

Advancing Rare Disease Research through International Collaboration: IRDiRC

Kym Boycott, Clinician Investigator

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario University of Ottawa, Canada

Co-Chair, Diagnostics Committee, IRDiRC

The idea - 2009....

Improved international collaboration and coordination could better facilitate research and could reduce inequities for patients.

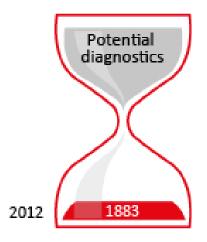






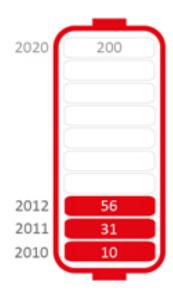
IRDiRC—Ambitious Goals

NEW DIAGNOSTICS



Objective 2020: diagnostics for all rare diseases

NEW THERAPIES



Objective 2020: 200 new therapies

Published online 4 April 2011 | Nature 472, 17 (2011) | doi:10.1038/472017a

News

Rare-disease project has global ambitions





Australia

Western Australian Department of Health



Canada

Canadian Institutes for Health Research



China

Beijing Genomics Institute

European Commission

Genome Canada



Chinese Rare Disease Research Consortium







Academy of Finland



France

French Association against Myopathies



Agence National de la Recherche



Lysogene



Georgia

Children's New Hospital Management Group Germany



Federal Ministry of Education and Research



Italian Higher Institute of Health



International Consortium

E-RARE 2 Consortium

Telethon Foundation



Netherlands

The Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development



Prosensa

Republic of Korea



Korean National Institute of Health







UK

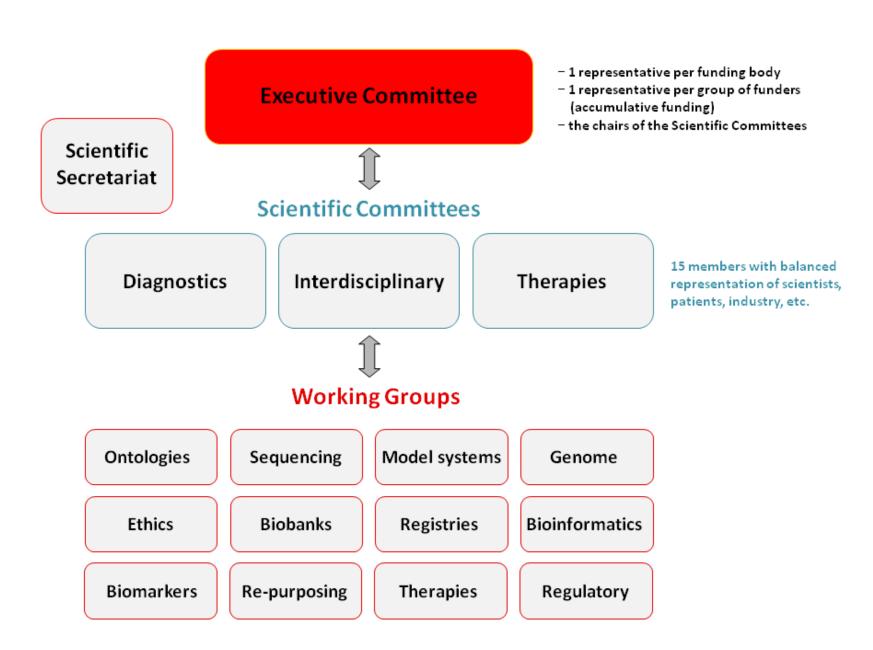
National Institute for Health Research



- **USA**
 - Food and Drug Administration Orphan Products **Grants Program**
 - National Human Genome Research Institute (NIH)
- National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences(NIH)
- National Cancer Institute (NIH)
- National Eye Institute (NIH)
- National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NIH)
- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIH)
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH)
- National Eye Institute (NIH)
- **NKT Therapeutics**
- Office of Rare Diseases (NIH)
- **PTC Therapeutics**
- Sanford Research Institute
- Shire

Present commitment exceeds \$1B worldwide

IRDiRC Organizational Structure





Diagnostics Scientific Committee

NEW DIAGNOSTICS

Potential diagnostics
2012

No. of new causative genes discovered

- Understand the mechanism of most RD by 2020
- 2. Enable the clinical translation of genomic sequencing for patients with RDs

