

***Context: Providers Who Capture and Use Data***

## **Practice-Based Research Networks**

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# **What is a Practice-Based Research Network?**

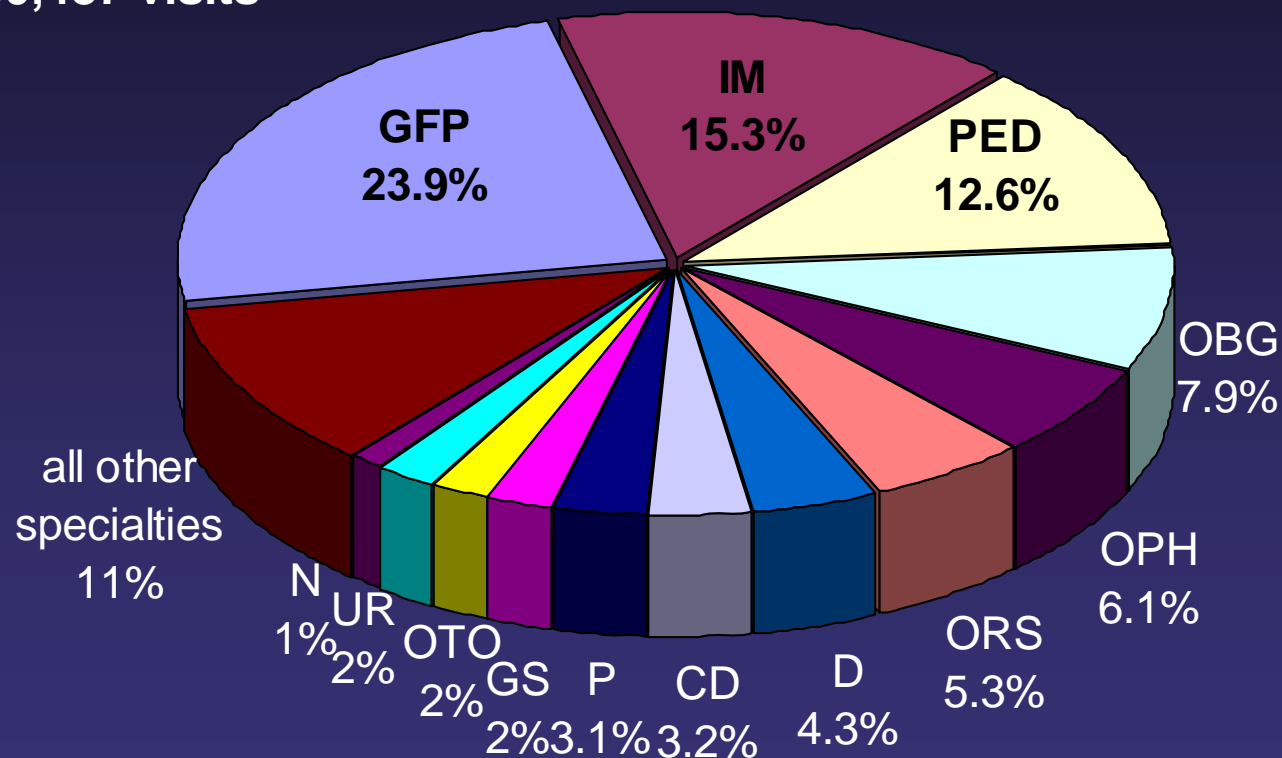
- **A collaborative of physicians committed to performing research of importance and relevance in their clinical practice**
- **Experienced clinicians located in a community setting principally involved in patient care**
- **Exist beyond the needs of a single study**

