


# Childhood Cancer Data Initiative: Activities To-Date and Next Steps

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- *CCDI Overview (Structure, Goals, and Objectives)*
  - *CCDI Activities in Phase I/Foundational Phase*
  - *Building on the Foundation – Identified Priorities & Next Steps*

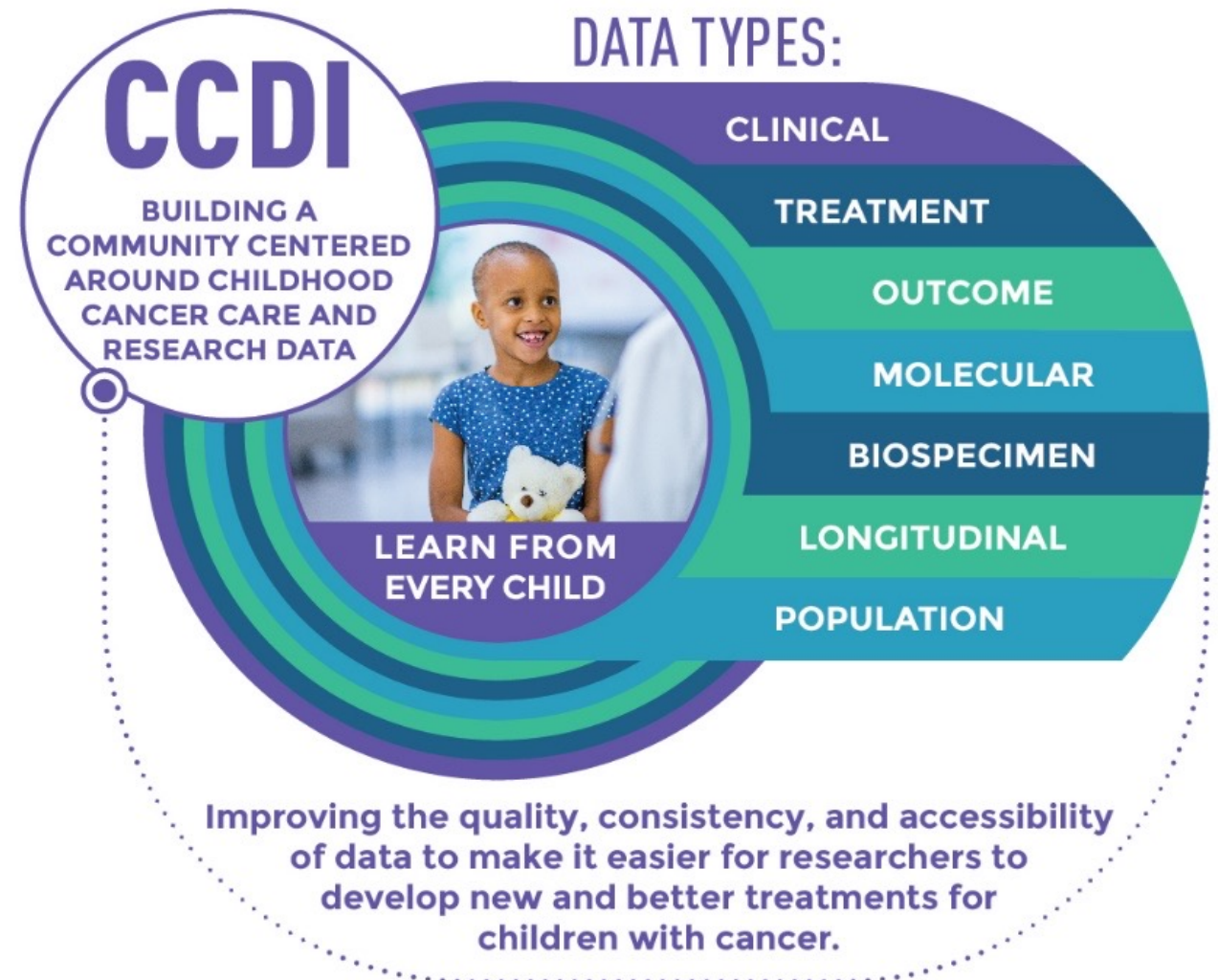
# Program Overview: Structure, Goals and Objectives



CCDI is supporting the community of pediatric cancer researchers, advocates, families, hospitals, and networks committed to generating, using and sharing data to improve treatments, quality of life, and survivorship of every child with cancer.

# Foundational Goals for CCDI

- Gather data from every child, adolescent, and young adult diagnosed with a childhood cancer, regardless of where they receive their care
- Create a national strategy of appropriate clinical and molecular characterization to speed diagnosis and inform treatment for all types of childhood cancers
- Develop a platform and tools to bring together clinical care and research data that will improve preventive measures, treatment, quality of life, and survivorship for childhood cancers



# BSA CCDI Working Group Report – Program Goals and Objectives

We began with priorities identified by the BSA WG

“Focus on the critical need to **collect, analyze, and share data better** in order to maximize NCI’s ongoing investment in pediatric and AYA cancers and survivorship. Tissue samples from patients with cancer in this age group are critically limited and a valuable resource. The overall goal of the CCDI is not simply to generate more data, but to **build processes that transform data into knowledge that moves the field forward in meaningful ways**. The CCDI supports the wider pediatric cancer community’s goal of maximizing the stated goal of *“learning from every patient”* so that ultimately those patients, survivors and their families can materially benefit in terms of higher cure rates and improved long-term health outcomes.”

