# Population precision medicine research in the digital economy

## Nick Anderson, PhD

Cardiff Professor of Informatics Director of Research Informatics, UC Davis Health System Chief, Division of Health Informatics, Department of Public Health Sciences University of California, Davis

nranderson@ucdavis.edu





# **Precision medicine**

- The ambition:
  - *"a medical model that proposes the customization of healthcare, with medical decisions, practices, and/or products being tailored to the individual patient"*
  - "an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle for each person."
- AKA:
  - Personalized medicine, personalized health, precision health, precision public health, precision oncology
- The present:
  - Focus on small, deep, validated cohort \*omics studies
  - Rapt enthusiasm about expanding to broader genotype/ phenotype studies





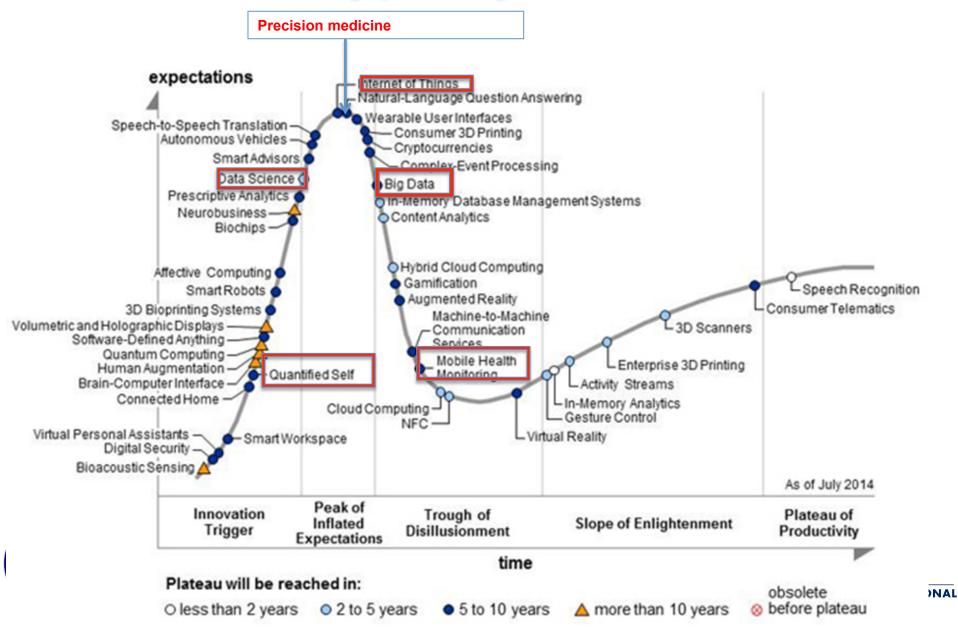
# **Precision medicine**

- Coming soon:
  - US Precision Medicine cohort -1,000,000 volunteers
    - EMR, genomic, social, biospecimens, outcomes, mobile
    - Distributed national centers, recruiting, management
    - Apps and marketing
- Anticipated challenges
  - Limited evidence of targeted genomics working at scale
  - Virtually no standardization of data sources, data ownership policy, or models of effective patient engagement
  - PMI underfunded (130MM\$ = ~ \$130/patient)
  - Multiple competing initiatives (PCORI, NCATS, 1MM Veterans, EU), no current interoperability
  - Academically driven





## Gartners Hype Cycle 2015-2016

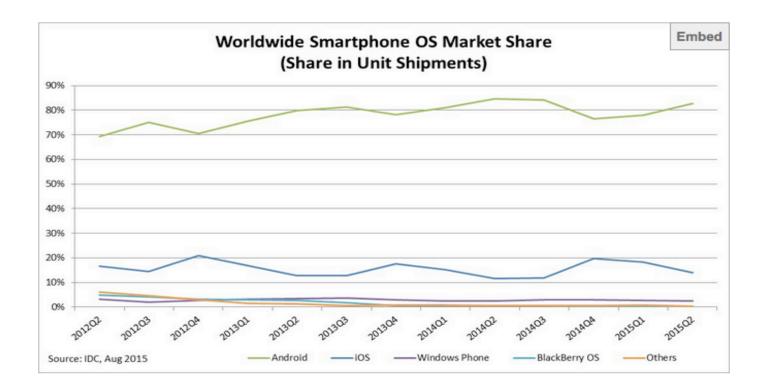


## Consumer mHealth economy

- Vast ecosystem of products generating ~quantified biometrics
- \$22+ billion economy by 2017
- 270+ million wireless subscribers in the US
- 30% of US smartphone users own at least 1 health app







| Period | Android | iOS   | Windows Phone | BlackBerry OS | Others |
|--------|---------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| 2015Q2 | 82.8%   | 13.9% | 2.6%          | 0.3%          | 0.4%   |
| 2014Q2 | 84.8%   | 11.6% | 2.5%          | 0.5%          | 0.7%   |
| 2013Q2 | 79.8%   | 12.9% | 3.4%          | 2.8%          | 1.2%   |
| 2012Q2 | 69.3%   | 16.6% | 3.1%          | 4.9%          | 6.1%   |

