

# 2020 Spring Regulatory Update and Hot Topics in Clinical Research

*COVID-19: The Virus, Preparedness in the time of Crisis, and Clinical Research*

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11:45am – 12:30pm

Research Data Management and Sharing





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# **CHARTING A PATH FORWARD FOR DATA SHARING**

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- Important for the **PUBLIC**
  - Demonstrates stewardship over taxpayer funds
  - Fosters transparency and accountability
  - Maximizes research participants' contributions

# NIH's Longstanding Commitment to Data Management and Sharing

- **Policies to make research data and findings more readily accessible**
  - 2003 NIH Data Sharing Policy: Data Management and Sharing Plans for Applications >\$500K
  - 2008 NIH Public Access Policy: Publications made available no later than 12 months
  - 2015 NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy: Large-scale Genomic Data
  - 2007/2016 Policies for Clinical Trials Registration and Summary Results Reporting
- **Shifting the culture to broad data management and sharing**
  - 2015 “NIH Plan” & programs begin incorporating policies
  - 2016 *Proposed* “who, what, when, where, and whys” of data management and sharing
  - 2018 *Proposed* Provisions for Future Data Management and Sharing Policy

# Goals for Responsible Data Sharing

- Foster a culture of data stewardship
- Balance data management with sharing need
- Practices consistent with FAIR principles
- Respect research participants' values and consent

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**NIH DEVELOPING GUIDANCE TO HELP NAVIGATE  
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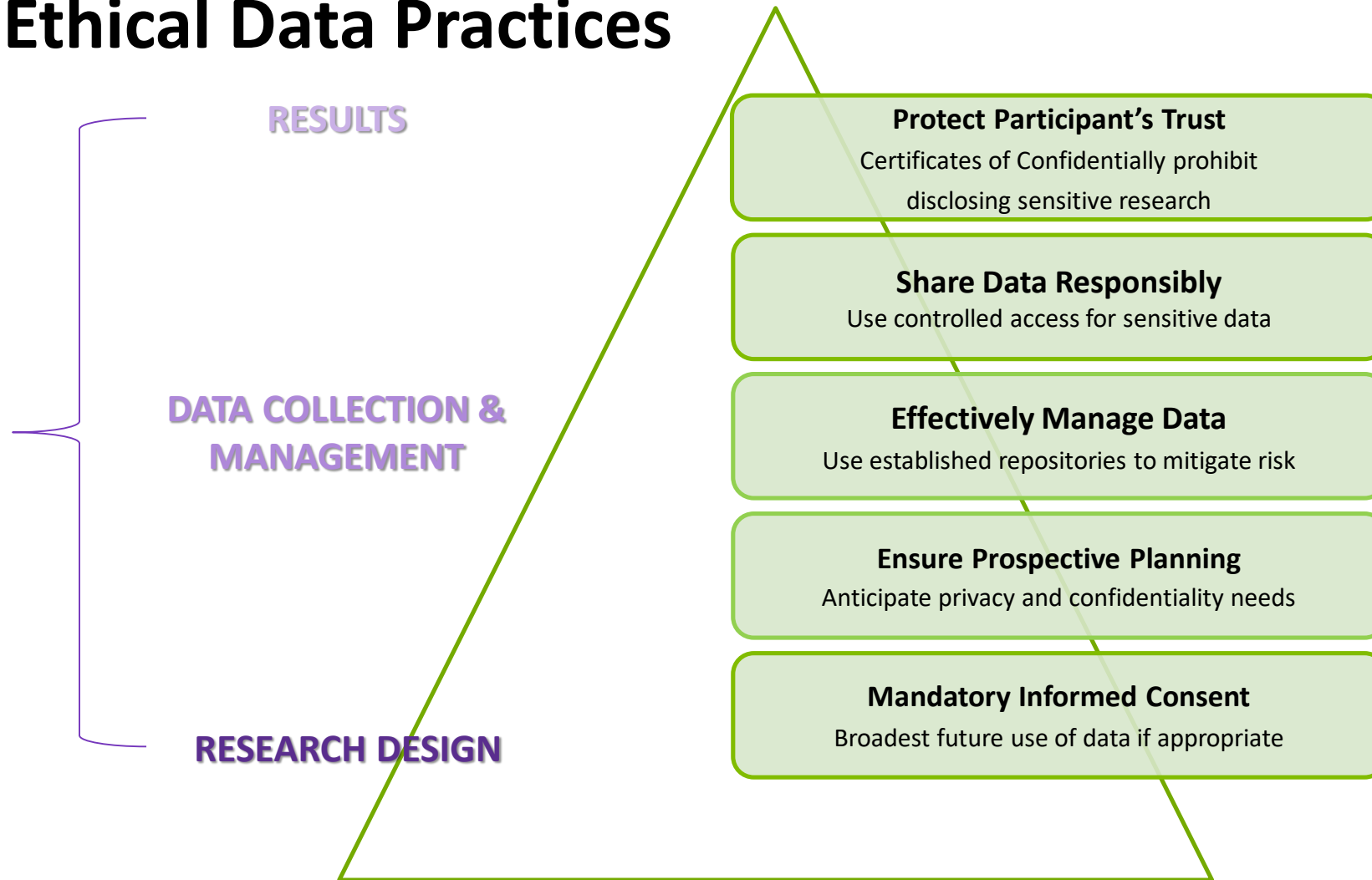