## Categories of Recommendations

Aggregate and  
generate broad  
categories of data

Develop  
infrastructure

Engage with experts

Empower patients &  
families

Ensure appropriate  
policy and funding

Develop strategy for  
survivorship

Ensure diverse  
patient  
representation

Enable improved  
patient outcomes  
and treatment

# CCDI is a Unique Initiative for NCI

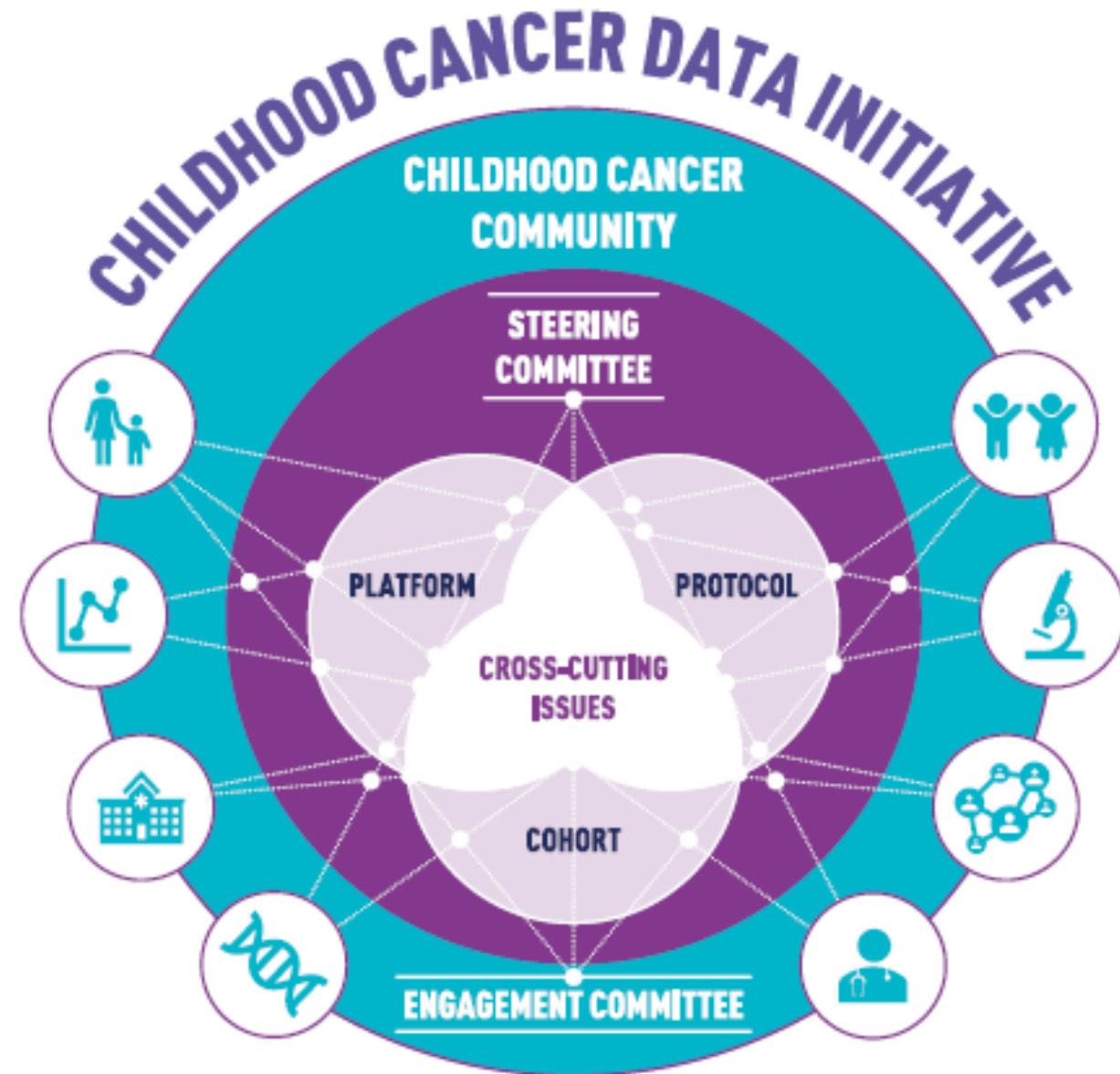
- Focus on how we can learn from every patient through data aggregation, harmonization, interoperability, sharing, and research use across many types of data within multiple, disparate systems
- Opportunity to align multiple ongoing and prospective activities and drive progress toward a **common vision** for the full research community by collecting, sharing and using data
  - Creating a long-term, sustainable, continually evolving and growing data ecosystem for the pediatric & AYA cancer community
  - This will be a living resource that integrates multiple pediatric programs and resources – creates a Learning Healthcare (and Research) System
- NCI CCDI program staff focus on how their activities fit within and progress towards that vision, in addition to priorities for individual programs (to ensure greatest impact for the wider community)
- NCI leaders receive regular external feedback to maintain alignment with priorities of the full pediatric and AYA research community through diverse expertise organized into CCDI working groups, as well as open meetings and workshops
  - The working groups were the primary focus of CCDI Leadership Team in second and third years



# CCDI Working Framework

CCDI is establishing a **pediatric cancer data resource** for the cancer research community; teams are focused on coordinating across that long-term objective

- Building the Data Infrastructure: Establishing and evolving a data infrastructure is a foundational goal for the program and comprised the first set of activities
- Data Collection, Generation, and Aggregation: Bringing together existing and novel data to fill gaps
- Learning from the Data: As data become accessible and interoperable, new discoveries can be made and new cohorts developed.
- Working Groups (clinicians, research and data scientists, advocates) established to provide insight and alignment in the community





# CCDI Leadership Structure

## Strategic Direction and Program Coordination

- Steering Committee Co-Chairs – Dr. James Doroshow (Deputy Director Clinical & Translational Research, DCTD) and Dr. Warren Kibbe (Chief Data Officer, Duke Cancer Institute; NCI Data Advisor)
- Dr. Gregory Reaman, Scientific Director CCDI
- Dr. Jaime Guidry Auvil, Director Office of Data Sharing (Cross-Cutting Committee Co-Chair and Program Coordination)
- Dr. Tony Kerlavage, Director Center Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology (Data Platform Co-Chair, NCI Data Ecosystem Infrastructure Lead)
- Dr. Brigitte Widemann, Special Advisor to the NCI Director for Childhood Cancer (Engagement Committee Co-Chair, CCR)

