

# Let's Talk Informatics

## NS Health Analytics Roadmap

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# NS Health Analytics Roadmap

From 'loudest voice' to  
'smartest choice'

# Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are gathered today  
in Mi'kma'ki (\*Mig-**maw**-gee), the traditional ancestral  
unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq (\*Mig-**maw**) people.

# Informatics

**Informatics** utilizes health information and health care technology to enable patients to receive best treatment and best outcome possible.

# Let's Talk Informatics Objectives

This series is designed to enable participants to:

- Identify knowledge and skills healthcare providers need in order to use information now, and in the future.
- Prepare health care providers through an introduction to concepts and experiences in Informatics.
- Acquire knowledge to remain current by becoming familiar with new trends, terminology, studies, data and news.
- Collaborate with a network of colleagues to establishing connections with leaders who can provide advice on business issues, best-practice and knowledge sharing.

# Conflict of Interest Declaration

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# Session Specific Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, you will be able to:

- Identify progress to date on Analytics Roadmap
- Familiarize audience with new priorities for analytics in NS Health for next 2 years
- Highlight interconnectedness between analytics and other portfolios within NS health

# Let's Talk Informatics Certifications

- **Digital Health Canada** - participants can claim 1CE hour for each presentation attended.
- **College of Family Physicians of Canada and Nova Scotia Chapter** - participants can earn one Mainpro+ credit by providing proof of content aimed at improving computer skills applied to learning and access to information.
- **Canadian College of Health Information Management** - approves 1 CPE credit per hour for this series for professional members of Canada's Health Information Management Association (CHIMA).



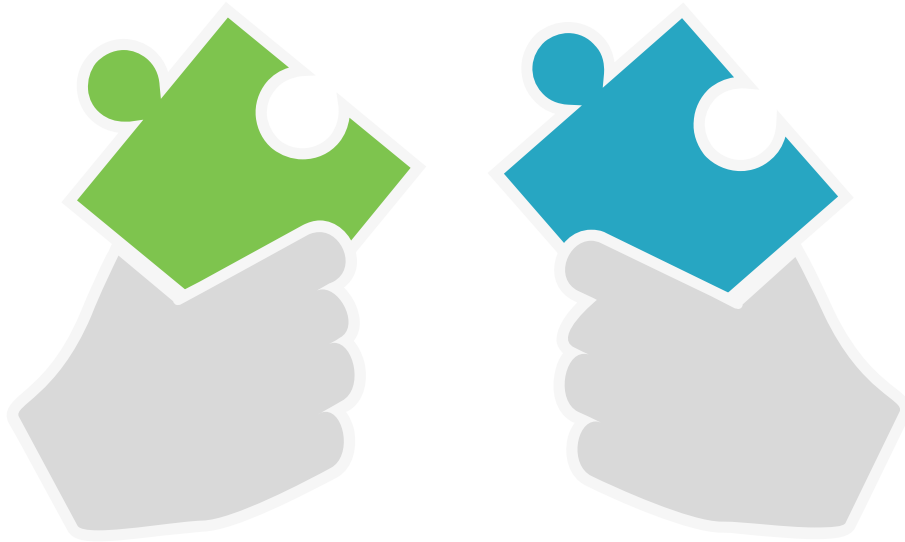
# Vision for NS Health Analytics

**Enabling an organization where data is core to every decision**



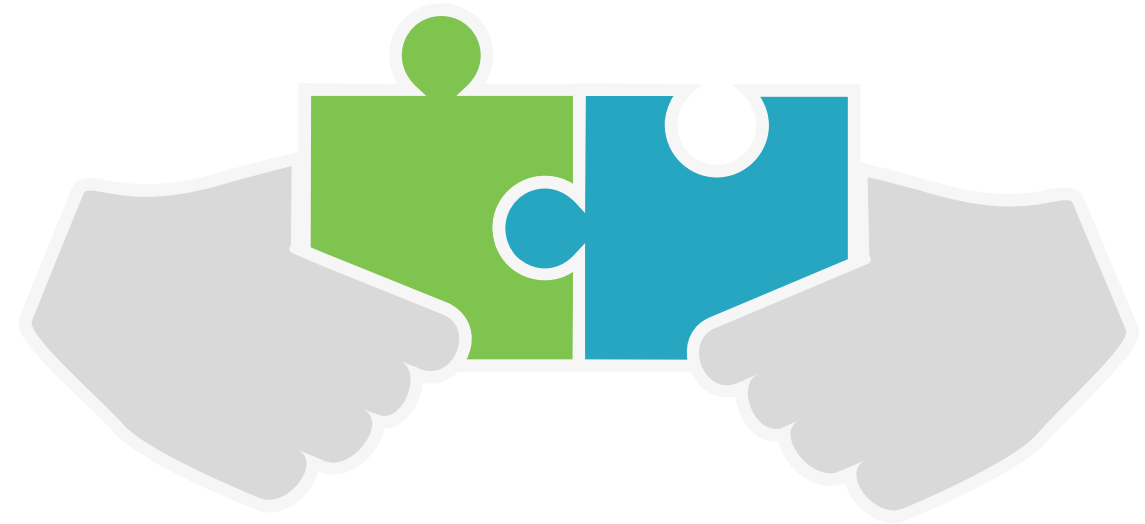
# Objective of Analytics

From Data to Insight



## Data

Data in different forms and formats held in disparate system across NSHA clinical and corporate domains



