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## **INFORMATICA MEDICA E eHEALTH**

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# Chi sono

## RECAPITI

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## INTERESSI DI RICERCA

### INFORMATICA SANITARIA

- Integrated care
- Mobile Apps for medicine and healthcare

### NEUROMODULAZIONE

- Neurofisiologia dei gangli della base
- Dispositivi di neuromodulazione invasiva e non invasiva

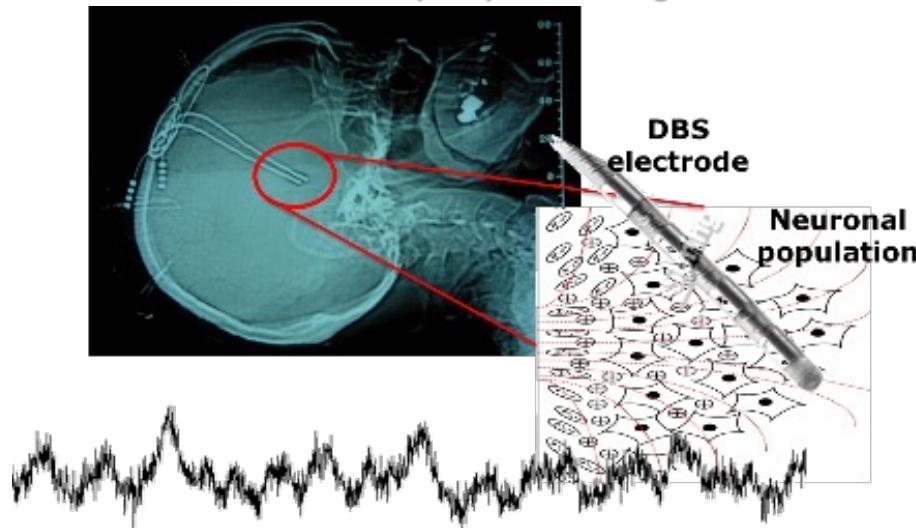


## RESEARCH AREA 1: NEUROPHYSIOLOGY AND NEUROMODULATION DEVICES

### INVASIVE NEUROMODULATION:

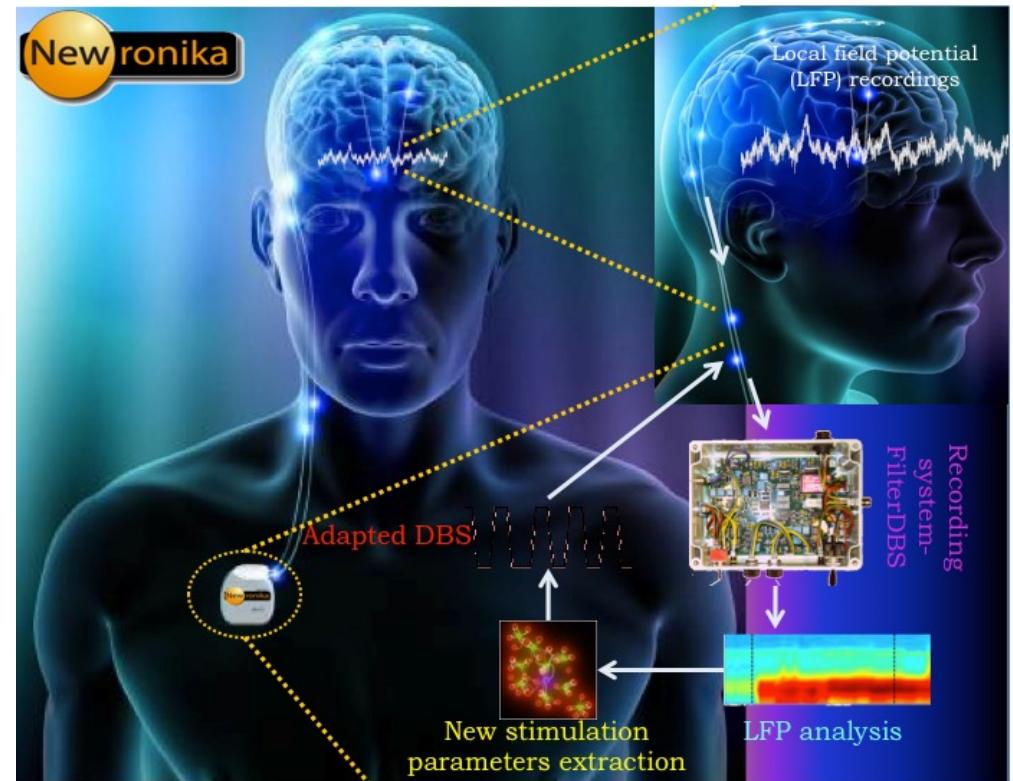
- Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) for Parkinson's Disease and other neurological and neuropsychiatric disorders
- Therapy optimization and mechanisms of action understanding through local field potential analysis

#### Local Field Potential (LFP) recordings

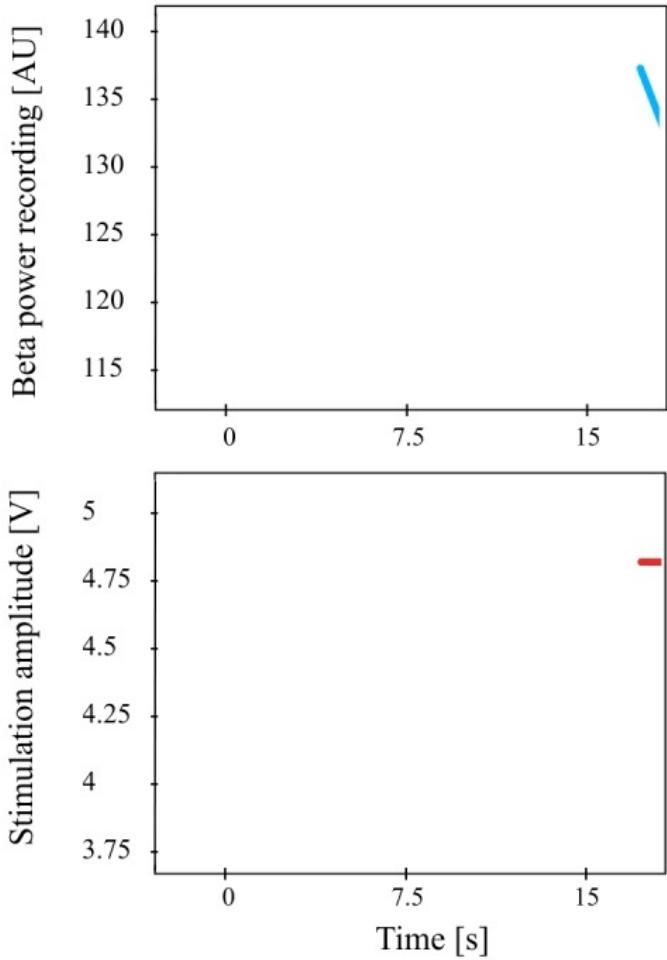


Synchronous presynaptic and postsynaptic activity of neuronal populations → deep EEG

#### Adaptive Deep Brain Stimulation (aDBS)



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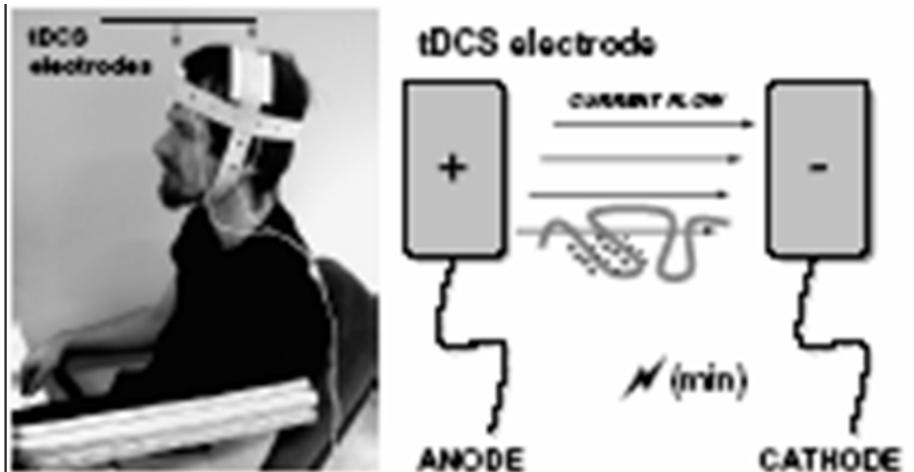
**Standard DBS**  
(2V, 130Hz, 60µs)

**Adaptive DBS**  
(0-2V, 130Hz, 60µs)

## RESEARCH AREA 1: NEUROPHYSIOLOGY AND NEUROMODULATION DEVICES

### NON-INVASIVE NEUROMODULATION

- *Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)* for depression, pain, and post-stroke rehabilitation.
- Development of portable devices that can be configured by the neurologist and used by the patients at home



Low-intensity (<2mA) DC current application on the scalp, on the area that has to be modulated.