## CCDI Leadership Team: CCDI Strategic Leads, NCI Director & Deputies, and Senior Program Leads

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| • Dr. Stephen Chanock (Cancer Cohort Co-Chair, DCEG)            | • Dr. Monica Bertagnolli (OD)     |
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| • Dr. Jason Levine (Data Platform Co-Chair, CCR)                | • Dr. Jean Claude Zenklusen (CCG) |

# CCDI Activities in Phase I: Foundational Phase

## Learn from and Use the Data



RPG Grants



EHR Pilots



Data Catalog



Cohorts



Training



\$41.3 Million

## Aggregate and Generate Data



Clinical  
Outcomes



Pre-Clinical  
Models



Molecular  
Characterization



Survivorship  
Data



Data  
Supplements



\$52.6 Million

## Build Foundational Data Infrastructure



Data Portal



Master  
Participant Index



NCCR



Data Modeling



Clinical Data  
Commons



Federated  
Infrastructure



Visualization &  
Analysis Tools

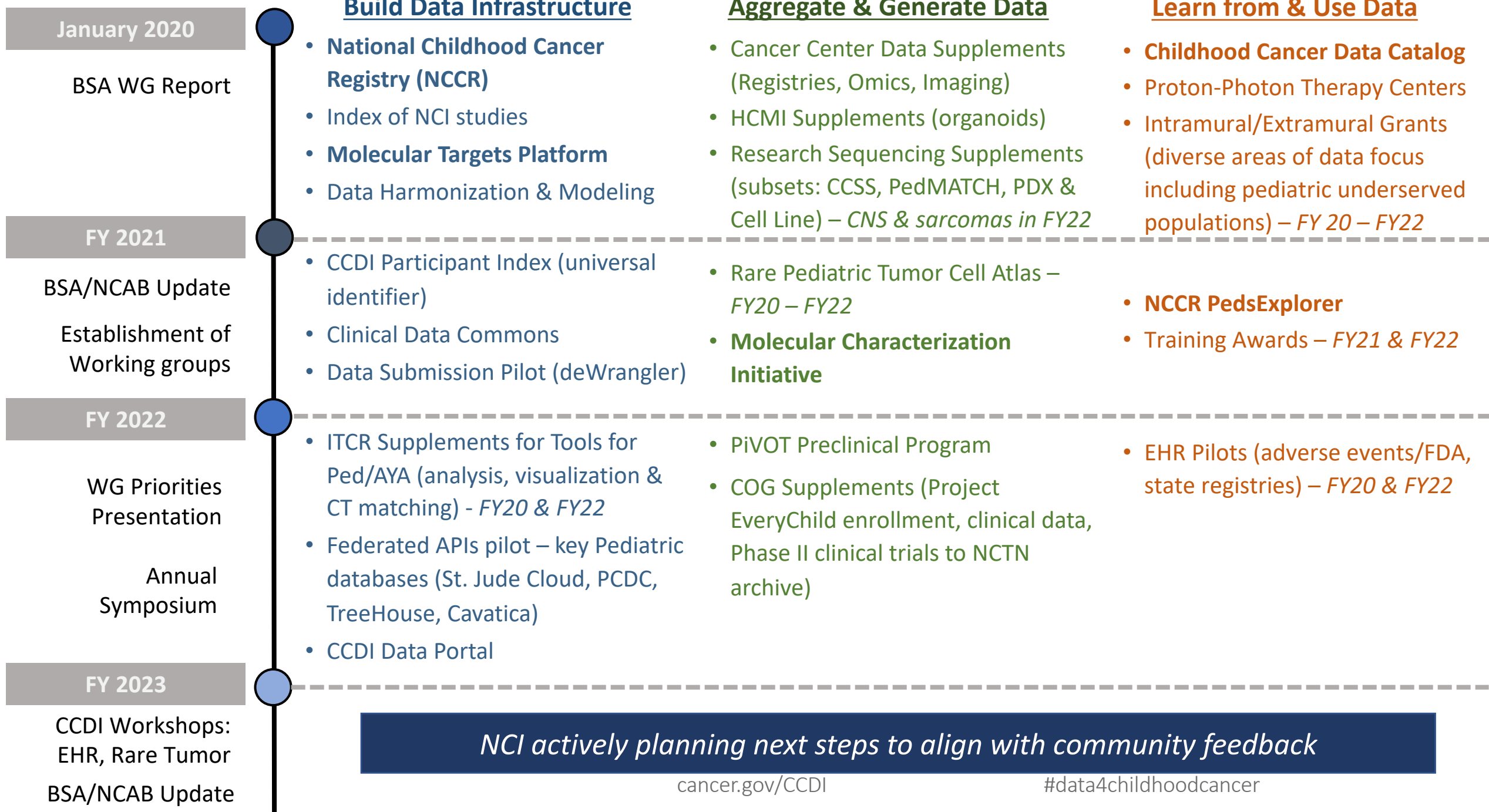


Molecular  
Targets Platform



\$55.9 Million

Total spend, years 1 – 3: \$150M



# Years 1 – 3: Build Data Infrastructure Portfolio

- Develop a Federated Pediatric Cancer Data Ecosystem of research repositories & patient registries:
  - ✓ Establish **National Childhood Cancer Registry** (NCCR) to link clinical patient data
  - ✓ Build a Federated Data Infrastructure that includes a **Molecular Targets Platform** (launched April 2022) to analyze preclinical data that can inform/ validate FDA Relevant Molecular Targets List, a **CCDI Participant Index** to facilitate subject and biospecimen tracking, an **Index of NCI Studies** (launched Fall 2022), and a **Clinical Data Commons** for access to subject level demographic, treatment and phenomic information in standard format
  - ✓ Develop **APIs for federation** with key pediatric databases/partners (St. Jude Cloud, PCDC, TreeHouse, Cavatica) and a **Data Submission Pipeline** to simplify/automate data aggregation
- Develop or adapt **analytic tools & computational methods** using grants and contracts for use in childhood and AYA cancer research
  - ✓ Automated curation of data (e.g., natural language processing) for refining, scaling & real-world data capture
  - ✓ Interpreting pathology images & patient reports
  - ✓ Pediatric data model & terminology harmonization