## Insight

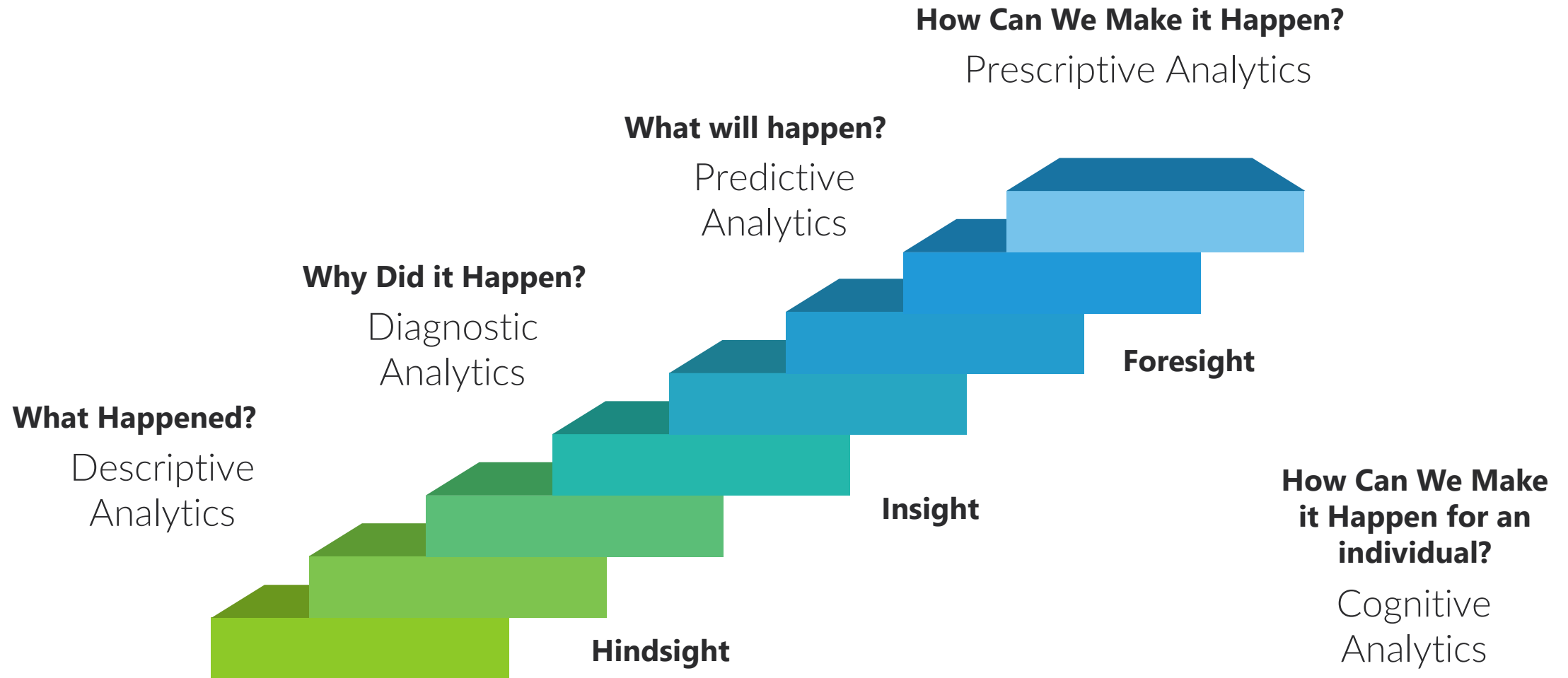
Data joined together to create metrics and insights for ongoing monitoring and improvement

# Components of NS Health's Analytics Model

## Understanding Analytics



# Steps of the Analytics Continuum



# Stages of Analytics Maturity

NS Health is currently between Early and Corporate Adoption of Analytics



## Nascent

Pre-analytics, decisions are not data driven, made based on gut instinct rather than on fact

## Pre-Adoption

Starting to understand the power of analytics for improved decision making and outcomes

