

POPLAR, the Primary Care Ontario Practice-Based Learning and Research Network

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BACKGROUND

- Some of the most substantial opportunities for transformative care, QI and research lie within **primary care**.
- Clinical research in primary care means that results are **more generalizable** to daily practice.
- Primary care **practice-based learning and research networks** are key building blocks for **knowledge production, dissemination and practice improvement**

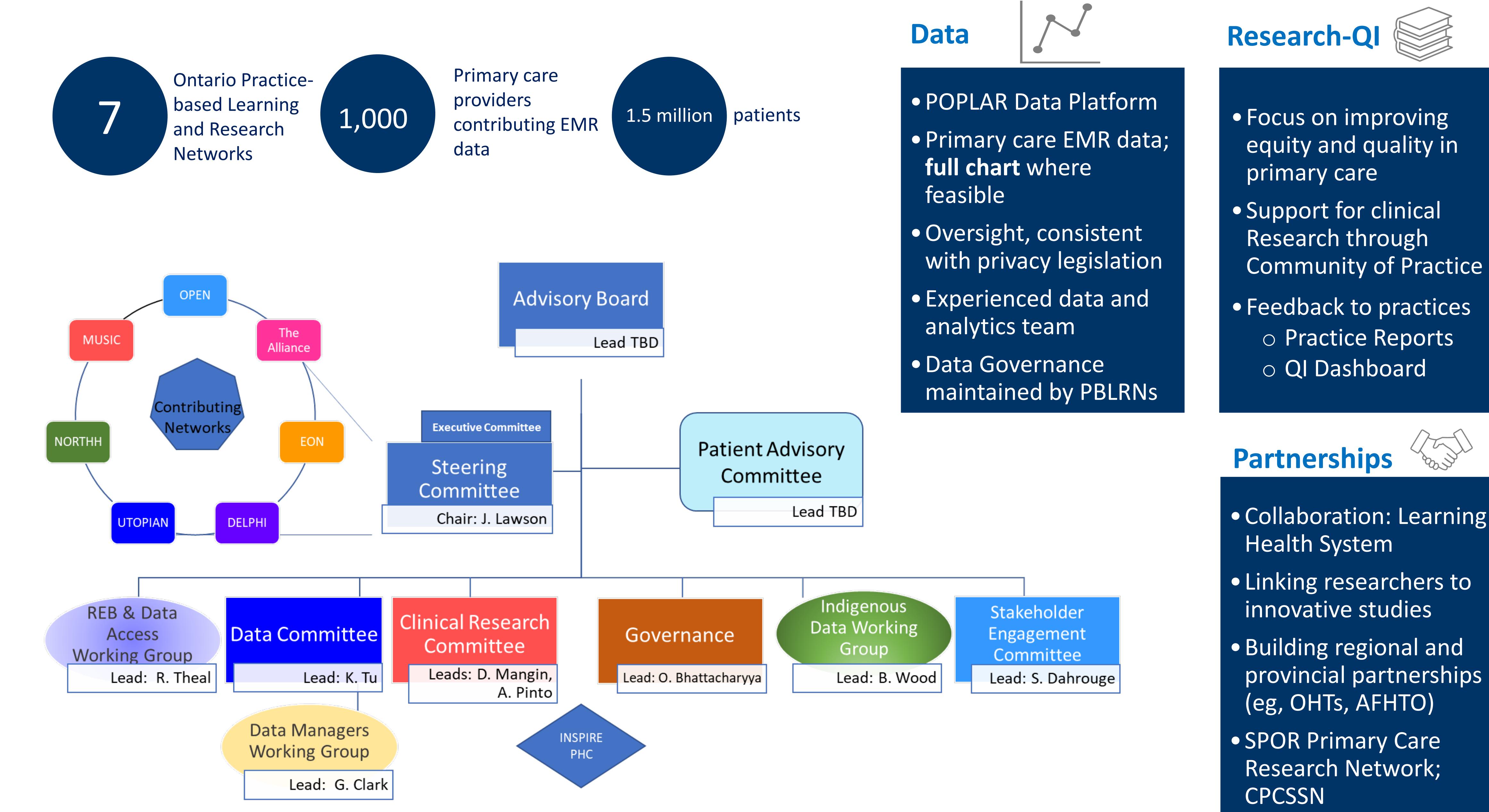
CONTEXT

- POPLAR is a **provincial initiative**
- **Initiated in 2021**
- **Funded by the Ministry** through [INSPIRE-PHC](#)
- Includes **research, QI and EMR data**
- **Networks:**
 - six **University Departments of Family Medicine**
 - the **Alliance for Healthier Communities**

