

# Vulcan Accelerator

# Introductory Presentation

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- Thank you for your interest in joining Vulcan!
- This document provides an overview of the history and goals of Vulcan.

## Vulcan HL7 FHIR grew out of the increasingly digital healthcare environment

- The growing digitalization in healthcare brings along modernized electronic health record standards such as HL7 FHIR.
- Maturity in this space varies across the markets; however, the transition to a more digital environment is happening.
- Several Accelerators exist already to spur development of digital solutions for healthcare:
- Project Argonaut (providers to providers)
- Project DaVinci (providers to payers)

#### **Experts Blazing the Path Forward for Research**

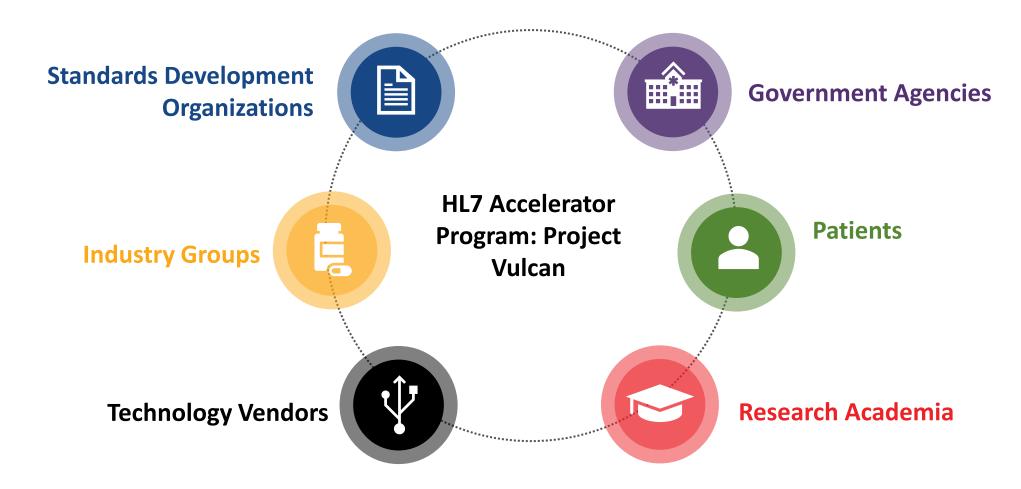
The September 2019 HL7 FHIR® Conference in Atlanta included a half-day forum drawing participation across government, academia and industry.



The goal of the forum was to help the research community align toward leveraging HL7 FHIR® for more effective acquisition, exchange and use of data for clinical research.



- Vulcan HL7 FHIR: Who Are We?
- Members of the Clinical and Translational Clinical Research Communities





## Convening Members of Vulcan



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### The Goals of Vulcan



- Bridge Existing Gaps: Work to close gap between clinical care and clinical research to improve patient lives, decrease costs and improve efficiency
- Strategically Connect Industry Collaborations: Coordinate strategy between stakeholders and leverage existing work within HL7 and other groups including FDA, Danish Medical Agency, NCATS, NLM, SCDM, TransCelerate, and global research sites
- Maximize Collective Resources: Leverage shared community and resources to be able to communicate the return on investment and return on value that a unified network could realize to various parties, and provide comprehensive recommendations to global regulators
- Deliver Integrated Tools and Solutions: Develop necessary FHIR Research Resources to maturity. Vulcan will handle identified and prioritized use cases for secondary use of EHR data that meet interested parties needs and goals



#### What is an HL7 Accelerator?

- HL7 Accelerator Program
- HL7 created the FHIR Accelerator Program to motivate and support market collaborations seeking to accelerate the availability of FHIR to tackle important interoperability needs.
- FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) is an HL7 standard that enables secure exchange of healthcare information.
  - Industry adoption of FHIR is advancing rapidly as witnessed not only by availability of FHIR in EHRs, but also in smart phone and platform company solutions.