## Early Adoption

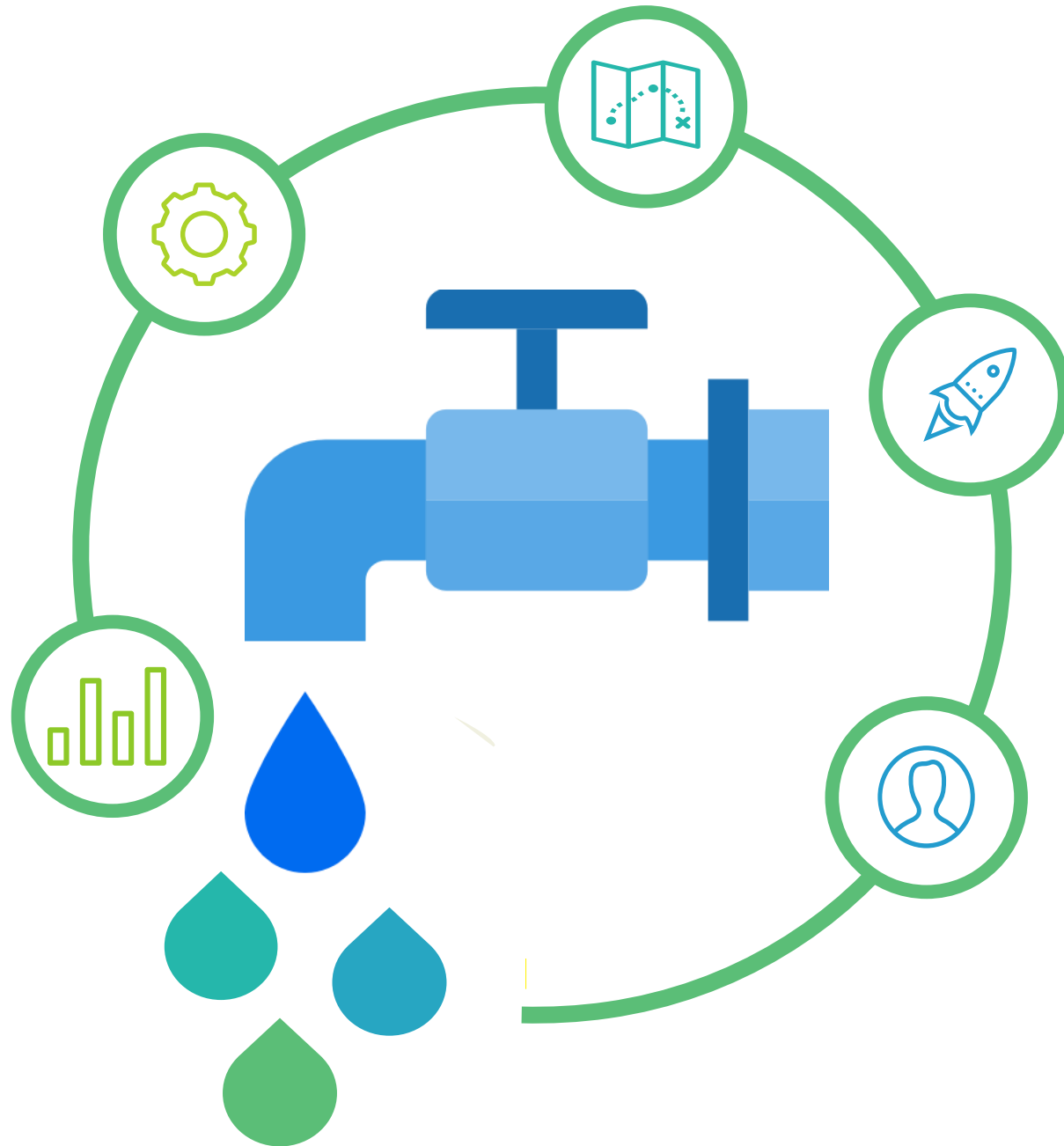
IT and Analytics begin to work together, focusing analytics on the business problems that need to be solved

## Corporate Adoption

Wide range of end users get involved and the analytics transforms how they do business.

## Mature

Executing analytics programs smoothly using a highly tuned infrastructure with well-established program and data governance strategies



# Data as a Utility

We have changed how we think about data

## Utility vs. Luxury

We tend to treat data as a luxury, we lock it away so that only approved people can access it. NS Health is shifting to treat data like water. Life can't exist without it. We all need it. We wouldn't go anywhere without it. This is how we want our organization to think of data.

# Integrated Analytics Strategy



# Analytics Team

A team of 50+ analysts spread across the province, providing data to drive decision making throughout NS Health

“Supporting evidence and data based decision making”

The team is made up of a mix of roles with team members having varied backgrounds and skill sets to support a wide range of analytical services and projects.

- Analytic Leads
- Clinical Performance Consultants
- Senior Decision Support Analysts
- Data Analysts
- Decision Support Analysts
- Research and Statistics Officers
- Health Records Analysts
- MIS Statistical Coordinators



# Analytics Leadership

Chief Data Officer and Director of Analytics

“Organizations may build their services on data, but they don’t necessarily manage it well.”

- Dedicated leadership to focus on the data and analytics (D+A) strategy of the organization: Analytics Roadmap
- Optimization and valuation of organizational data assets
- Work with partners within and beyond NS Health to meet D+A needs across the entire health system

# Our Services

Focused on Data Extraction, Staging, Linkage and the Analytics Continuum

## Data Extraction and Staging

Data extraction, aggregation and data mining methods organize the data and make it possible to identify patterns and relationships in it that would not otherwise be visible



## Data Linkage

Allows related information from one data source to be linked to information from another data source. Using the linked data makes it possible to gain a more comprehensive understanding.



## Descriptive Analytics

Summary of historical data to yield useful information and possibly prepare the data for further analysis. Reporting and data visualization may be applied to yield more insight.



## Diagnostic Analytics

Examines data to answer the question “Why did it happen?”, using techniques such as drill-down, data discovery, data mining and correlations.



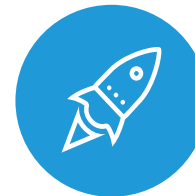
## Predictive Analytics

Extracting information from existing data sets in order to determine patterns and forecasts what might happen in the future with an acceptable level of reliability.



## Applied Analytics

Utilizing advanced statistical methods and innovative tools to create iterative, scalable and operational solutions, applying theory to the practice of health system planning and management.



# Visualize: Develop visual and interactive reports

Visualize the data, by creating visually appealing and intuitive reports and dashboards