# **Primary Care Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRN)**

**are  
clinical laboratories  
for Primary Care research  
and dissemination**

# Distribution of Office Visits by Physician Specialty *United States, 2001*

Total 880,487 visits



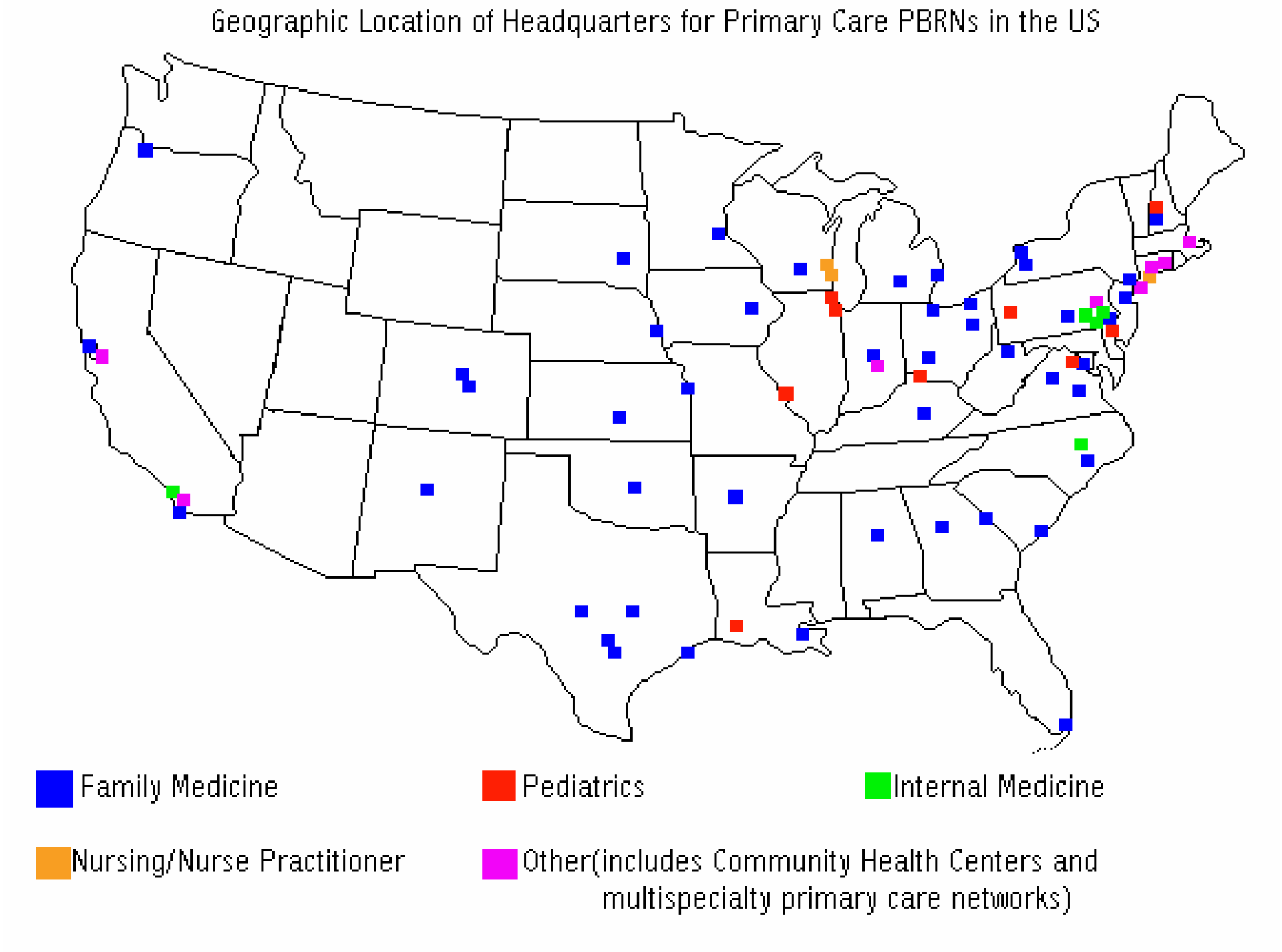
**Source:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 2001 data.

# Federation of Practice-based Research Networks (FPBRN)

- Established in 1998
- Representative elected governance
- 57 networks (PBRNs) representing over 8500 physicians
- Members include AAFP, AAP, ACP-SGIM, AANP
- Over 2700 participating clinics
- Potential patient population of over 16 million

*“the most promising infrastructure development that [the committee] could find to support better science in primary care.”*

*Committee on the Future of Primary Care  
Institute of Medicine 1999*



# Why Capture Data in PBRNs?

- Patients demographically closely resemble the general population seeking medical care
- Provide services (and accessibility) to widely diverse populations
- Diverse locations, multiple delivery systems

# How is Data from PBRNs Used?

- Translation of research into practice
- Quality
- Effectiveness vs. efficacy
- Provider generated performance measures
- Safety
- Biosurveillance
- Health disparities
- Clinical Trials
- Community Based Participatory Research