# Years 1 – 3: Aggregate and Generate Data Portfolio

- Develop a national strategy to develop consensus guidelines for pediatric and AYA cancers
  - ✓ **Molecular characterization initiative (MCI)** - Multiple COG supplementation, data flow, vendor contract
    - ✓ 569 clinical reports returned to physicians, as of end of November, 2022
    - ✓ First data release to CCDI Data Ecosystem – sequencing data from first 380 patients (updated monthly)
- Aggregate existing data through transfer of patient-linked clinical (phenomics, treatment) and molecular data (genomics, proteomics, imaging, preclinical) and analytic tools to NCI resources
  - ✓ **Data & tools supplements (Cancer Centers)** - registries and data repositories; **Clinical Data (CCSS)**
- Generate new cancer models and sequence data to fill gaps for key NCI initiatives; data will be submitted to NCI databases
  - ✓ Diagnostic tumors and germline samples from Pediatric MATCH, CNS tumors (CBTN) and soft tissue sarcomas; secondary cancers from CCSS
  - ✓ Pre-Clinical Data Efforts (PiVOT, Molecular Targets Platform); organoids and cell lines, including CNS tumors
- Establish a **Rare Pediatric Tumor Cell Atlas** from tissues obtained through the NCI Pediatric Rare Tumor Network



# Years 1 – 3: Learn From and Use the Data Portfolio

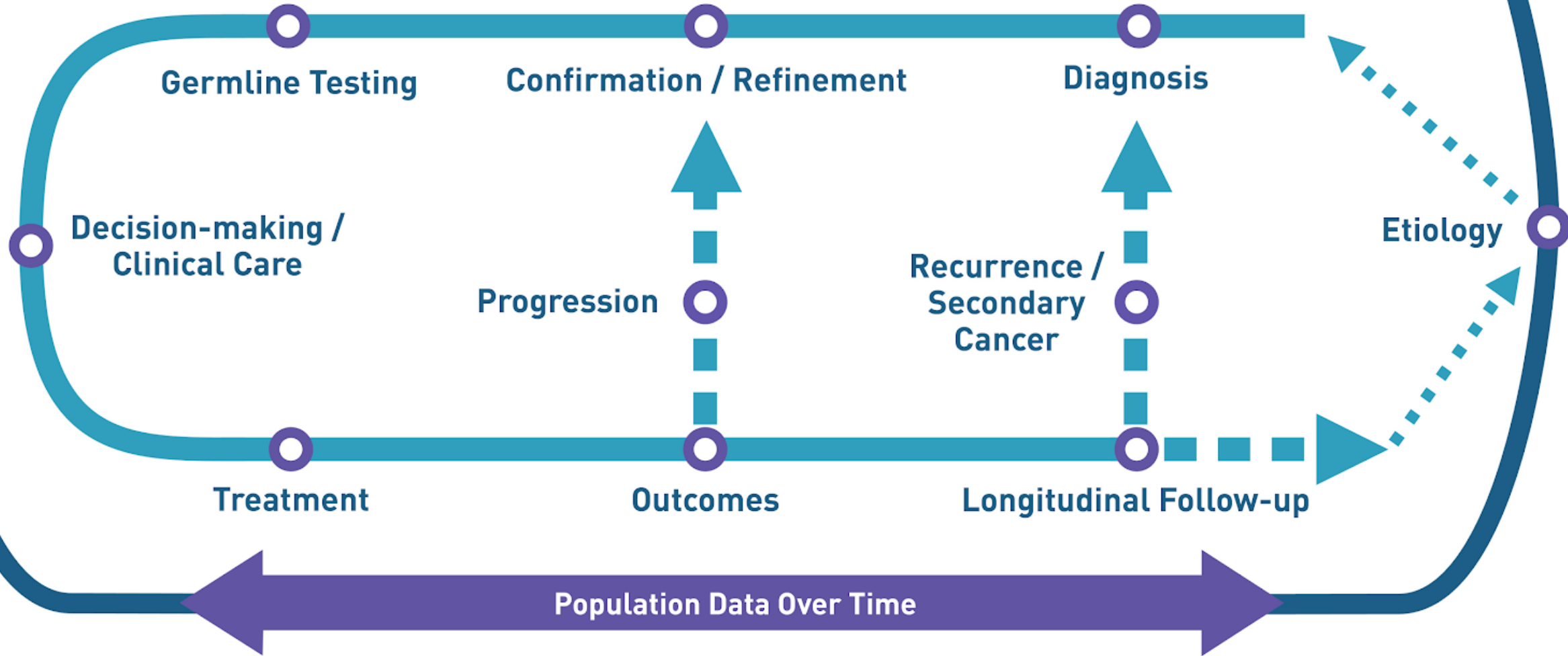
- Develop a **Childhood Cancer Data Catalog** (launched April 2022) of all available childhood cancer data registries and data repositories
- **NCCR PedsExplorer** (launched Sept. 2021)
- Supplement **intramural** and **extramural grants, contracts** supporting:
  - ✓ Etiological and clinical risk prediction and genetic susceptibility for the development of childhood malignancies
  - ✓ Patient-reported outcomes and toxicities in pediatric and AYA patients and survivors
  - ✓ Improvements to childhood clinical trials data reporting
  - ✓ Molecular pathogenesis of pediatric and AYA cancer development
- **EHR Data Extraction Pilots** to test methods for automated retrieval of data from electronic health records
  - ✓ Lab data quality and efficiency of conduct in pediatric clinical trials
  - ✓ Improve automated reporting of detailed clinical data to state registries

