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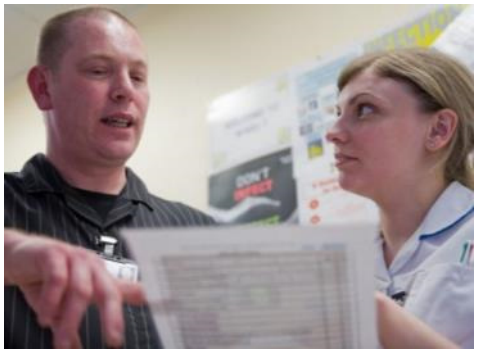

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A People Powered Health & Care System

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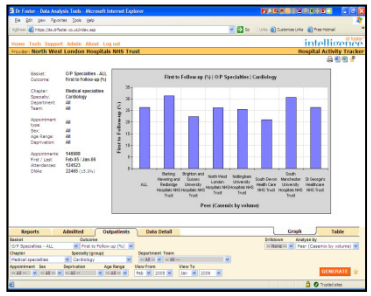
Good Data

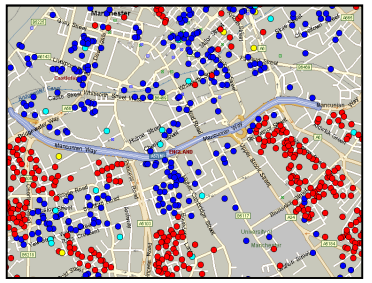
Open Outcomes



Transparency
Participation
Interoperability

Patient in control

Active Citizenship



Future Vision

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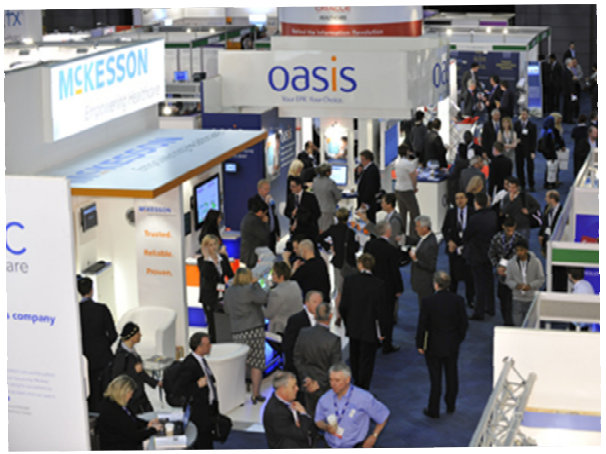
Empowered patients

