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# Imagine 2029: Our data, our health, our care – 20th anniversary of EHTEL

## EHTEL 2019 Symposium

10:45 – 12:00 [S2]



Aula 1  
First Floor

### EU, National and Regional Policies on “Our data, our health, our care”

*Governance, policies and stakeholder perspectives on European, national and regional levels.*

Session Chair: Peter Cuipers, IBM, Zürich, Switzerland

### Catalan Government eHealth Strategy and Masterplan

Pol Perez Sust, Director of Information System, Department of Health, Barcelona, Spain

### European Health Data Space – Next Steps for the New EU Commission

Ioana-Maria Gligor, DG Santé, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

### Industry View on AI, Big Data and Digital Therapeutics in Europe

John Crawford, Digital Health Consultant, CrawfordWorks, London, United Kingdom

### Q&A and Conclusions by the Session Chair

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## **Catalan Government eHealth Strategy and Masterplan**

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*3 December 2019*  
EHTEL 2019 Symposium, Barcelona

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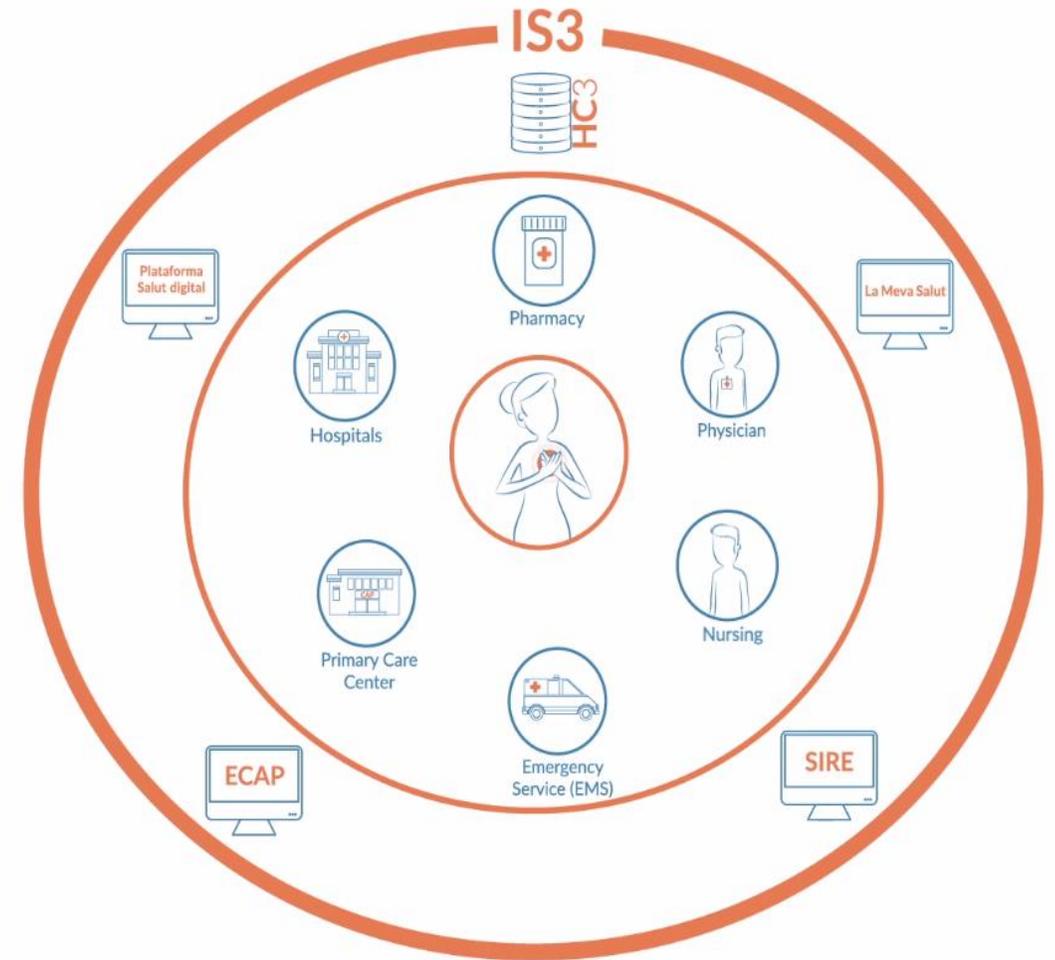
# Outline

- Overview of e-health in Catalonia
- Why a new e-health strategy now?
- The Masterplan
- Key messages and questions

# eHealth in Catalonia

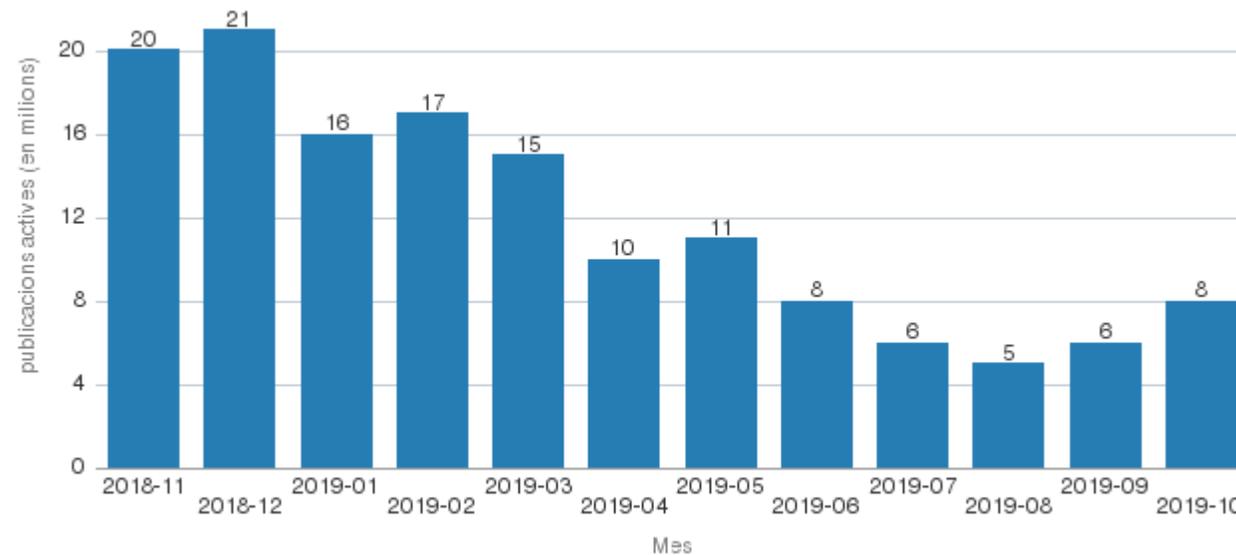
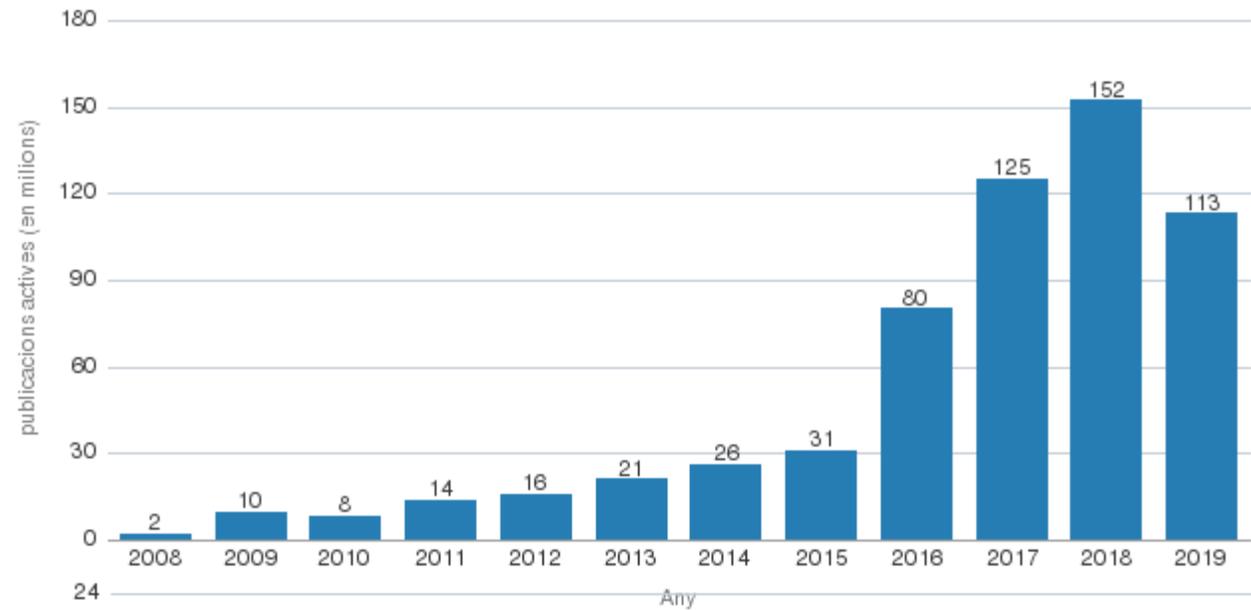
- ✓ Share EHR: HC3
- ✓ Personal Health Record: La Meva Salut
- ✓ Interoperability services: IS3

All three initiatives have been steps in the right direction towards data integration.



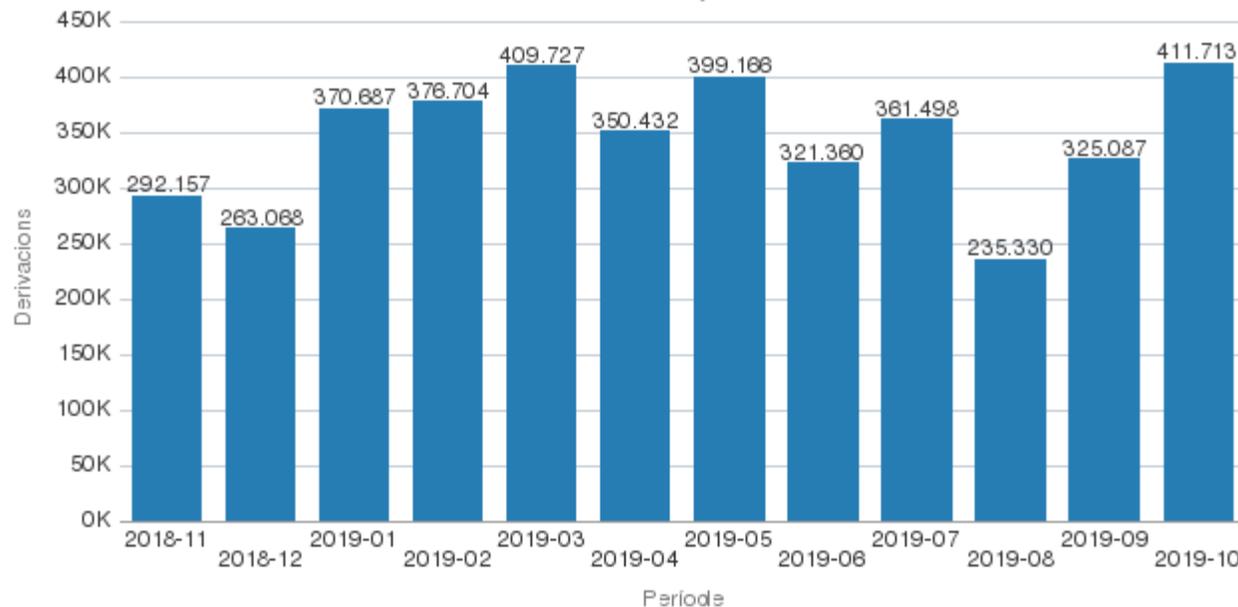
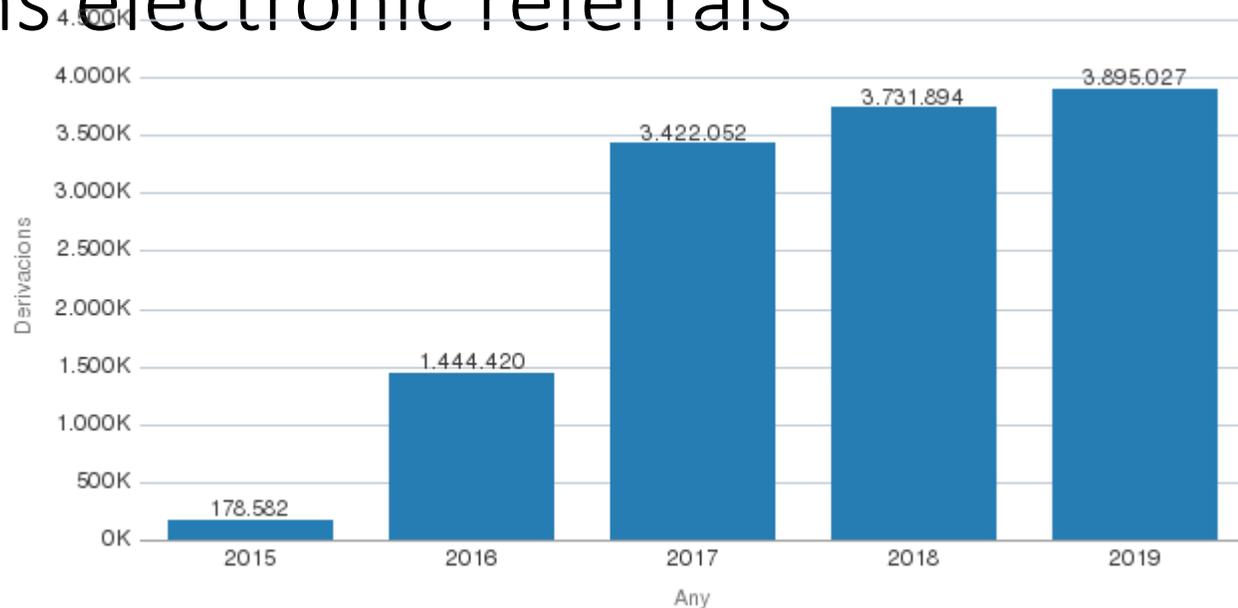
*Free choice of health providers' HIS contributed to the success of first wave of digitization.*