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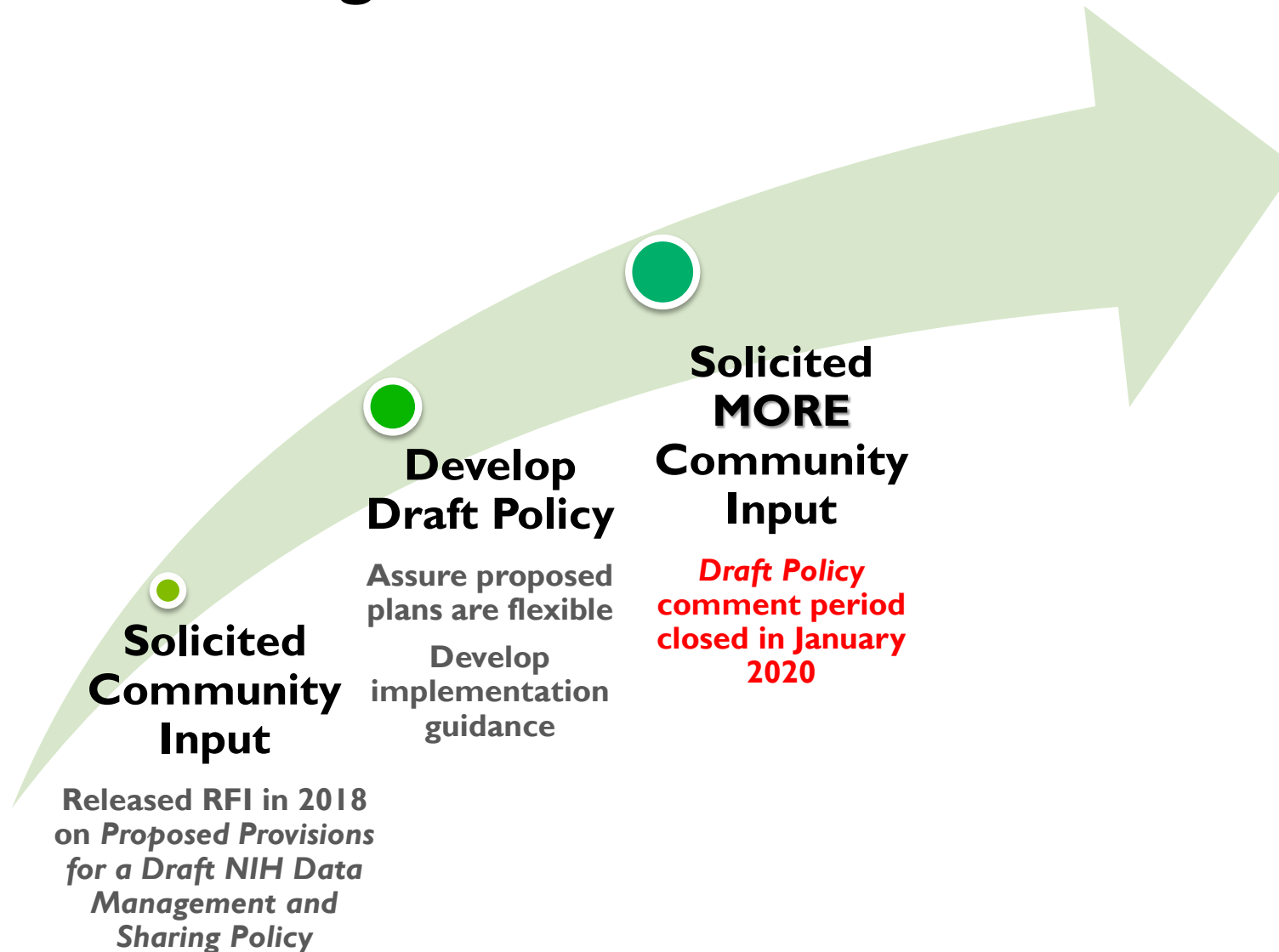
- **Research with Human Participants**
  - Existing protections (e.g., Common Rule, Certificates of Confidentiality) continue to apply
  - NIH is committed to promoting ethical data sharing
    - As with the Genomic Data Sharing Policy, practices such as honoring the consent of participants of primary studies and implementing controlled mechanisms for data access help achieve this goal
  - “NIH encourages the broadest use of scientific data resulting from NIH-funded or conducted research, consistent with privacy, security, informed consent, and proprietary issues.” (*Supplemental Draft Guidance, Elements of a Data Management and Sharing Plan*)

# Biomedical Research Lifecycle: Prioritizing Ethical Data Practices



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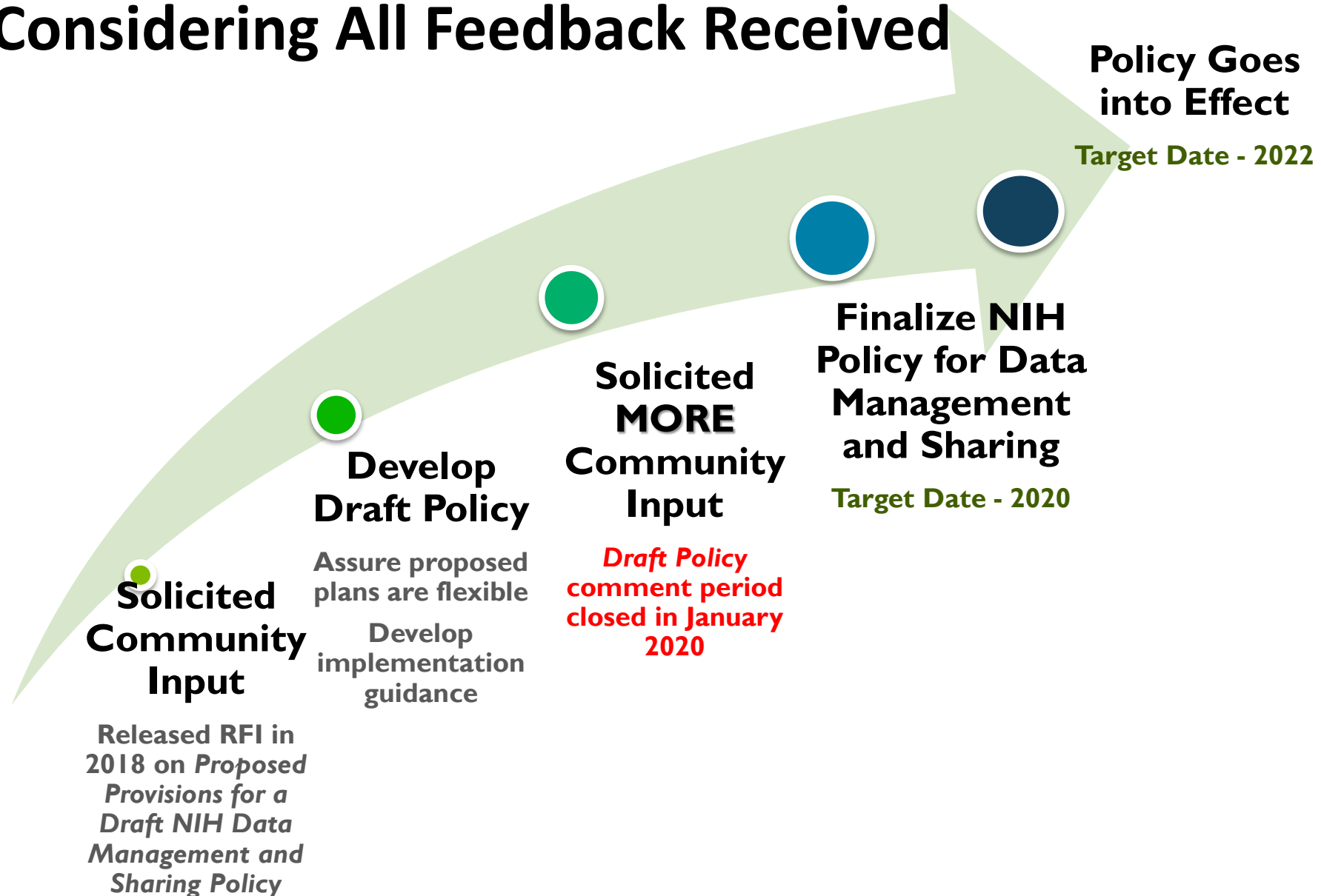