- The Vulcan accelerator is focused on data mapping and standards for particular use cases that connect healthcare with clinical and translational research.
- It is a collaborative membership-based project group with defined membership operated under HL7.
- It is modeled after success of other accelerators (DaVinci, Argonaut, etc.), but it is also groundbreaking in many respects.
- Key organizations initiating this accelerator include FDA, NCATS, NLM, SCDM, TransCelerate, and academic research sites.



## Vulcan Organizational Structure



## **Steering Committee**

Set strategic direction; prioritize activities and approve use cases projects, make financial decisions. Founding members represented.

## **Operations Committee**

Develop and recommend use case proposals, oversee operation and delivery of use case projects. All members represented.

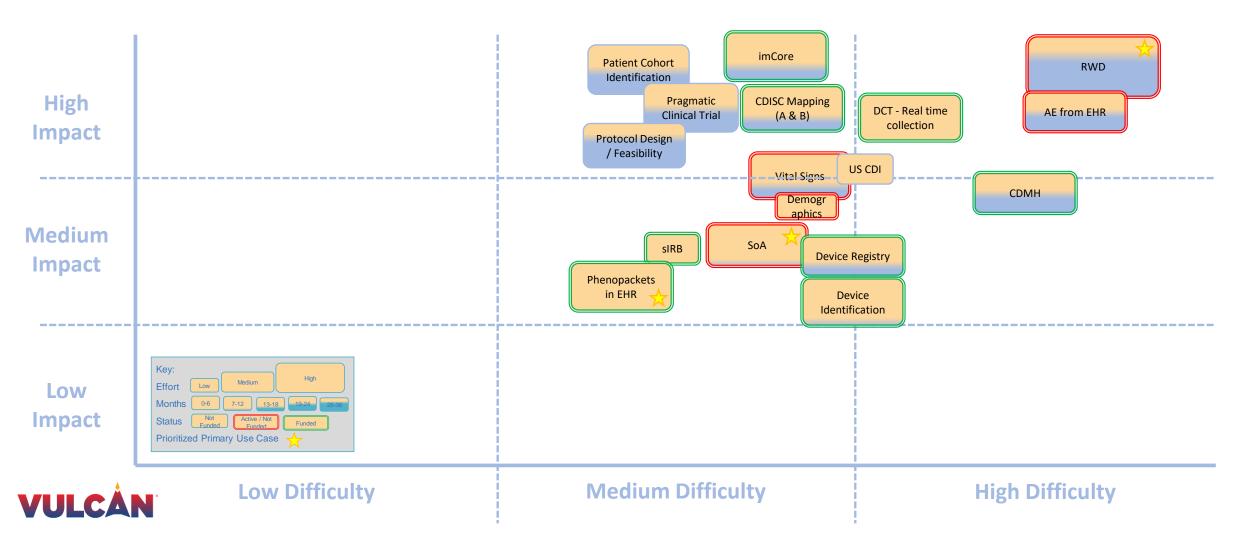
### **Project Teams**

Formed to carry out use case projects. All members have the opportunity to participate in the project teams they chose.



## Vulcan Use Case Assessment Prioritization

• The Operations Committee will identify and develop potential use cases, scoring them on several measures. The Steering Committee will identify prioritization to drive project initiation. The initial assessment resulted in many potential use cases with three primary areas identified.



## Vulcan Status

#### January 2020

First Vulcan Steering Committee meeting is held

#### **July 2020**

Legal documents (SOUs) signed by Steering Committee members



**HL7 Plenary & WG Meeting** 

First Vulcan Steering Committee

Vulcan Operations
Committee Kickoff

Create Legal Documentation

**Kick-off Phase** 

#### September 2019

Invested parties meet at HL7 Plenary & WG Meeting to discuss the need for accelerating further development, refinement, and use of standards toward optimizing the design, conduct and reporting of clinical studies

#### February 2020

Vulcan Operations Committee begins work on developing potential use cases for Vulcan

#### May 2020

Preliminary voting on use case prioritization

#### August 2020 and on...

Formal kick off and press release, onboarding of new members, finalization of project scoping statements, recruiting for project teams, and more!