Open API

IT Suppliers

Vibrant Supplier Market



Secure linking of e-health & care records Individual-centred

8,000 GP Practices

Apps and tools

- GPSoC extension
- Summary Care Record
- GP2GP
- Encourage innovation

Patient Pathway not care setting

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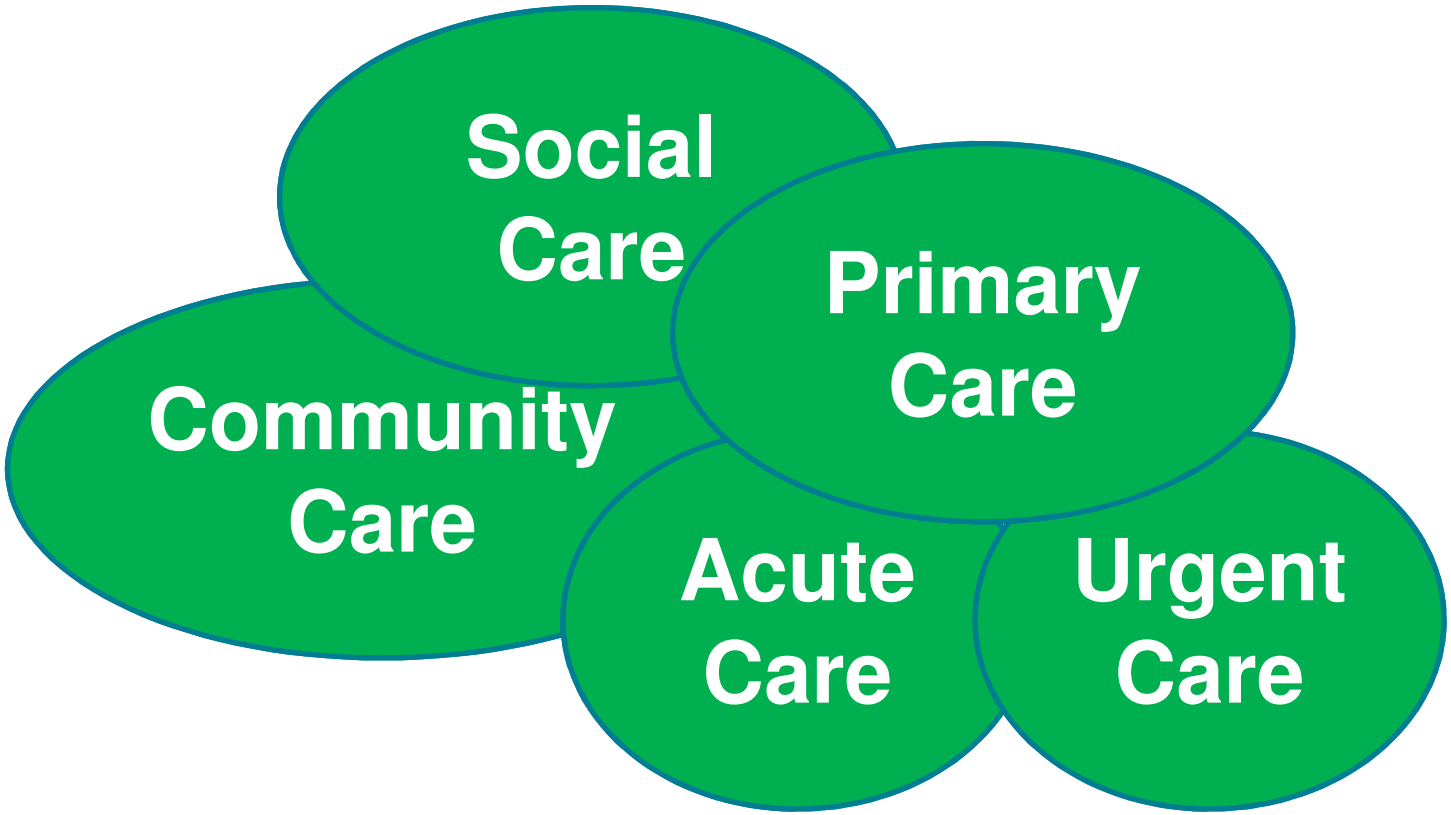

Can't look at one care setting in isolation

What the benefits…..

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- Safety
- Patient Experience
- Clinical Effectiveness

The Integrated Digital Care Record - Vision

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Safer Wards/Safer Hospitals outlines the vision for the Integrated Digital Care Record:

"In order for the NHS to provide high quality and effective care for all, ***information must flow both within health organisations and across boundaries into social care****, allowing vital data to follow patients through their care pathways. Patients and citizens must also be able to access and use this data – their data – whenever they wish."*

Need to move from vision into the underpinning architecture to support this

Integrated Digital Care Record

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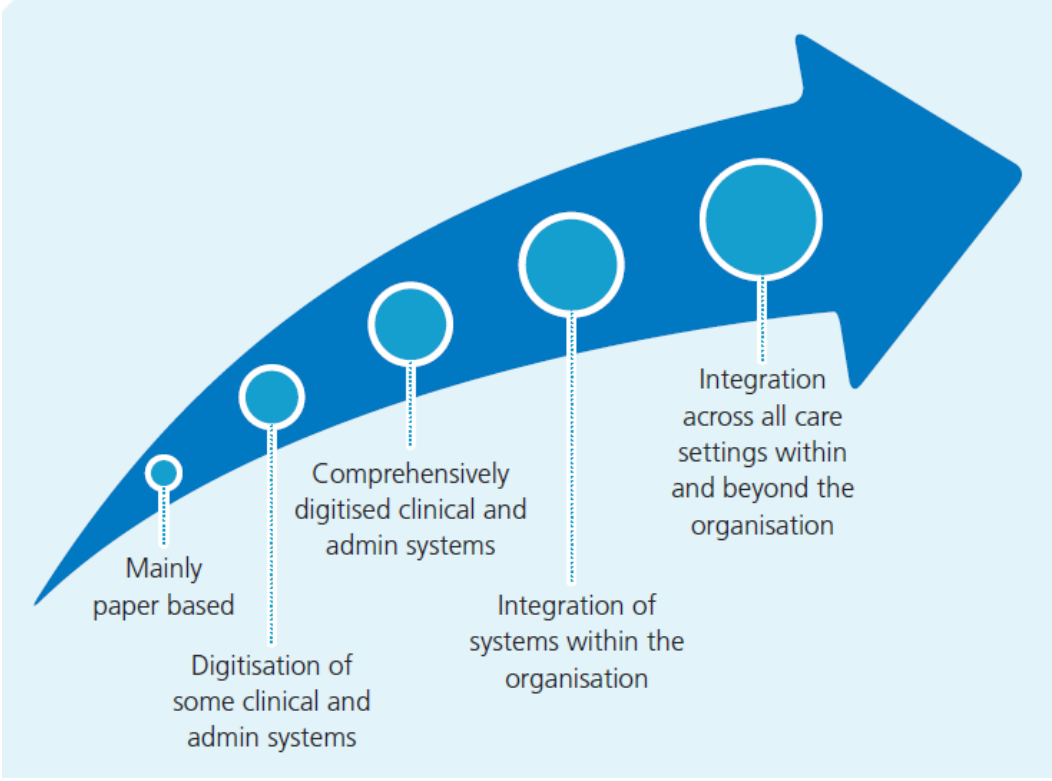
- Safe, digital record keeping
- £500m Technology Fund
- NHS Number as primary identifier
- Use of Open APIs
- Underpinned by Interoperability Standards