## RESEARCH AREA 2: mHEALTH AND INTEGRATED HEALTH

### JAME – tremor control assistant

- Design innovativo
- Sensore di rilevazione del tremore
- AI per il riconoscimento del tremore
- Neuromodulazione non invasiva
- App di telemonitoraggio



### Integrated telemonitoring for neuromodulation



# RESEARCH AREA 2: mHEALTH AND INTEGRATED HEALTH

- POINT OF CARE TELEMONITORING FOR THERAPY OPTIMIZATION
- INTEGRATION BIOSIGNALS/BIODATA FROM PATIENTS

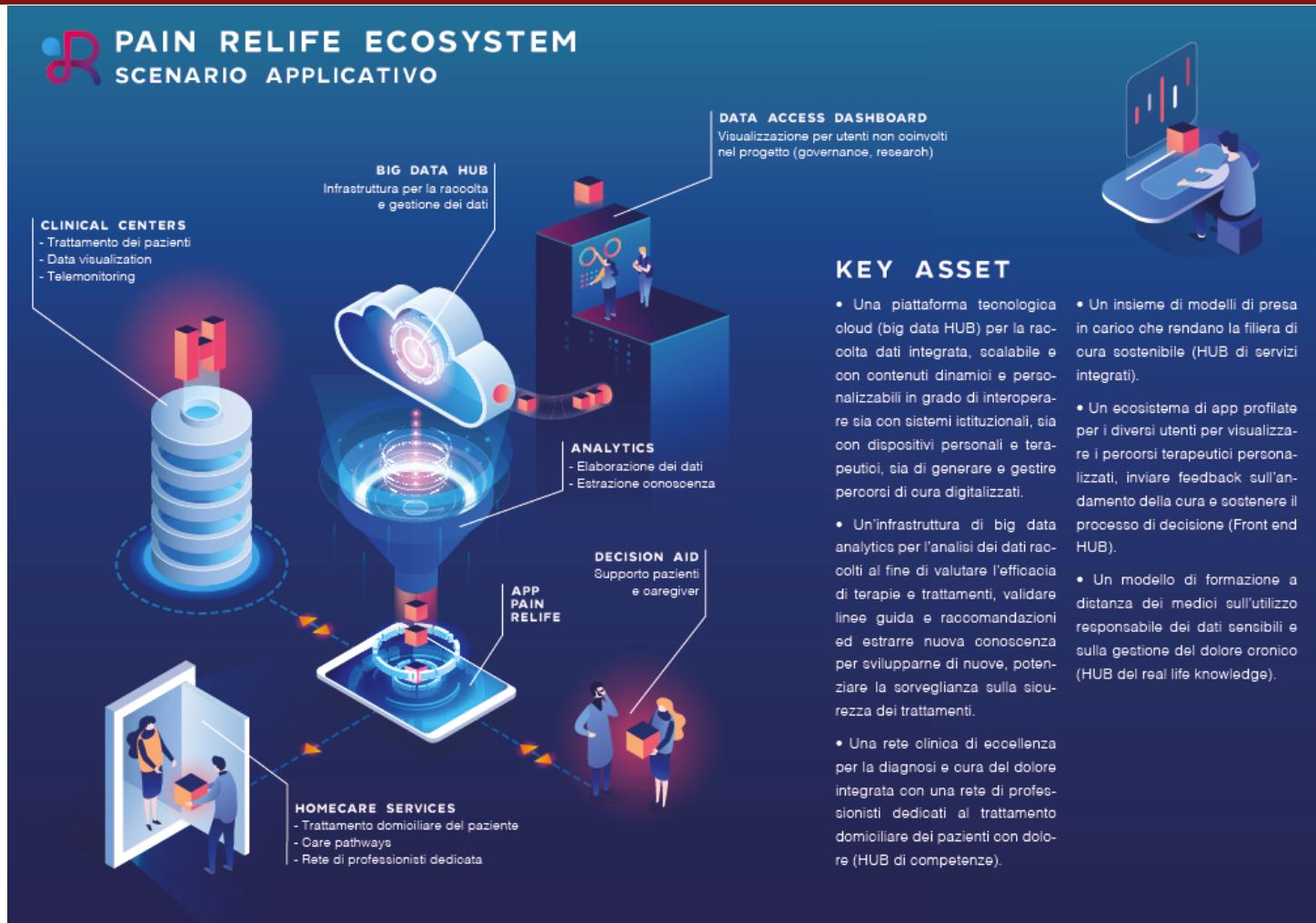
The figure displays three screenshots of a mobile application interface:

- Graph View (Left):** Shows two line graphs: "Right Side" (purple) and "Left Side" (green). Below the graphs is a 2x2 grid of time slots from 00:00 to 03:00. A legend indicates "ON status" (blue), "OFF status" (orange), and "SUMMA" (yellow). Buttons for "Change Day" and "Set ON and OFF" are at the top.
- Graph View (Middle):** Similar to the first, showing "Right Side" and "Left Side" graphs with a 2x2 grid of time slots below. It includes a "From Patient Diary" button and "ON status", "OFF status", and "SUMMA" tabs.
- Analysis View (Right):** Displays four summary cards for "Daily Beta Band - Right Side" and "Aggregate Beta Band - Right Side" (status: ON, OFF), and "Daily Beta Band - Left Side" and "Aggregate Beta Band - Left Side" (status: ON, OFF). Each card shows a numerical value (e.g., 1.5, 2.7, 0.5, 0.8, 1.7, 2.8, 0.8, 0.9), a bar chart, and an "OPTIONS" button.

**Bottom Buttons:**

- "UPDATE" button (in Analysis view)
- "SAVE" button (in Analysis view)
- Buttons for "Apply to current day" and "Apply to all days" (in Graph views)

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### Sistemi di supporto alla decisione basati sull'analisi del linguaggio naturale

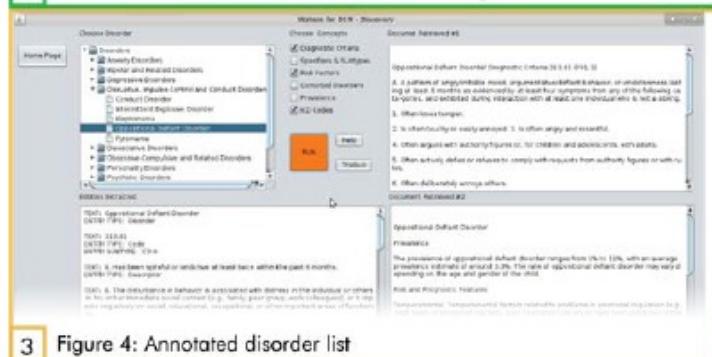


1 Figure 2: DSM-5 query for clinical observations

On examination  
Many complains of feeling 'tired' all the time and constantly worries about anything and everything'. She describes herself as always having been a 'woman' but her anxiety has become much worse in the past 12 months since her mother became unwell, and she no longer feels that she can control these thoughts. When worried, Mary feels tension in her shoulders, stomach and legs, her heart races and sometimes she finds it difficult to breathe. Her sleep is poor with difficulty getting off to sleep due to worrying and frequent awakening. She feels tired and irritable. She does not drink any alcohol.