# Publicacions actives a HC3 : 598 milions

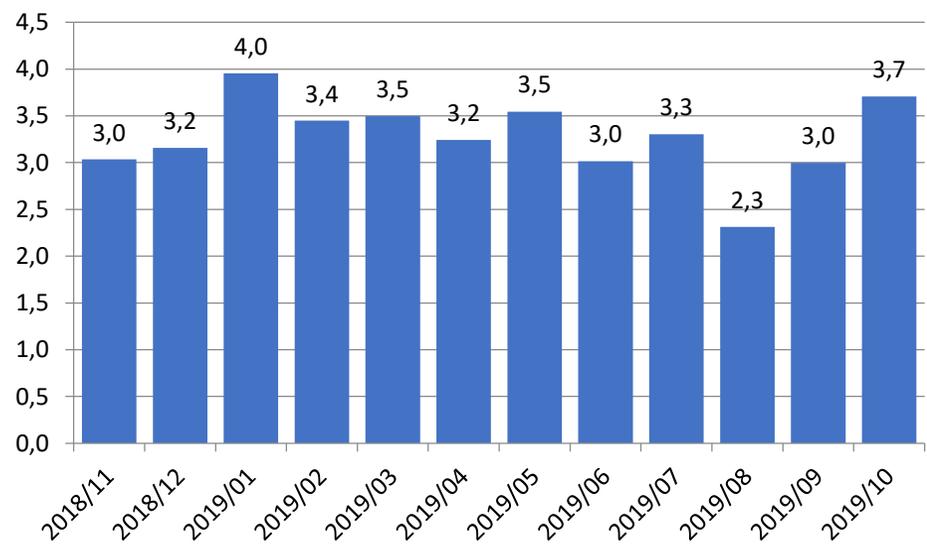
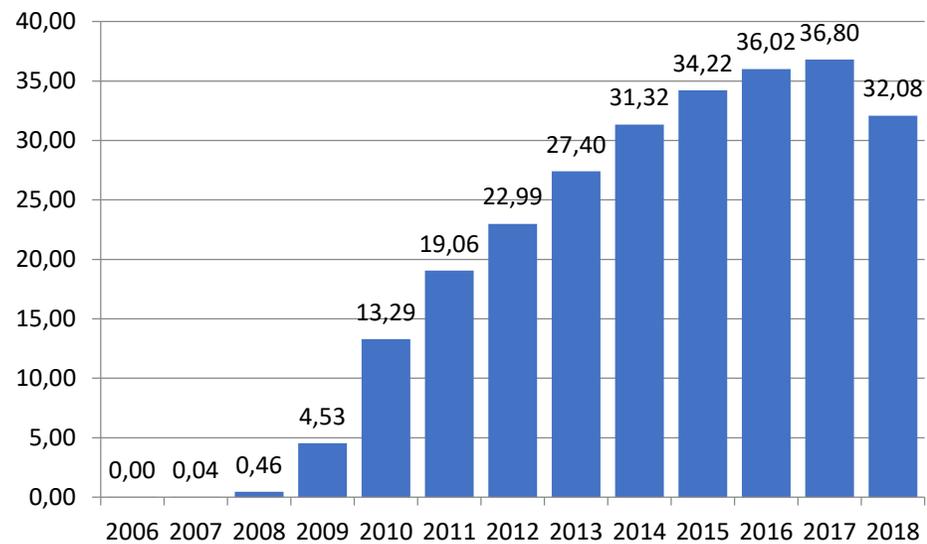


# Interoperability services: IS3

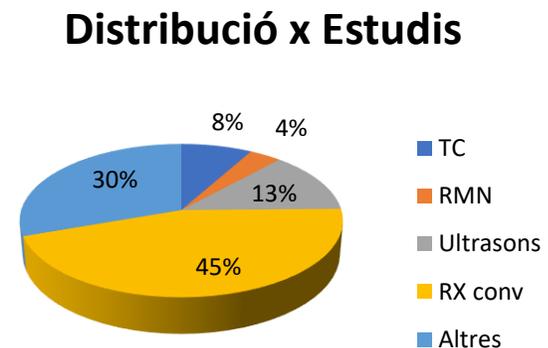
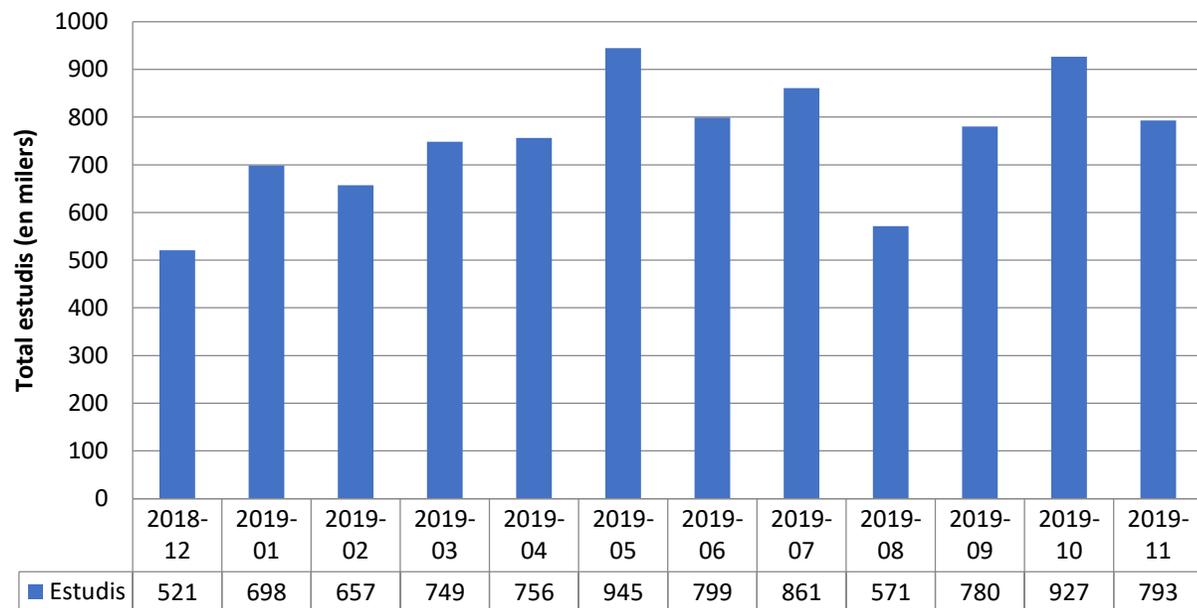
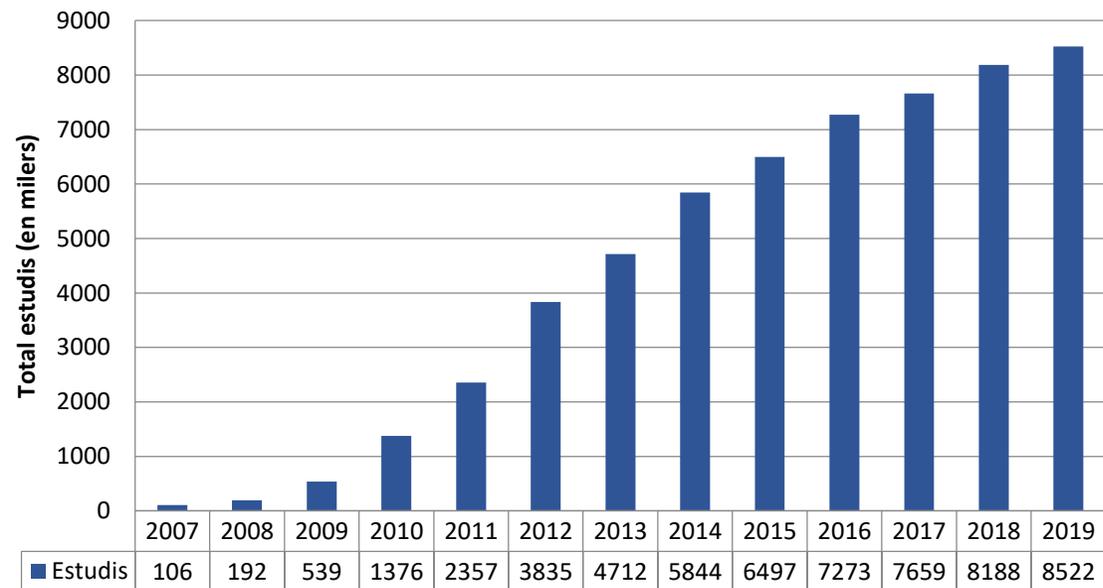
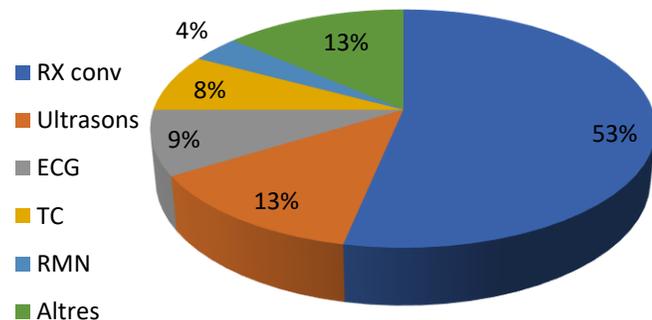
: 12,6 milions electronic referrals



# E prescription: 258 milions



# SIMDCAT: 57 milions d'estudis



# Why a New E-health strategy now?

Our health information system landscape is too fragmented, generating high maintenance costs, hampering innovation to scale-up and creating health inequities.

Producte	Aplicació						
	ECM	ECI	FAC	DF	GA	AP	QC
SAP	10	6	14	5	10	3	3
SAVAC	7	6	6	10	7		1
HCIS	4	3		1	5		
GACELA		5					
TESIS	2	2	2				
Gespath						5	
PATWIN						6	
SILICON				3			
MINERVA ANALISI							4
Business Objects							5
QLIKVIEW							7
OFIMATIC							3
NOVOPATH						3	
PATWIN						6	
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Altres 40 productes	8	10	8	8	10	11	6

27 different HIS for  
65 acute hospitals

# Why a New E-health strategy now?

## Future-proof health systems need to:

- Respond to demographic change and *promote healthy ageing*
- Move focus from treatment to prevention
  
- Maximize contribution of care: *harness data and avoid information overload*
- Guide decision making and *employ artificial intelligence*
  
- Support managing and planning in a digital health system - *timely access to aggregated data*

} patients

} physicians

} managers

# Pla Director de Sistemes d'Informació del SISCAT

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# SISCAT Information Systems Masterplan

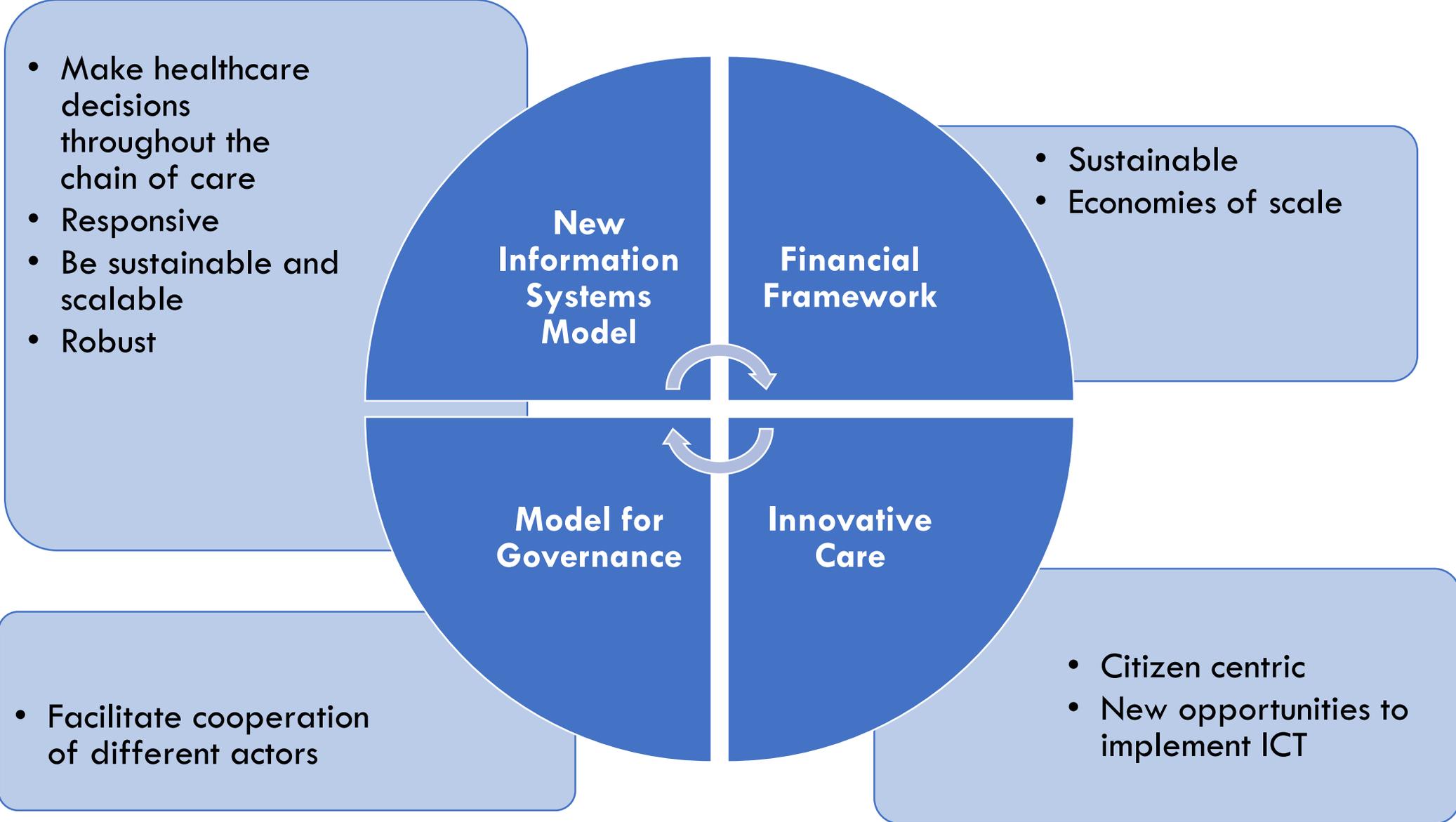
Building together a digital health strategy for  
Catalonia