# CCDI Phase I-Supported - Data and Tools Released

Item	Link
NCCR Pediatric Explorer	<a href="https://nccrexplorer.ccdi.cancer.gov">https://nccrexplorer.ccdi.cancer.gov</a>
CIViC Data Platform	<a href="https://civicdb.org">https://civicdb.org</a>
Childhood Cancer Data Catalog	<a href="https://datacatalog.ccdi.cancer.gov/">https://datacatalog.ccdi.cancer.gov/</a>
Molecular Targets Platform	<a href="https://moleculartargets.ccdi.cancer.gov">https://moleculartargets.ccdi.cancer.gov</a>
Available Individual-level Genomics Data (dbGaP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">phs002790.v1.p1</a> (CNS, STS, Rare tumors - MCI)</li><li>• <a href="#">phs002599.v1.p1</a> (Acute Myeloid Leukemia - OHSU)</li><li>• <a href="#">phs002504.v1.p1</a> (Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia - UCSF )</li><li>• <a href="#">phs002620.v1.p1</a> (Solid tumors - MSKCC)</li></ul>
MCI First Data Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Available through dbGaP and Seven Bridges Cloud Resource</li></ul>

# Building on the Foundation Identified Priorities & Next Steps

## Individual Data Touchpoints



# CCDI High Priorities - Confirmed Across Working Groups

Priority	What CCDI Has Funded To-date (In-progress)	Future CCDI Plans
<b>Patient Identifiers:</b> Required to connect patients across repositories for research, while preserving patients' privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCDI Participant Index</li> <li>• NCCR PPRL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate universal IDs for CCDI</li> <li>• Work with COG on alignment with COG identifiers</li> </ul>
<b>Data Models and Standards:</b> Required to enable data federation & interoperability (API)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pediatric Clinical Data Commons</li> <li>• Data harmonization effort across data sets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate harmonized data model into CCDI supported projects</li> <li>• Work to define standards across ecosystem</li> </ul>
<b>Consent:</b> Consent patients early, and to recontact or to opt-out at age of majority; power in the hands of the patients and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated for Molecular Characterization Initiative (Project:EveryChild)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop computable consent, with consistent language that allows for research use</li> <li>• Incorporate consents for clinical and research use into CCDI protocols</li> </ul>
<b>Baseline Data Collection:</b> Collect more clinical data early, and identify high-value data elements for research (cohorts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of additional data elements in CCDI data sets (MCI, others)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working group to identify key data elements</li> <li>• Collect these data as part of CCDI studies (Rare Tumor Protocol)</li> </ul>

# Next Steps (1)

## Build Data Infrastructure

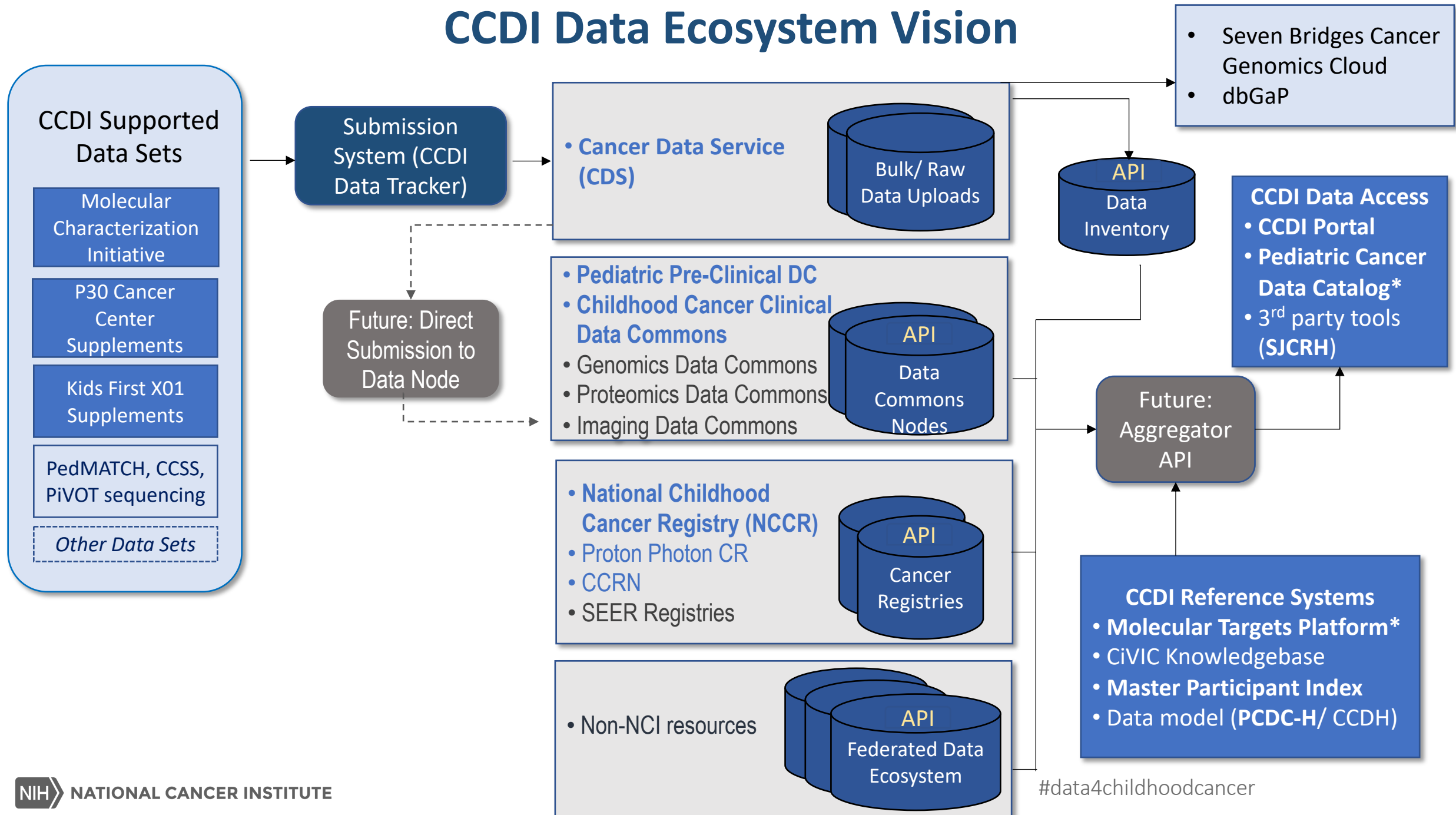
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# CCDI Data Ecosystem Vision