Source: IDC, Aug 2015





## The trough of consumer mHealth

- 165,000+ apps in combined IOS and Android stores
- mHealth app or device average use 1-3 months
- Of active users, 65% use daily
- Over 85% use social media for health
- Emerging consumer suits against companies that don't perform as advertised
  - Fitbit
    - Sleep
    - Heart rate
  - Nike
    - Calories, steps, "nikefuel"
- ... No one data stream tells the story





# **Precision mHealth challenges**

- Majority of vendor data measures unvalidated, not reproducible or persistent
- Range of balkanized silos and aggregators:
  - Health maintenance
    - Apple HealthKit and now CareKit
    - Google Fit
  - Research
    - Apple ResearchKit
    - Research Stack (android)
  - Citizen science
    - Google Science Journal
    - Openhumans.org





# **Small Data**

# The data an individual generates implicitly, across a myriad of systems, and encounters

### Household cable/tv box

- TV patterns (sleep/hearing)
- internet mediated patterns

### **Household utilities**

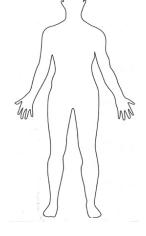
- Diurnal rhythms
- Appliance use

#### **Transportation**

- Location/commute
- Physical mode (passive, active)
- Energy use
- Contextual stress

#### **Mobile Carriers**

- Location/activity
- Call records
- Call patterns



#### Financial

- Purchases and Transactions
- Consumption
- Dietary patterns

### Social Media and Email

- Social/communciation
- Moods
- Family structure

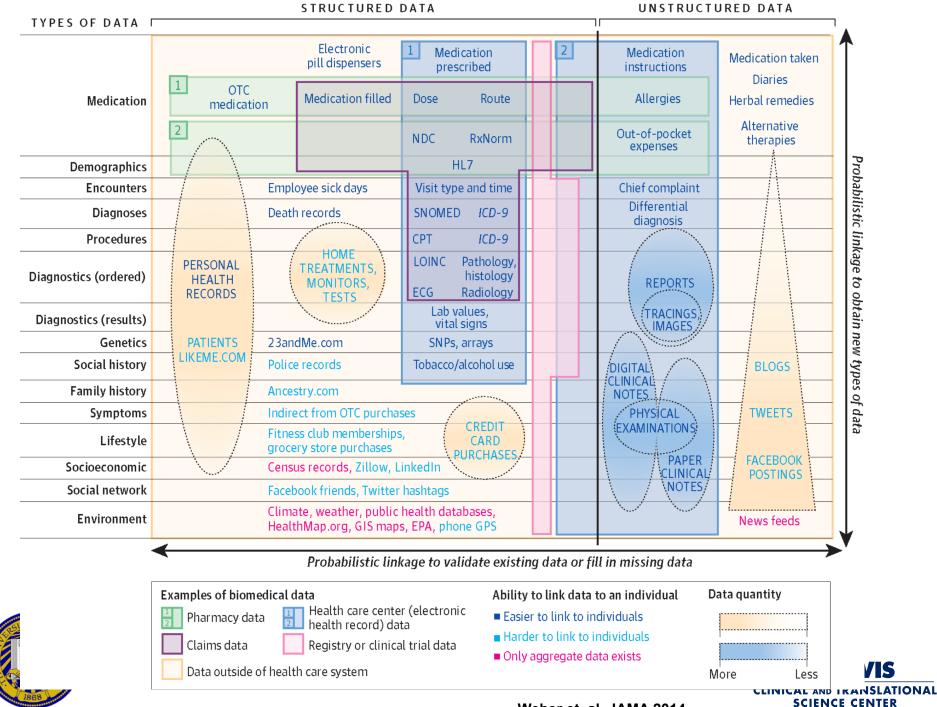
#### Games/Music/Video

- Cognitive state
- Indicator/influence



- Search
  - State of mind
  - Topic/concern
  - Influence





Weber et. al, JAMA 2014

# Precision health in a legal and commercial world

- Few protections exist to prevent mHealth data from being shared without consent
  - CA bill to expand coverage of "HIPAA" like requirements to prohibit commercial health monitoring programs from sharing or selling data without explicit permission, and that mHealth data cannot be used by employers for employee discrimination.
- Broad restrictions and on sharing patient data
- Widely varying legal and social norm restrictions on sharing social media, movement, app usage data, though it is for the most part already being shared.