"Integrated Digital Care Records are a prerequisite for integrated care"



The Architecture for Interoperability

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Use interfaces to be able to push information between system.

Ability to "push" information between care settings through Open APIs

But in addition, use of local information exchanges and portals to locate and retrieve as needed (and if needed potentially how these are linked on a national basis)

The ability to locate and retrieve information from across care settings

The ability to locate and retrieve information across organisations

Interoperability – not just a technical concept

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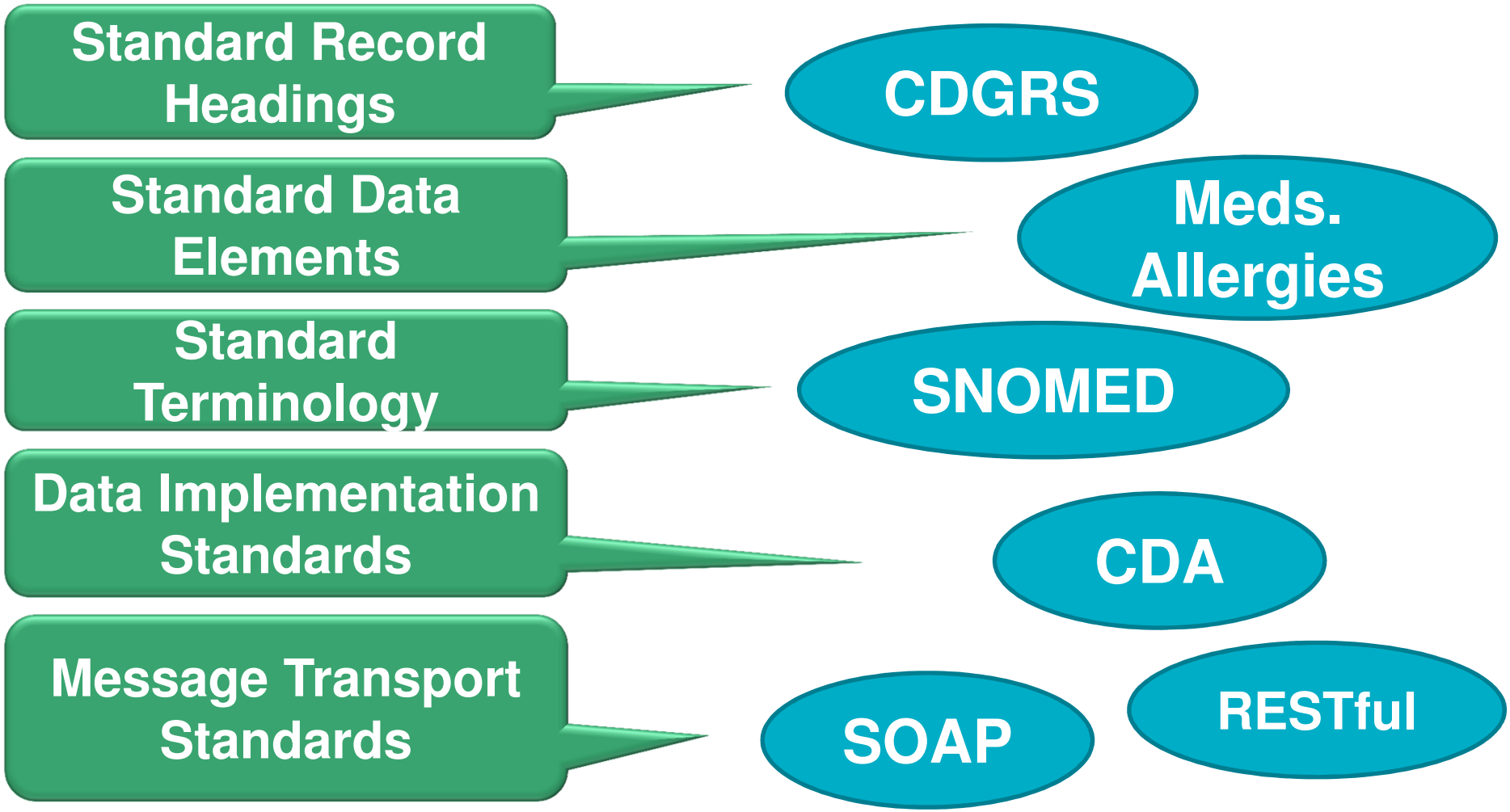