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May 2018

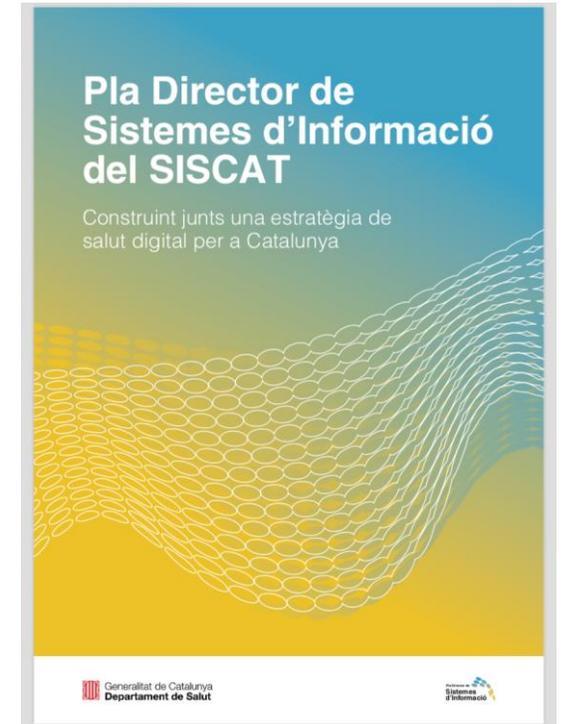
# Health Information Systems Masterplan: **Goals**



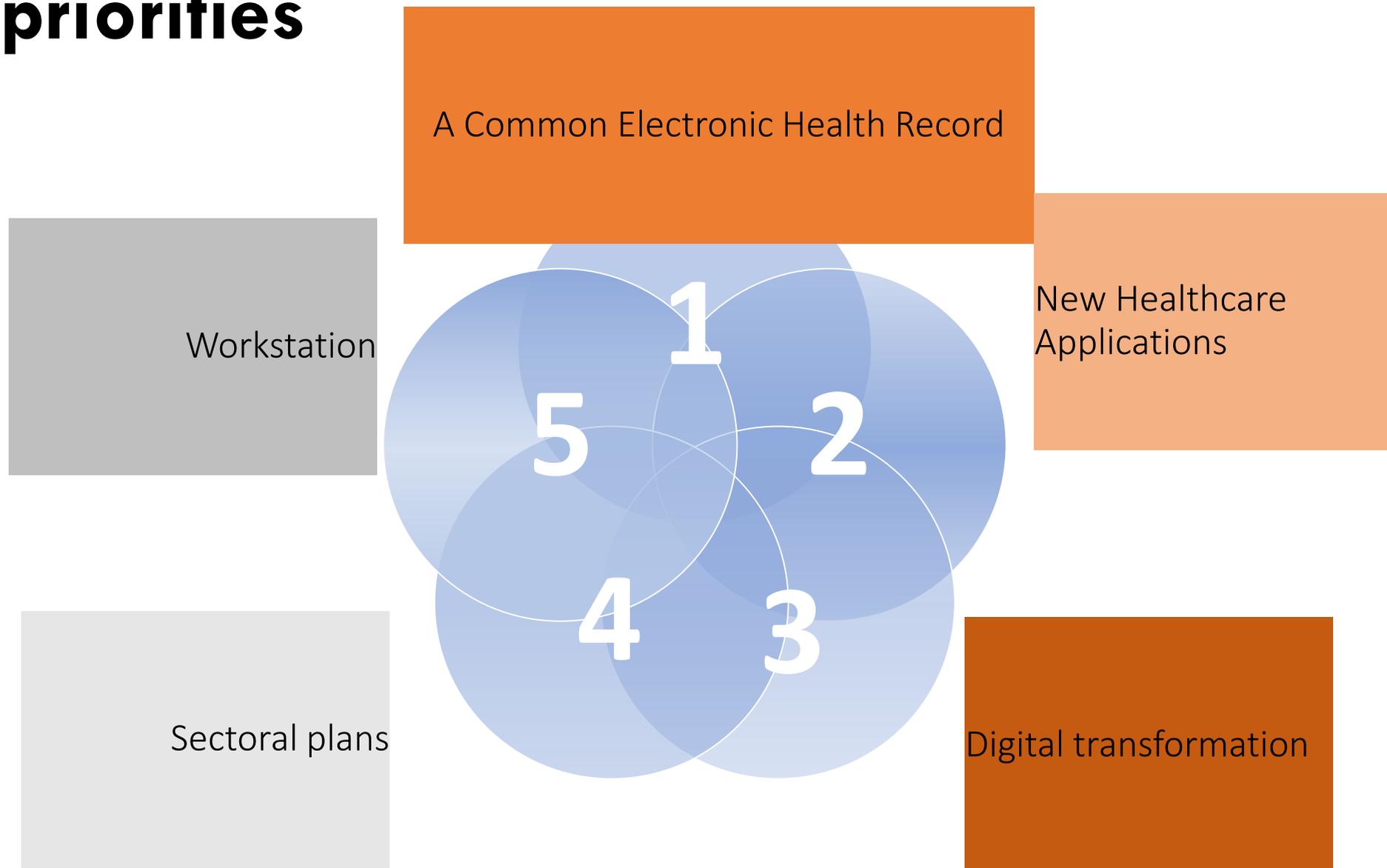
# Masterplan goals

- Consolidate a person-centred model of information systems that enables clinical and managerial decision-making across the care cycle.
- Establish a governance model of information systems with a solid community support while ensuring care continuity.
- Set out a financing framework to ensure implementation and sustainability over time.

- Create environments and opportunities to design and implement innovative person-centred ICT-based care services.
- Set out an ambitious roadmap, yet realistic, which will allow a long-lasting, successful and safe implementation of the new model.



# Health Information Systems Masterplan: 5 priorities



# Information System Model



- **HES:** Electronic Health Record for all citizens
- **RCDS:** Information for operational decision-making
- **Workstations:** rationalization, certification and renovation (PHCIS-ECAP and HIS); digital transformation.
- **Governance:** structural, normative and participatory within the SISCAT network of providers



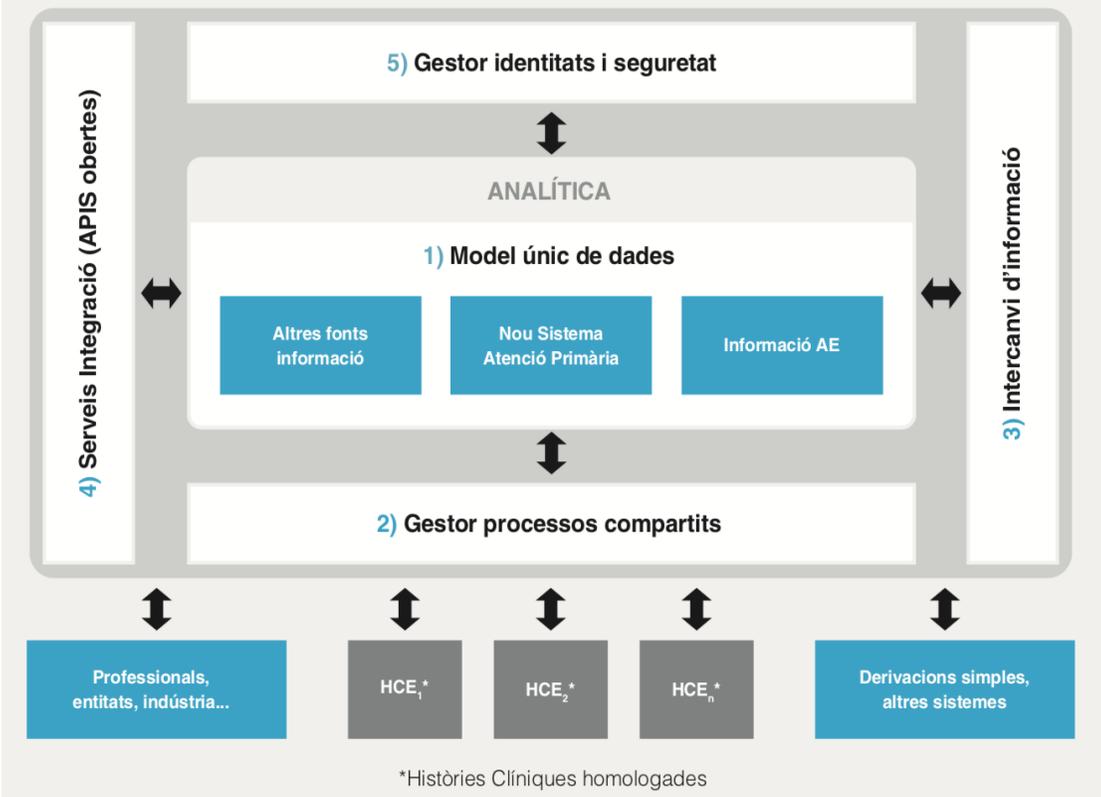
# HES: Electronic Health Record

HES is the functional and technical repository of all relevant personal information which requires to be recorded and shared along the healthcare system.

It is a conceptual and technological evolution of clinical records, currently stored in the various healthcare providers' information systems and without interconnection.

This repository will be built around the PHCIS-ECAP and will progressively replace the current information systems based on interoperability (HC3 and IS3).

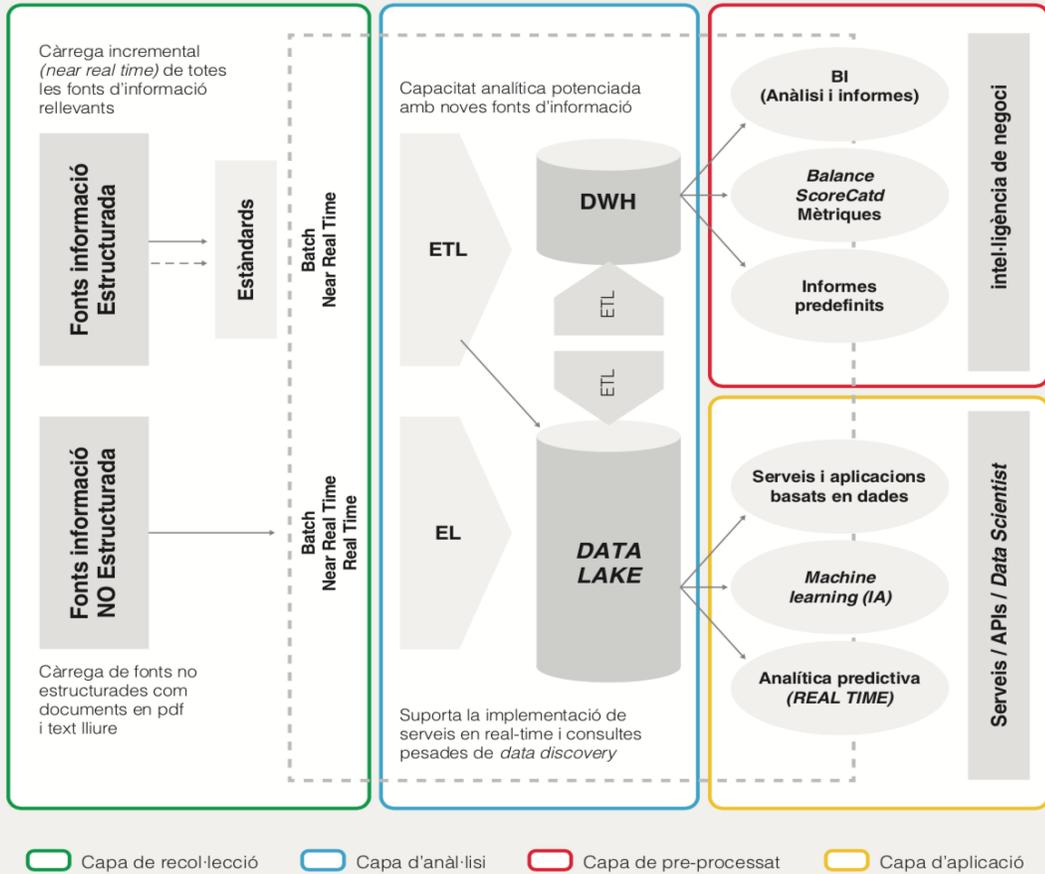
## Components del HES Historial Electrònic de Salut





# RCDS: Central Repository of Healthcare Data

RCDS updates in real-time the information recorded in HES



Unified support of structured and non-structured data

Flexible schemes designed to adapt to frequent changes

Unlimited data volumes management

Support to all types of data load: interactive, batch, real-time and analytical

Extensibility of functionalities

Horizontal scalability of resources at limited cost

Ground for applying AI algorithms

Open-data policy for SISCAT members

# Key messages

Fragmentation of health information systems is a chief obstacle for the digital transformation of health and care.

Developing a **shared data** and information systems architecture steered by the Department of Health is our digital strategy

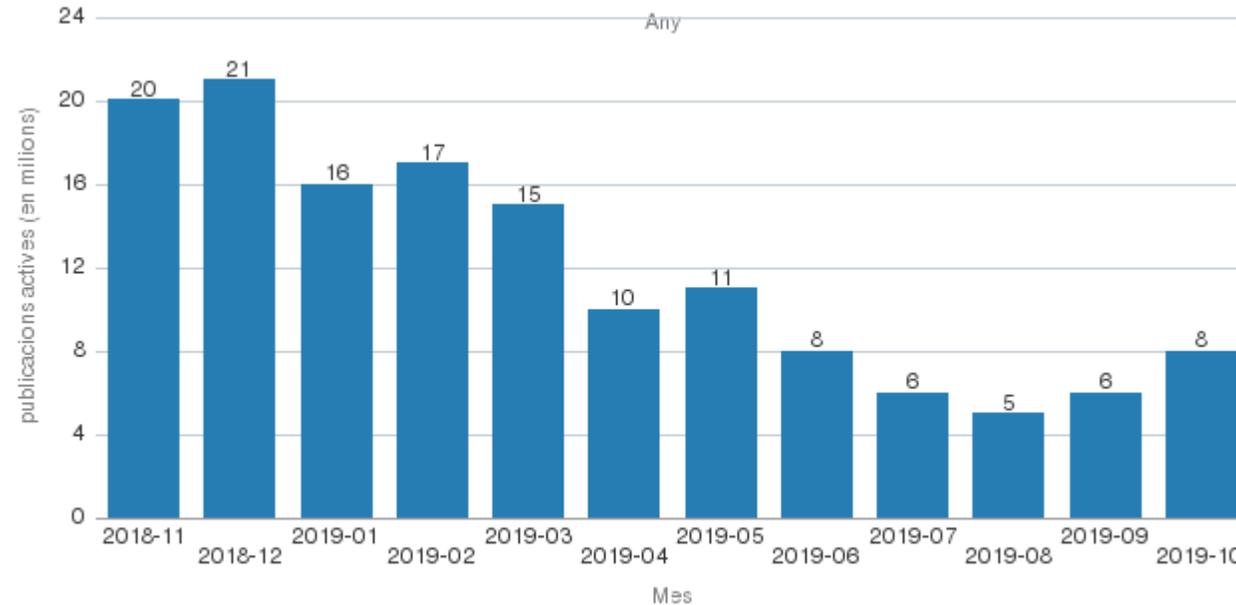
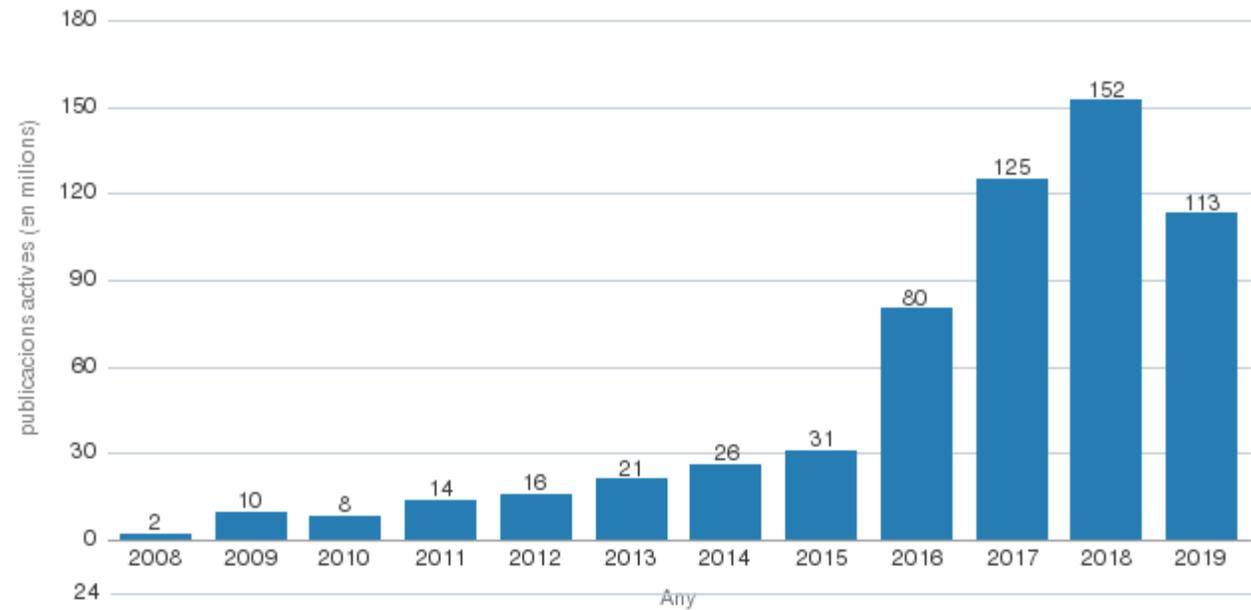
Three initiatives are key in this process:

1. A common electronic health record (EHR)
2. An integrated analytical repository (data and technological model) (RCDS)
3. Transformation and convergence of electronic medical records (EMR) (Primary Health Care and Hospitals)

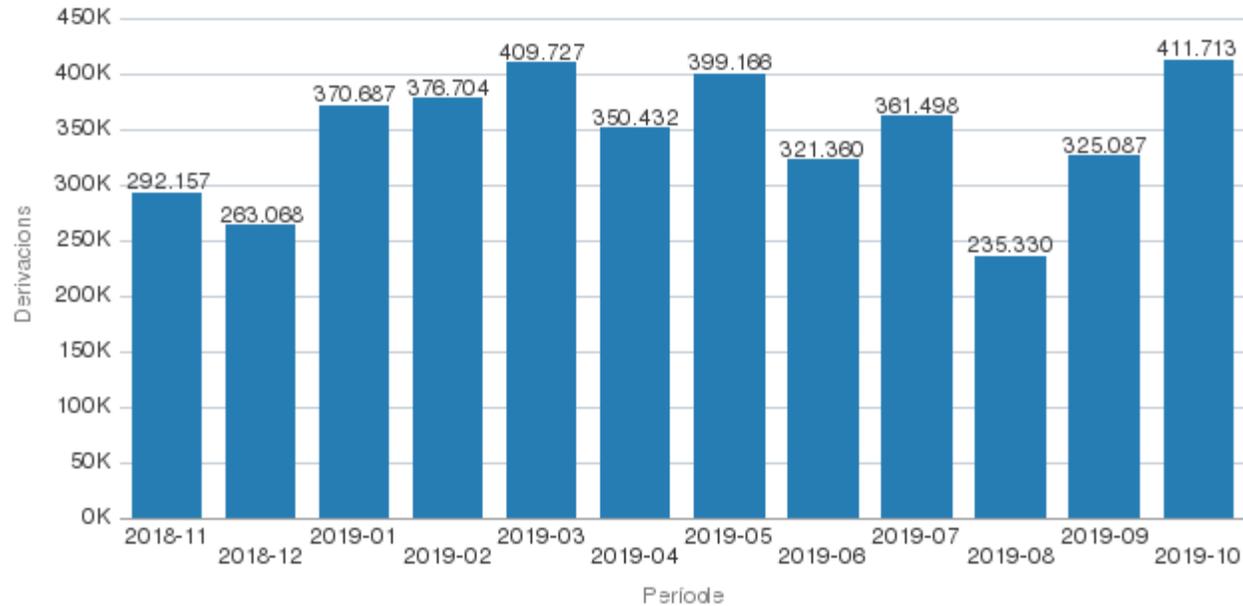
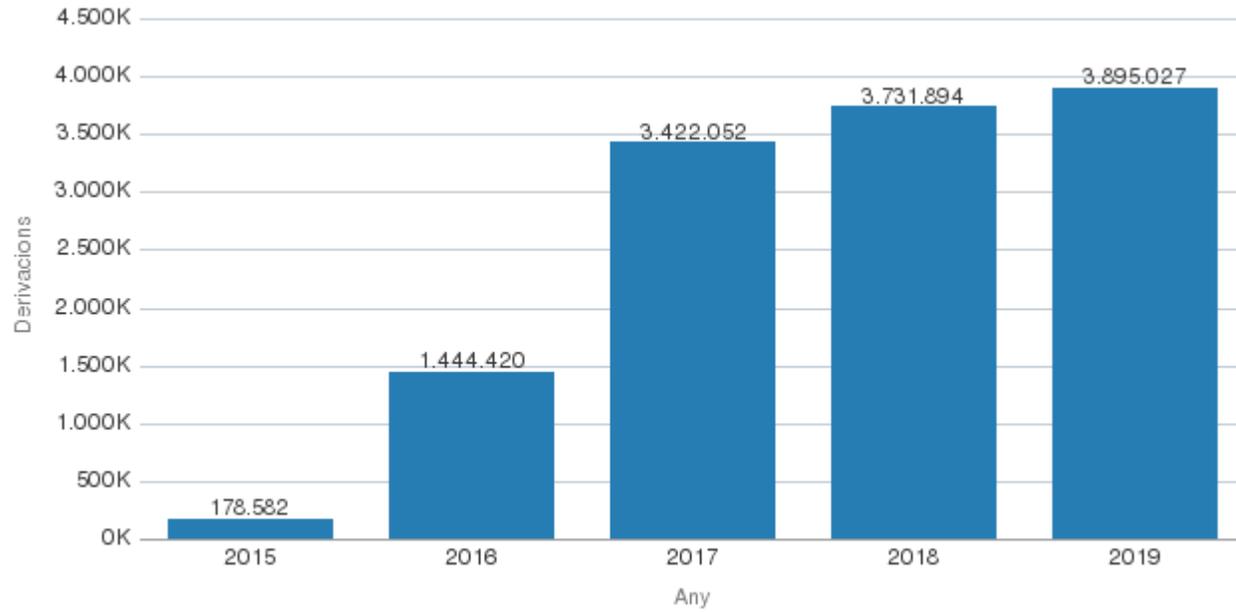
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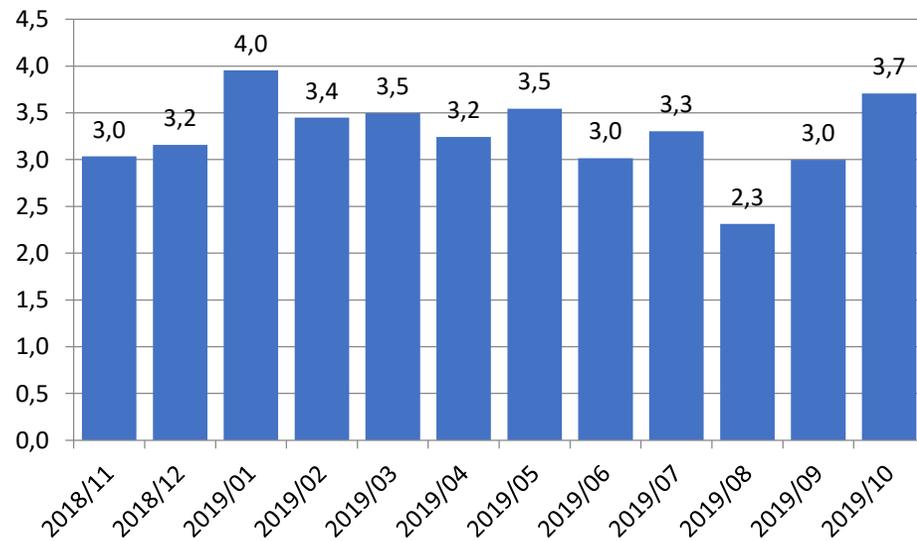
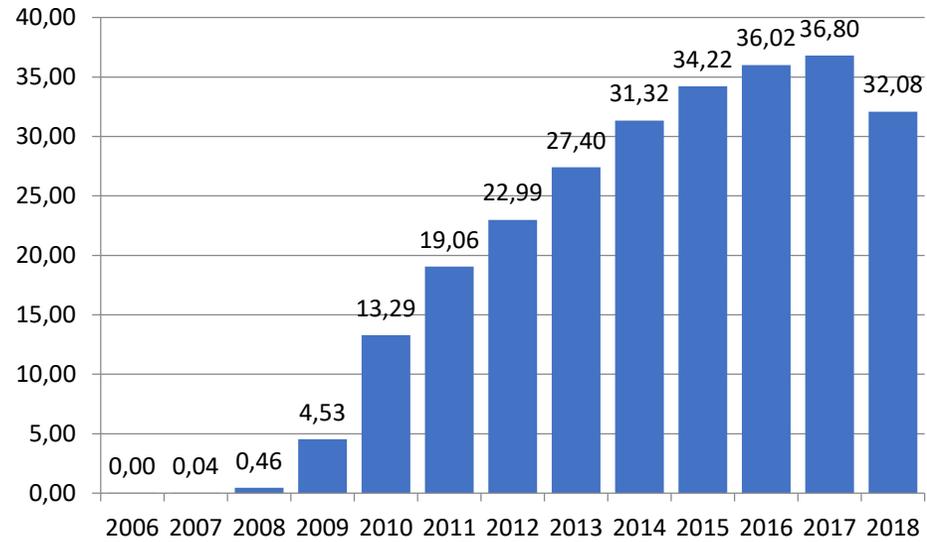
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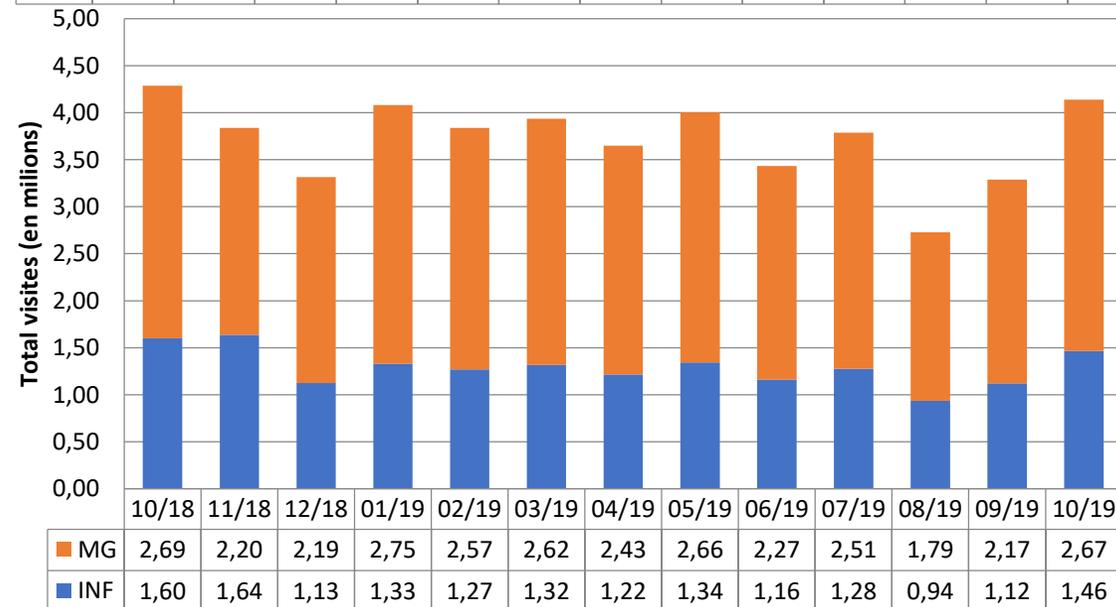
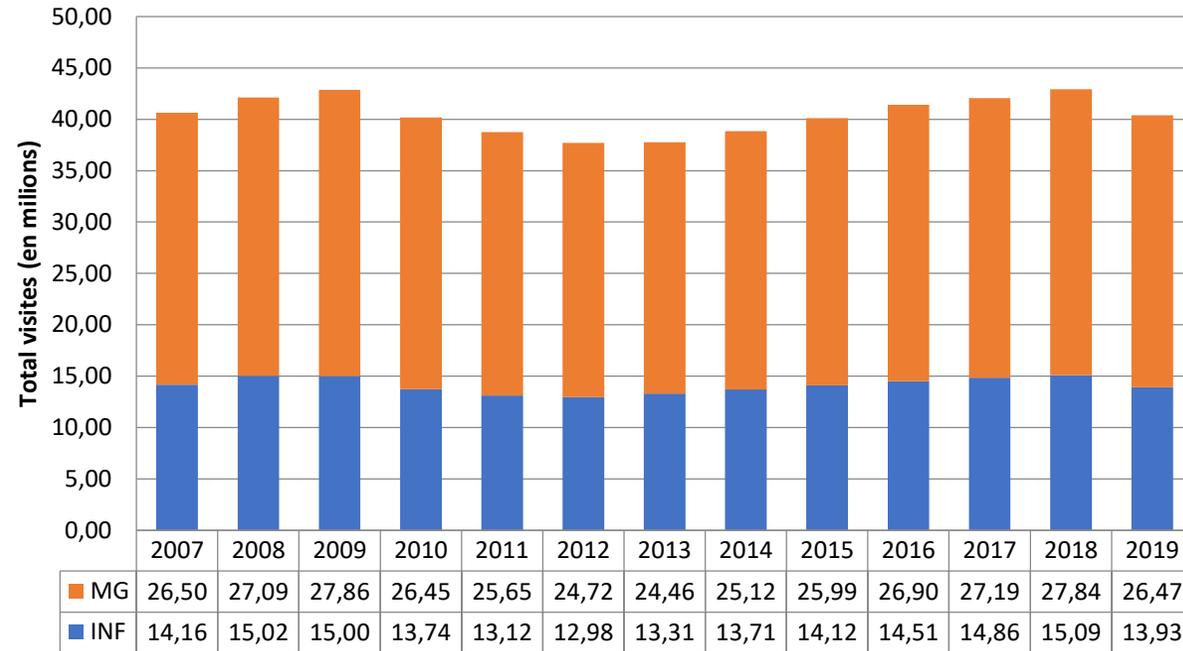
# Derivacions x IS3 : 12,6 milions