Figure 3: List of probable diagnoses

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3 Figure 4: Annotated disorder list

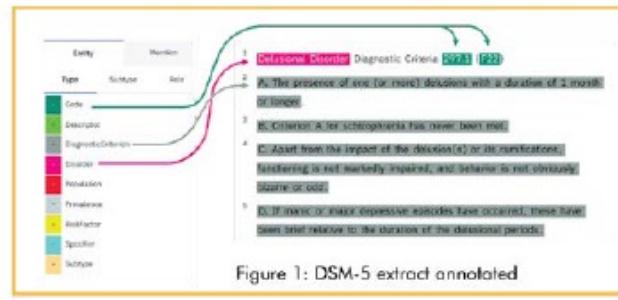


Figure 1: DSM-5 extract annotated

L'obiettivo è usare l'**intelligenza artificiale** per interpretare il linguaggio scritto e parlato per **estrarre informazioni** che fungano da supporto decisionale a medici

## PROGETTI IN CORSO E POSSIBILI TESI

### AREA DELLA NEUROMODULAZIONE

- EEG pediatrico: identificazione di indici quantitativi per la valutazione dello stato di crescita del neonato
- LFP nella Malattia di Parkinson e DBS adattativa: identificazione di algoritmi di retroazione e biomarker
- tDCS e sport: valutazione dell'effetto della stimolazione in atleti professionisti

### AREA DEL eHEALTH

- JAME: Sistema indossabile per il controllo del tremore
- Telemonitoraggio dei pazienti con Malattia di Parkinson: sviluppo di un'applicazione mobile per la gestione ottimale dello stato clinico
- Nutrigenomica e sistemi di supporto alla decisione: definizione di algoritmi per la valutazione della dieta
- AI per la medicina: primi esperimenti di applicazione in ambito odontoiatrico
- Analisi del linguaggio naturale per il decision support system

**PARLIAMO DI VOI...**



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ7fw3r1SVVK-w9DdYJYWnr--\\_j9-V5ghkIWnvXO3hh\\_78ww/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ7fw3r1SVVK-w9DdYJYWnr--_j9-V5ghkIWnvXO3hh_78ww/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## MATERIALE DIDATTICO

- Le slide delle lezioni saranno caricate sulla **piattaforma Moodle** prima della lezione stessa
- Altro materiale didattico integrativo sarà inserito sulla piattaforma Moodle in corrispondenza dell'argomento trattato
- **NB: è NECESSARIO ISCRIVERSI all'insegnamento su Moodle** per poter accedere al materiale ad uso ristretto e per caricare gli esercizi.
  - Fondamenti di Informatica Medica 2022 per LM Ingegneria Clinica (tutti i curricula)
  - Health Data Management 2021 per LM DSSC

## SOFTWARE E SISTEMI UTILIZZATI DURANTE IL CORSO

- Durante il corso utilizzeremo alcuni applicativi/linguaggi di programmazione:
  - Basi di dati: SQLite (disponibili le istruzioni di installazione su Moodle)
  - Linguaggio Python: ANACONDA e Spyder (disponibili le istruzioni di installazione su Moodle)
  - {Modellazione dei processi: STARUML – <https://staruml.io/download>}
- Consulteremo anche alcuni dizionari medici che richiedono una registrazione:
  - UMLS – Unified Medical Language System - <https://uts.nlm.nih.gov/uts/>

## COME SI SVOLGONO LE LEZIONI

- Le lezioni si svolgono di norma in PRESENZA
- Registrazione delle lezioni:
  - MS Teams, CD2022 365MI C.I. INFORMATICA MEDICA
  - **Per chi non vede il team, iscriversi tramite Codice: yq9rpve**
- Orario delle lezioni:
  - Lunedì – 15:15 – 18:00 – Aula Multimediale, ed B
  - Mercoledì – 08:30 – 11:00 – Aula A idraulica, ed C2
  - Giovedì – 13:00 – 15:45 – Aula A idraulica, ed C2

## COME SI SVOLGONO LE LEZIONI

- Il Corso prevede un "mix didattico":
  - Lezioni frontali
  - Esercitazioni interattive
  - Esercitazioni individuali (lavori di Gruppo)
- Non esitate a fare domande!
- Ogni lezione cercheremo di fare un riepilogo delle lezioni precedenti
- Pause: in base al tipo di lezione (generalmente una intermedia)

## ESAME – FONDAMENTI DI INFORMATICA MEDICA (9 CFU)

- L'esame relativo a Fondamenti di Informatica Medica consiste di due parti:
  - **Consegna di esercizi** che verranno proposti a lezione (4 esercizi = 15 punti). Gli esercizi dovranno essere consegnati entro 24 ore prima dell'esame orale tramite la piattaforma Moodle.
  - **3 Domande orali, di cui una a scelta**, relativa agli argomenti trattati (6 punti massimo per ogni domanda - 18 punti)

## ESAME – INFORMATICA MEDICA C.I.

- L'esame è relativo al Corso Integrato → registrazione dell'esame avviene per tutti i 15 CFU (annualità)
- Il voto del C.I. è così composto:
  - Consegna di esercizi:
    - 4 esercizi = 11 punti per la parte di Fondamenti di Informatica Medica (9CFU)
    - 3 esercizi = 9 punti per la parte di Complementi di Informatica Medica (6CFU)
  - Esame orale:
    - 3 domande di cui una a scelta sull'intero Corso Integrato (13 punti)

## ESAME – HEALTH DATA MANAGEMENT

- L'esame consiste nella presentazione e discussione di un Progetto didattico, a scelta dello studente
- Argomento:
  - Proposto dallo studente
  - Su proposta del docente

## Appelli

- Gli appelli saranno nelle sessioni di :
  - Gennaio/Febbraio 2023 (per Fondamenti di Informatica Medica)
  - Giugno/Luglio 2023
  - Settembre 2023
  - Gennaio/Febbraio 2024 (per Informatica Medica C.I.)
- A metà semestre stabiliremo le date

## PROGRAMMA DELLE LEZIONI

- Il programma delle lezioni è disponibile su Moodle
- Eventuali variazioni verranno comunicate tempestivamente tramite:
  - Avviso su Moodle
  - Avviso sul Team del Corso
  - Mail → inserire la propria mail nel file condiviso “Lista Studenti 2022-23” (link disponibile su Moodle)

# FAQ

- **Posso seguire il corso da remoto?**
  - In generale, il corso si svolge in presenza. La lezione viene comunque registrata tramite un meeting di Teams, a cui possono comunque collegarsi gli iscritti al Team stesso, in caso di necessità o in caso la capienza dell'aula non sia sufficiente.
- **Quando devono essere presentati gli esercizi?**
  - Gli esercizi devono essere presentati entro 24 ore prima dell'esame.
- **Devono essere consegnati tutti gli esercizi?**
  - Sì, per poter accedere all'esame orale, devono essere consegnati tutti gli esercizi
- **Gli esercizi possono essere ripresentati se non sono soddisfacenti?**
  - Gli esercizi vengono discussi all'orale, quindi è possibile anche migliorare il punteggio ottenuto
- **UMLS una volta fatta la registrazione non mi fa entrare, perché?**
  - La registrazione a UMLS non è immediata. Bisogna attendere l'approvazione della registrazione. Si consiglia comunque di effettuare la registrazione prima della lezione calendarizzata in cui verrà trattato UMLS.
- **Seguo il corso integrato: posso dare l'esame nella prima sessione del 2023?**
  - Gli esercizi possono sicuramente essere consegnati anche nella sessione di gennaio/febbraio 2023, l'orale deve essere fatto interamente al termine del corso

# **INFORMATICA MEDICA**

Che cos'è?