Need to look at interoperability as a whole: Enterprise Architecture – Business, Information & Technical Architecture

Who benefits

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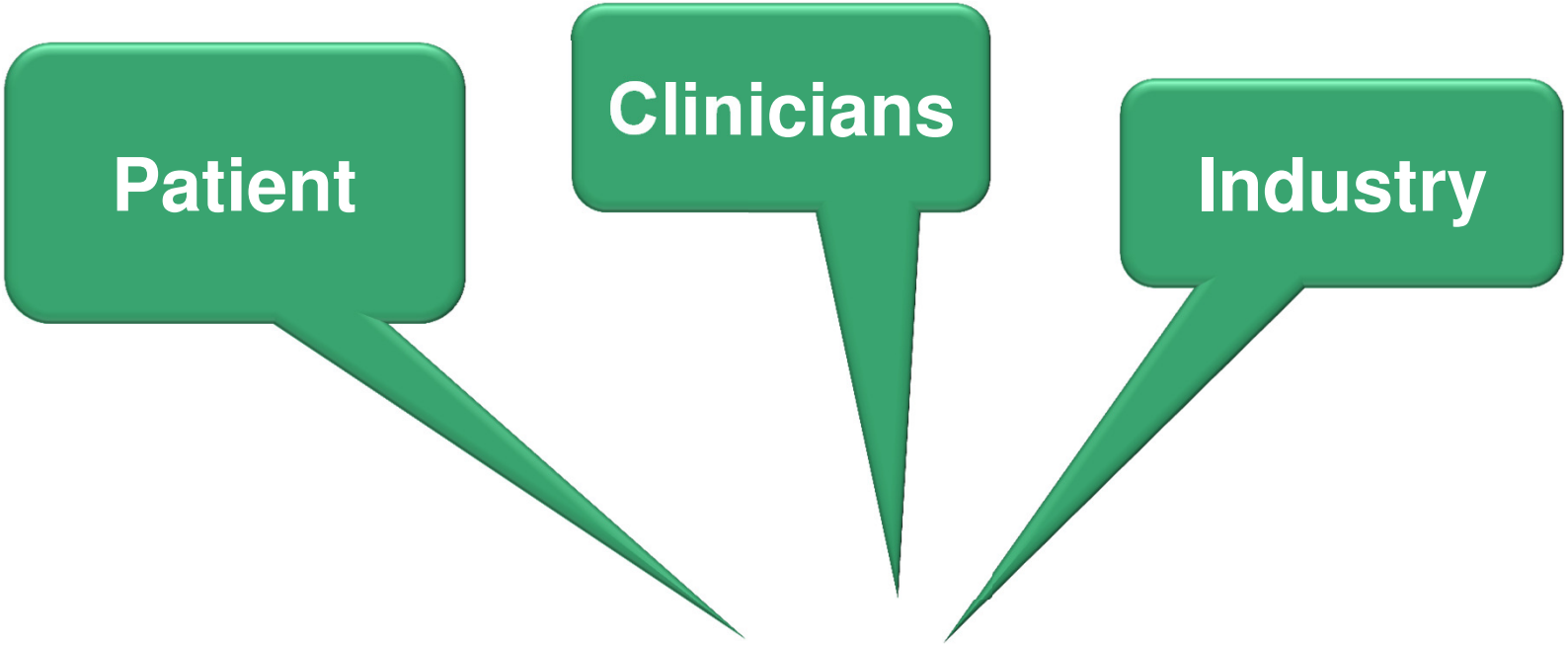