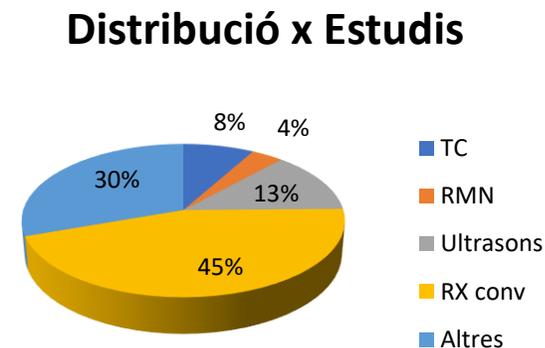
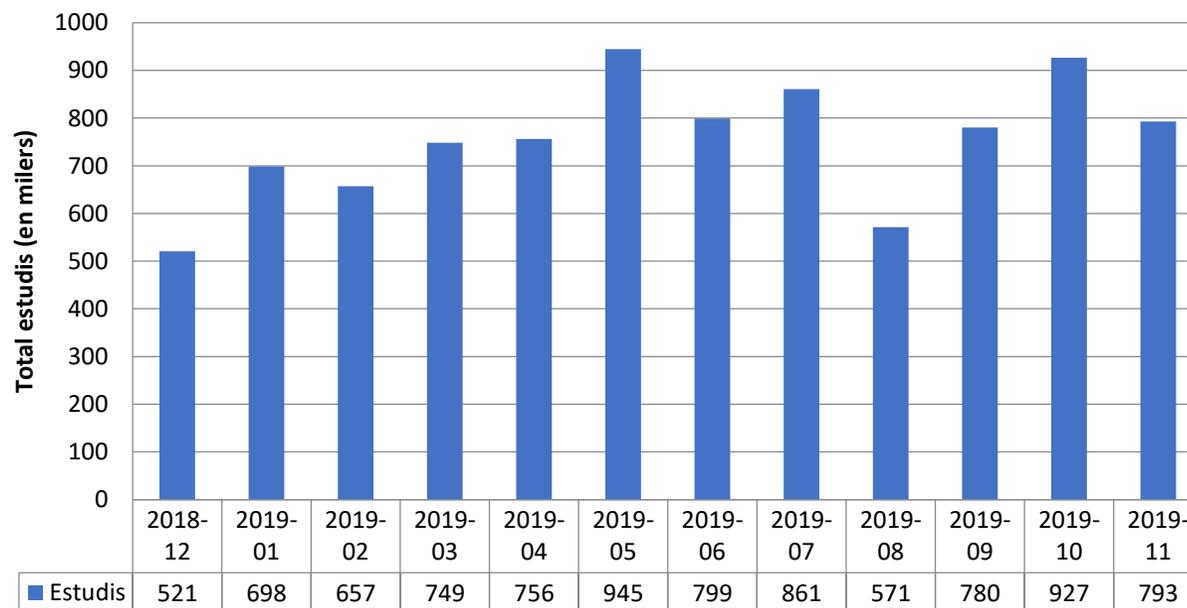
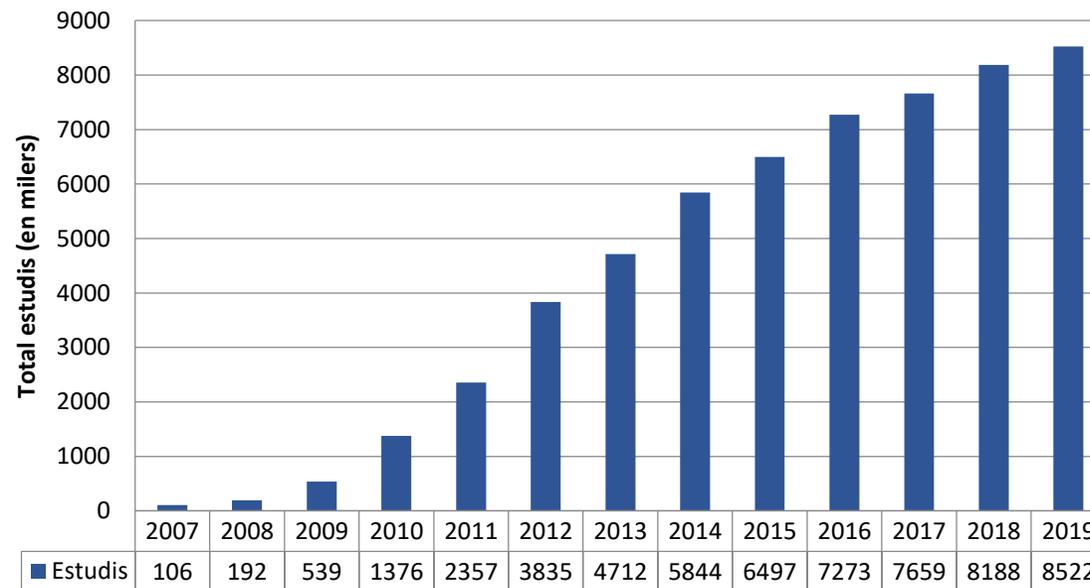
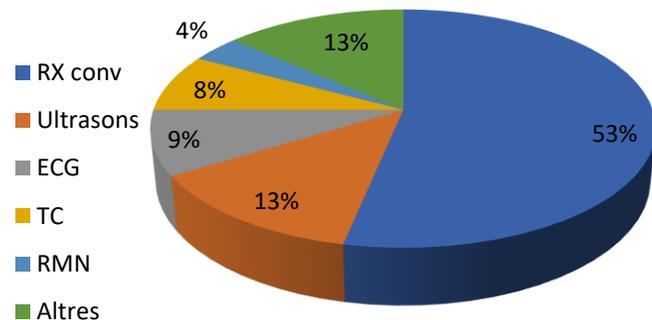
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# European Health Data Space Next Steps for the New EU Commission

**Ioana Gligor – SANTE.B3**



# Towards the creation of a European Health Data Space

*"We need to make the most of the potential of e-health to provide high-quality healthcare and reduce inequalities. I want you to work on the creation of a European Health Data Space to promote health-data exchange and support research on new preventive strategies, as well as on treatments, medicines, medical devices and outcomes. As part of this, you should ensure citizens have control over their own personal data."*

(President-elect von der Leyen's Mission Letter to Commissioner Designate for Health, 10 September 2019)

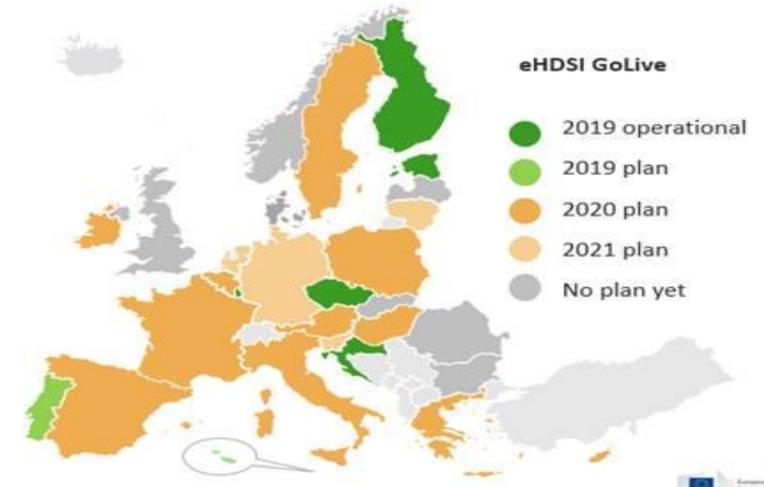
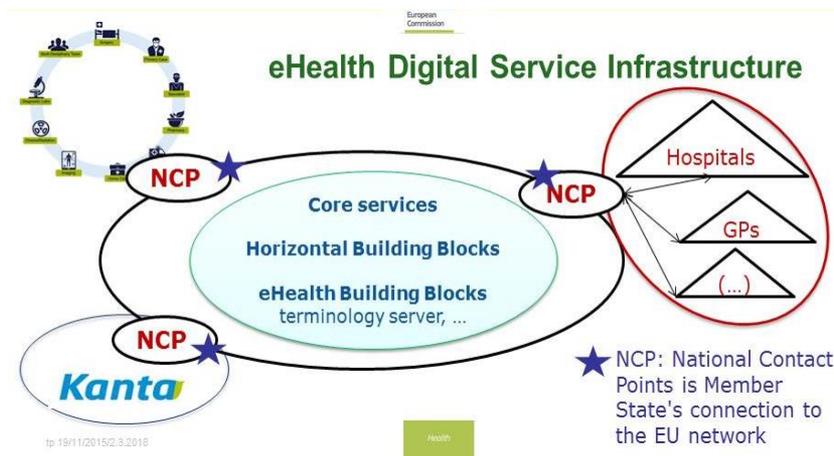
# Towards the creation of a European Health Data Space

- Use of data for healthcare
  - **eHDSI**
  - **ERNs**
  - **EEHRxF**
- Use of data for research and policy making
  - **1+ million genomes**
  - **Research infrastructures**
  - **EOSC etc**
- Governance: different models (data permit authorities etc.)
- Framework for the use of AI
- Secondary use of data

# eHDSI: Better citizens' access to their health data

The eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure (eHDSI) enables exchange of patient data across borders

- **Patient Summary** provides access to health professionals to verified key health data of a patient during an unplanned care encounter while abroad
- **ePrescription** enables patients to receive equivalent medication while abroad to what they would receive in their home country



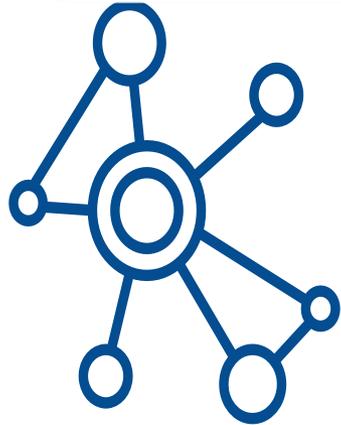
# Recommendation on a Electronic Health Record exchange format

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## Common technical specifications (baseline)

- Initial set of **health information domains**: patient summaries, ePrescriptions, laboratory reports, medical images and reports, and hospital discharge reports
- Common list of **interoperability specifications** (existing standards and profiles)
- Incremental and selective approach** for adopting, refining, and maintaining the specifications of the European EHR exchange format

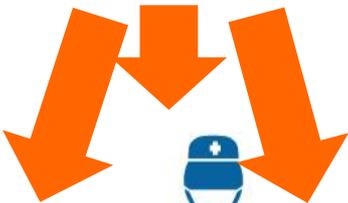
24 Networks



> 300  
HOSPITALS

Full  
Member

Affiliated  
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> 900  
HEALTHCARE UNITS

26 Countries

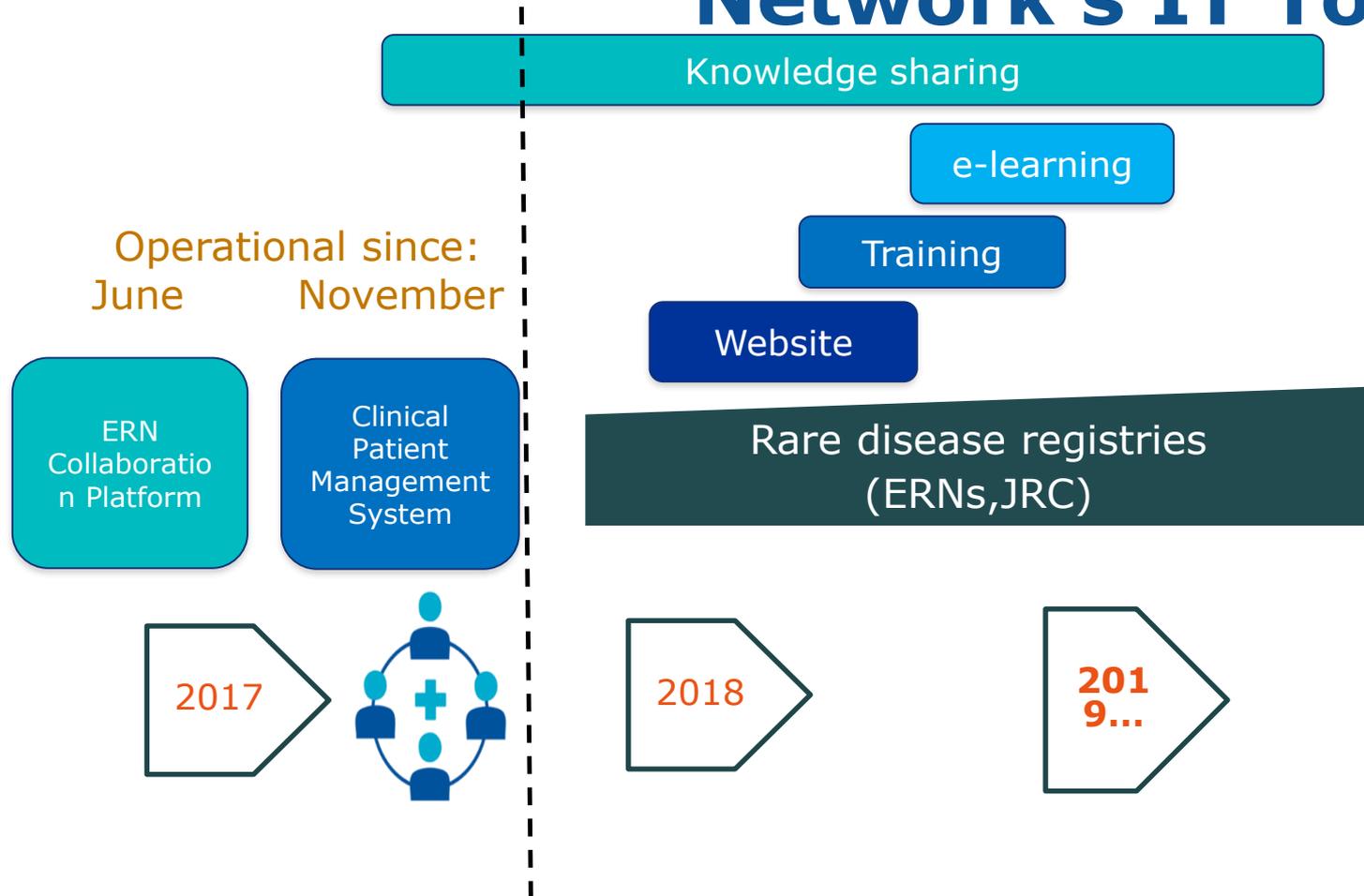


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Commission

# European Reference Network's IT Tools



# Pooling health data for research and personalised medicine

## Declaration for delivering cross-border access to **genomic database**



1 million **genomes accessible** in the EU by 2022



**Linking access** to existing and future genomic database across the EU



Providing a sufficient scale for **new clinically impactful** associations in research