**Che cosa vi viene in mente?**

<https://padlet.com/saramarceglia/zovf3ku5pyqmpj1j>



# Informatica Medica (Medical Informatics)

Morris F. Collen, 1977 (*Preliminary announcement for the Third World Conference on Medical Informatics, Medinfo 80, 1977*)

Medical informatics is the **application of computer technology to all fields of medicine** – medical care, medical teaching, and medical research.

Jan H. Van Bemmel, 1984 (*Van Bemmel, J.H. The structure of medical informatics. Medical Informatics, 9 (1984), p. 175*)

Medical informatics comprises the theoretical and practical aspects of **information processing and communication**, based on knowledge and experience derived from processes in medical and health care.

M.S. Blois and Edward H. Shortliffe, 1990

Medical informatics is the rapidly developing scientific field that **deals with the storage, retrieval, and optimal use of biomedical information, data, and knowledge for problem solving and decision making.**

British Medical Informatics Society

... the understanding, skills, and tools that enable the sharing and use of information to deliver healthcare and promote health.... the **place where health, information and computer sciences, psychology, epidemiology, and engineering intersect**

# eHealth

World Health Organization (WHO)

eHealth is the use of **information and communication technologies (ICT) for health.**

Mitchell, 1999

A new term needed to describe the **combined use of electronic communication and information technology in the health sector.**

Medical Business News, 2000

E-Health is a convergence between the Internet and the health care industry **to provide consumers with a wide variety of information relating to the health care field**

Eysenbach, 2001

e-health is an emerging field in the **intersection of medical informatics, public health and business**, referring to health services and information delivered or enhanced through the Internet and related technologies. In a broader sense, the term characterizes not only a technical development, but also a state-of-mind, a way of thinking, an attitude, and a commitment for networked, global thinking, to improve health care locally, regionally, and worldwide by using information and communication technology.

### INFORMATICA MEDICA =

**Insieme di conoscenze, metodi e teorie che si focalizzano sull'uso efficace delle INFORMAZIONI e della CONOSCENZA al fine di migliorare la qualità, la sicurezza e il rapporto costo-efficacia della cura dei pazienti e più in generale della salute degli individui e della popolazione**

## Milestones: Ledley and Lusted 1959

> [Science](#). 1959 Jul 3;130(3366):9-21. doi: 10.1126/science.130.3366.9.

# Reasoning foundations of medical diagnosis; symbolic logic, probability, and value theory aid our understanding of how physicians reason

R S LEDLEY, L B LUSTED

PMID: 13668531 DOI: [10.1126/science.130.3366.9](#)

Considerato il primo lavoro che sancisce l'ingresso  
dell'informatica in medicina

# Milestones: decision support systems

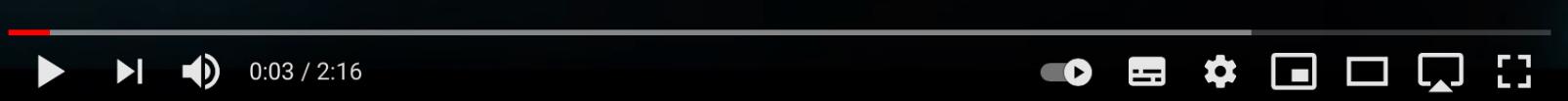
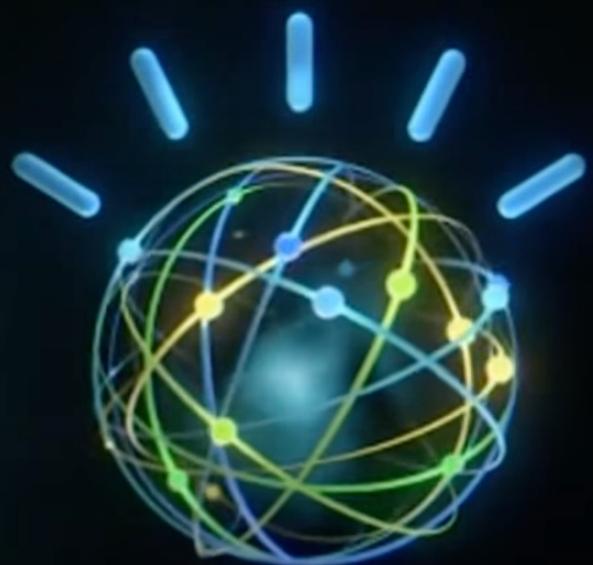
- Early 60s → experimental prototypes
- Two advisory systems from the 1970s are the pioneers:
  - deDombal's system for diagnosis of abdominal pain (de Dombal et al., 1972)
  - Shortliffe's MYCIN system for selection of antibiotic therapy (Shortliffe, 1976)

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IF:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The infection that requires therapy is meningitis,</li><li>2) Organisms were not seen on the stain of the culture,</li><li>3) The type of infection is bacterial,</li><li>4) The patient does not have a head injury defect, and</li><li>5) The age of the patient is between 15 years and 55 years</li></ol>
THEN:	The organisms that might be causing the infection are <i>diplococcus-pneumoniae</i> and <i>neisseria-meningitidis</i>

**Figure 20.1.** A typical rule from the MYCIN system. Rules are conditional statements that indicate what conclusions can be reached or actions taken if a specified set of conditions is found to be true. In this rule, MYCIN is able to conclude probable bacterial causes of infection if the five conditions in the premise are all found to be true for a specific patient. Not shown are the measures of uncertainty that are also associated with inference in the MYCIN system.

# Today...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=338CIHIVi7A>



## Milestones: Electronic Health Records

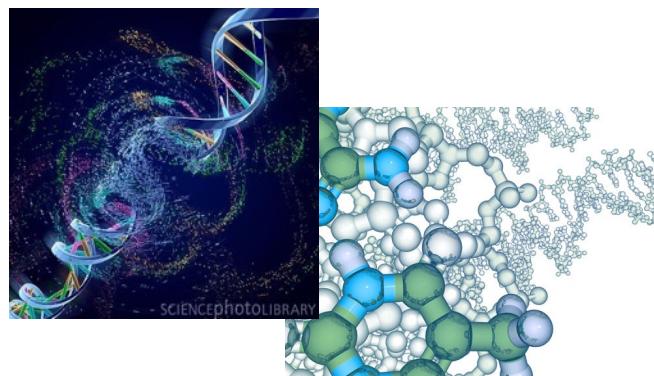
- Mid 60s → EHR systems were known as clinical information systems.  
First attempts by Academia and early vendors
- 1968 → COSTAR – Computer Stored Ambulatory Record (Massachusetts General Hospital)
- HELP – Health Evaluation through Logical Processing (University of Utah and 3M)
- 70s → VistA and CPRS (Computerized Patient Record System ) – Veteran's Administration

## Milestones: standards, terminologies and information retrieval

- 1988 → First version of HL7
- 1986 → NLM started UMLS project (harmonization of medical terminologies)
- 80s → NLM started projects on information retrieval from bibliographic databases

## Milestones: the human genome project

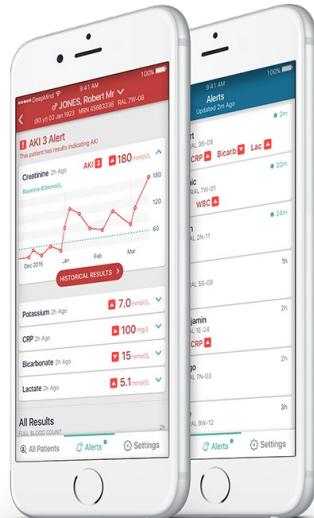
- Human Genome Project to sequence human genome began in 1988
- In 2001, NIH-based project published “first draft” simultaneously with private effort from Craig Venter of Celera Genomics
- Project “completed” in 2003
- Sequencing of more humans increased understanding of genomic variation and complexity



# Milestones: big data, mHealth, health IoT in healthcare



Fitbit Charge HR salva la vita ad un malato di cuore!



- There are more mobile connections than people
- The number of devices connected to the Internet is more than 25 billions
- Data are collected continuously by apps and devices



# Milestones: the COVID pandemic

New development: 'Healing at a distance'—telemedicine and COVID-19

Higor Leite, Ian R. Hodgkinson & Thorsten Gruber

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## COVID-19 is catalyzing the adoption of teleneurology

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### Video consultations for covid-19

An opportunity in a crisis?

