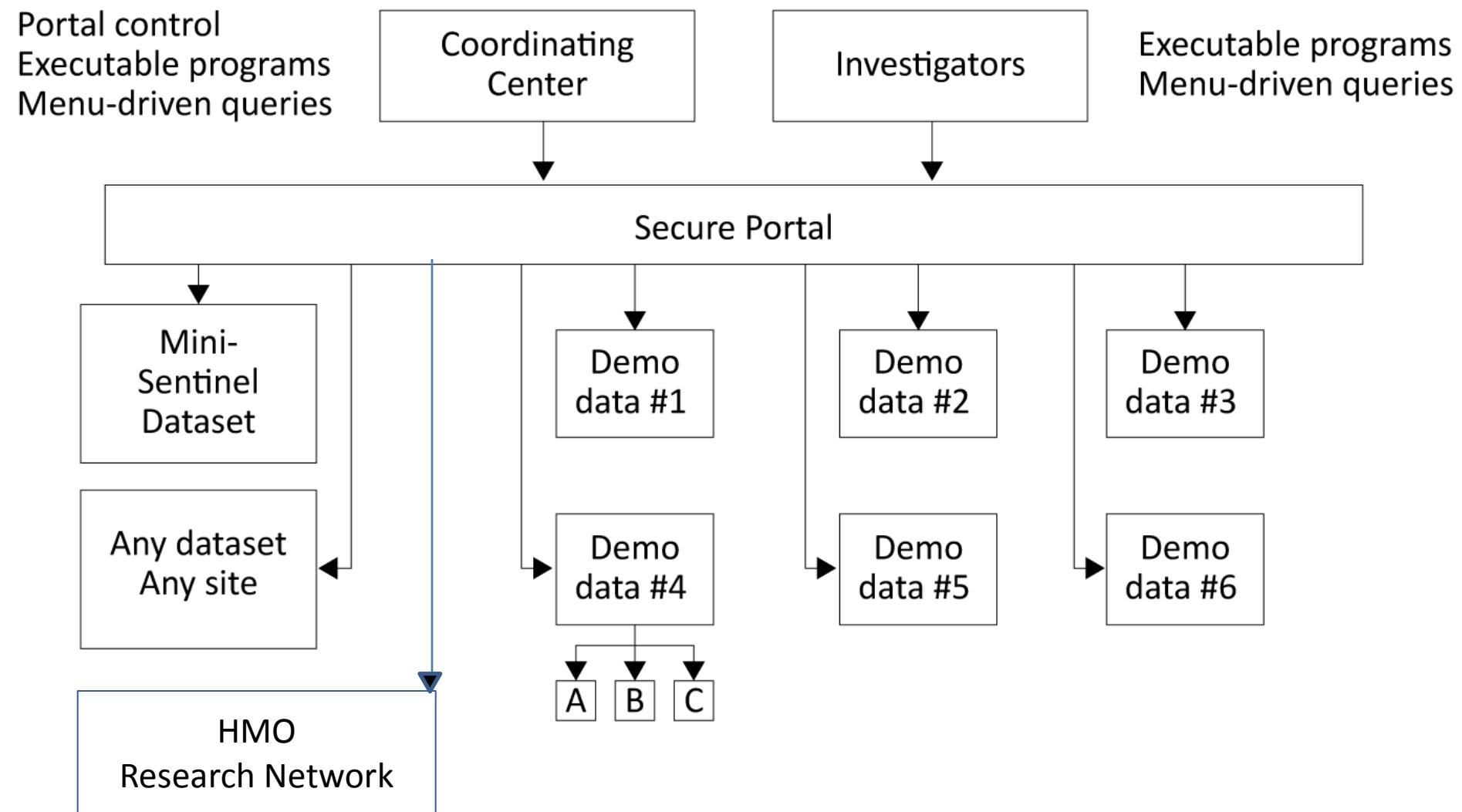
Multiple Networks Sharing Infrastructure



- Each organization can choose to participate in multiple networks
- Each network controls its governance and coordination
- **Networks share infrastructure, data curation, analytics, lessons, security, software development**

NIH Distributed Research Network

of the Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory



Thank you!