# The 1+ Million Genome initiative



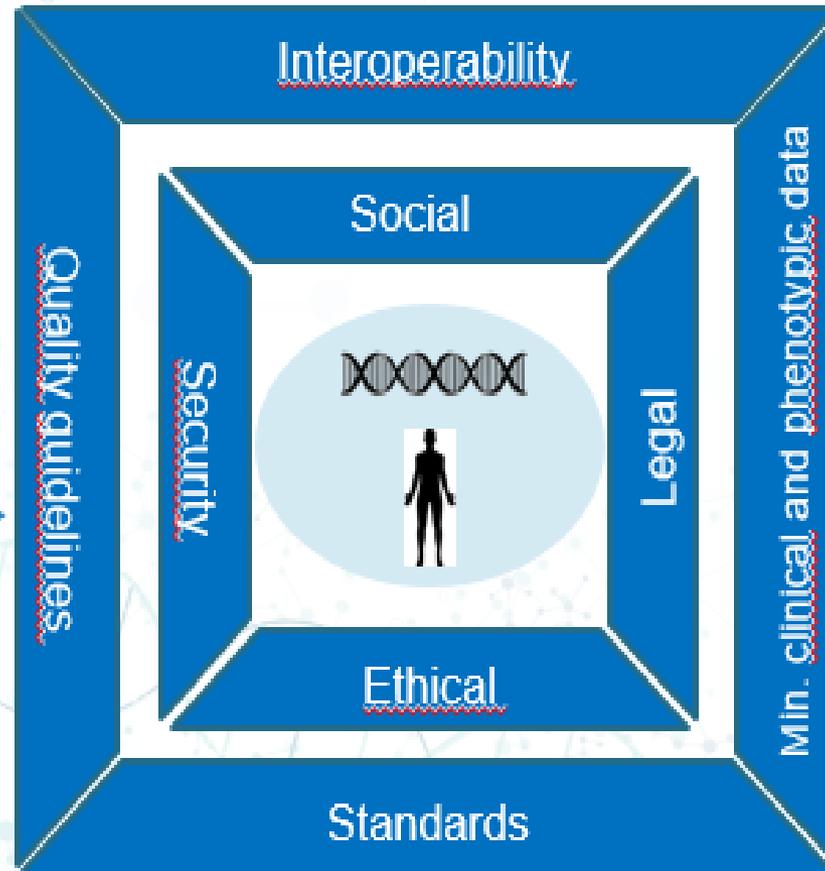
- Federated framework that would allow **secure** and **authorised** cross-border access to **genomic** and other **health data** across the EU, supporting **research, health care and prevention**.
- To allow users to search and access the data through a user-friendly and effective data governance structure **building on existing national and European initiatives**.
- To ensure that citizens, researchers and health systems in Europe can benefit from the full potential of genomics to **advance targeted health care interventions** leading to better **prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of diseases**



Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area (EEA) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

# Join forces!

## 1+MillionGenomes linking National clinical genomics initiatives



Canada-EC Joint Health Data Flagship Collaboration

# AI – converging intelligences

## *Clinical applications*

- **Radiology, pathology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Mental Health ....**

## *Health systems applications*

- **Risk of readmission, risks of sepsis or septic shock, machine vision and microsurgery, wearables for continues monitoring, efficiency gains in workflows**

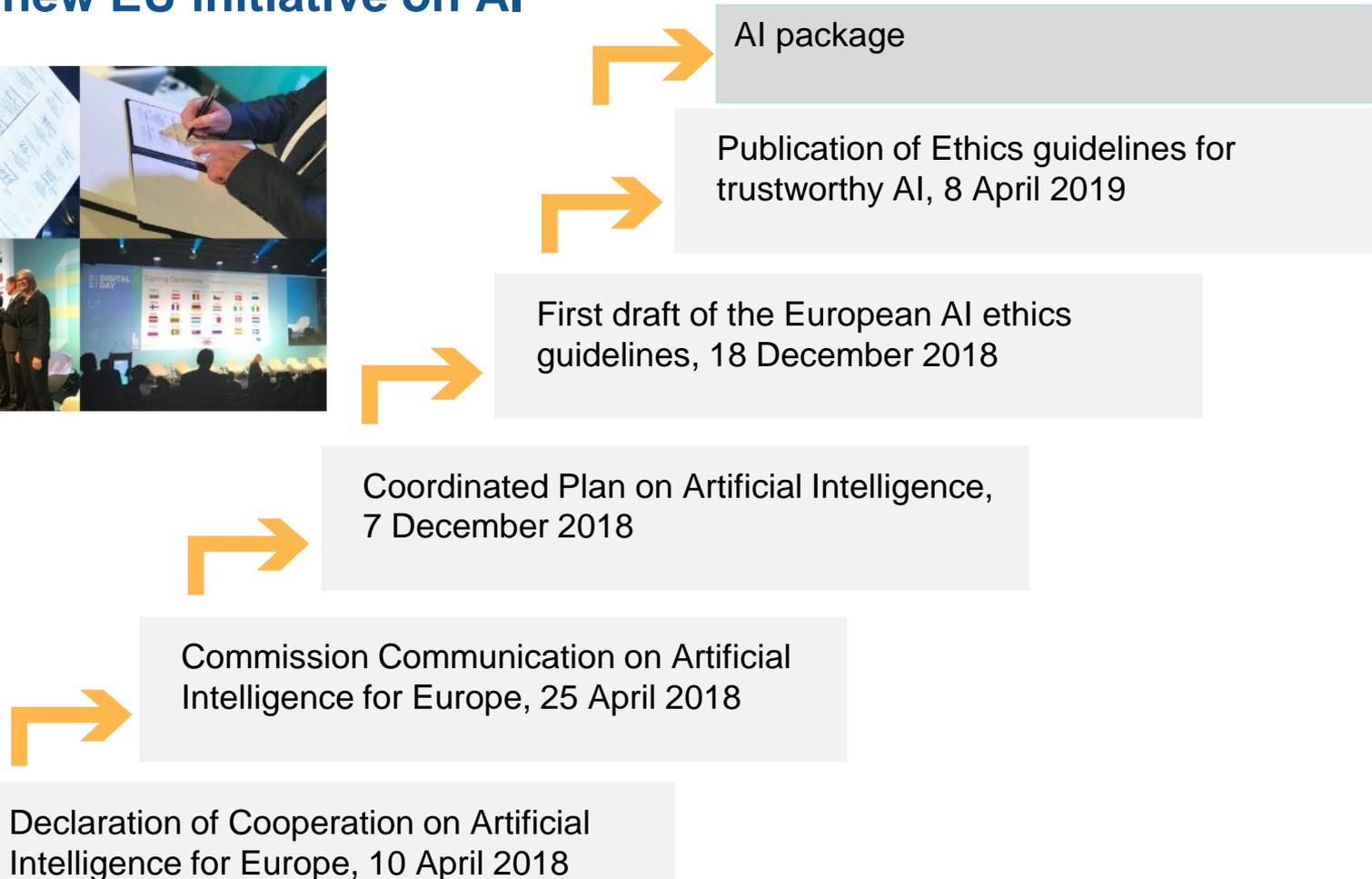
## *AI and patients*

- **Medical adherence, digital twins, predict glycemic responses**

# The European Strategy on AI



## The new EU initiative on AI



# Digital health 2021-2027

MFF under negotiations by co-legislators



*Digital Europe Programme  
and Connecting Europe Facility*



*Horizon Europe*



*European Social Fund +  
and European Globalisation  
Adjustment Fund*



*European Regional  
Development Fund*

# The Way Forward

Artificial Intelligence  
(ethical issues, safety,  
liability)

Access to health data  
(incl. data protection  
compliance)

Governance

Infrastructure

Prevent new health  
inequalities

Address regulatory  
gaps and barriers

Interoperability

Ethics and economics  
of data

Digital skills

(Cyber-) security

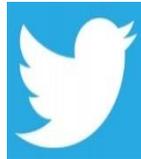
The active engagement of all parties is essential to succeed in creating a “triple win” that benefits people, health systems and the market.



## Questions:

- What are the needs of public authorities, researchers, clinicians, innovators with regard to the different types of health data?
- Under what conditions should different types of health data be shared, and with which users?
- What are the existing governance models in the Member States for the use and sharing of health data? What does the experience tell us so far? What is the cost of setting up and maintenance of these governance models?
- Where is the health data stored, and how can we encourage/incentivise those who hold it to make it available within a health data space?
- What do we need to do to facilitate the linking of different health data within and between countries?
- What technologies can support the implementation of a health data space? (Do they exist, or do we need to develop them?)
- How do we best facilitate the use of analytic tools such as supercomputing capacity, with AI algorithms for the different types of users?

# ***Thank you!***



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# Industry View on AI, Big Data and Digital Therapeutics in Europe

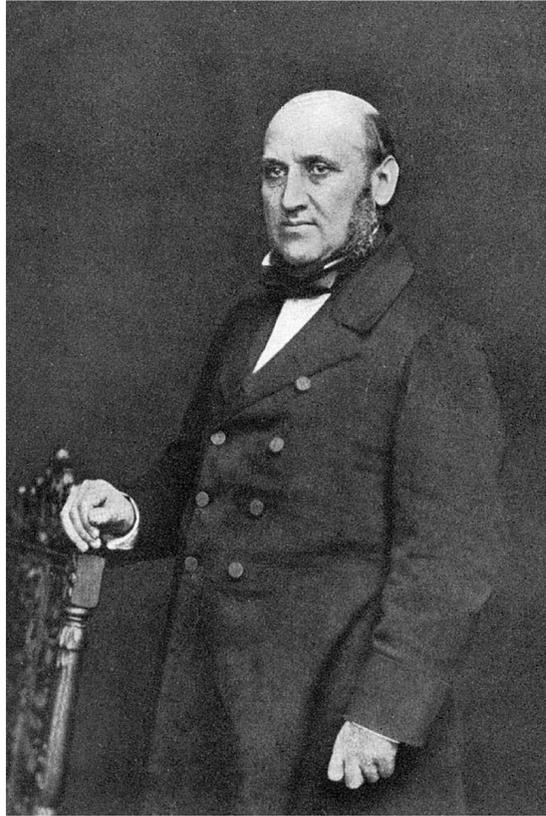
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# 'Big Data' for health in the 1850's – Mortality data registers

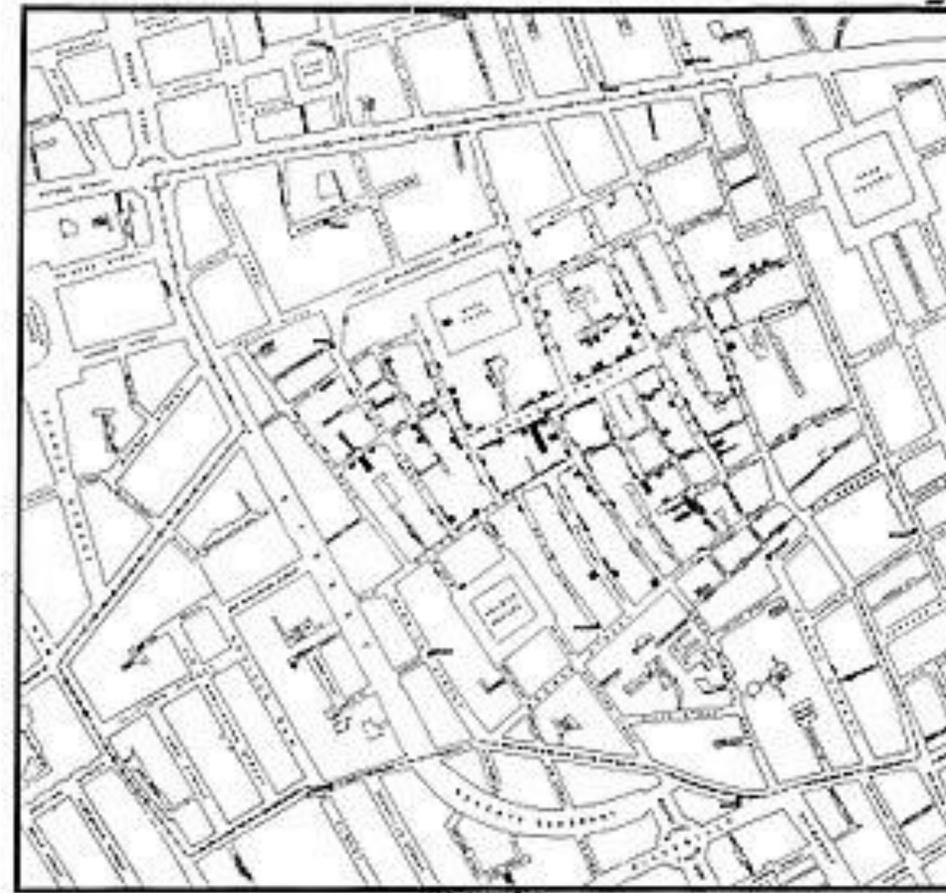
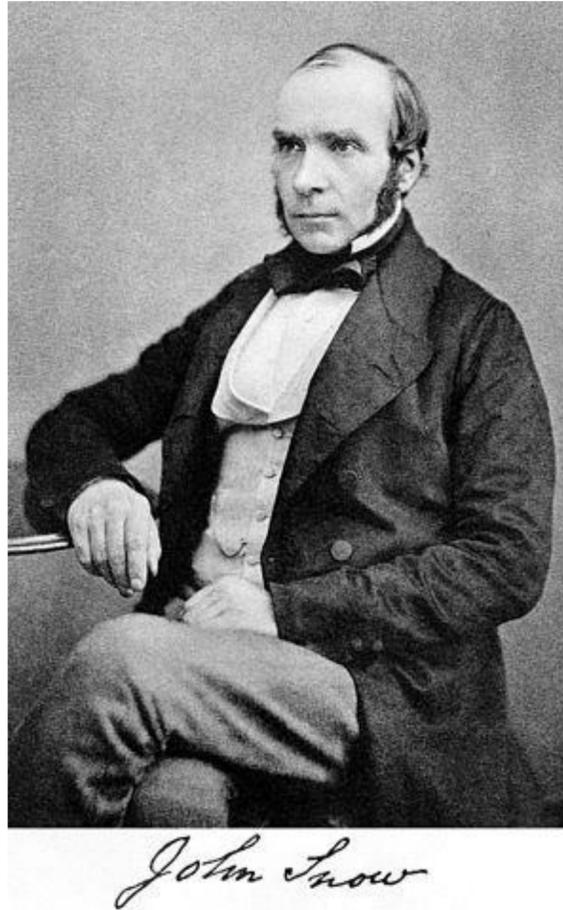