## Next Steps (2)

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### Aggregate and Generate Data

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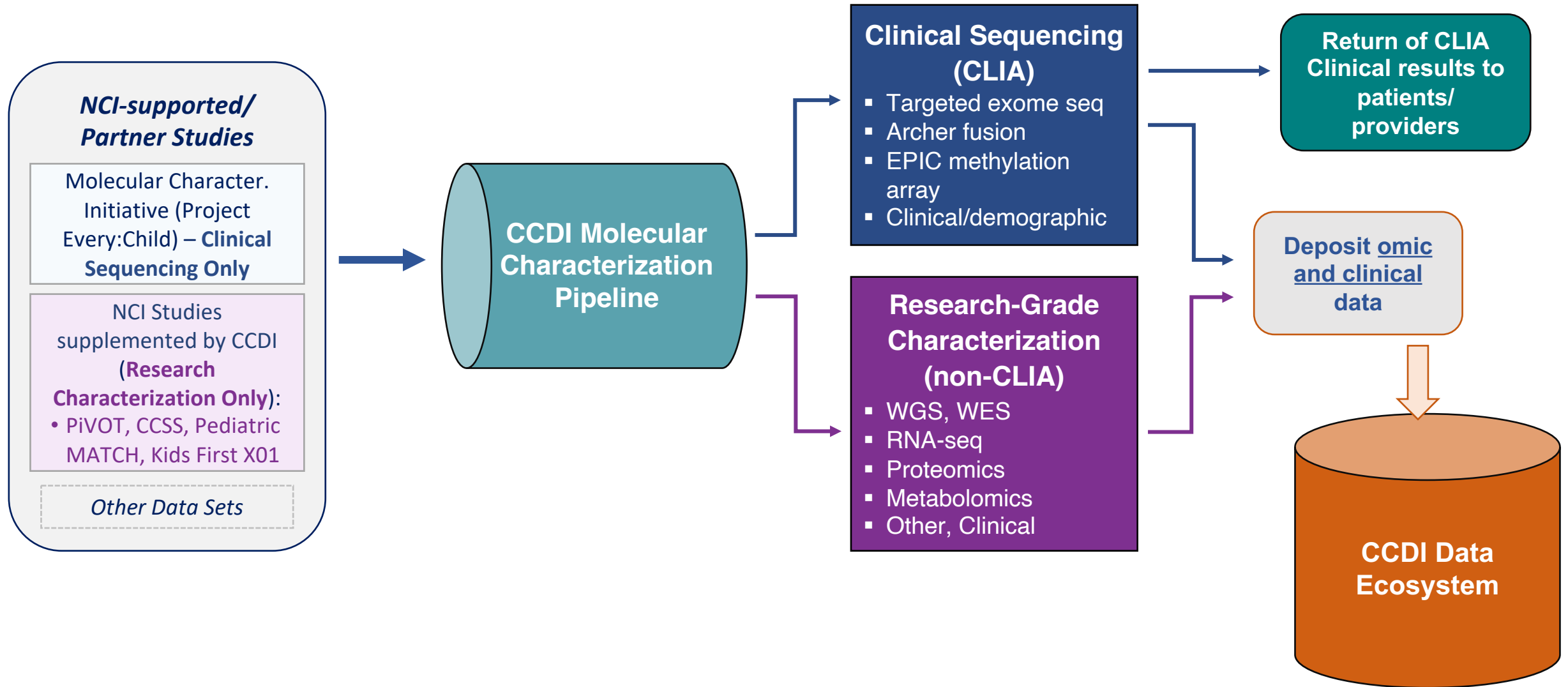
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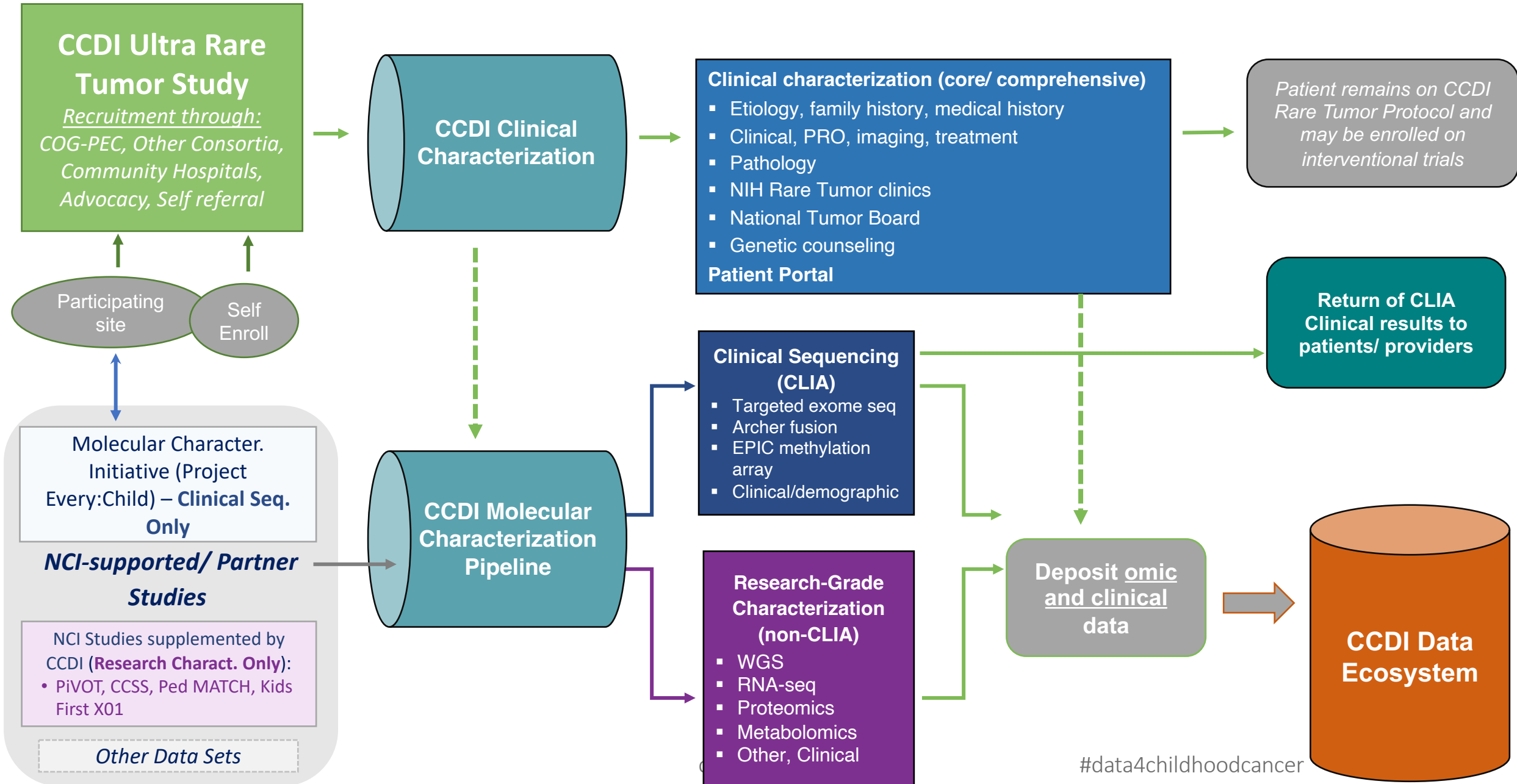
# Workshop - Advancing a National Initiative for Rare Cancers in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults - November 18, 2022