Explore data across multiple interactive visualizations

Provide insights in the context of your program



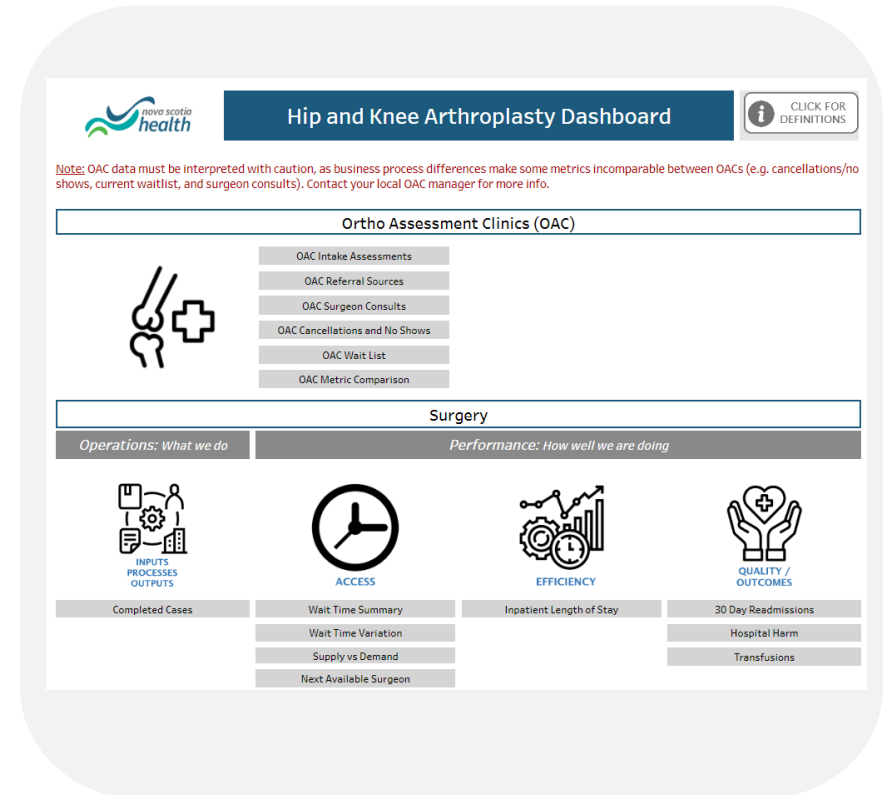
# Publish: Share insights via NS Health Visualization Platform (Tableau)

Customize dashboards for reporting purposes

Publish reports to the visualization platform

Set regular automatic or manual data refreshes

Review performance with relevant organizational body



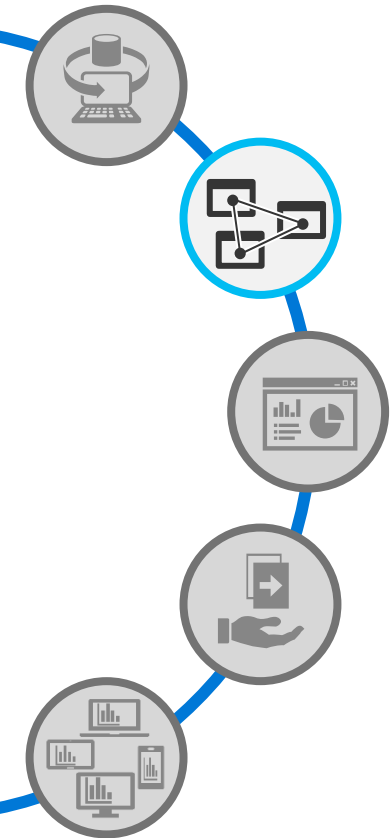
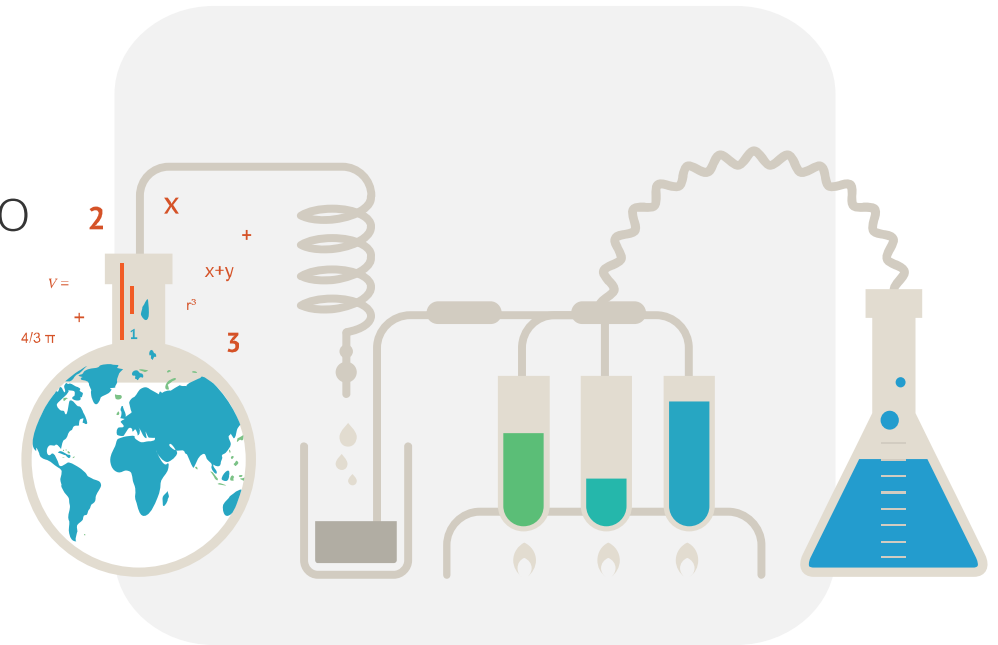
# Analysis: Data discovery and in-depth analysis

Shift focused from Data Extraction, Staging, Linkage to analysis and story telling