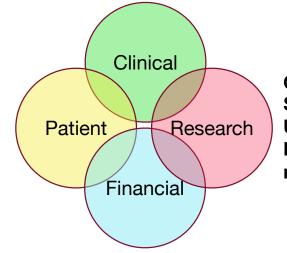




## Data generation, ownership access and use

Owners: consumers, caretakers, companies, community Sources: patients, companies, providers Users: patients, providers, companies, R&D, payers Examples: Vitals, fitness, chronic care, history, outcomes

Owners: providers, patients, labs Sources: patients, providers, labs Users: R&D, patients, providers Ex: EMR, Dx, Tx, genetic tests



Owners: Academia, companies, gov Sources: Providers, patients, companies Users: Researchers, companies, pharma Examples: Trials, screening, market research



Owners: Payers, patients, companies Sources: providers, patients, companies Users: payers, providers, regulators, companies, tbd Examples: claims, cost, payment, utilization, allocation



## **Data sharing and ownership challenges**

Data Seekers

**"Data Seekers**" = Entities, people, tools, or applications that need to find and access sensitive personal health information

- personal, private, and highly sensitive;
- protected by national and jurisdictional laws, strict institutional policies;
- Obscured by operational obstacles that maintain distance between researchers and potential data subjects

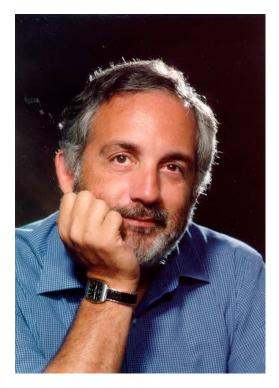
"Subjects of the Data" = People with varying contribution, opinion,
engagement – many of whom are quite willing to contribute to the discovery of new medical knowledge



"Data Holders" = Entities or people like hospitals, doctors offices, labs, pharmacies, insurers, medical specialists, devices, and apps with strict privacy obligations

CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL Dixie Baker, 2014 SCIENCE CENTER

"The design of systems determines the kinds of politics that can take place in them, and designing a system is itself a political act". Mitch Kapor – **Electronic Frontier** Foundation









# **Behavioral Biomarkers**

Specific behavioral traits to measure progress of disease and treatment

### state classification

- sedentary/ambulatory
- •at home/work
- •app analytics (games, media...)
- communication



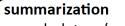


Deborah Estrin 2015



# **Behavioral Biomarkers**

Specific behavioral traits to measure progress of disease and treatment



- ambulatory/sedentary cumulative and durations, walking speed
- •sleep times, meal times
- time spent key locations, diameter of day
  social interaction



#### state classification

- sedentary/ambulatory
- •at home/work
- •app analytics (games, media...)
- communication