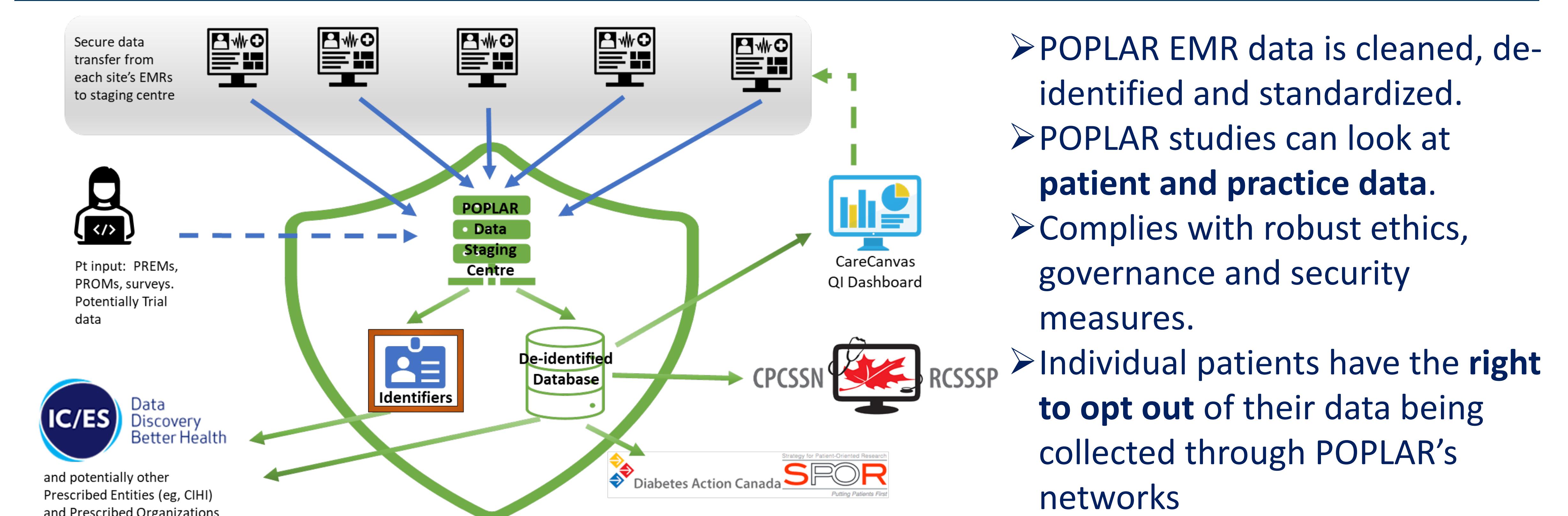
OBJECTIVES

- POPLAR's vision is to advance equitable primary healthcare delivery and health outcomes for everyone in Ontario
- Aim to achieve the **Quintuple Aim**, inclusive of **Health Equity**, through
 - A single **provincial EMR data platform** for data analytics
 - Processes and procedures to support **Clinical Research and QI** in practices

POPLAR STRUCTURE



POPLAR DATA PLATFORM



- POPLAR EMR data is cleaned, de-identified and standardized.
- POPLAR studies can look at **patient and practice data**.
- Complies with robust ethics, governance and security measures.
- Individual patients have the **right to opt out** of their data being collected through POPLAR's networks

IMPLICATIONS for HEALTH SYSTEMS

- Ability to test initiatives in one POPLAR Network
 - **Scale up** across Province
- Development of Provincial QI Dashboard, **CareCanvas**, led by University of Toronto **DFCM Q&I**
- POPLAR EMR data can provide
 - **Provincial and regional data reports**
 - **Planning information** for OHTs and health system
- EMR data will be **linked** with administrative data at ICES for health systems planning (early 2023)
- Data is used for approved **research** projects
- Centralized coordination of **clinical research projects** in primary care practices across Ontario

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Increase **primary care provider participation** across Ontario-- this is for all of us!
- Increase engagement with **patients and communities**
 - Patient Advisory Committee to begin meeting this fall
 - Build relationships with **Indigenous Partners**
- Continue to develop POPLAR infrastructure and processes
- Support the provincial roll-out of the **CareCanvas QI Dashboard** to all POPLAR members in early 2023
- Increase **research in practices and QI** activities
 - Advance our shared Culture of Curiosity

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