
Bridging the Research Data Divide:

— Rethinking long-term value and
access for maternal, infant and
child research —

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● WCHRI Study Catalog Workflow

○ Identified studies for inclusion in pilot

○ Developed local metadata schema/profile

○ Mapped schema to portals/community standards

○ Pre-populated metadata schema

○ Contacted researchers

- Identified studies for inclusion in pilot
 - sent out an opt out survey/promoted in WCHRI newsletter
 - selected 33 studies to be included in the pilot
 - 28 clinical trials, 2 cohort studies, 3 others
 - variety of studies:
 - some complete, ongoing, terminated, withdrawn trials.
 - some with multiple sites, PIs from different universities, etc.

Metadata schema/collection form

Record ID Tough_AOB

Study Type

Cohort Study

Design types that are based on the overall experimental design.

Study Status

Active, not recruiting

Official Title

* must provide value

All Our Babies Cohort

Expand

Title will be in the data citation.

Subtitle

Expand

Alternative or Abbreviated Title

AOB

Expand

Unique Identifiers that identify this study such as a repository or registry number.

How many IDs would you like to add?

1

Add up to five unique IDs

● Dataverse/DDI-based metadata schema

Data Citation

Dublin Core/DataCite

Study Description

DDI/Dataverse,
ClinicalTrial.gov elements, etc.

Domain & Variable

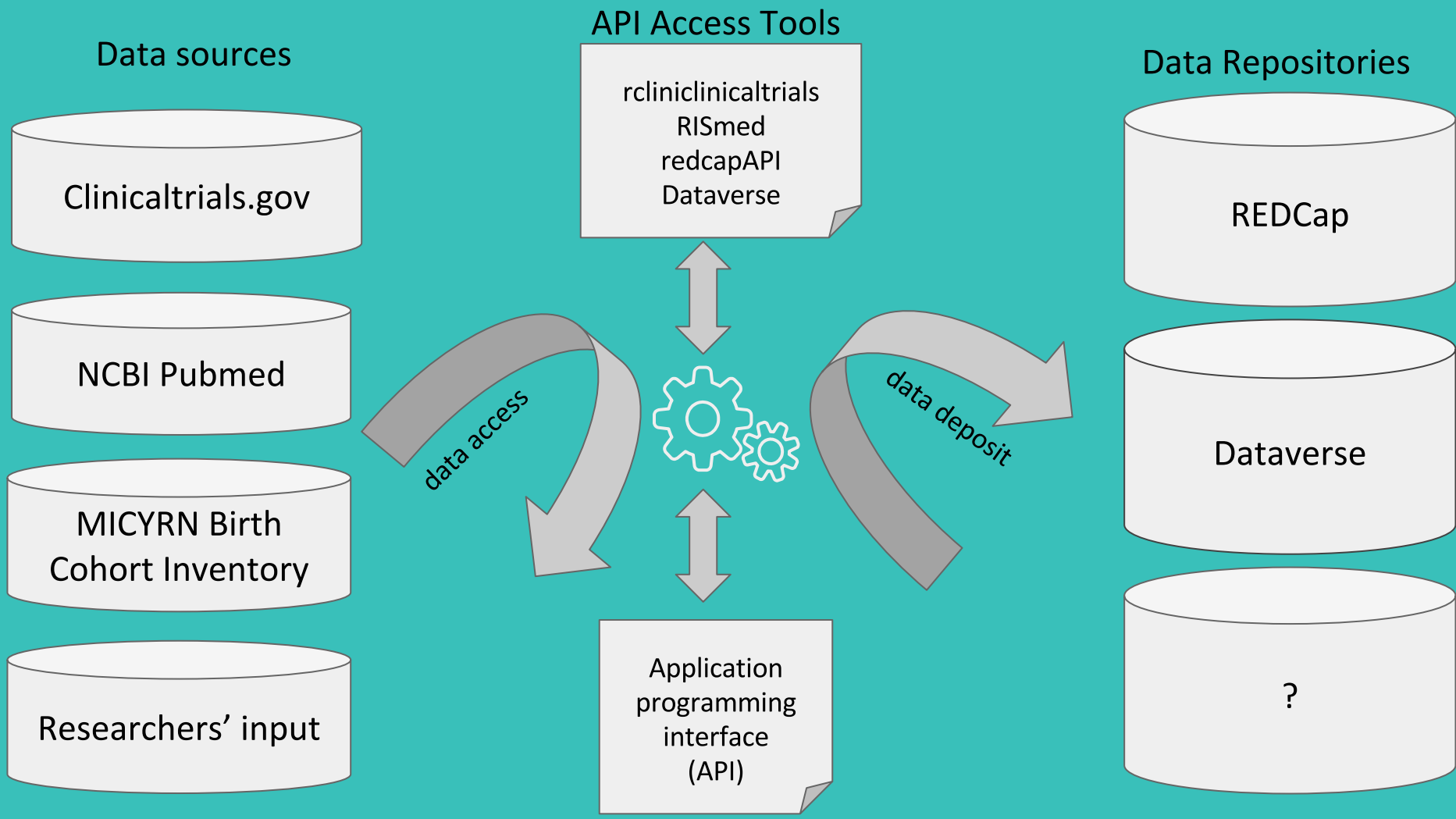
NIH Common Data Elements,
BioCaddie, CDISC, etc.