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  - Strong support for advancing data management and sharing through policy development
  - Support for well justified exceptions to data sharing
  - Many requests for clarifications (e.g., which data to share, when, and where to share it)

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# Data Sharing in the Era of COVID-19

# NIH Open-Access Data & Computational Resources on COVID-19

- **NCATS COVID-19 Data Warehouse**

- Data sharing resource to to define the clinical natural history of COVID-19
- Interoperable, secure clinical research data environment

- **LitCovid**

- National Library of Medicine curated literature hub for tracking PubMed COVID-19 articles
- Categorized by geographic location & subtopics

[Additional resources from NIH](#)  
[COVID-19 Data](#)  
[Science Collaborations](#)

NIH COVID-19 Data Collaborations

# COVID-19 Open Research Dataset Challenge

(<https://www.kaggle.com/allen-institute-for-ai/CORD-19-research-challenge/tasks>)

- Open, machine readable COVID literature (29,000+ articles)
- Text mining key scientific questions
  - Round 1: April 16, 2020 Deadline
  - Round 2: June 16, 2020 Deadline
- Supported by Allen Institute for AI, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Microsoft Research, and Georgetown University, with assistance from the National Library of Medicine

# Research Data Alliance (RDA) COVID-19 Working Group

- **What is RDA?**
  - International initiative with the goal of building the social and technical infrastructure to enable open data sharing
- **COVID-19 Working Group developing:**
  - Guidance related to data sharing under the present COVID-19 circumstances to help researchers maximize impact of their work
  - Strategies for policymakers to maximize timely data sharing in health emergencies

## NIH COVID-19 Data Collaborations

# Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV)

### NEWS RELEASES

Friday, April 17, 2020

## NIH to launch public-private partnership to speed COVID-19 vaccine and treatment options

*Health agencies, leading pharmaceutical companies to join forces to accelerate pandemic response.*

### Participating Organizations

#### Government

- NIH
- HHS ASPR
- FDA
- CDC
- European Medicines Agency

#### Non-Profit

- FNIH

#### Industry

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| • AbbVie               | • Eli Lilly and Company |
| • Amgen                | • Merck & Co., Inc      |
| • AstraZeneca          | • Novartis              |
| • Bristol Myers Squibb | • Pfizer                |
| • Evotec               | • Roche                 |
| • GlaxoSmith Kline     | • Sanofi                |
| • Johnson & Johnson    | • Takeda                |
| • KSQ Therapeutics     | • Vir Biotechnology     |

# Take Home Messages

- NIH is committed to making the research it funds available to advance discovery, improve health, and maintain its accountability to the public
- Responsible data sharing remains an NIH priority and we are looking to the community to help us craft a path forward



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# Research Data Management and Sharing

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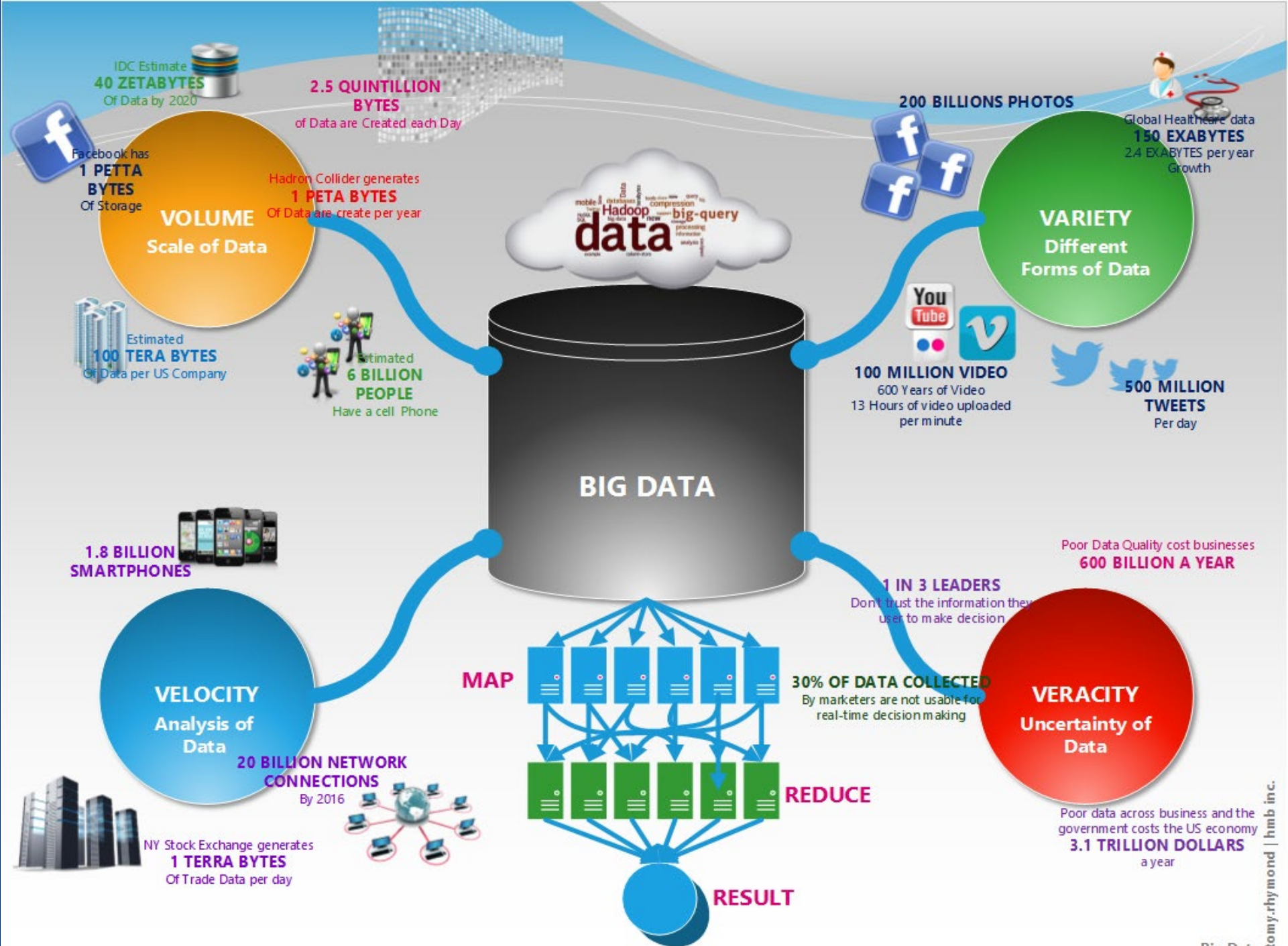
# TOPICS