Utilize pre-existing and ad/hoc data models to link data

Apply statistical analysis techniques to gain insight

Produce descriptive, diagnostic and predictive analysis

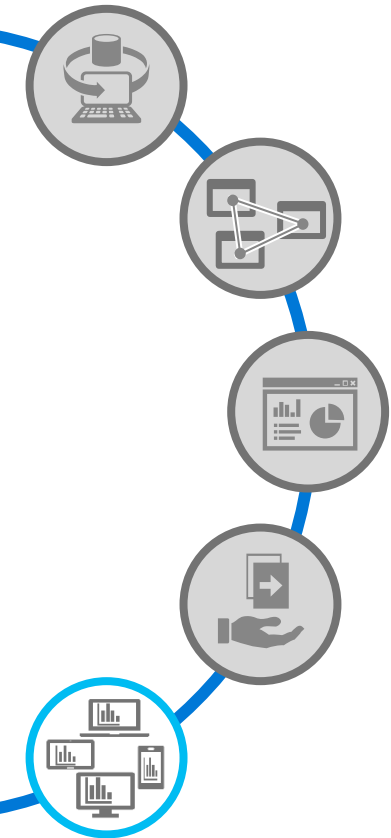


# Collaborate: Empower our organization

Provide access to reports and dashboards anywhere on any device  
(mobile access for Tableau coming soon)

Enable users to ask questions and discover insights from the data through self-serve analytics or interaction with our team

Deliver insights through new medium



# Performance Indicators and Reports

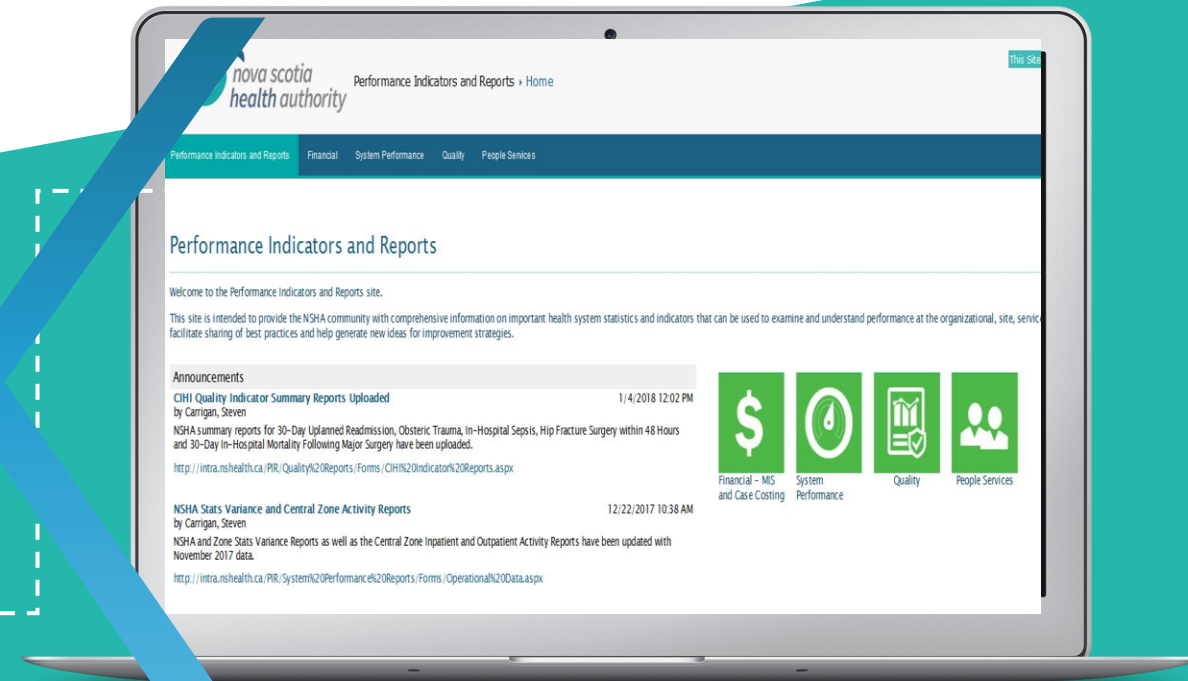
NSHA Intranet Site <http://intra.nshealth.ca/PIR>

## Purpose

- Based on historical report repositories across the NSHA
- This site is intended to provide the NSHA community with comprehensive information on important health system statistics and indicators that can be used to examine and understand performance at the organizational, site, service, and unit levels.

## Important Info


- The reports uploaded to the site work best when accessed through Internet Explorer
- Must use Internet Explorer when going to the PIR site

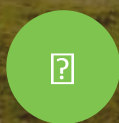
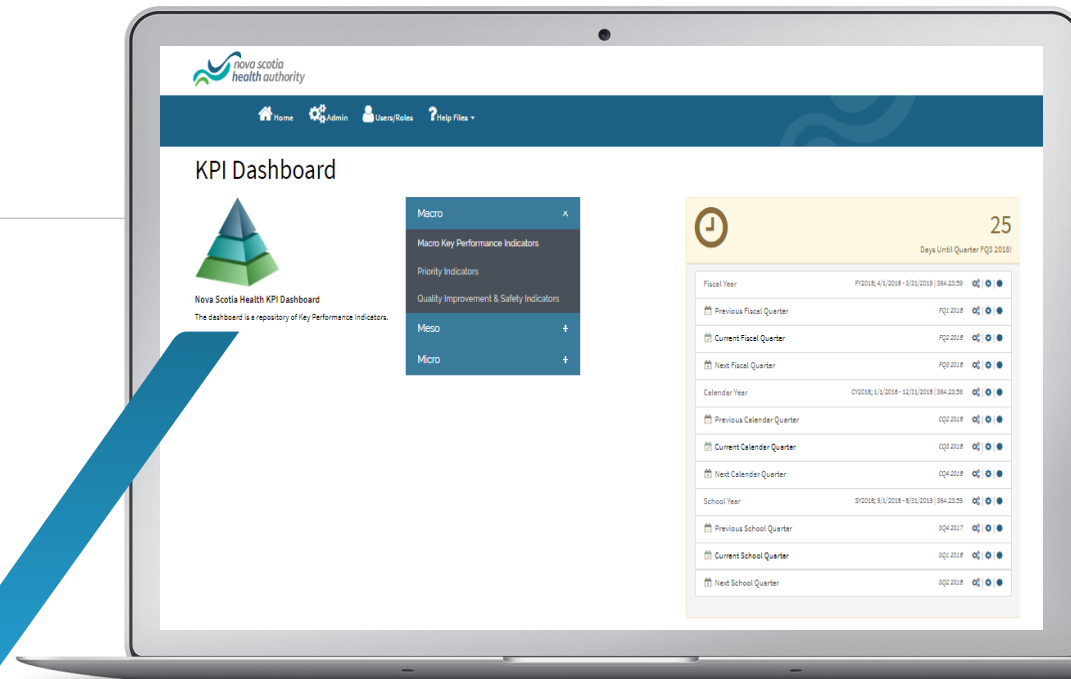