Objective 2020: diagnostics for all rare diseases



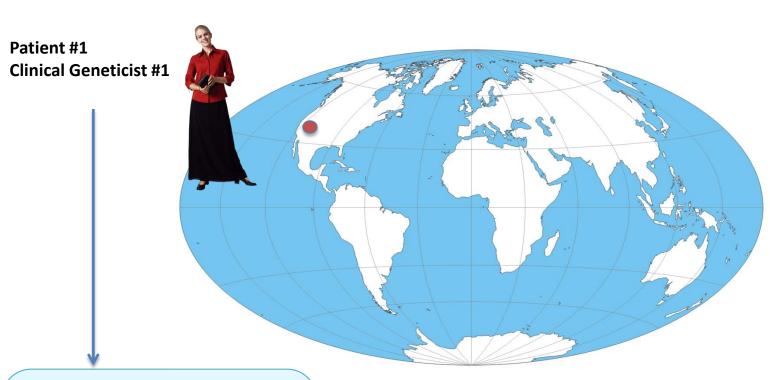
The Challenge

~75% of exome sequencing cases unsolved

 No unified database exists for patients with unsolved rare genetic disease

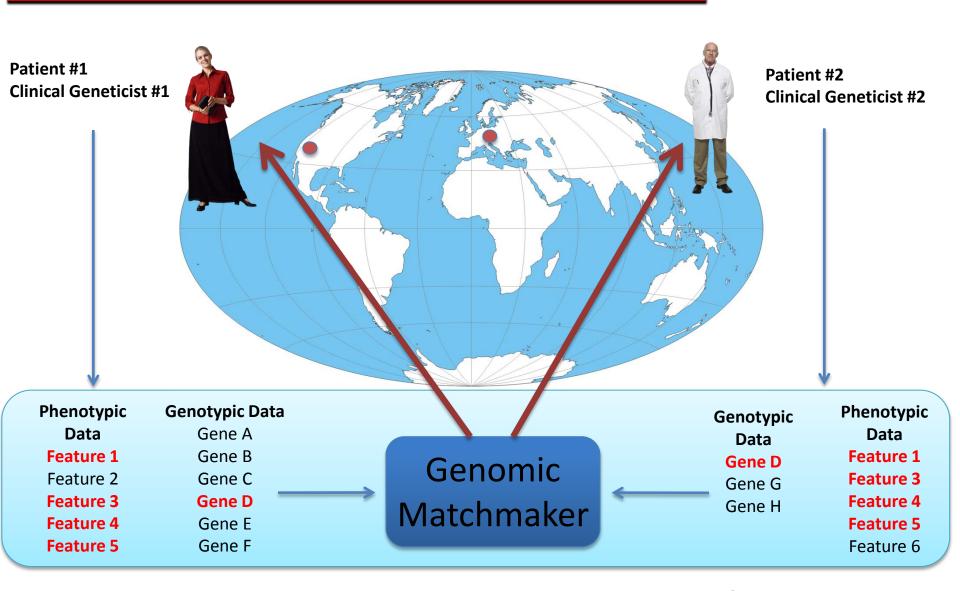
 Phenotypic data is under-represented in most genomic datasets

Challenge: N-of-1



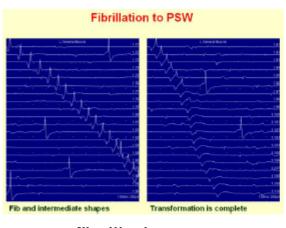
Phenotypic	Genotypic Data
Data	Gene A
Feature 1	Gene B
Feature 2	Gene C
Feature 3	Gene D
Feature 4	Gene E
Feature 5	Gene F

Challenge: N-of-1



Describing the Phenotype

Why Ontologies?







fibrillation ...

muscle fibrillation = fibrillation \neq fibrillation = ventricular fibrillation

Need to make sure each term is well defined

Peter Robinson et al.