- Data
- Research Data Lifecycle
- Research Data Management Activities
- FAIR Principle
- Stakeholders
- Why a Data Management Plan (DMP)?
- NIH requirements
- Sample Data Management and Sharing plans
- AI Generated Data: NIH/NCATS Study

**In Healthcare, data grows exponentially and different types of data are required for research.**





# Research Data Lifecycle



- Project/proposal planning
- Start up
- **Data collection**
- **Data analysis**
- **Data sharing**
- End of project
- Data archive

# Research Data Management Activities

- Planning
- Documenting
- Formatting
- Storing
- Anonymizing
- Controlling Access

# Research Data management and sharing according to the “FAIR Principles”

- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable



# Stakeholders



- Researchers
- Institutions
- Repositories
- Funders
- Secondary users
- Publishers and Journals

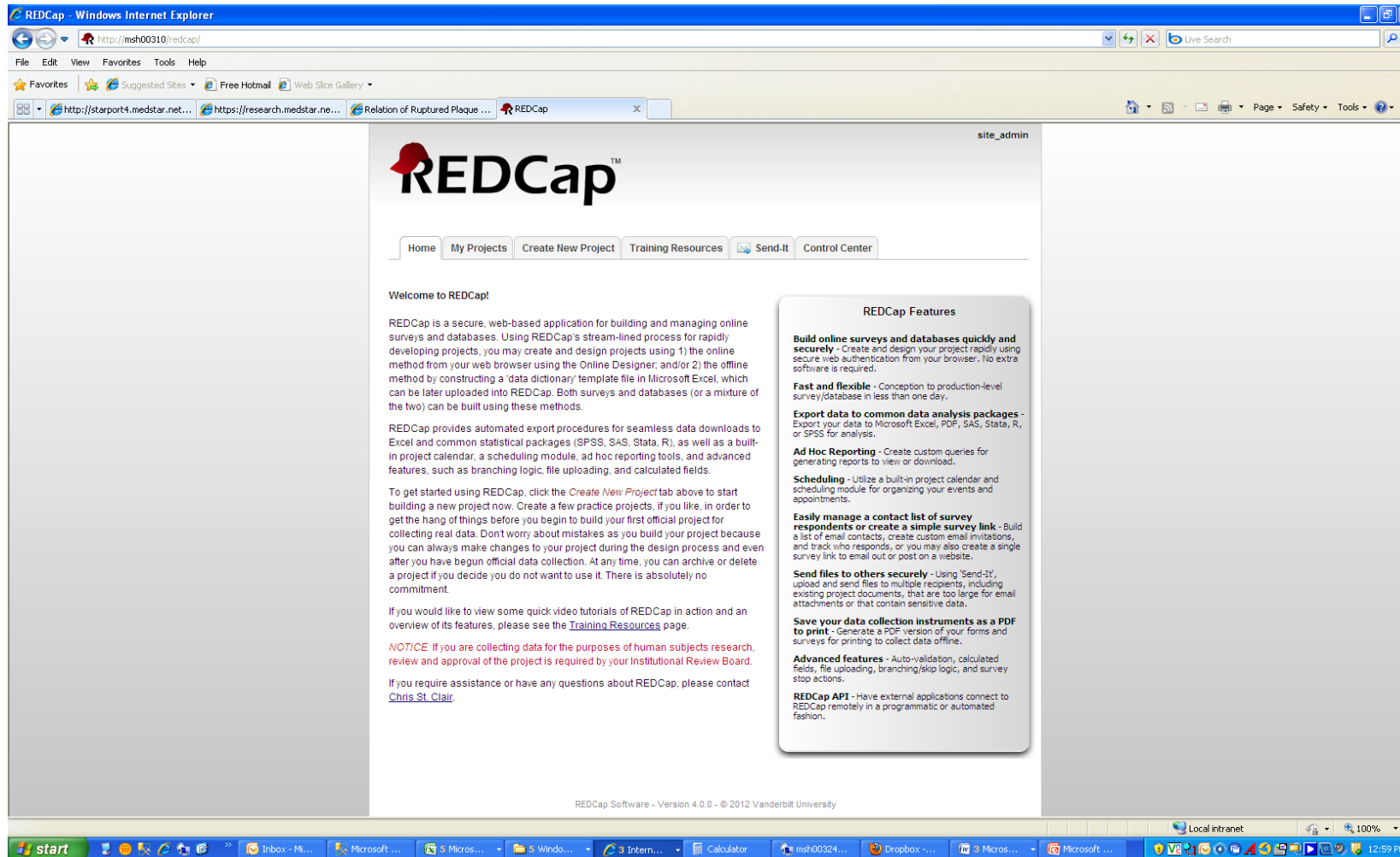


# What should the Data Management Plan look like?



- Everyone involved (IRB included) know what is expected at the start of the study
- To organize/create expected documents (CRF's/MOP's) so they can be produced during the course of the study
- Fulfill regulatory requirements
- Data management tasks become more visible to other groups
- Quality Assurance (QA)
- Provides continuity process and history of a project (Helpful in long term projects)

# Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCAP)



<http://project-redcap.org/>



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# NIH data policy



- Final Data format
- Documentation
- Analytic tools necessary to use the data
- Data sharing agreements
- How and when the data will be made available to others

# NIH Proposed Methods for Data sharing



- Under the auspices of the PI
- Data Archive
- Data Enclave
- Mixed mode sharing.

[https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/data\\_sharing/data\\_sharing\\_guidance.htm#archive](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/data_sharing/data_sharing_guidance.htm#archive)

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# Sample Data Management Plan



The MHRI Department of Biostatistics and Biomedical Informatics provides the Medstar and GHUCCTS research community with customized biomedical and clinical-research informatics applications to help manage complex translational and clinical research needs. Working with the Department of Biostatistics and Biomedical Informatics gives access to the REDCap integrated data system: a user-friendly web-service for data collection linked to an encrypted MySQL database. REDCap is accessed via the Internet through secure web-applications. Data can be entered manually into the interface or uploaded in bulk from comma separated values (.csv) files. For very large datasets and data migrations it is possible to automate extract-transform-load (ETL) protocols between source databases and the REDCap MySQL backend. For custom fields, the downloadable data dictionary contains rich metadata to facilitate *post hoc* variable translation. REDCap is operating system agnostic and runs on most popular web browsers; accessing the system requires only a web browser and internet access. REDCap's powerful reporting functions allow complex interrogation of datasets. As needed the dept facilitates data visualization via custom dashboards developed using Tableau visual analytic software. Data can be bulk-exported or constrained to subsets before export to standard statistical analytics platforms for analysis (R, SAS, SPSS, etc).