Trisha Greenhalgh professor<sup>1</sup>, Joe Wherton researcher<sup>1</sup>, Sara Shaw associate professor<sup>1</sup>, Clare

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**COVID-19 for Fast Track Publication**

## Telemedicine in the Time of Coronavirus

Brook Calton, MD, MHS, Nauzley Abedini, MD, MSc, and Michael Fratkin, MD

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### From Isolation to Coordination: How Can Telemedicine Help Combat the COVID-19 Outbreak?

Yunkai Zhai, Yichuan Wang, Minhao Zhang, Jody Hoffer Gittell, Shuai Jiang, Baozhan Chen, Fangfang Cui, Xianying He, Jie Zhao, Xiaojun Wang

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.02.20.20025957>

This article is a preprint and has not been peer-reviewed [what does this mean?]. It reports new medical research that has yet to be evaluated and so should not be used to guide clinical practice.



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### Virtually Perfect? Telemedicine for Covid-19

Judd E. Hollander, M.D., and Brendan G. Carr, M.D.

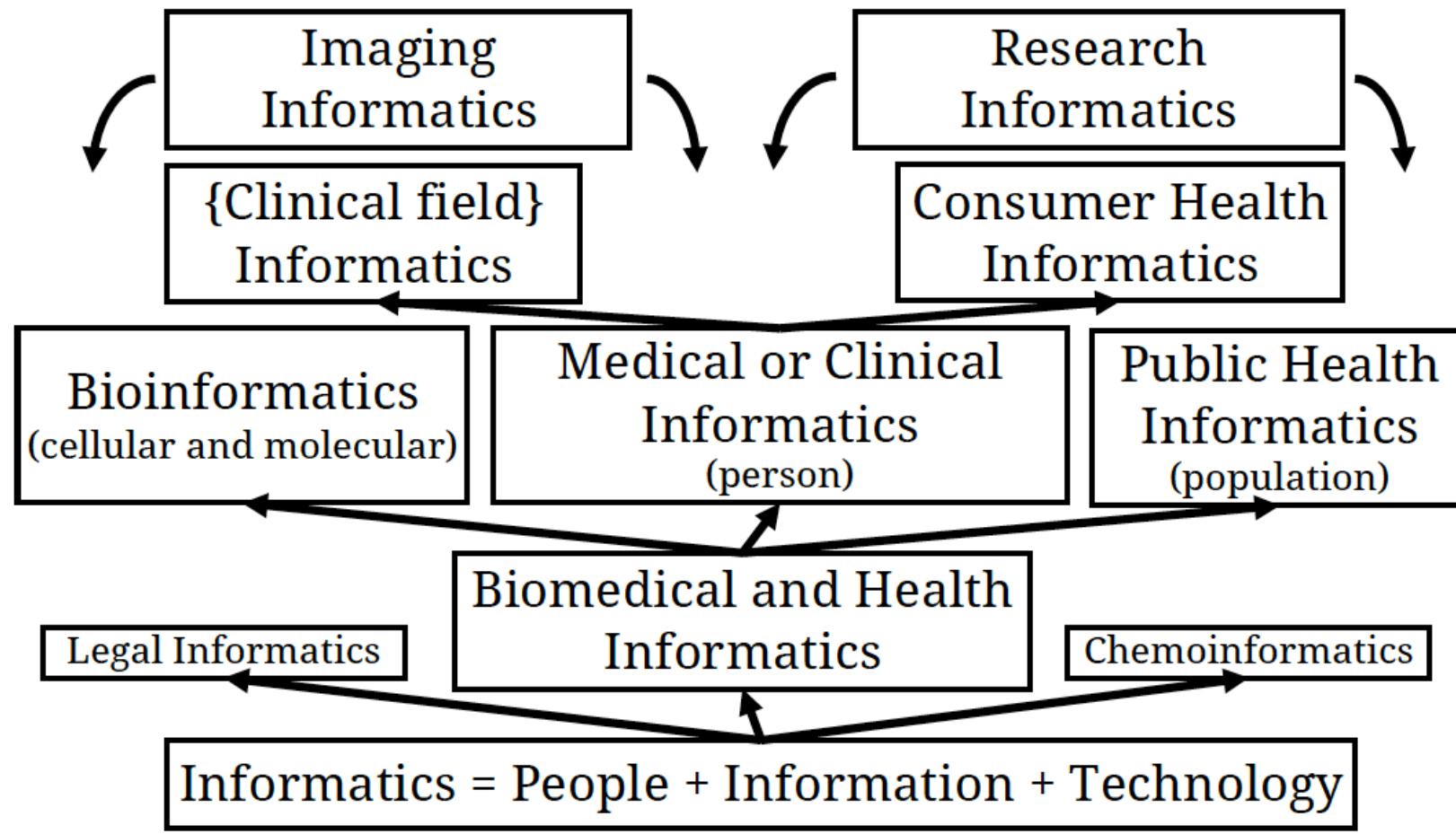
### PERSPECTIVES IN HOSPITAL MEDICINE

### Keep Calm and Log On: Telemedicine for COVID-19 Pandemic Response

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## Un po' di terminologia



(Hersh, 2009; adapted from Shortliffe, 2006)

## Un po' di terminologia

- Health information management (HIM) – discipline historically focused on management of medical records
- Telemedicine – provision of healthcare when participants separated by time and/or distance
- Telehealth – pursuit of health when separated by time and/or distance
- mHealth – use of mobile devices for health
- Digital health – broad term for IT-related aspects of health and healthcare