William Farr

- In 1849, an outbreak of cholera in London killed 15,000 people – the way it spread was not understood – the most commonly held idea was 'miasma theory'
- In 1852 William Farr compiled a mortality dataset, using statistical methods to test 8 explanatory variables
- Based on this, he concluded that elevation above the river Thames was the most important factor

'The science of epidemiology, that Farr helped to found, has continued to advance. **Had logistic regression been available to Farr, its application to his 1852 data set would have changed his conclusion**'. (1)

# 'Big Data' for health in the 1850's – Mapping cholera outbreaks



- Following the 1854 cholera outbreak in London, John Snow used dot maps to visualise the spread of cholera across Soho (a Voronoi diagram)
- This indicated that cholera was transmitted through water, and pointed to a single water pump as the primary source
- This helped to disprove the 'miasma theory' of disease transmission in favour of the 'germ theory' of disease

# 'Big Data' in the 1950's - Statistical analysis of health outcomes

- 1952 – Sir Austin Bradford Hill, Richard Doll

Randomised control clinical trials

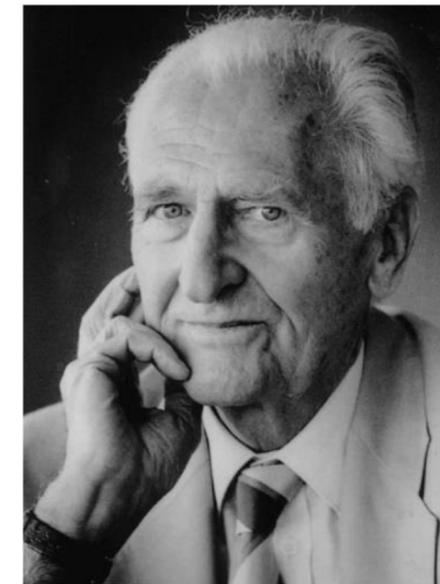
Case-control studies

Retrospective & prospective cohort studies



Smoking as a risk factor in lung cancer (1952-2000)

Similar endeavours – Framingham Heart Study,  
Nurses Health Study, Cochrane Collaboration





# The 'AI Winter' – 1974 to 1993



# Artificial Intelligence (AI) is powered by Algorithms

Categories of algorithms:

- Prioritisation: Making an ordered list
- Classification: Picking a category
- Association: Finding links
- Filtering: Isolating what's important

Paradigms for creation of algorithms:

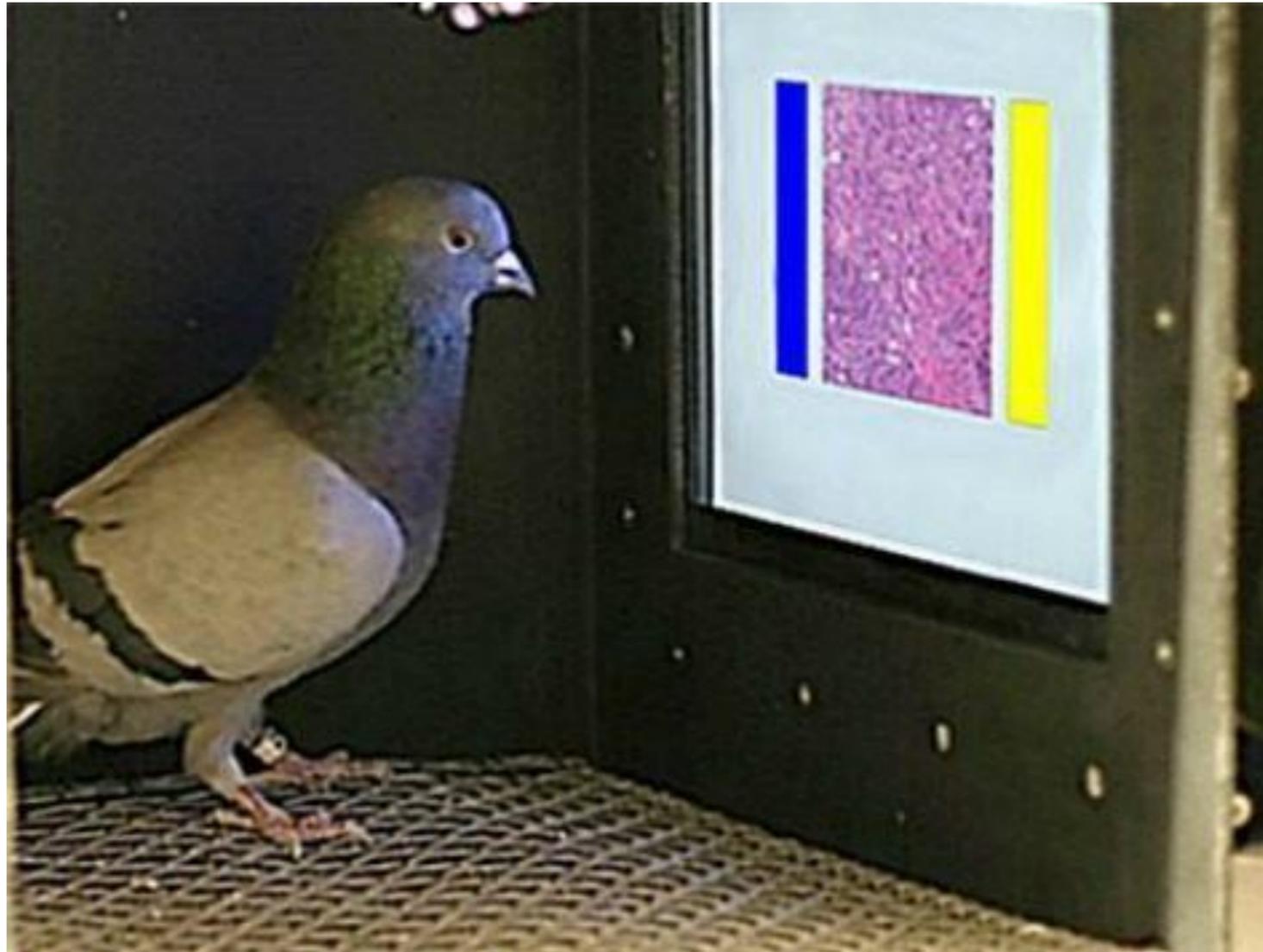
- Rule-based algorithms – Instructions constructed by humans
- Machine-learning algorithms – Inspired by how living creatures learn

In 2015, scientists gave 16 novice testers a touch screen monitor, showing pathology and radiology images of breast tissue.

After a short training period they were asked to identify cancerous tissues from the images.

The results were impressive.

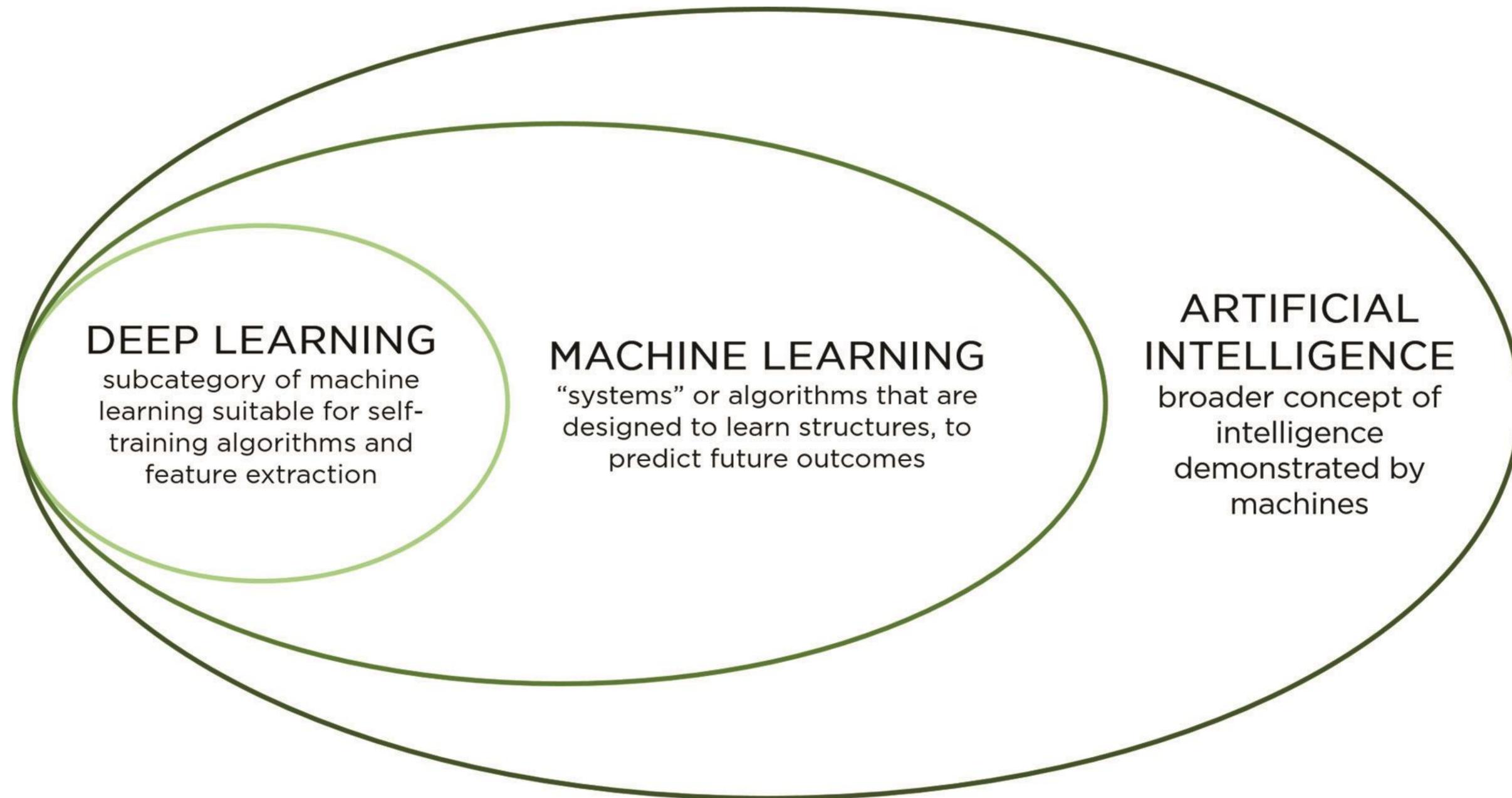
## Pigeons (*Columba livia*) as trainable observers of pathology and radiology breast cancer images



Individual performance up to 85% accuracy

Pooled performance (ensemble method) 99% accuracy

# Machine Learning and Deep Learning are subsets of Artificial Intelligence



# Google Deepmind: AlphaGo Zero (19/10/17)

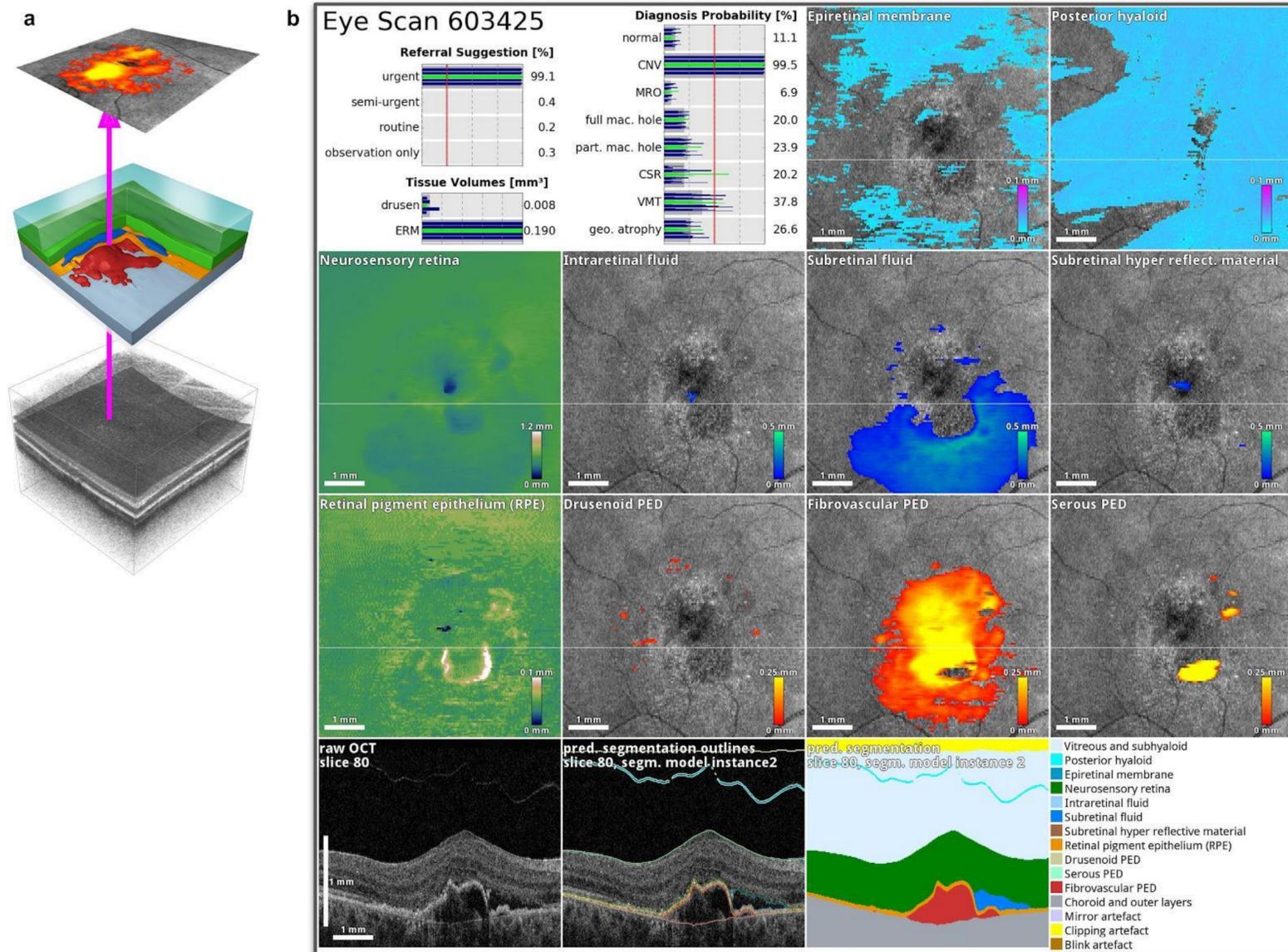


Previous versions of AlphaGo initially trained on thousands of human amateur and professional games to learn how to play Go. AlphaGo Zero skips this step and learns to play simply by playing games against itself, starting from completely random play. In doing so, it quickly surpassed human level of play and defeated the [previously published](#) champion-defeating version of AlphaGo by 100 games to 0.