Documentation

CHoM research records
taxonomy, etc.

Rights & Access

GA4GH, Data Tags, HIPPA (US),
TCPS2, AIHS CRC glossary, etc.



Contacted researchers

WCHRI/MICYRN Study Catalog Survey Resize font

Please complete the survey below. It should take 5 to 10 minutes.

Hit the "Submit" button when you are finished. If you need more time, you are also able to save your progress and return to complete the survey any time in the future. You will be given an auto-generated return code. You should write this code down because you will not be able to return and continue the survey without it.

Thank you!

Basic Study Record

We have collected information from publicly available sources to create a basic record for your study. Among other information, we have collected the following fields.

Study Type: Cohort Study
Study Status: Ongoing, not recruiting
Official Title: All Our Babies Cohort
Author(s): Tough, Suzanne, University of Calgary
Producer: University of Calgary
Geographic Coverage: Calgary, Alberta
Population: Alberta mothers and their babies who live within the Calgary city limits and surrounding rural communities.

Keywords: longitudinal studies; prospective studies; birth outcomes; pregnancy; infant; mothers; maternal behavior; health; parenting; family relationships; family relations; mental

To create a more in-depth study record it would be helpful to have access to some documents related to your study, such as protocols, ethics applications, consent forms, data dictionaries, or questionnaires.

Would you be willing to provide the research team with access to documents related to your study?

Yes
 No reset

Would you or a member of your team be willing to meet to discuss the project and help us understand how to best describe this study?

Yes
 No reset

To create a more in-depth study record it would be helpful to have access to some documents related to your study, such as protocols, ethics applications, consent forms, data dictionaries, or questionnaires.

Would you be willing to provide the research team with access to documents related to your study?

Yes
 No reset

Check the type(s) of documents you would be willing and able to share.

Documentation that describes data collected for your research (ex. Data Dictionary)
 Blank Consent Form
 Code Book
 Protocol
 Research Ethics Board (REB) review or ethics application
 Research Instrument (e.g. survey, questionnaire, test, scale, rating, etc.)
 Others

You have the option to upload documents using this survey form.

Would you like to upload documents?

Yes
 No reset

How many documents would you like to upload?

Add up to twenty documents.

Document 1

[Upload document](#)

Document 2

[Upload document](#)

Would you like to provide documents in another way?