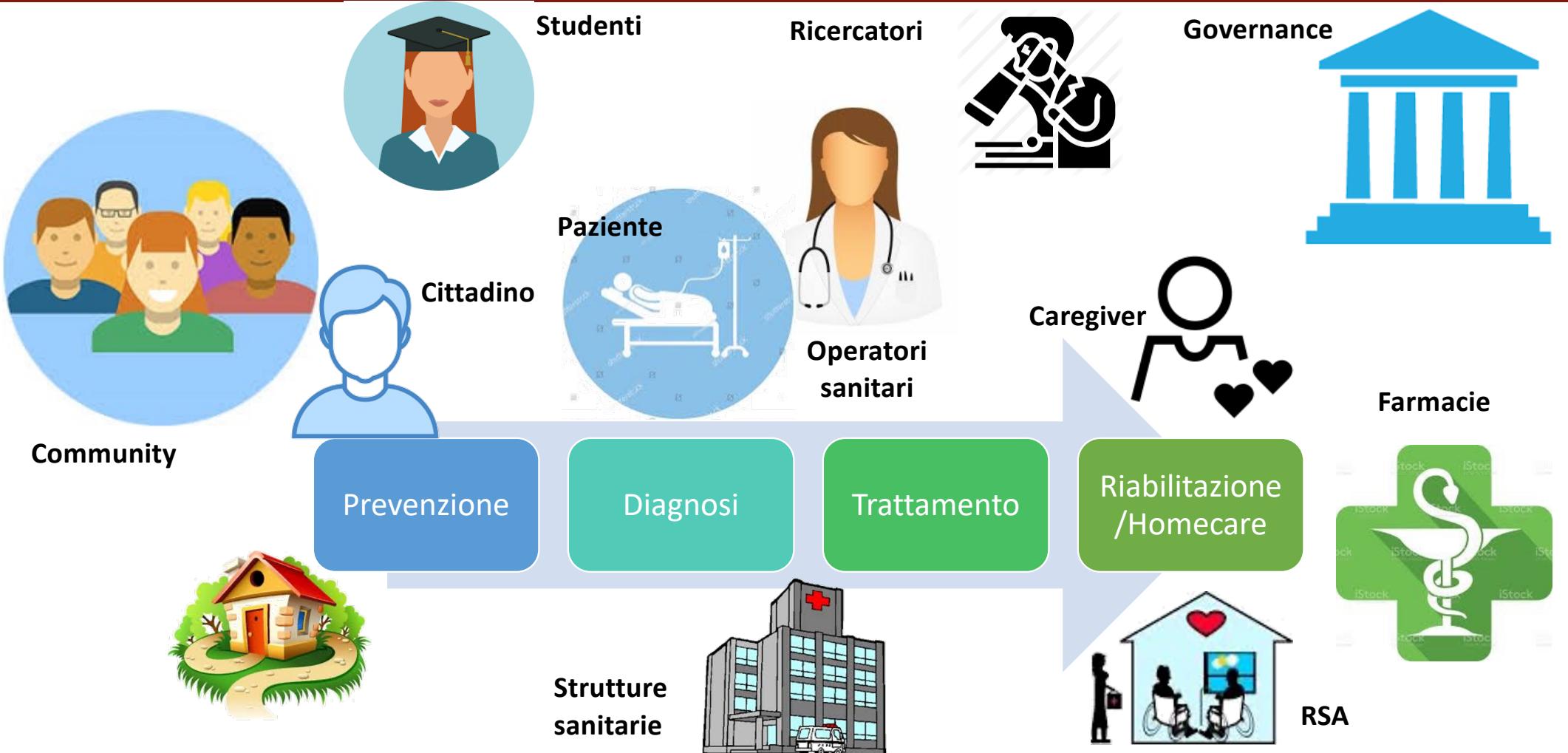
## Un po' di terminologia

- Evidence-based medicine (EBM) – the application of the best scientific evidence in medical decision-making
- Evidence-based practice (EBP) – the application of EBM in clinical practice
- Comparative effectiveness research (CER) – research that compares one or more diagnostic or treatment options to evaluate effectiveness, safety or outcomes (also called patient-centered outcomes research)
- Information retrieval (also known as search, part of larger knowledge management) – the field devoted to searching (mostly text, mostly knowledge-based information)

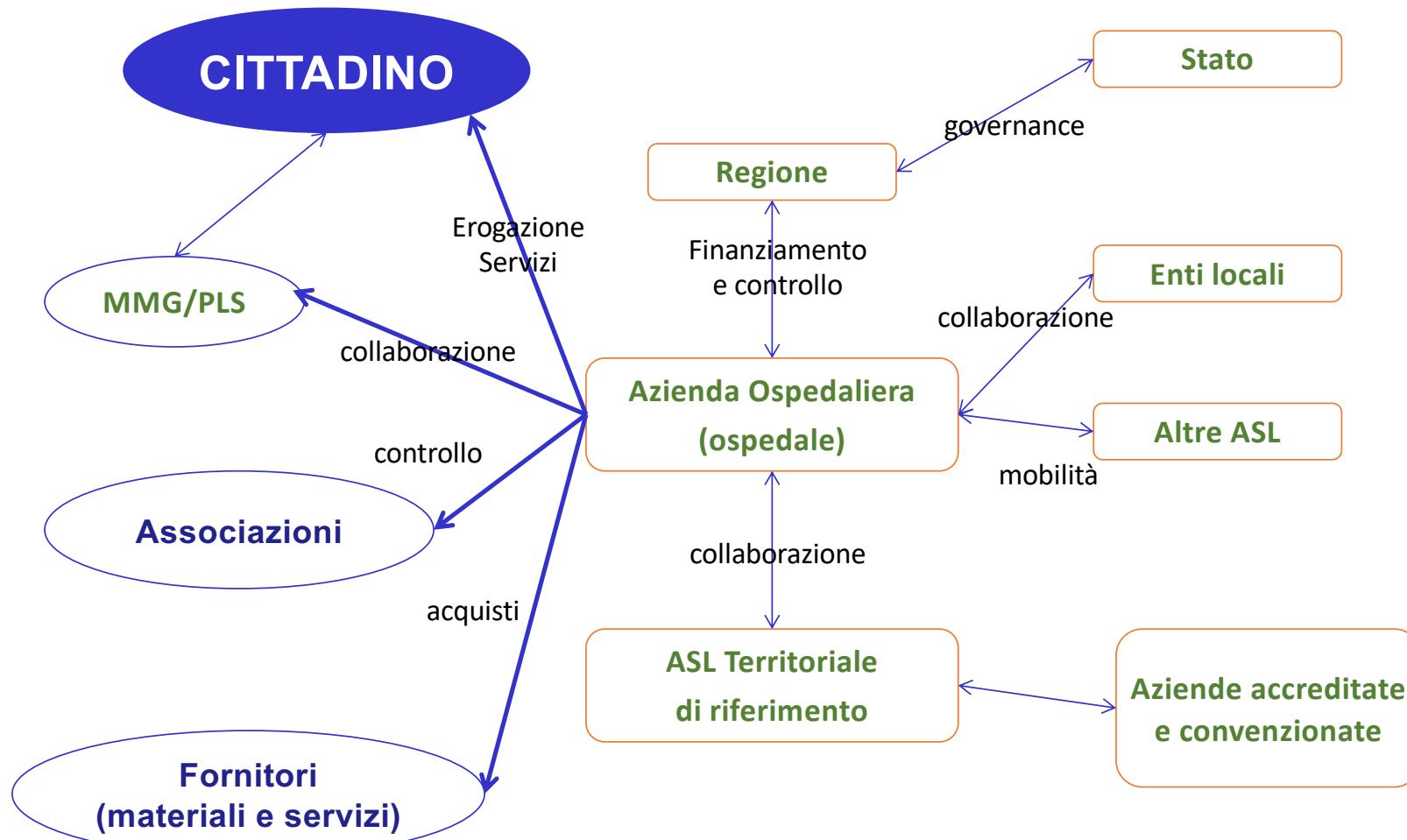
## Un po' di terminologia

- Health information exchange (HIE) – exchange of health information across traditional business and other boundaries (a verb)
- Translational research – classically, the translation of basic research into clinical applicability (“bench to bedside”), but also from controlled settings to community and population (Woolf, 2008)
- Precision medicine (IOM, 2011; Collins, 2015) – clinical care tailored to an individual’s characteristics, including their genome
- Clinical research informatics (CRI) is area of informatics applied to clinical research (Richesson, 2019)
- e-Patients – Internet-enabled patients