# Sample Research Data Sharing Plan

All data collected will be housed and maintained within the MedStar Health system on shared drives equipped with appropriate security measures behind the MedStar Health firewall. Data collection will be housed within the MedStar Health Research Institute instance of the Research Data Capture database (RedCap) file server that provides HIPAA level protection of research data. Analytics on identifiable patient safety data will be maintained within MedStar Health's research servers and conducted by MedStar Health Research Institute biostatisticians, led by Dr. Shara, whose team is used to handling sensitive and confidential data manners to maintain data privacy and security. The MedStar Health Research Institute will be responsible for maintaining the data, interventions, implementation tools and toolkits, and any other products developed from the grant activities. All research team members will be given appropriate access levels to the data to enable them to complete their portion of the project and we will ensure that all human subjects research protections are maintained by MedStar Health entities.

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# How to manage and share AI generated data

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# Ethical dilemmas in AI

- **lack of transparency (eg. algorithms)**
- **Who is responsible if mistakes happen (eg. Autonomous car accidents)**
- **Fake information can negatively impact entire population**
- **Unfairly discriminate (bias towards certain race or/and gender)**



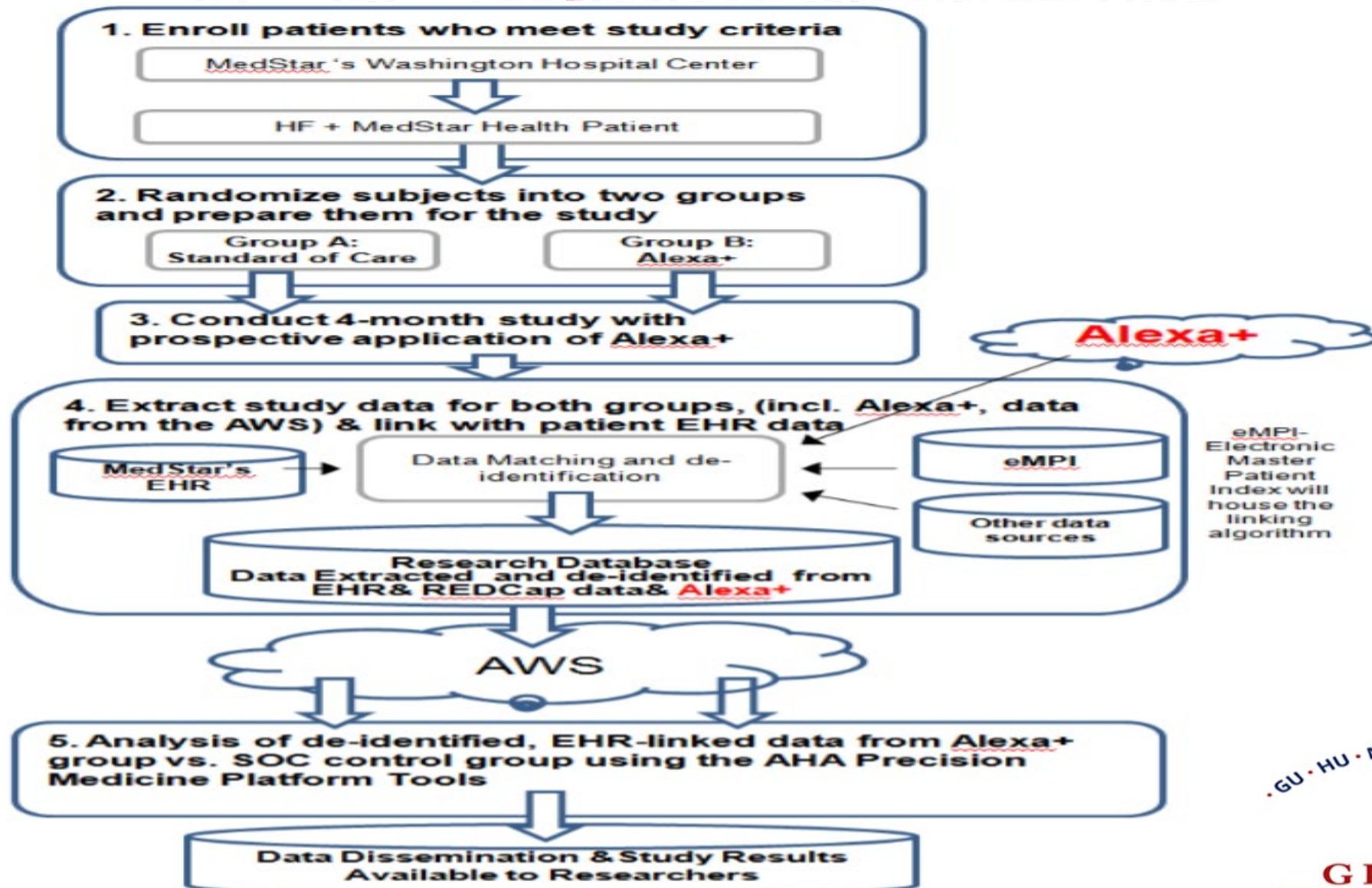
# NIH/NCATS Funded Study:

## Alexa, Treat my HF



- To design and test a customized and interactive chronic heart failure disease specific functionality (skill kit) within a voice activated technology (Amazon's Echo Dot) as a tool for management of patients at home.
- We will leverage the patients' electronic medical record to assist in future design of the tool.

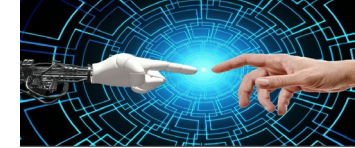
# Study Flow and Timeline



# Voice Enabled Devices / Avatars

- Voice enabled, internet connected devices:

- Interactive actions through a virtual personal assistant
- Connect patients with health care providers
- Integration with MedStar suite of EHR





**CASE STUDY (NCATS CTSA SUPPLEMENT)**  
**PI: NAWAR SHARA, PHD**  
**AI VOICE ACTIVATED TECHNOLOGY (ALEXA) TO MANAGE HEART FAILURE**

## Research Methods

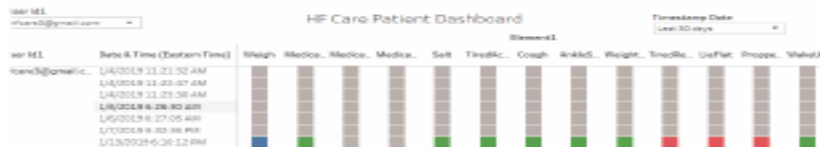


HF Patients Randomized into 2 Groups  
(SOC & ALEXA)

Voice Activated HF Survey Administered to ALEXA Group Daily for 3 Months

Patients Invoke ALEXA and answer Health Maintenance Questions (Y/N)

Responses are Recorded and Stored in AWS Cloud and shown on a dashboard to monitor participants responses



Results will be Integrated with EHR Data to Assess outcomes (e.g. readmission, technology uptake)