# Interoperability

**: ability of two or more systems or components to exchange information and to predictably use the information that has been exchanged**

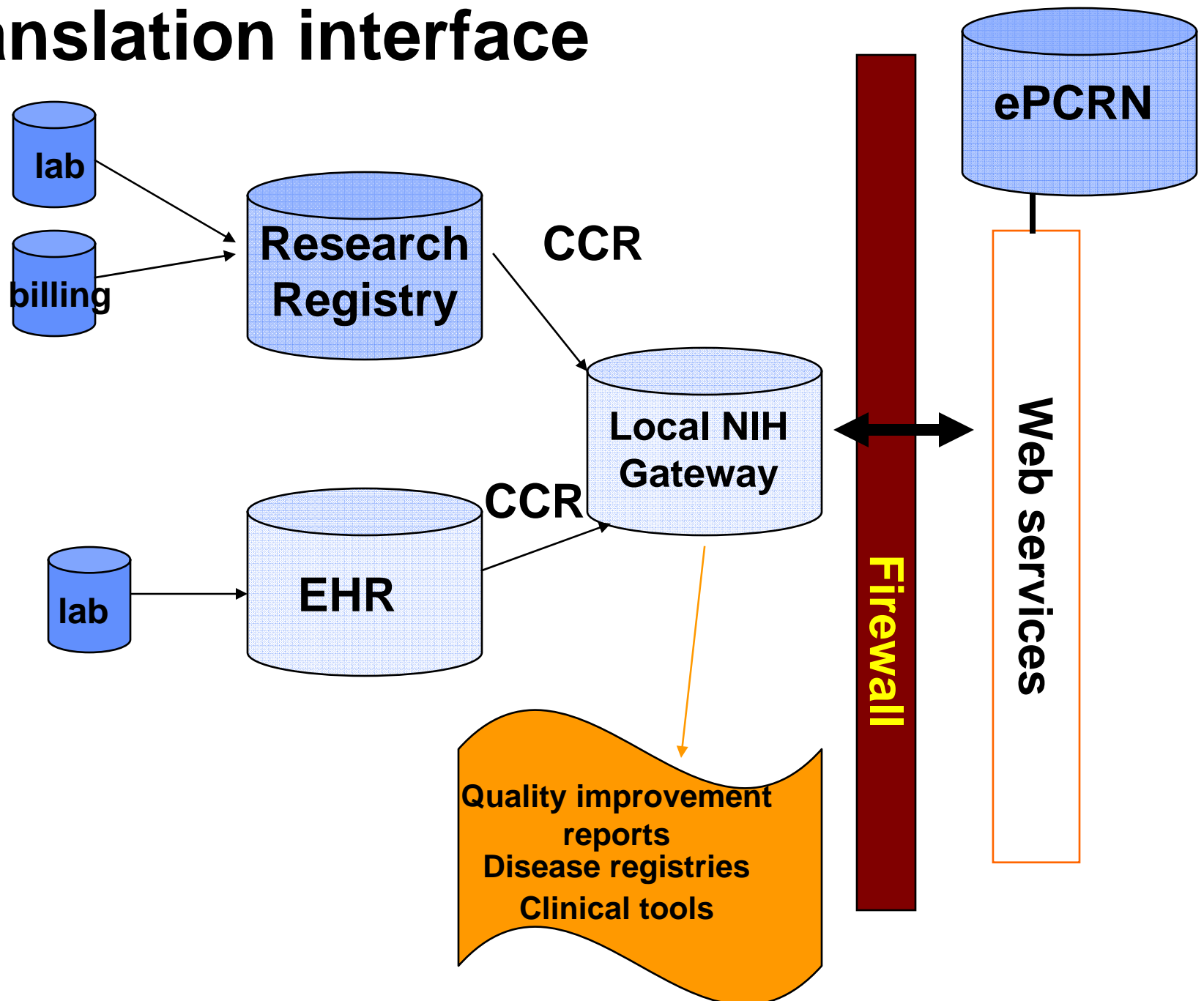
**source: IEEE Standard Computer Dictionary: A  
Compilation of IEEE Standard Computer Glossaries, IEEE, 1990**