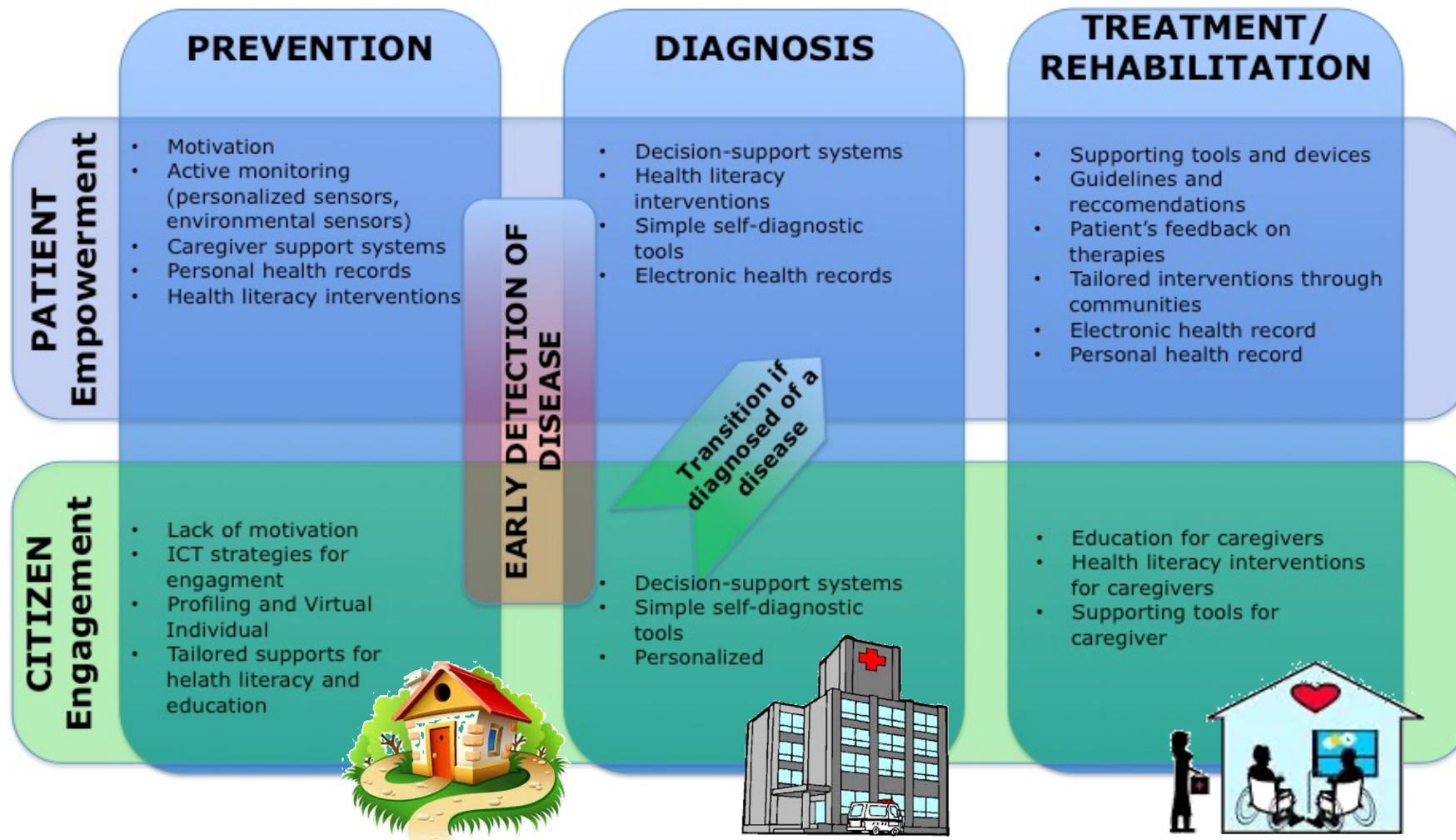
# Scenario



# Molteplicità degli attori nel Sistema sanitario



# eHealth systems and tools

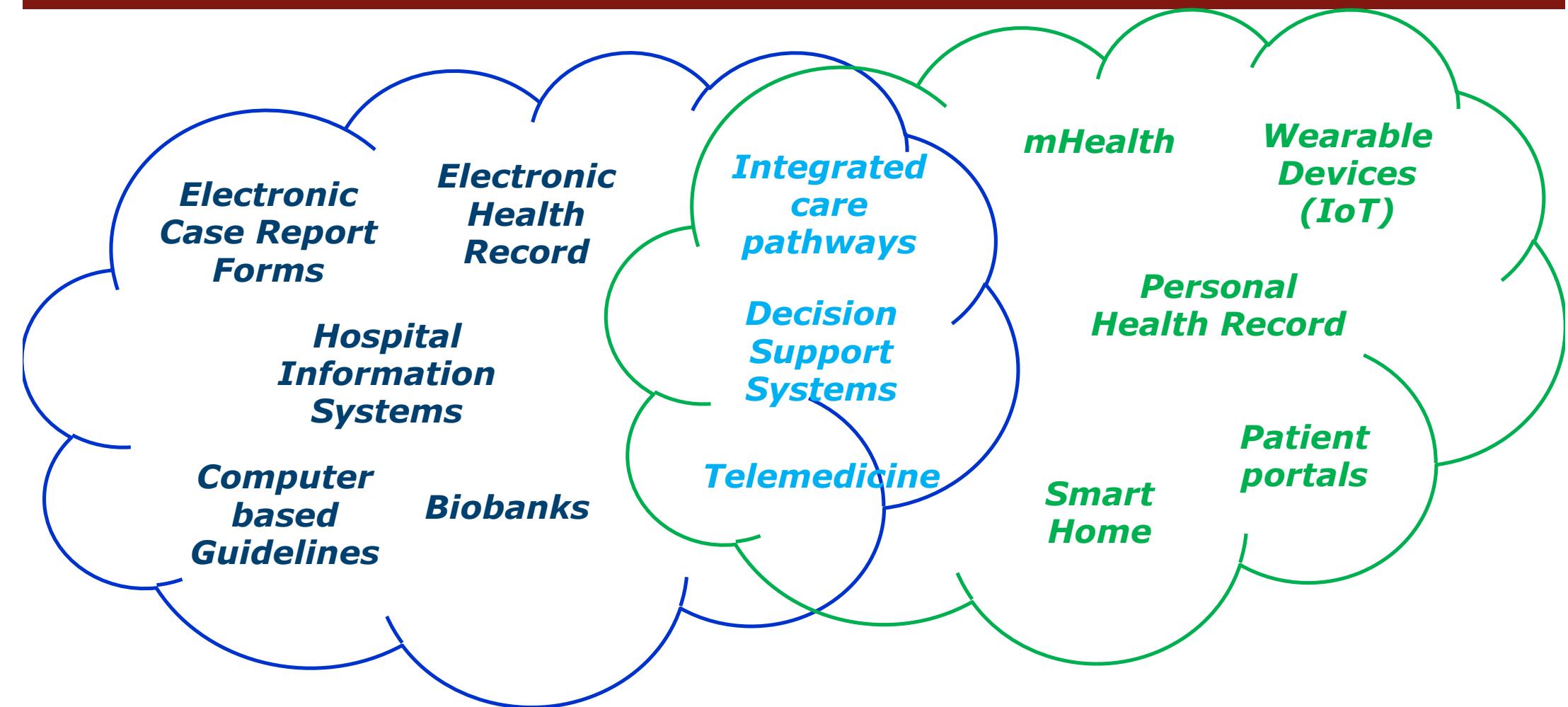


# eHealth systems and tools

		Prevention	Diagnosis	Treatment and Rehabilitation
<b>Citizens</b>	Diet monitoring Exercise monitoring Educational tools Personal Health Record (PHR)	Communication with healthcare professionals Unsupervised symptom checkers e-services for checking symptoms Health information websites/apps		
<b>Patients</b>	Telemonitoring & Sensors Environmental monitoring Educational tools Personal Health Record (PHR)	e-services for checking symptoms Telediagnosis tools Portals for ranking/finding physicians	Drug tracking systems Telerehabilitation systems Patient portals	
<b>Family/Caregivers</b>	Activity trackers Educational tools	Communication with healthcare professionals	Drug tracking systems Telerehabilitation systems Community support tools Family Health Records	
<b>Healthcare Professionals and hospitals/care centres</b>	Risk assessment tools Screening and Telescreening Decision Support Systems Electronic Health Record (EHR)	Electronic Health Record (EHR) Supervised Symptom checkers Decision Support Systems Domain Ontologies and Knowledge representation systems Hospital Information System Reference databanks Biosignal/Bioimage Databanks	Telecare systems Computer Interpretable Guidelines (CIGs) and Recommendations Electronic Health Record (EHR) Social care records and supporting systems Reference databanks	
<b>Private/Public/insurance Payers</b>	Insurance-provided PHRs Risk assessment	Health Information Systems	Telecare systems	
<b>Medical Students</b>		Visual knowledge tools Bioimage databanks Online reference systems Virtual environments		
<b>Researchers</b>		Clinical report Forms (CRF) Shared Databanks Multicentre research platforms Reference databanks Crowdsourcing tools		

*Marceglia et al, 2016*

## eHealth systems tools



# Digitalizzazione in Italia

- L'informatica medica fa parte della strategia digitale nazionale
- 2012 → nascita AgID (Agenzia per l'Italia Digitale)
- **Piano Nazionale Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR) Missione 6: Salute**



**Investire nella digitalizzazione dell'assistenza medica ai cittadini, promuovendo la diffusione del Fascicolo Sanitario Elettronico e la Telemedicina, ma anche nell'adozione di tecnologie digitali nel settore dell'assistenza medica e dei servizi di prevenzione.**