Regulatory

## AI Assistant Programmed to Record Only Yes or No Responses

## Data Secured on AWS

Required inclusion criteria of a private home with a WiFi system

### Option to Turn-off Listening by locking the ALEXA unit

### Recording Stops When Locked, Sleeping, or Force-quit

# In summary,



- Proper research data management and data sharing plans will provide a better and increased potential for funding.
- Transparency and better collaborative efforts.
- Reproducible research, scientific integrity, and validation of the findings/results.
- Adoption by the scientific community





# BioCompute Objects

*CTSA 2020*

*Panel on Research Data Management and Sharing*

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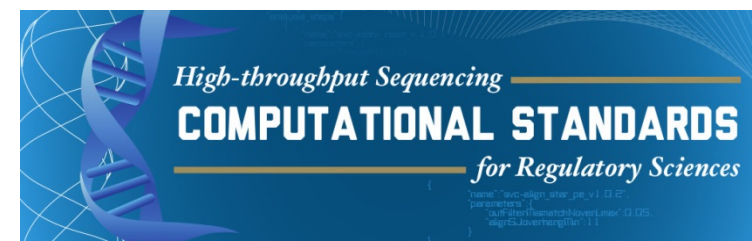
# BioCompute Workshops



**Purpose:** *Community input on creating a standardized framework for computational analyses of HTS (NGS) data for FDA submission.*

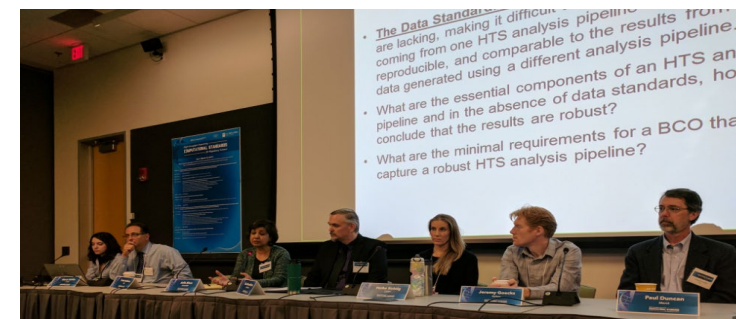
This FRAMEWORK is known as a BioCompute object (BCO). We had hundreds workshop participants in yearly workshops. 1<sup>st</sup> FDA workshop in 2014.

Accurate **communication** is critical for regulatory evaluation of HTS (NGS) based products.

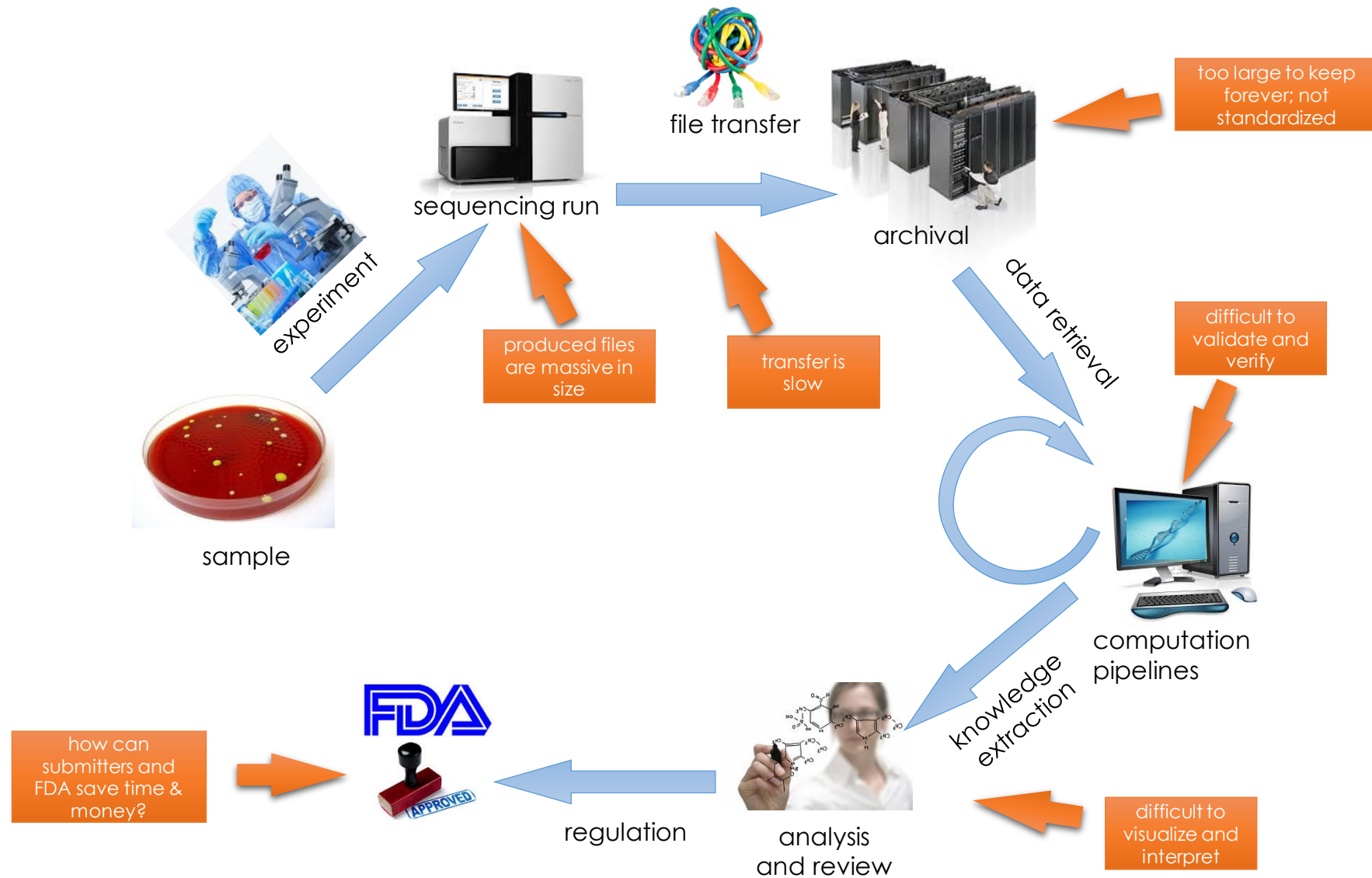


## Main outcomes:

- Creation of the BCO specification document
- Public-private BCO-spec working groups with regular meetings
- BCO demonstration projects (for submitters and software platform developers) with community stakeholders.