- BSA remit: Generate new data; focus on **populations of particular need** – rare disease, AYA patients, relapse/refractory disease
- Rare cancers – account for approx.15% of childhood cancer
- As a group, generally associated with poor outcomes
- Absent SOC; sparse clinical trials despite isolated institutional focused programs
- Broad support for an NCI-sponsored national strategy/trials – observational/interventional
- Need for patient support to navigate all aspects of the system – partnership with foundations and advocacy groups required
- Need for sustainable infrastructure to support collaborative efforts

# CCDI Molecular Characterization Workflow



# CCDI-Coordinated Rare Pediatric/AYA Tumor Study



## Next Steps (3)

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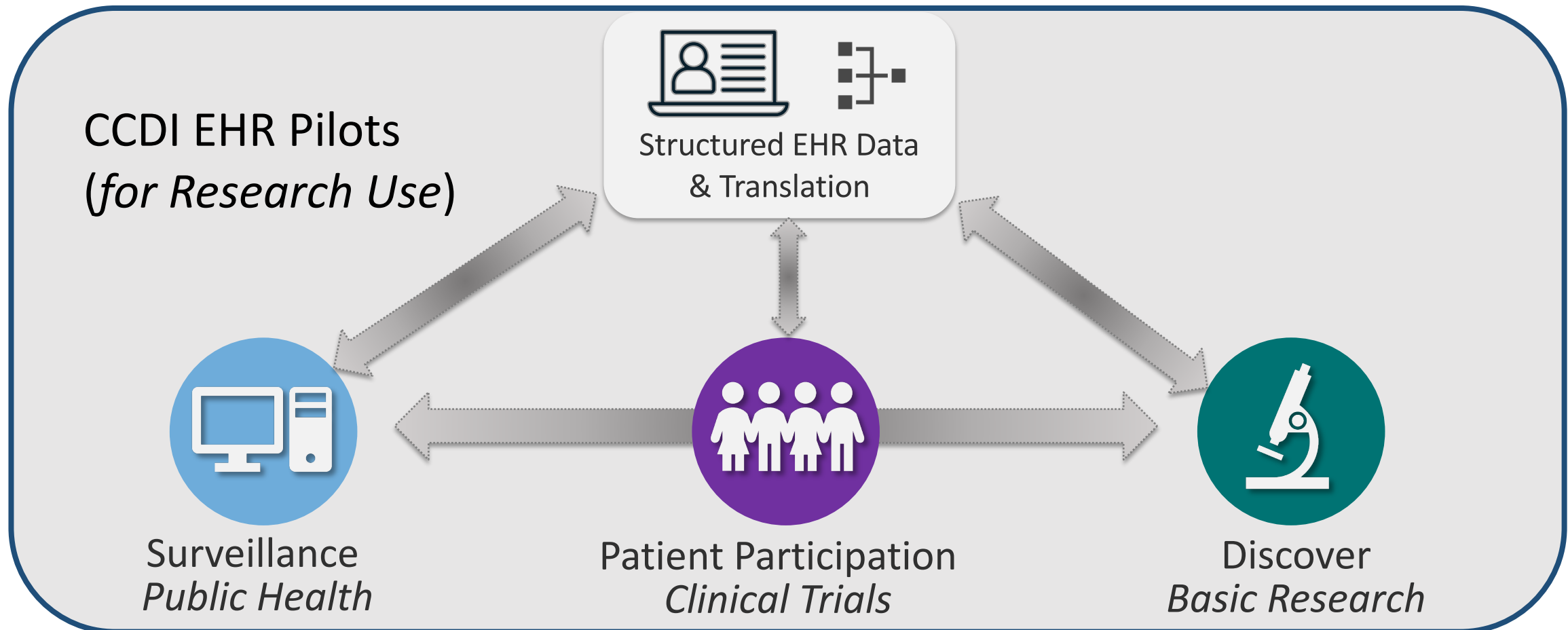
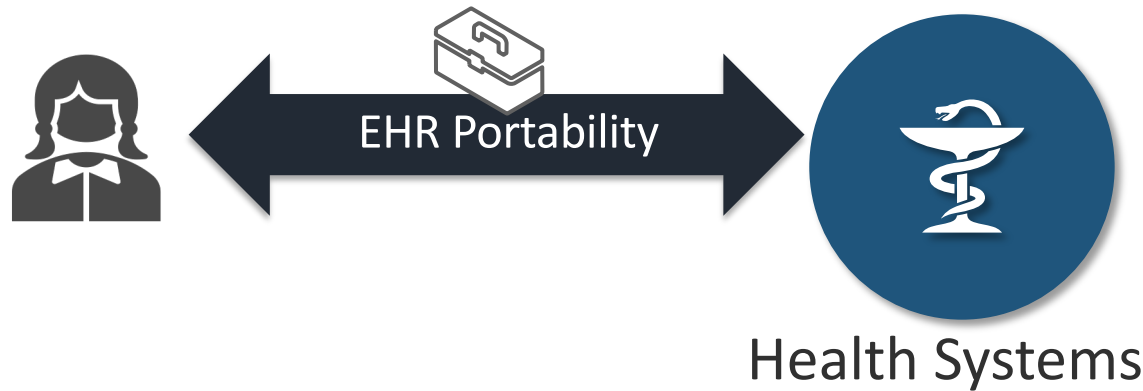
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# Workshop: The Importance of Electronic Health Record Data in Clinical Care and Research - November 2, 2022