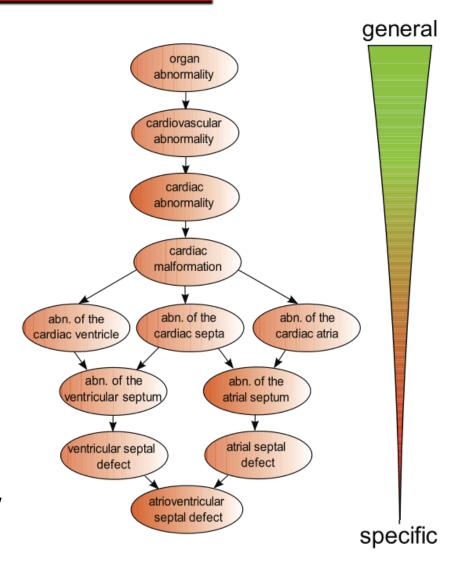
Ontologies

Standardized vocabulary to describe clinical phenotypes

Computer readable terms

Hierarchichal structure representing subclass relationships

Human Phenotype Ontology



Robinson, PN and Mundlos, S. 2010



2300 Standard Terms for RD

IRDIRC
INTERNATIONAL
RARE
DISEASES
RESEARCH













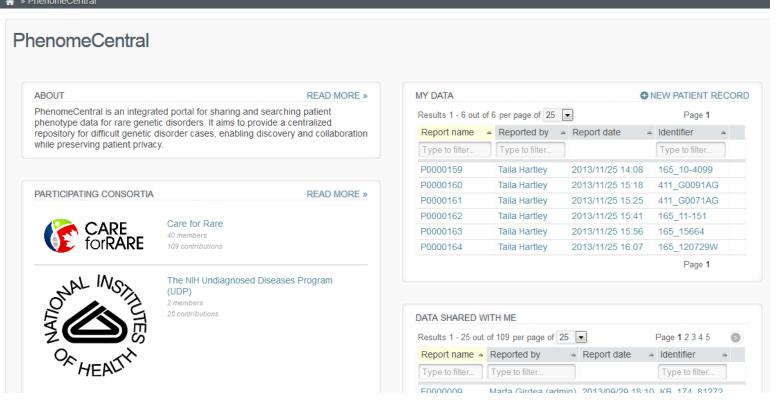
Human Phenotype Ontology **Orphanet** LDDB Elements of Morphology **PhenoDB UMLS SNOWMEDCT** MeSH MedDRA

International Consortium of Phenotype Terminologies

Matchmaker Needed





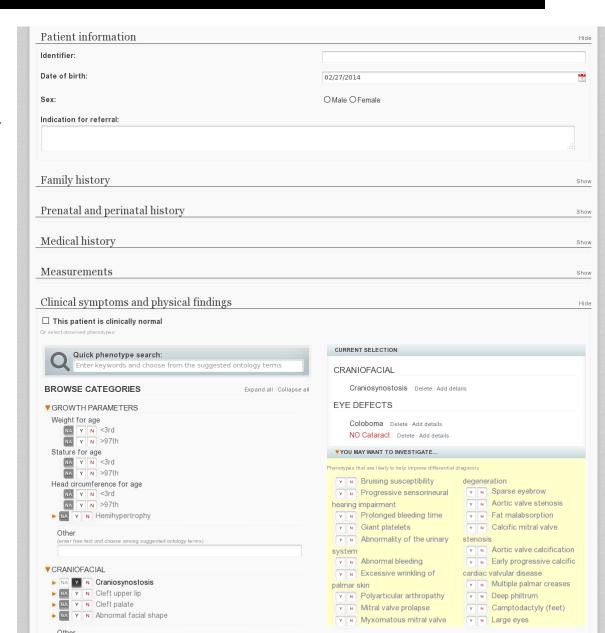




Dr. Mike Brudno U of T

Step 1: Add Patient

- Predictive Search: allowing rapid entry with Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO) terms
- Selection of positive and negative terms
- Add a vcf file (or list of genes)
- Set each record as Private, Public or Matchable



