Panel: How Big Data is Changing Healthcare

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Big Data in Healthcare

Gartner defines "big data" as high-volume, high-velocity and high-variety information assets that demand cost-effective, innovative forms of information processing for enhanced insight and decision making. According to Gartner the eight sources of healthcare big data are:

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Volume</th>
<th>Variety</th>
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<td>Physicians' free-text notes</td>
<td>Terabytes of stored text</td>
<td>Unstructured</td>
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<td>Patient-generated health data (PGHD)</td>
<td>Few patients at first, but will grow</td>
<td>Few data elements now, but will grow</td>
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<td>Genomics</td>
<td>~100GB per patient</td>
<td>Standard formats exist</td>
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<td>Physiological monitoring data</td>
<td>Very large with high resolution and continuous stream</td>
<td>A few waveforms of interest</td>
<td>May require immediate response to abnormalities</td>
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<td>Publicly available data</td>
<td>Very large</td>
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<td>Credit card and purchasing data</td>
<td>Very large across all patients</td>
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<td>Medical imaging data</td>
<td>Petabytes</td>
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NA = not applicable

Source: Gartner (March 2016)
Humanitas Research Hospital

Humanitas has undertaken a multi-year initiative to **improve the quality of information** available to stakeholders.

We decided to set:

- the goals of our analytics program
- the approach to information management and data governance
- the IT platform

Analytics help us to refine our organizational model in line with the **continuous improvement strategy** of Humanitas

**The challenge:** measure clinical performance in order to ensure clinical quality of the care delivered to the Patients
Humanitas: the Hospital

Humanitas Research Hospital is the flagship hospital of Humanitas Group

- **40,000** inpatients per year
- **2,400,000** outpatient visits per year
- **2,300** Professionals
- Certified by the Joint Commission International
- Teaching hospital
- Research Hospital

In Italy, private HDOs are accredited by the Region and provide health care service directly to the Italian citizens. The patients are free to chose where to get treated. The State reimburses the clinical services based on the DRG system.

Humanitas provides around 80% of its services to the NHS.
A close integration between health care, research and training to offer our patients the world’s best affordable care: this is the mission at Humanitas
# Humanitas: excellence centers

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**Internal medicine** *(medical clinic, gastroenterology, hepatology, nephrology, endocrinology, pneumology)*

**Specialty activities** *(ophthalmology, Fertility Center, Day Surgery, Dental Center)*

**Services** *(radiology, ultrasound, endoscopy, clinical lab, anesthesia, intensive care unit, dialysis)*

**Emergency Department - EAS**
In order to assess clinical quality we had to exploit the full potential of clinical data.

Thanks to the EHR we transformed how information is managed, shared and processed across the continuum of care – to become a paperless hospital, while removing barriers to more collaborative working - ‘coordinated patient care’

- From data siloed to a ‘patient centered’ architecture
- Easy access to digital healthcare services to Patients

- The goal was to improve information sharing and collaboration
- The challenge was to build a comprehensive information system
- The need was to consolidate of all the forms of patient related content in an unique clinical data platform
Humanitas has developed an Asset Focus business model with the aim of optimizing capacity utilization of the various processes within the hospital. The model is based on four key success factors:

- **I° Operations**
- **II° Physician Management**
- **III° Flexibility of the Production Capacity**
- **IV° Building Design**

**Centralized Functions**

**Staff:** Finance and Administration, IT System, Building Management, Internal Auditing, HR, Supply Chain and Business Development

**Clinical Area:** Laboratory, Clinical Audit, Research

**Planning and Real Time reporting**
Clinical outcome and ‘take care’: Humanitas definition of quality

Clinical quality «the best hospital»

Clinical outcome «the best care delivered to the patient»

Take care «the best path for the patient treatment»

KPIs:
- Patients outcome
- Process indicators
- PROM

1. Outcome direct measures e.g. mortality, infections, survival curves,…
2. Process quality, success prediction e.g. CAT in 30 minutes in the stroke unit, aspirin in case of infarct,…
3. Patient Reported Outcome Measures e.g. pain, functional rehabilitation, transition back to work,…
4. Psychological support, support in situations of fragility, support during the after hospitalization phase,…
Monitoring the quality of clinical performance

Physicians are highly motivated to provide the very best care for their patients and they will adjust their clinical practice if presented with trusted, high quality data

**CPIS - Clinical Performance Information System:**

- ✓ KPIs for the single professional (physician scorecards,..)
- ✓ KPIs for the single Medical Unit (mortality, infection, average stay, patient satisfaction data, ...)
- ✓ KPIs for the professionals working on the single course of treatment

The system enables quality outcome tracking and makes available a series of quality parameters inherent our clinical activity
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Case Study 1

We are using real-time information and predictive models to solve operational and clinical delivery problems.

Case study 1: algorithms to prevent Sepsis
Sepsis is a complex condition. It is a life-threatening medical condition that arises when the body’s attempt to fight an infection results in the immune system damaging tissues and organs.

EWS = Early warning score

✓ The EHR continuously monitors key clinical indicators, recognizes a potentially septic pattern and notifies the care team of the risk for sepsis for a given patient
✓ Algorithms allow the hospital to focus on a targeted set of high-risk patients, optimizing safety and improving operational costs
Case Study 2

We are using the potential of analytics in operations to drive transparency and efficiency into operational processes.

Case study 2: algorithms to achieve operational efficiencies
We decided to tackle the problem of Emergency Room delays...

Process KPIs

- Increase patient throughput by accelerating admissions
- Intervening more rapidly when patients conditions deteriorate
- Reduce cost by optimizing the utilization of assets

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What’s next… back to Big Data

As IT, we continuously have to focus on the problem our organization is trying to solve and have to consider whether specific sources of healthcare big data could significantly improve our current analytics effort.

A step forward in our journey to Big Data:

(Gartner’s reference table)

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- Patient-Generated Health Data (PGHD)
- Genomics
- Physiological monitoring data
- .....

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Thank you