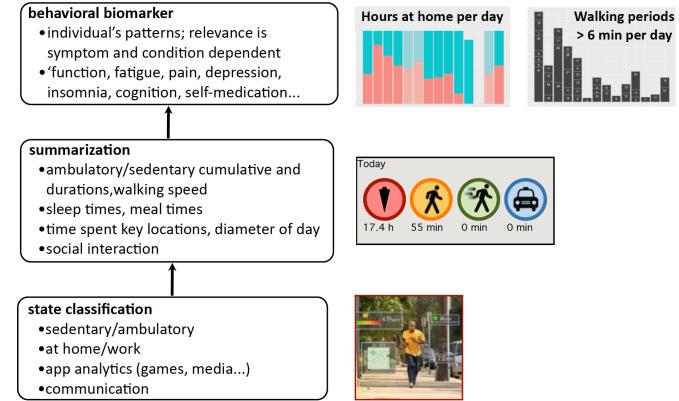






# **Behavioral Biomarkers**

Specific behavioral traits to measure progress of disease and treatment





Deborah Estrin 2015



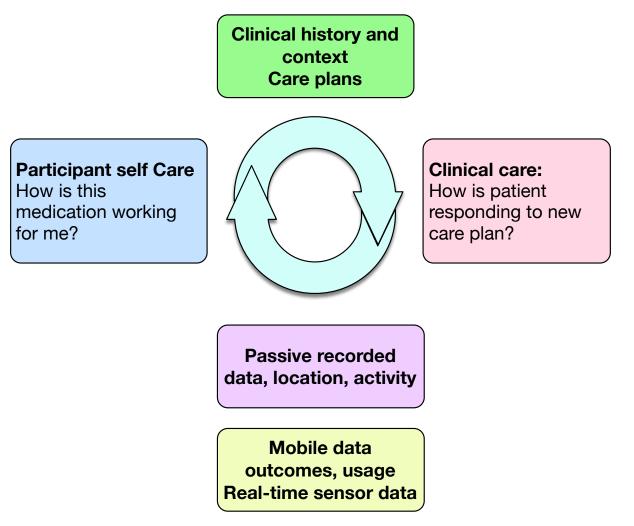
## Predictive biomarkers via search

- *Microsoft Finds Cancer Clues in Search Queries* New York times June 7, 2016
- "If we heard the whispers of people online, would it provide strong evidence or a clue that something's going on"
- Found that signals deduced from patterns of queries in search logs can predict the future appearance of queries that are highly suggestive of a diagnosis of pancreatic adenocarcinoma –
- which could inform when screening and assessment could improve subsequent symptom development health states
- Used Bing





# Link mHealth and small data to clinical care







# Prescriptive data and digital biomarkers

## **Prescriptive data for 4 weeks**

Differentiate patterns of adherence from non-adherence Characterize behavioral reasons for non-adherence Enable providers to make informed treatment decisions 4 week cycles capture robust data in typical Rx cycle Alternative monitoring data to see if patient is on track

## Root cause determined to be treatable non-adherence

### Sustain plan for 12 weeks

Designed for 12 week cycles to allow for habit formation Treat non-adherence by supporting logistical, educational and motivational needs

Increase patient engagement through interaction with interfaces and enhanced communication with care team

Requires on-going support

Yearly

check-in

UCDAVIS CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER

Patient

At Goal



Unknown

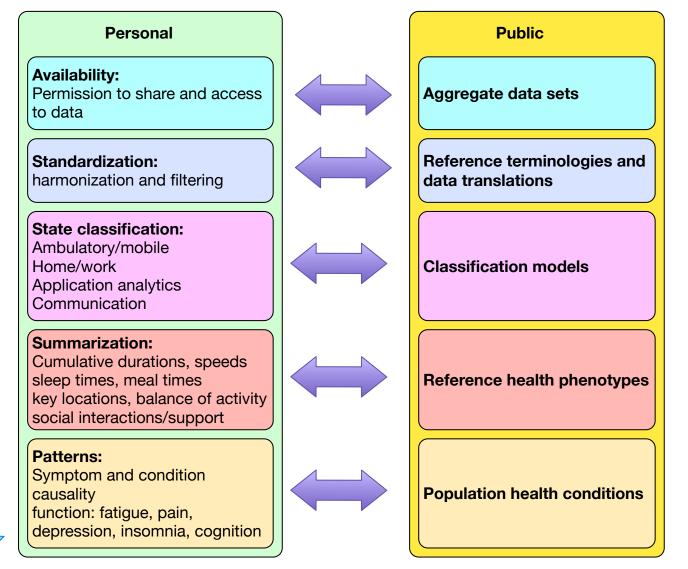
root cause

- High cost patient
- Disease management

candidate



# **Building models**





UCDAVIS CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER

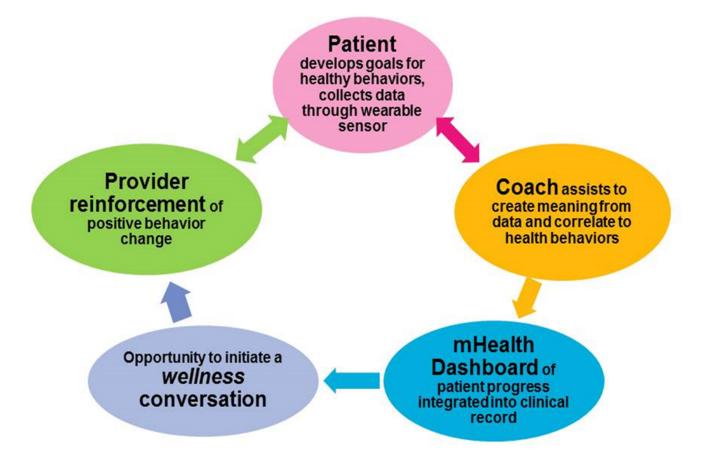
# Challenges to digital biomarkers for precision medicine

- Quantity is not always better
- Potential biases require alternative validation approaches
- Critical:
  - Context and reproducibility critical
  - Patient trust and engagement





## Prescriptive Digital health: Changing the patient/ data relationship



## **Questions?**

- nranderson@ucdavis.edu
- @nick\_r\_anderson
- www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ctsc/