Step 2: See Patients Similar To Yours

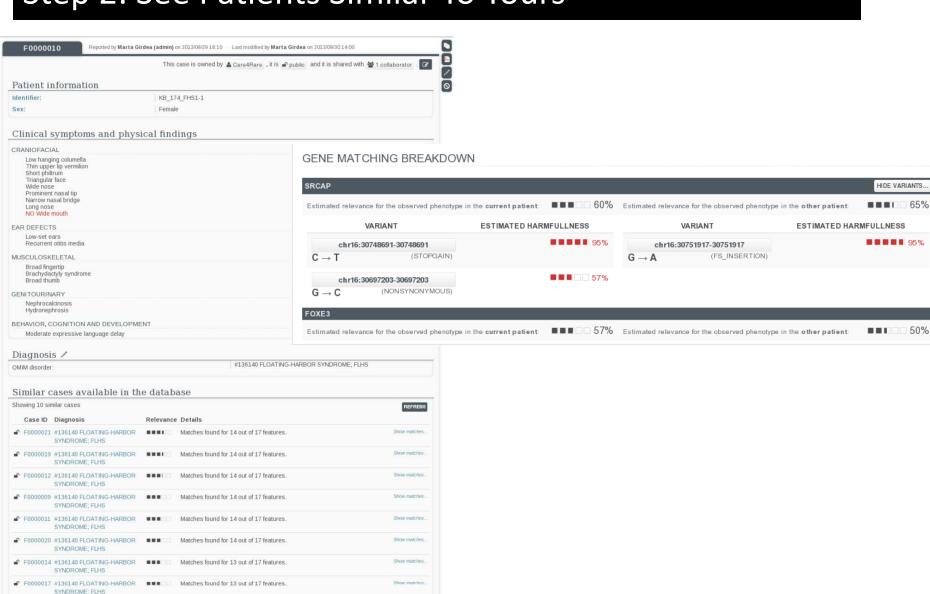
Matches found for 11 out of 17 features.

■ F0000016 #136140 FLOATING-HARBOR ■■■

■ F0000015 #136140 FLOATING-HARBOR ■■■□□ Matches found for 14 out of 17 features.