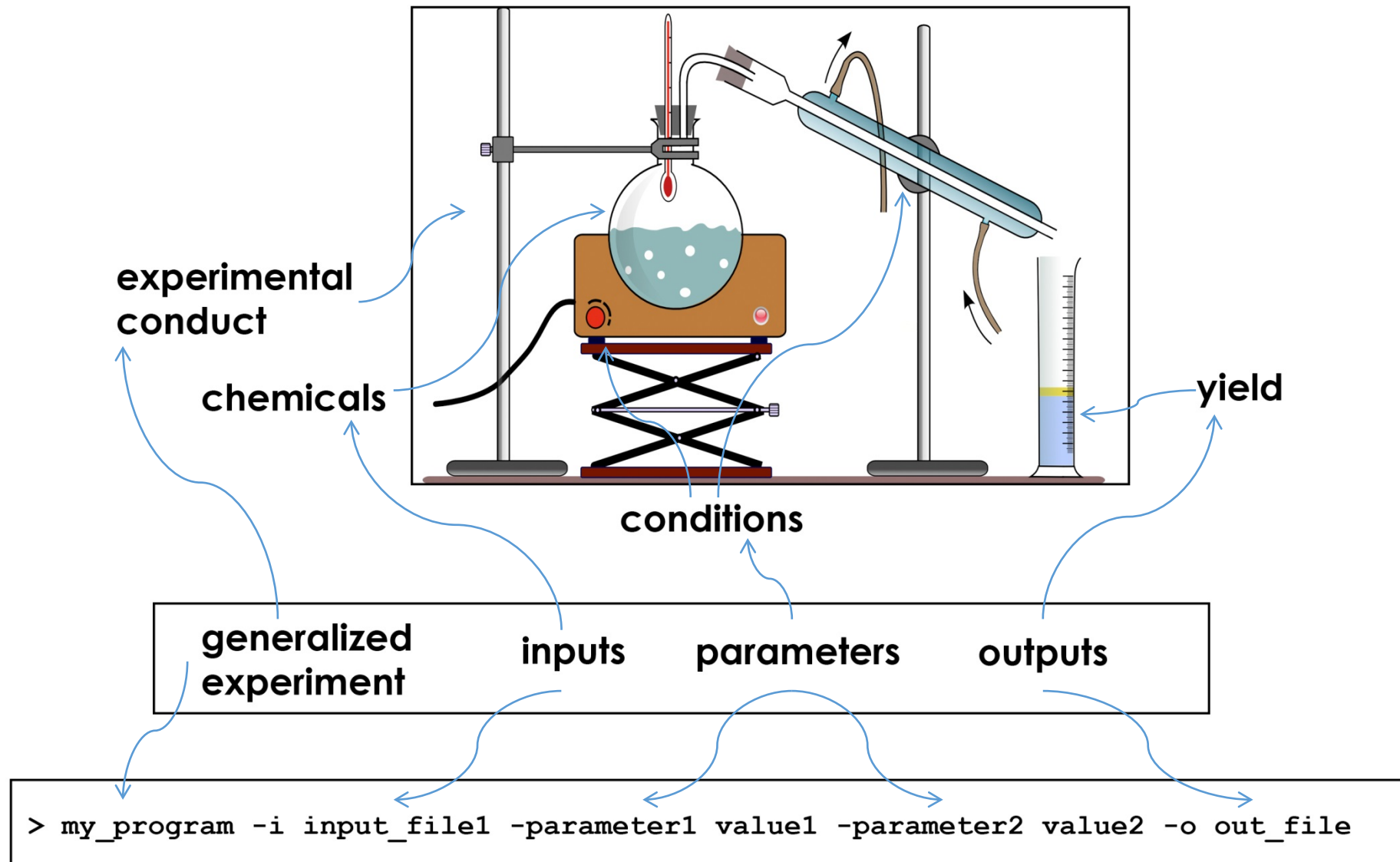


# NGS lifecycle: from a biological sample to biomedical research and regulation

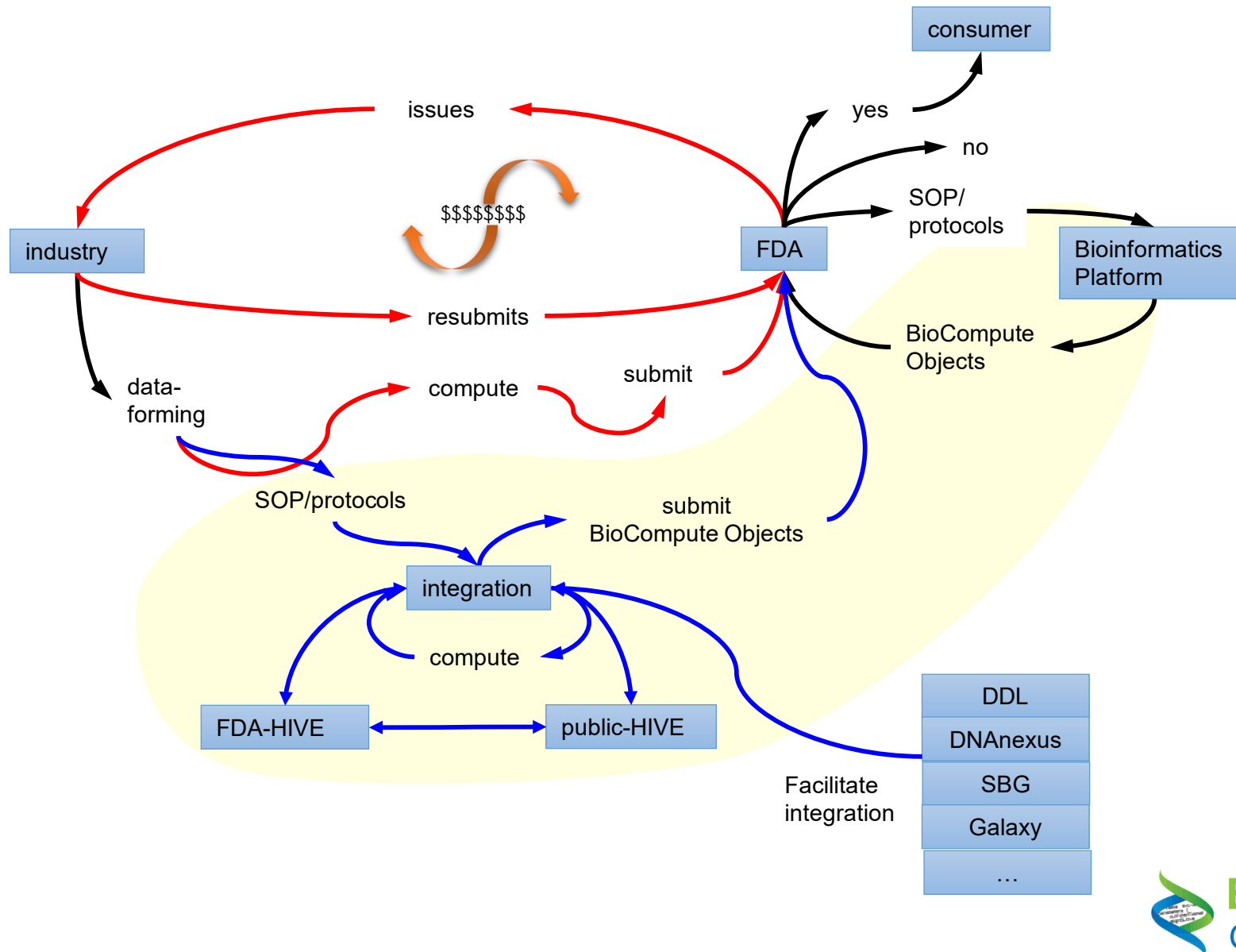




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# A solution should ...