Multiple beneficiaries of taking an interoperability approach

"Interoperability" is underpinning building block

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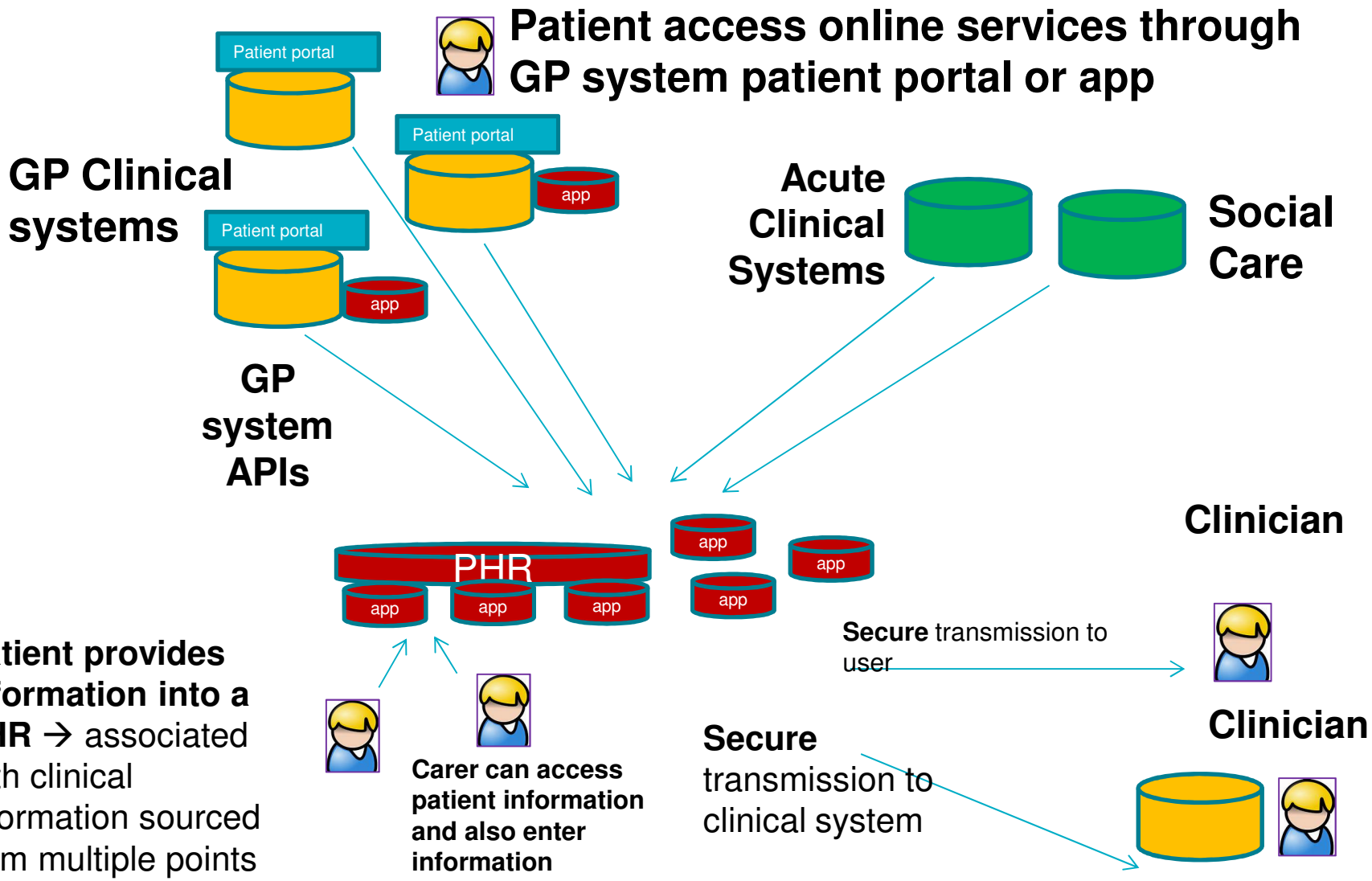
Open APIs