SYNDROME; FLHS

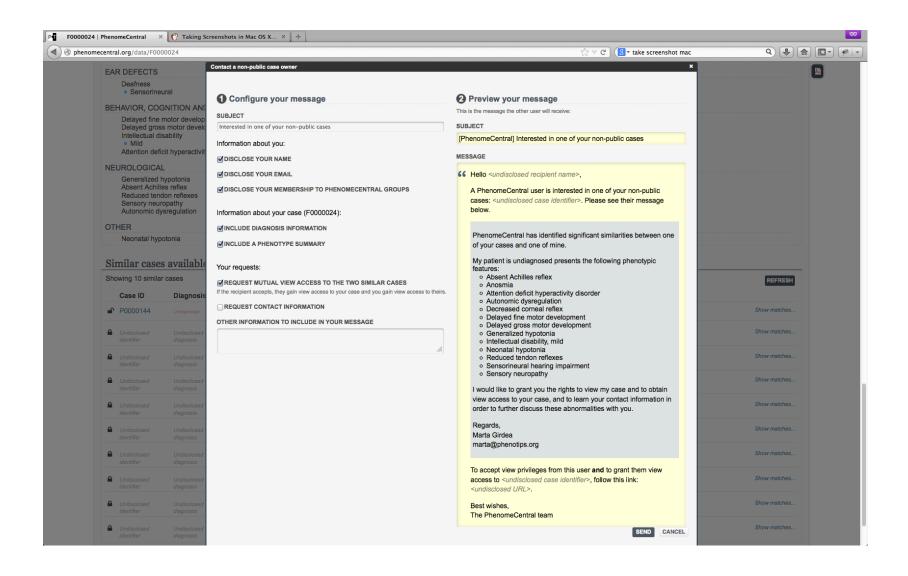
SYNDROME; FLHS

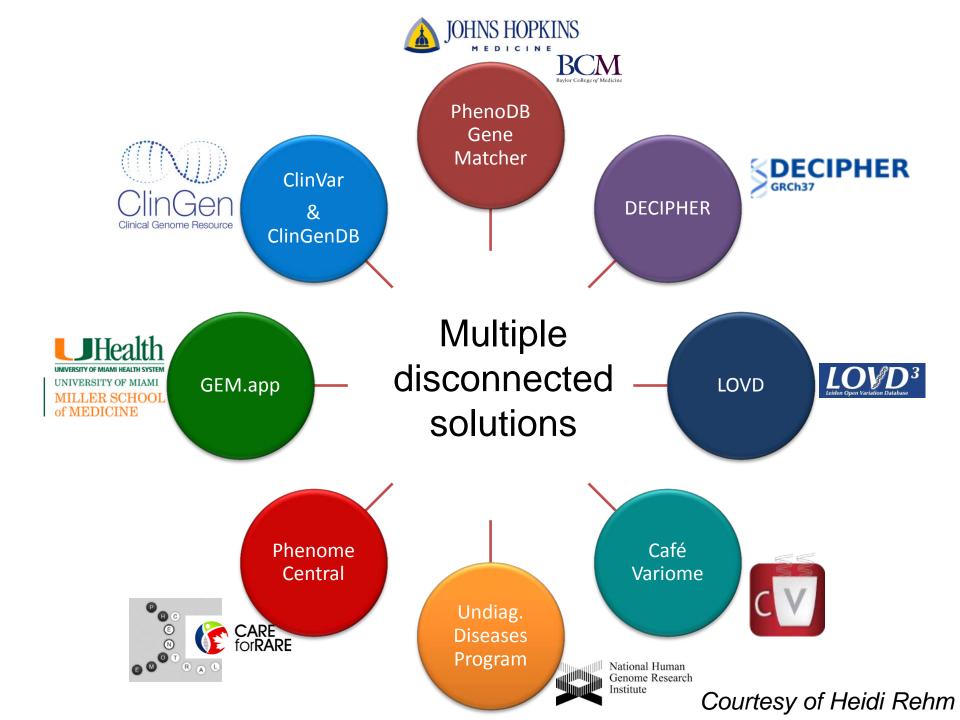


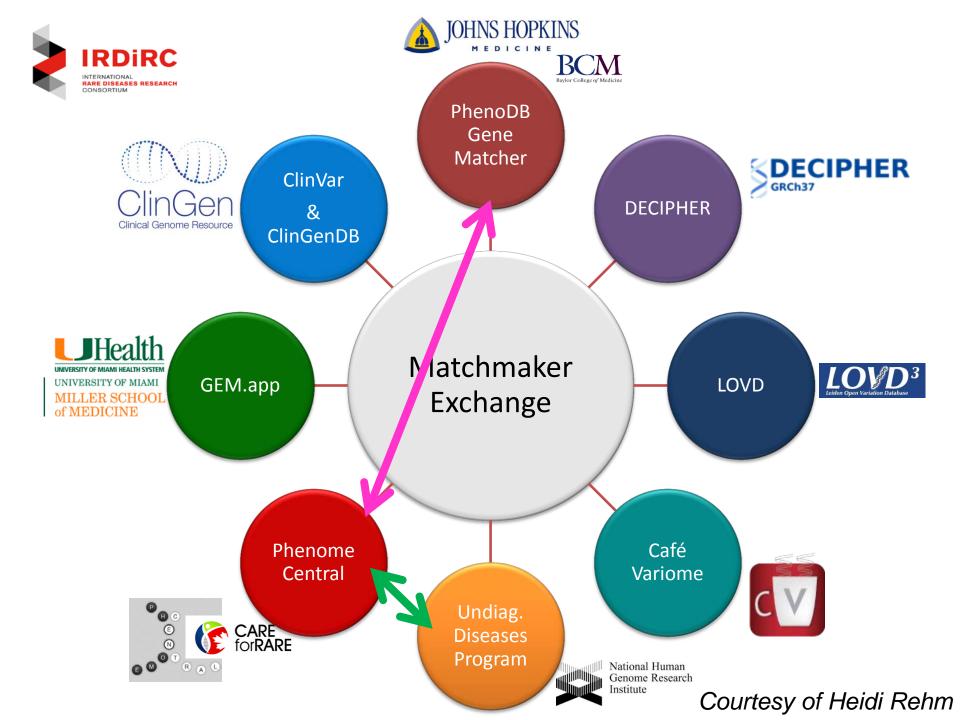
Show matches

Show matches

Step 3: Contact the Submitter of the Other Dataset









HOME

ABOUT US »

ACTIVITIES »

RARE DISEASES RESEARCH »

RESEARCH FUNDING »

IRDIRC PRIVATE WEBSITE