The dashboard is a repository of Key Performance Indicators.

# NSHA KPI Dashboard

- KPI Dashboard (<http://kpidashboard.nshealth.ca/>)
- This site reports key indicators in alignment with the Performance & Accountability Framework NSHA wide and by Program or location to understand performance in the organization.

 Click here for:  
**KPI DASHBOARD**



**Macro**  
NSHA



**Meso**  
Zone or Program



**Micro**  
Site



Zone **Central**

Site Type **All**

### Acute Unit Occupancy

QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site	96.9%
QEII - Victoria General (VG) Site	96.5%
Dartmouth General Hospital	103.8%
Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital	100.0%
Hants Community Hospital	87.5%
Musquodoboit Valley Memorial H..	66.7%
Twin Oaks Memorial Hospital	86.7%

### Total Occupancy

QEII - Halifax In..	95.8%
QEII - Victoria ..	96.7%
Nova Scotia Ho..	89.4%
Dartmouth Gen..	103.8%
Eastern Shore ..	100.0%
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Musquodoboit ..	66.7%
Twin Oaks Me..	86.7%
Nova Scotia Re..	93.9%
East Coast For..	73.9%

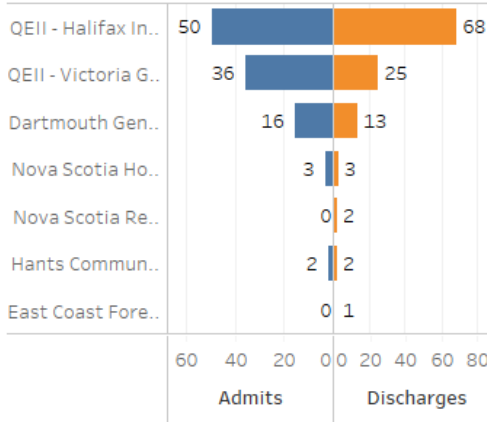
### LTC Impact

QEII - Halifa..	4.4%
QEII - Victor..	11.4%
Nova Scotia..	1.9%
Dartmouth ..	10.2%
Eastern Sh..	40.0%
Hants Com..	26.3%
Musquodob..	66.7%
Twin Oaks ..	33.3%

### ICU Occupancy

QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site	51	84.6%
QEII - Victoria General (VG) Site	52	110.0%
QEII - Victoria General (VG) Site	3A	66.7%
Dartmouth General Hospital	D21	62.5%

### Inpatient Admissions and Discharges



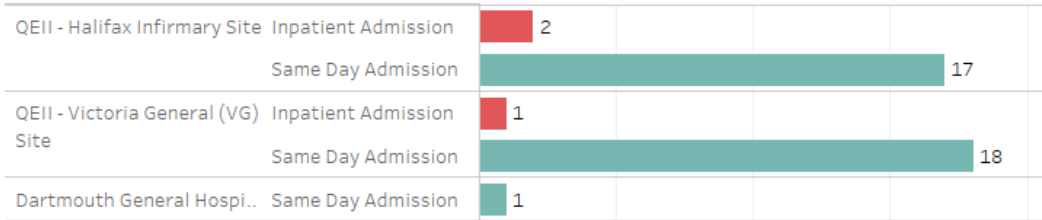
### Current Occupancy (Census/Active Beds) (Zone)

Site Type	Site	Unit Category	Unit	Dec-08	
Tertiary Hospital	QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site	Medical/Surgical	3IM	75.0% (9/12)	
			42T	50.0% (3/6)	
			61	25.0% (1/4)	
			61I	100.0% (18/18)	
			Emergency	QEI	(10/0)
			Intensive Care Unit	51	84.6% (11/13)
			52	110.0% (11/10)	
			64	100.0% (10/10)	
			Acute Psych	6LN	94.4% (17/18)
			7LN	96.0% (24/25)	
SSU	60.0% (3/5)				
Medical	9LN		62	100.0% (27/27)	
			62	100.0% (37/37)	
			74	103.4% (30/29)	
			74E	100.0% (4/4)	
			82	102.7% (38/37)	
			84	97.2% (35/36)	
			Pandemic Respons..	83C	40.0% (2/5)

### Admitted Patients in ED

QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site	10
Dartmouth General Hospital	12

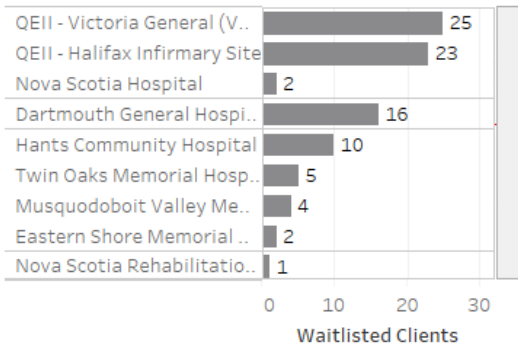
### Scheduled Surgical Inpatient Cases (excluding endo) - December 8, 2021