- Be **human readable**: like a GenBank sequence record
- Be **machine readable**: like a GenBank sequence record. Structured information with predefined fields and associated meanings of values
- Contain enough information to interpret information, understand the computational pipelines, maintain records, and reproduce experiments
- Have a way to be sure the information has not been altered: immutable



# 802.11 Analogy



- More commonly called “WiFi.” Does not standardize the platform that information is generated on, the applications that use the information.
- The only thing that it standardizes is how information is collected and communicated between two devices. From there, you can do whatever you want with it.

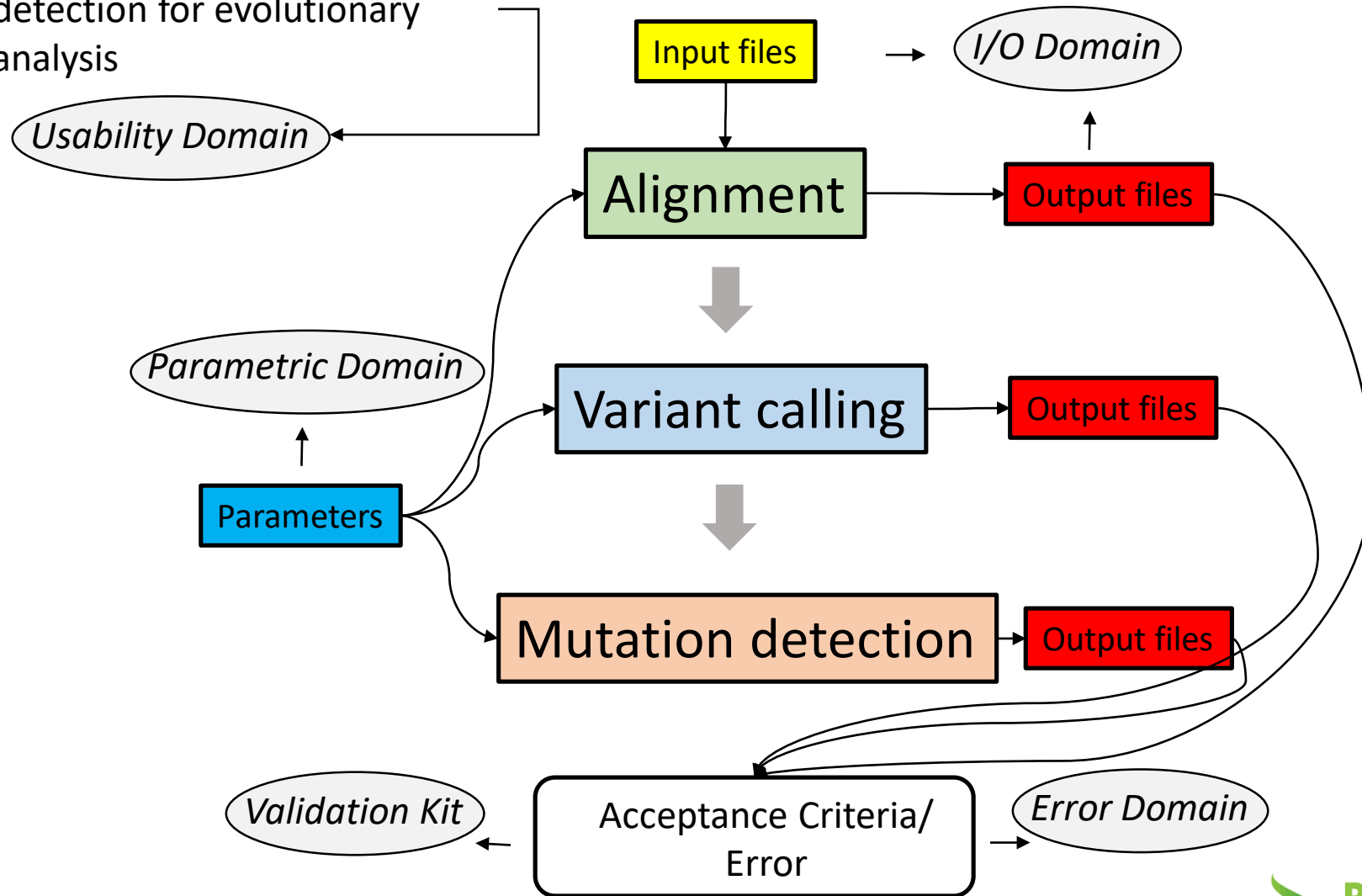


# BioCompute

- Standard for communicating computational analysis workflows
- Acts like an envelope for entire pipeline
  - Can incorporate other ontologies, standards (e.g. CWL, RO, DO, GA4GH, SEQC2...)
- Built with input from FDA, academia and industry
- Human and machine readable
  - Written in JSON
  - Unique IDs for versioning
- Categorized by domains (Usability, Execution, Error Domain etc.); Interoperable; Adaptable; ...
- IEEE approved standard for communicating genomic analysis workflows (<https://standards.ieee.org/standard/2791-2020.html>)

# What is a BioCompute Object?

HCoV2 NS2 protein mutation  
detection for evolutionary  
analysis





## Partnerships With Standards Organization

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standard



- Available January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Scheduled for publication March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Under review with International Standards Organization (ISO)

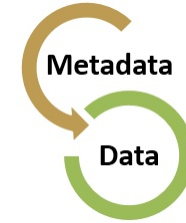


- IEEE/ISO joint agreement for expedited standardization

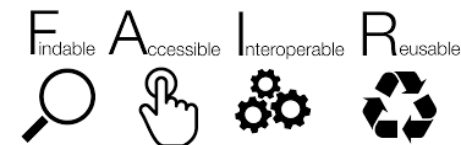
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# Salient Features of BioCompute

- Provides important **metadata** required for reproducing data
- Provides seamless **communication** and **collaboration** opportunities
- Provides appropriate **attribution**
- Available in **machine readable** and **human readable** format
- Provides **license** details that helps others to use the data accordingly
- Data and metadata can follow **FAIR principles**



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## Biocompute Objects—A Step Towards Evaluation and Validation of Biomedical Scientific Computations

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