## ECOSISTEMI

INSIEMI DI SERVIZI ORGANIZZATI TEMATICAMENTE  
SECONDO I BISOGNI DI CITTADINI O IMPRESE



## infrastrutture IMMATERIALI

PIATTAFORME NAZIONALI DI SERVIZI (ad es.  
Autenticazione)



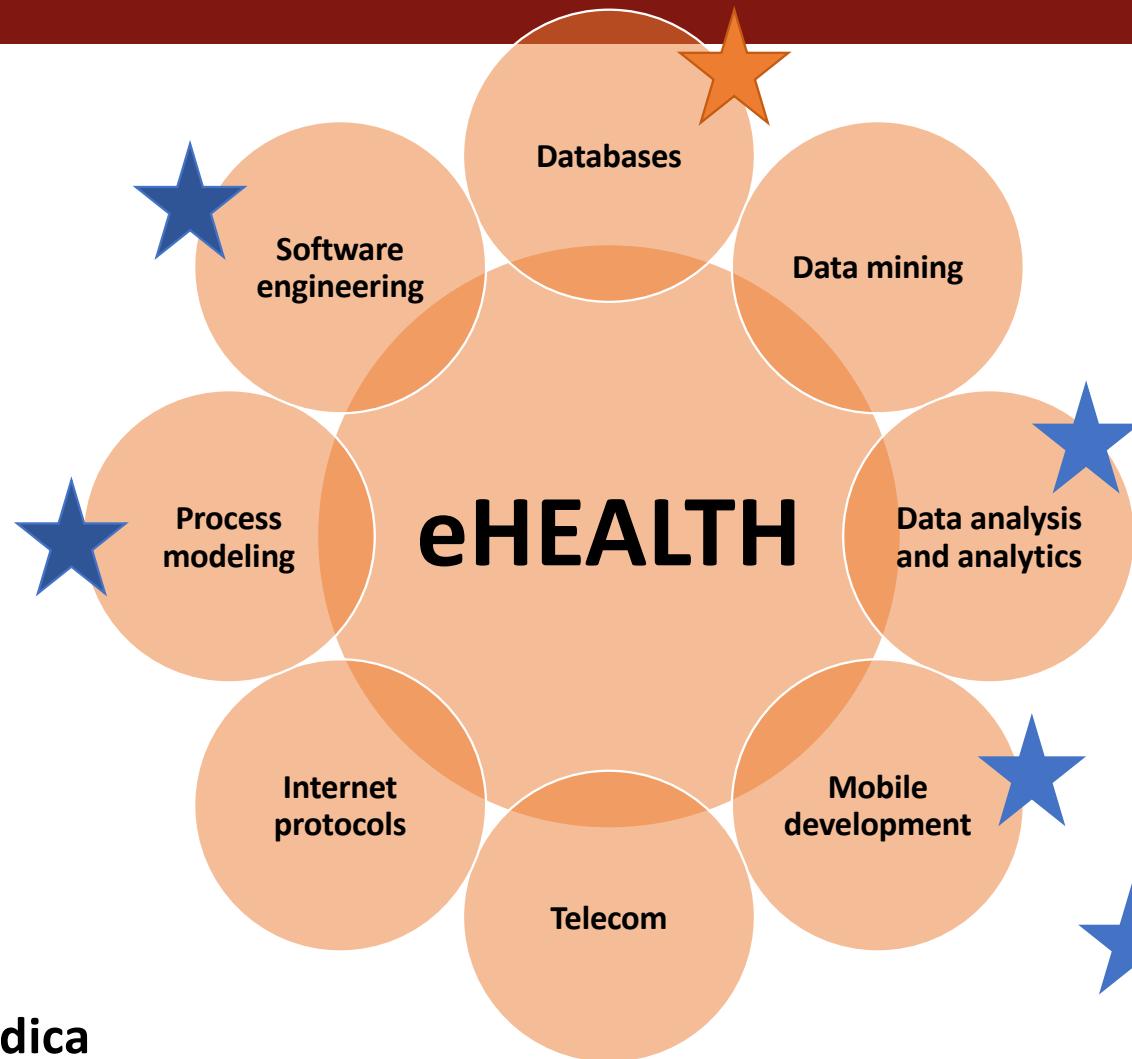
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DATA CENTER, CONNETTIVITÀ, CLOUD

# L'ecosistema sanità



# Strumenti informatici per le soluzioni eHealth

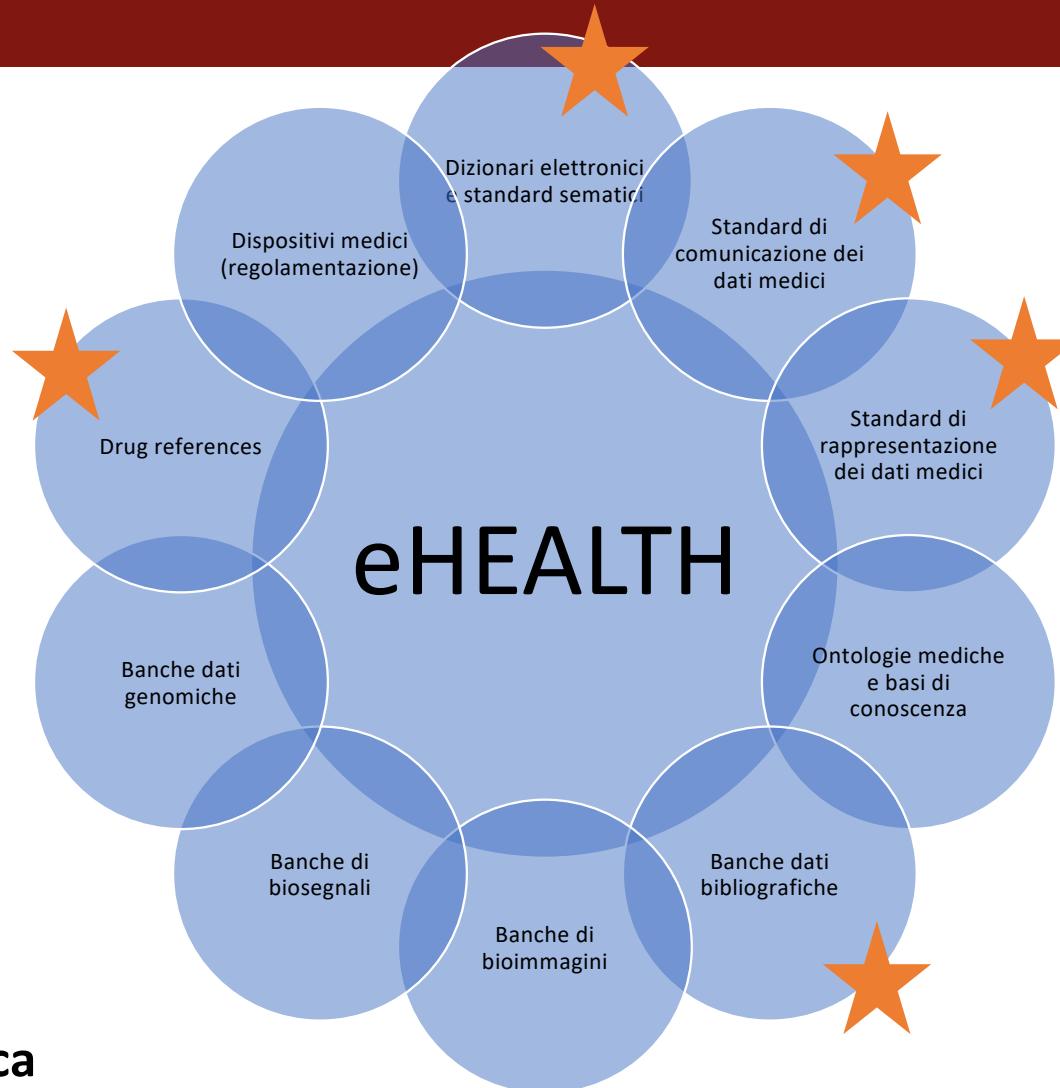


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