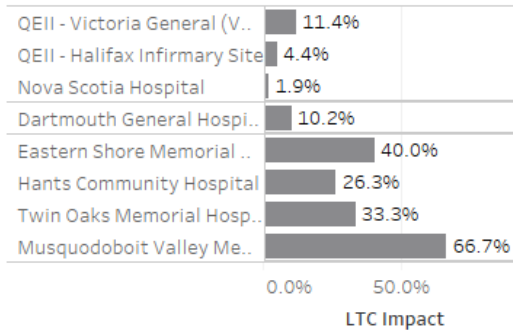
### Available Beds

Nova Scotia Hospital	10
QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site	29
QEII - Victoria General (V..	7
Dartmouth General Hospi..	-6
Eastern Shore Memorial ..	0
Hants Community Hospital	3
Musquodoboit Valley Me..	2
Twin Oaks Memorial Hosp..	2
Nova Scotia Rehabilitatio..	4

### LTC Wait List by Hospital - December 7, 2021

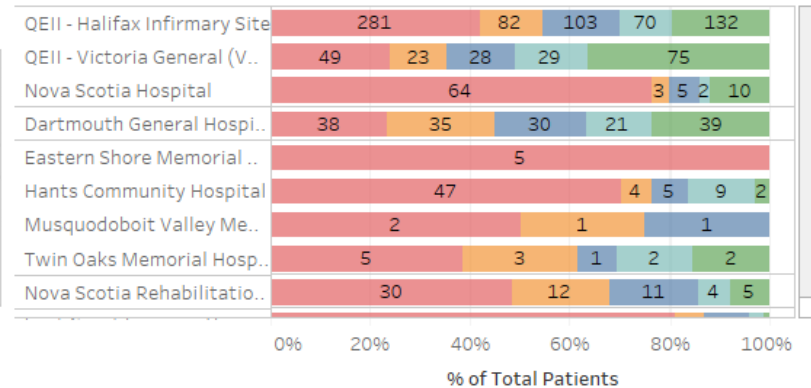


### LTC Impact by Hospital



### Patient Census by LOS Group

The daily patient census broken out by length of stay group.



# Priorities for NS Health Analytics

- Analytics enablement for system priorities
- Data Management / Data Governance
- AI for Analytics
- Supporting Digital Health Strategy



# Data Management Framework



# Next Steps

Category	Description
Roles & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarify roles, responsibilities, and opportunities for collaboration</li></ul>
Data Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify and implement a ‘best-practice’ data governance model(s) across NS Health, implement tools, engage stakeholders, establish structures and processes</li></ul>
Enterprise Data Warehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design and implement an agile, scalable enterprise Data Warehouse (eDW)</li></ul>
Data Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acquire a data integration and modeling tool to support the process of extracting data from the different sources, cleaning the data, and linking the data ✓</li><li>• Increase capacity of BI team</li></ul>
Data Warehouse Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build a web-based, user-friendly site that houses data catalogues, data dictionaries, data quality assessments, and other key meta-data documentation ✓</li><li>• Increase human resource capacity</li></ul>
Enterprise Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Procure tools to enable organizational approach and standardized toolkit for reporting and advanced analytics ✓</li><li>• Train staff as required</li></ul>