- Patients should be empowered to provide their consent for data transfer and research use
- Address challenges around lack of consistent data structures and standards, particularly within EHR systems (Epic, Cerner, etc.)
- Record needs to be widely useful for research, including for EHR-directed clinical trials, although data quality and consistency remain challenges to address
- Patients should have ways to enter, manage, and share their data, until improved technology supports automated data sharing



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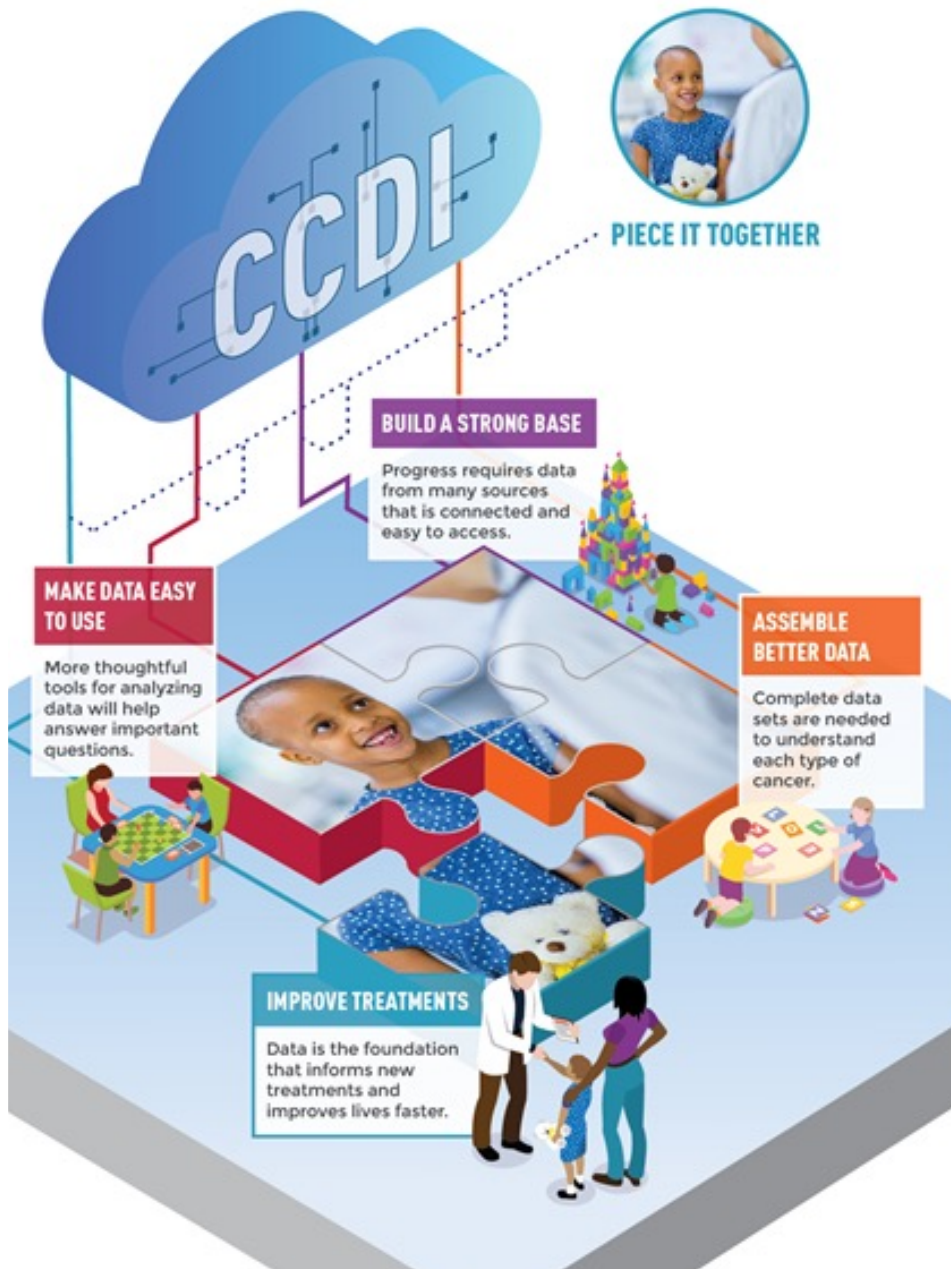
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# Questions?



## Engage with CCDI

- Visit the [CCDI website](#) to learn more. on the NCI website
- Review the [BSA CCDI Working Group final report](#)
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- [Contact the CCDI](#) with questions about engagement, ongoing activities, or funding opportunities