Yes
 No reset

Contacted researchers



No Response or Declines

Basic study record in REDCap

Notify researcher via email, offer contacts if they want to follow up



Documentation

Use documents to complete record metadata in REDCap

Follow up on missing information

Rich study record with research documents in Dataverse, if approved



Meeting

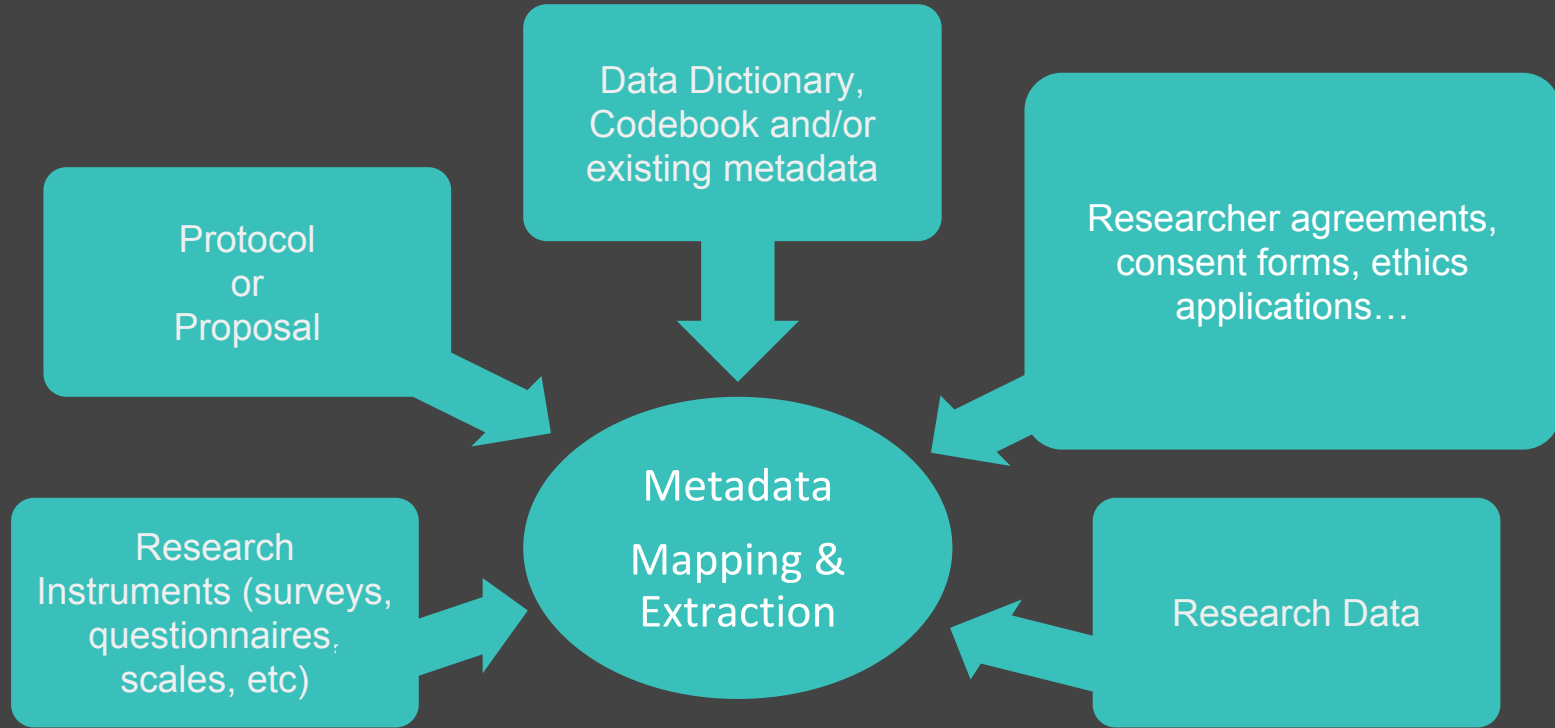
Arrange meeting, go through form, update study record in REDCap

Discuss metadata

Follow up on missing information

Rich study record with research documents in Dataverse, if approved

Research Documents



● Meeting with researchers

- Validate/add to the study record
- See whether they are willing or able to share research data (terms of use, restrictions, access, etc).
- Gain the researcher's perspective on the metadata elements we've chosen
 - what information would help you find or understand data?
 - where would you look?

● Next steps

- analyse feedback about metadata, finalize local metadata schema to reflect feedback (while maintaining standards)
- explore other platforms (DataCite, CDCA, Maelstrom, Labkey, disciplinary repositories,???)
- document workflow and best practices learned from pilot