It is able to do this by using a novel form of [reinforcement learning](#), in which AlphaGo Zero becomes its own teacher.

This technique is more powerful than previous versions of AlphaGo because it is **no longer constrained by the limits of human knowledge**. Instead, it is able to learn tabula rasa from the strongest player in the world: AlphaGo itself.

# Google Deepmind: Clinically applicable deep learning for diagnosis and referral in retinal disease (13/8/18)



Here, we apply a novel deep learning architecture to a clinically heterogeneous set of three-dimensional optical coherence tomography scans from patients referred to a major eye hospital. We demonstrate performance in making a referral recommendation that **reaches or exceeds that of experts on a range of sight-threatening retinal diseases** after training on only 14,884 scans.

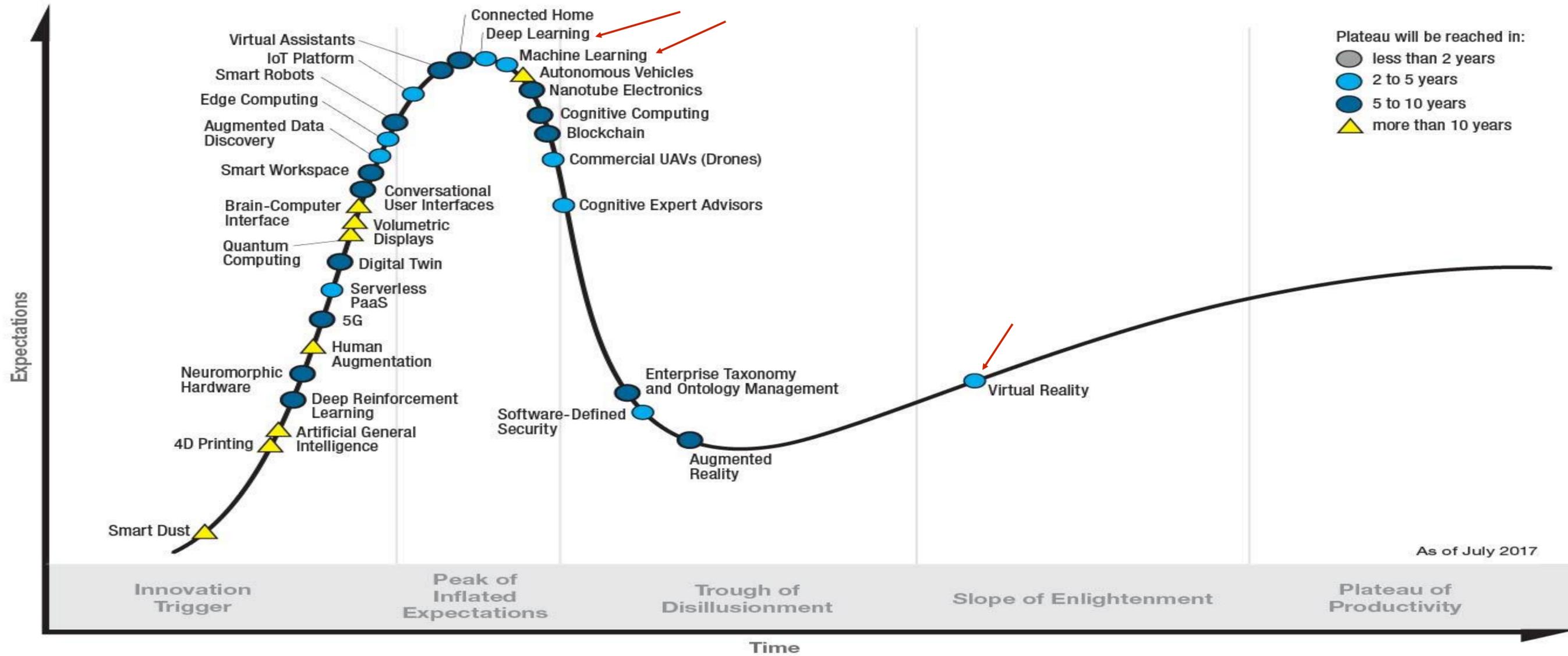
# Royal Free breached UK data law in 1.6m patient deal with Google's DeepMind



London's Royal Free hospital failed to comply with the Data Protection Act when it handed over personal data of 1.6 million patients to [DeepMind](#), a Google subsidiary, according to the Information Commissioner's Office.

The data transfer was part of the two organisation's partnership to create the healthcare app **Streams**, an alert, diagnosis and detection system for **acute kidney injury**. The ICO's ruling was largely based on the fact that the app continued to undergo testing after patient data was transferred. **Patients**, it said, **were not adequately informed that their data would be used as part of the test.**

# Gartner **Hype Cycle** for Emerging Technologies, 2017

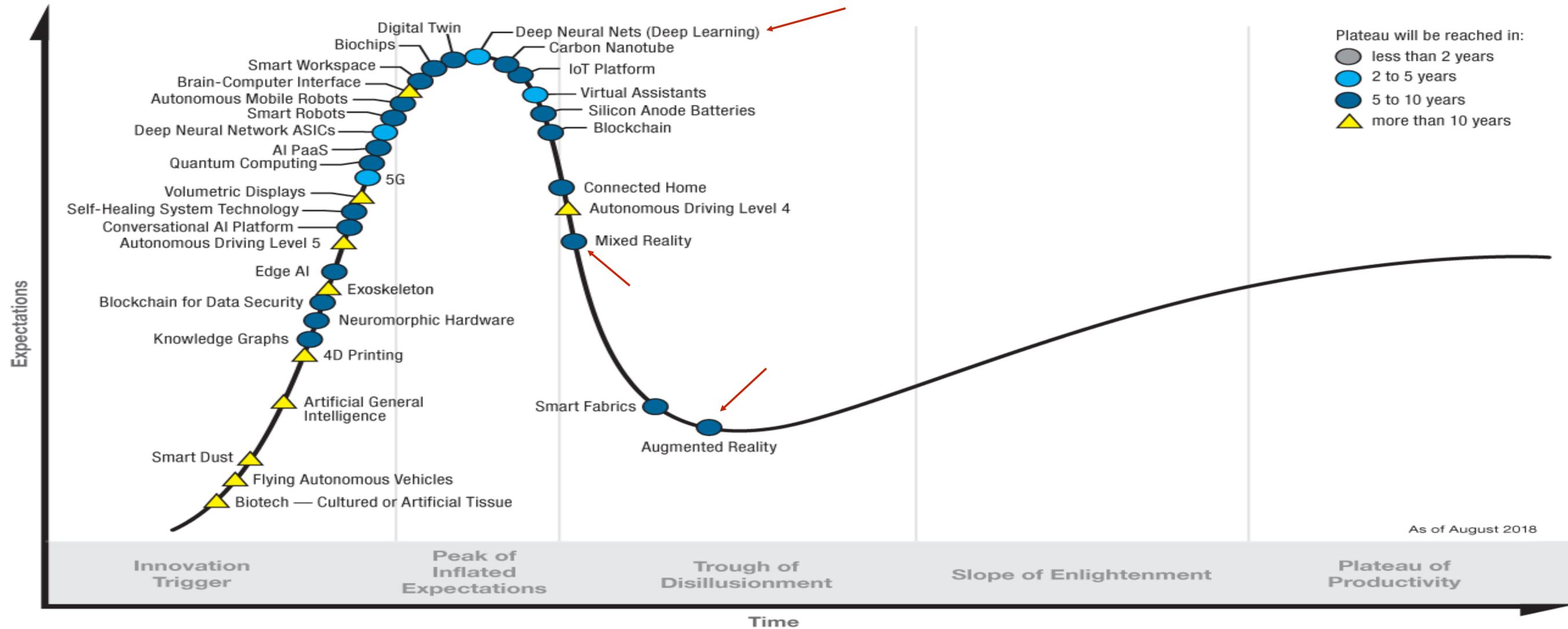


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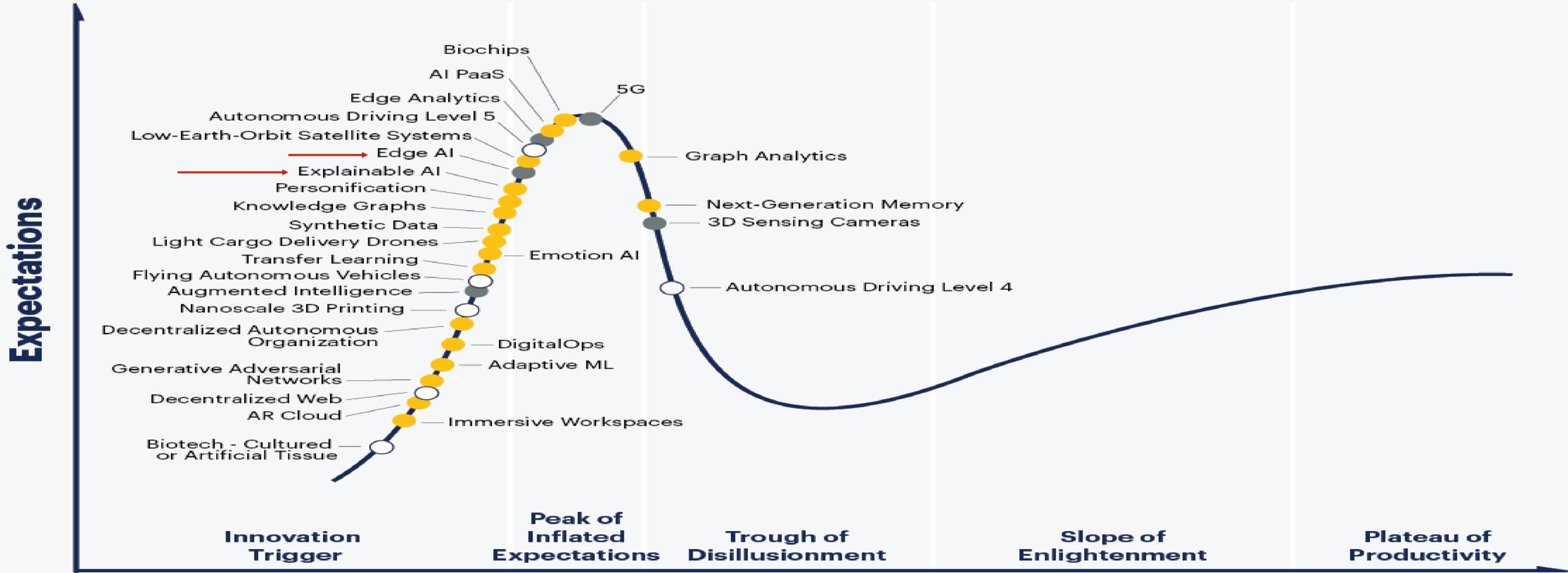


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# Gartner Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2019



Plateau will be reached:

- less than 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- more than 10 years
- obsolete before plateau

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# Algorithms to detect heart arrhythmias: Alivecor KardiaMobile



1-lead ECG using algorithms on smartphone to detect Atrial Fibrillation in 30 seconds and capture ECG trace

# First 'artificial pancreas': Medtronic Minimed 670G (launched 2017)



Continuous glucose monitoring and connected automated insulin pump

# 'Bionic pancreas': Beta Bionics iLet (FDA trials began May 2018)



Continuous glucose monitoring, dual insulin/glucagon pump and machine learning algorithms

# Many issues are raised by AI

- Privacy – how can we protect ourselves from exploitation and prejudice
- Safety and efficacy – do we need stronger regulation of AI algorithms?
- Transparency – can we really trust AI systems to be unbiased?
- Legal – can we hold algorithms (and the companies behind them) to account?

# Digital Therapeutics – Ready for Take-Off?

## What are Digital Therapeutics?

Digital therapeutics (DTx) deliver **evidence-based** therapeutic interventions to patients that are driven by **high quality software** programs to prevent, manage, or treat a medical disorder or disease.

They are used **independently** or **together** with medications, devices, or other therapies to optimize patient care and health outcomes.

Source: Digital Therapeutics Alliance – <https://dtxalliance.org>



# Digital Therapeutics – Treating Psychosis with VR



<https://gamechangevr.com>

*Nature* 573, S106-S109 (2019)

# Digital Therapeutics – Exposure Therapy with VR



## REALISTIC INTERACTIVE CHARACTERS

Actors filmed with 360 degree video in a real location. You can stand at a fixed point in the location and interact with a character.

<https://www.timestory.dk/projects/>

VRExposure is a virtual reality exposure therapy tool for therapists working with people who suffer from social anxiety. It consists of 12 VR exposure experiences in a supermarket and a bus.

The person with social anxiety can train to stand close to people and communicate, while the therapist can observe what the person is looking at during the experience.

We use speech recognition and pulse measuring tools. VRExposure has been tested on people with social anxiety and the result is highly positive. It shows that VR exposure therapy can help people reduce anxiety.

# Digital Therapeutics – Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation



## Screening

Daily caregivers are able to make an objective assessment of the citizens' physical ability and need for assistance.

## Exercise

The tailored exercise programmes can be performed in the citizens' own home with supervision from the caregiver and assistance from videos.

## Analysis

DigiRehabs manageable analysis function ensures that the rehabilitation effort can be watched in real time. No elderly person is exercising in vain.

<https://digirehab.dk/en/#om-digirehab>