Interoperability Standards

Logical Architecture - PHR



Next Waves of Technological Revolution…

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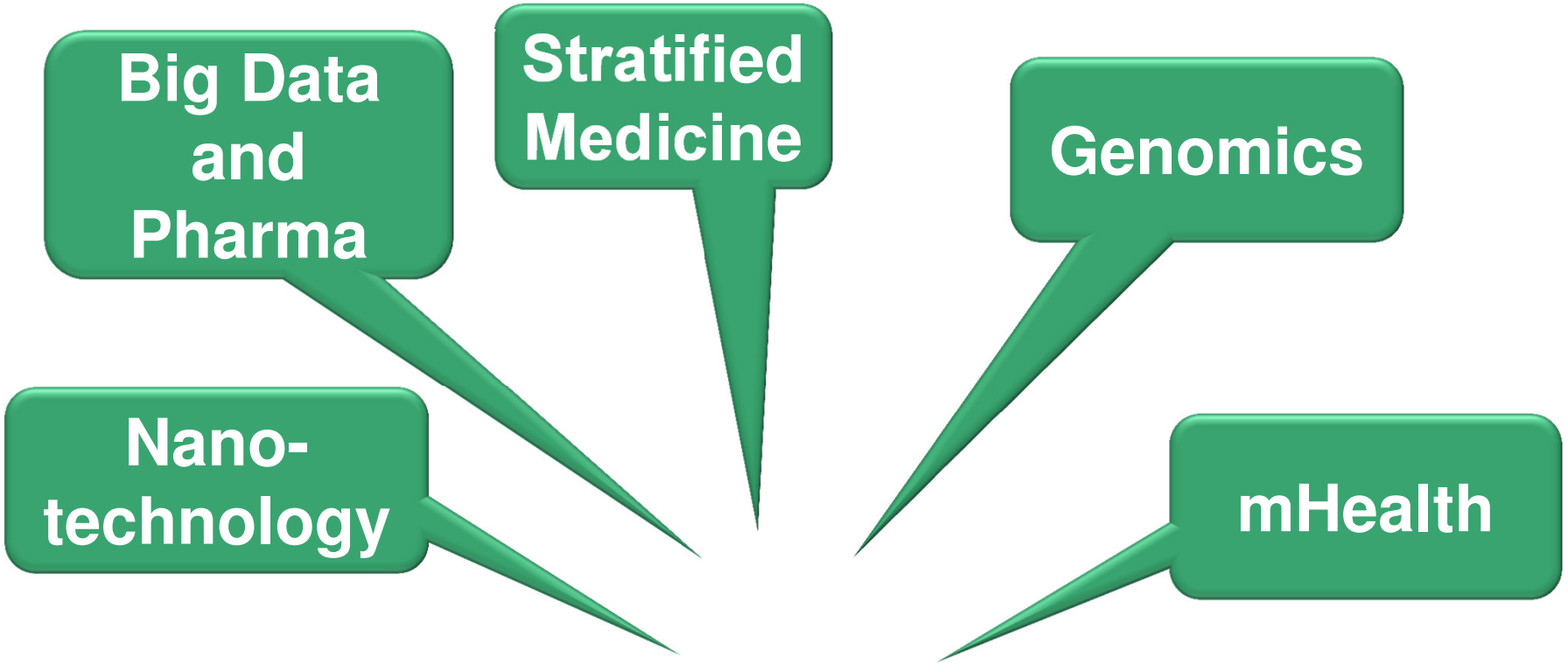

But to realise this potential…
need data to flow across information systems

"Interoperability" is underpinning building block

Focus on use of standards but…..

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APPROPRIATE STANDARDS

e.g. use of FHIR for PHR

e.g. use of CDA for Document Exchange

Need BOTH BUT FOR DIFFERENT THINGS!

WHAT PRIORITY FOR NOW?

Clinical headings…

Less on the transport?

→ What is already out there!

- CDA, FHIR, IHE XDS

But most importantly - EA

What are the business drivers?

What are the Information flows?

BEFORE jumping to technology answers!

Summary…..

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Benefit now and in the future with focus on interoperability

Benefit to patients, clinicians and industry

Don't re-invent but re-use

Start with the business need and determine what's relevant (as opposed to just interesting!)

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