- **Syntactic - the ability to read**
- **Semantic – the ability to understand**

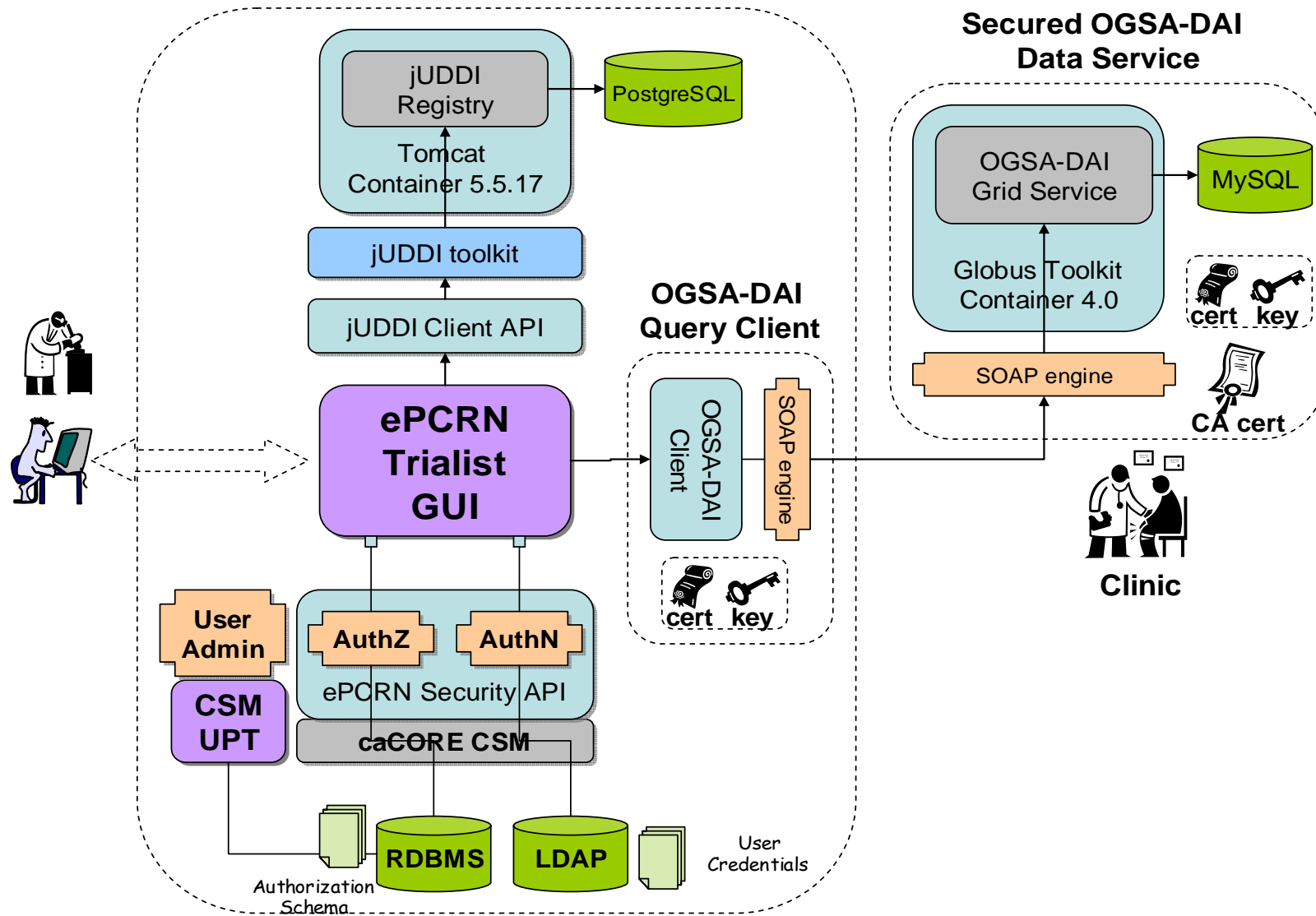
**NIH funded *electronic architecture for primary care PBRNs that:***

- facilitates clinical research in primary care practices anywhere in the US
- promotes the rapid integration of new research findings into primary care
- Funded by NHLBI, NCRR, NIDDK, NCI, AHRQ

# Translation interface



# Federated NIH Gateway (ePCRNet)



# Patient specific profile

- Current disease status →

- Graphic history of previous test results →

- Recommended tests for the current visit →

## Diabetes Patient Profile - Confidential

Log Off

Date: 4/11/2006

Name:

Type: 2

D.O.B.:

Last Visit: 5/24/2005

Provider:

Clinic:

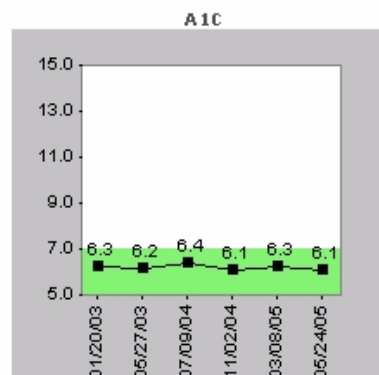
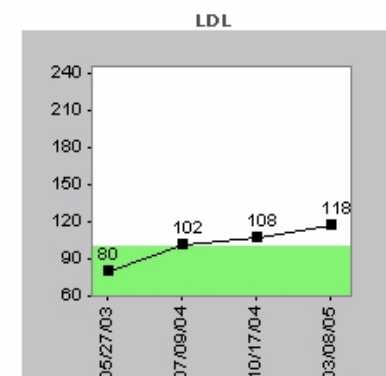
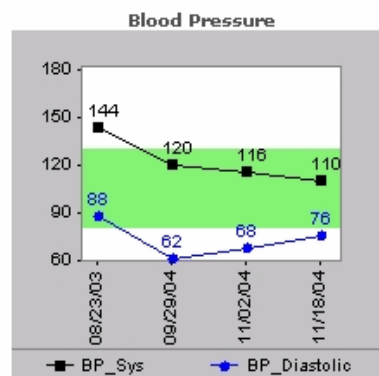
EMDI #:

Complications: HYPERTENSION,  
DEPRESSION-MED TRT

Dx Date:

Eye Exam: No retinopathy present. - 5/8/2003

Foot Exam: Abnormal - 11/18/2004



### Microalb Creatinine Ratio

Value: 5.9 Date: 7/9/2004

### Smoking

Value: No Date: 5/24/2005

### Cessation Advised

Value: NA

### Aspirin

Value: Yes Date: 11/18/2004

**ALERT! Based on DQIP performance measures this patient requires:**

Foot Exam  
Eye Exam  
A1C Test  
LDL Test  
Microalbumin or  
Microalbumin/Creatinine Ratio Test

BP: \_\_\_\_\_

Foot Exam: nl abn

Eye Exam Date: \_\_\_\_\_

retin noretin referred

# Quality Improvement

DUSTY ROADS CLINIC  
(07/15/2003 to 07/15/2004)

GOOD, JOHN (73 patients)

Patient Name		Current A1C		Last A1C		A1C Statistics		Current LDL			BP
Last Name	First Name	value	date	value	date	change	due	value	date	due	Systolic
1) MOUSE	MICKEY	10.4	4/20/2004	5.8	12/3/2003	↑ 4.6		140 (H)	4/20/2004		102
2) DUCK	DONALD	9	5/18/2004	6.8	9/23/2003	↑ 2.2		70	6/6/2003	yes	126
3) MOUSE	MINNIE	8.2	12/8/2003	6.6	5/20/2003	↑ 1.6	yes	110 (H)	12/8/2003		108
4) PIG	PORKY	7.8	3/18/2004	7	8/1/2003	↑ 0.8		70	6/4/2004		124
5) JETSON	JANE	7.8	6/30/2004	8.2	4/26/2004	↓ 0.4		75	5/4/2004		118
6) JETSON	GEORGE	7.6	3/23/2004	8.6	9/9/2003	↓ 1		109 (H)	3/23/2004		138 (H)
7) FLNITSTONE	FRED	7.5	7/29/2003	7.4	5/7/2003	↑ 0.1	yes	58	4/19/2003	yes	144 (H)
8) RUBBLE	BARNIE	7.4	12/10/2003	5.4	5/12/2003	↑ 2	yes	84	12/10/2003		140 (H)

# Facilitating Our Secondary Use of Data

- **Standard data structure**
  - **The Continuity of Care Record (CCR)**
    - balloted ASTM standard for medical record export written in standard W3C XML
  - **The Continuity of Care Document (CCD)**
    - HL7 “compatible” CDA document.
- **Standard data elements**
  - **SNOWMED**
    - most comprehensive global nomenclature