# Data Governance

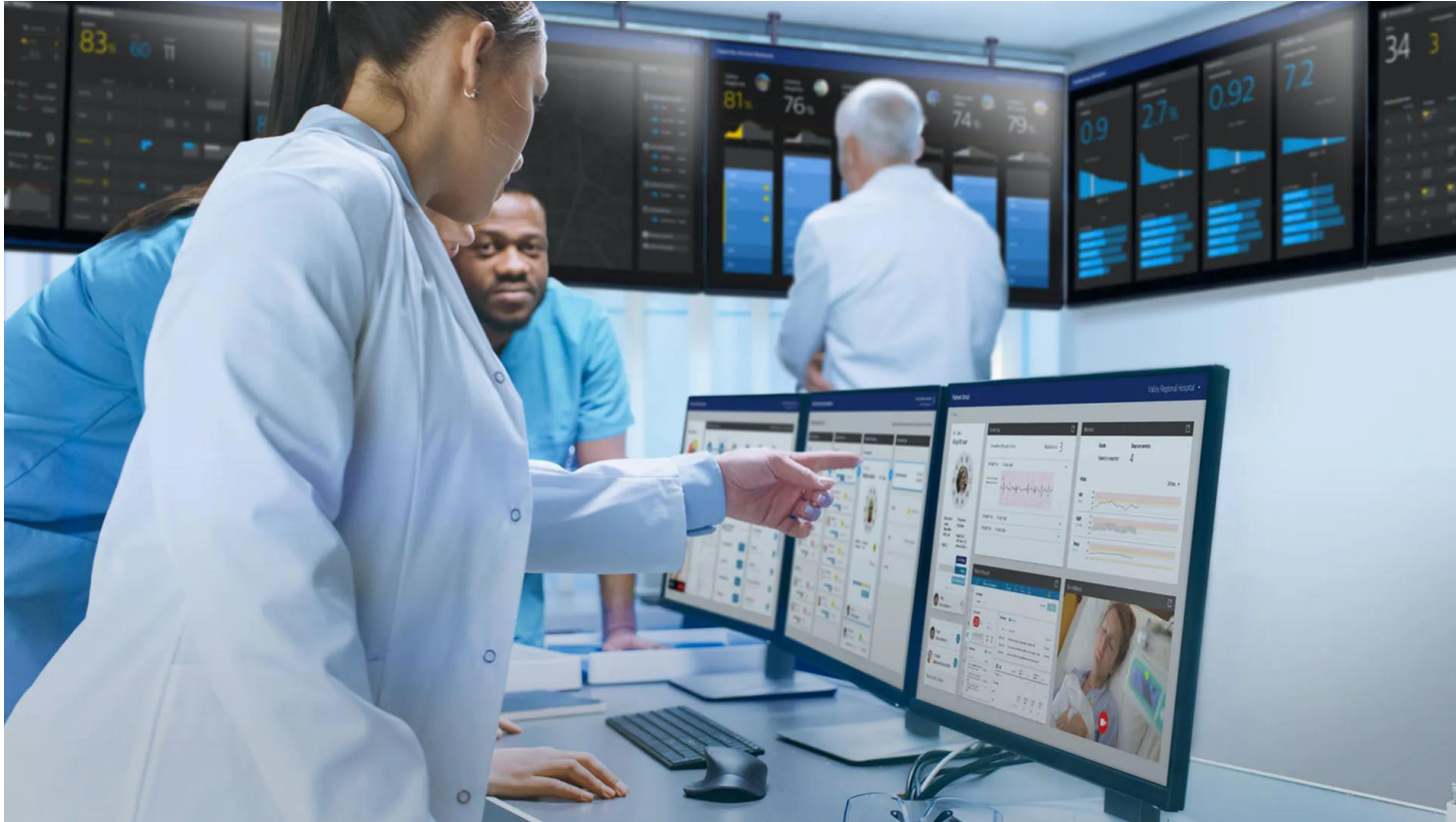
## Key priority for next two years

- Define and agree to overarching principles
- Create flexible approach to match unique use cases
- Identify core infrastructure investment
- Align in support of Digital Health Strategy



# AI and Analytics

**Our goal is to help find the answers to the central questions that affect NS Health's performance**



## Primary care

- How many providers, what mix, what medium?

## Access and Flow

- What are the drivers of flow?
- What are the drivers of wait times?

## Capacity

- How many beds do we need?

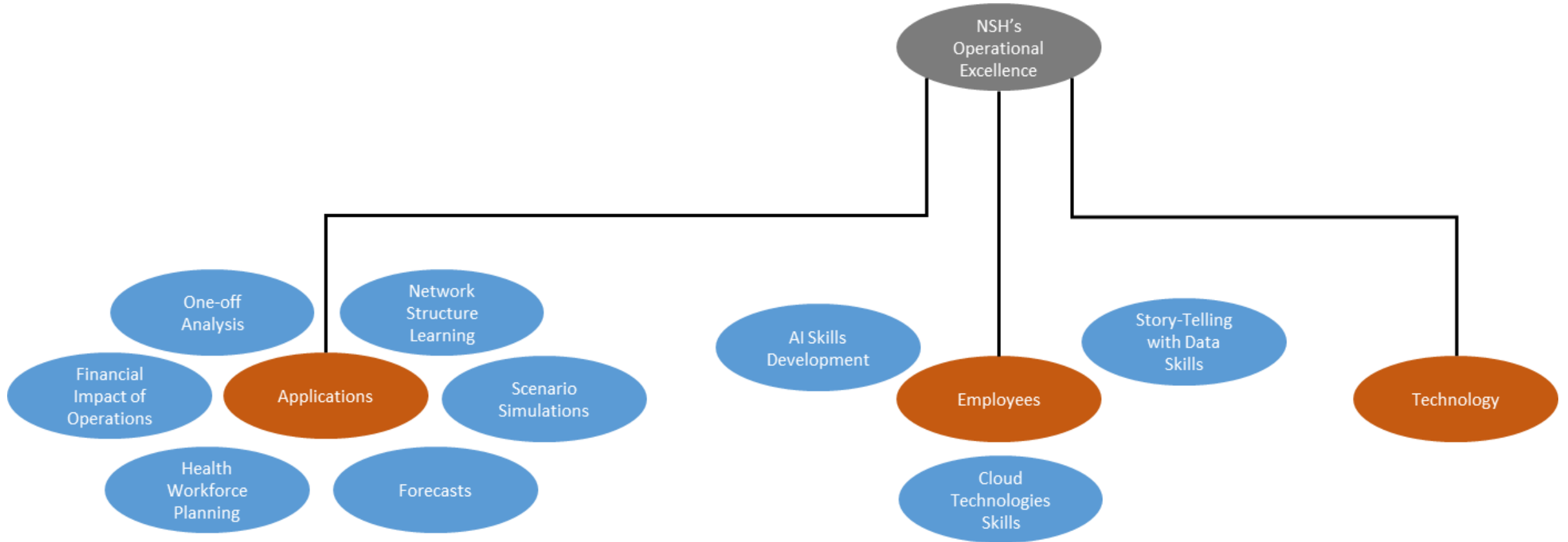
## Workforce

- How many healthcare professionals do we need?

## Management of chronic diseases

- Determine diseases where in-home treatment model for patients with chronic illnesses makes sense.

# Drivers of the Analytics AI Strategy



# NS Health Digital Health Strategy



## Major focus on NS Health

- Driver of corporate priorities
- Enabled by multiple portfolios within NS Health and partners beyond (i.e., NSDS)
- Analytics has key role in in:
  - Cloud
  - AI
  - Data virtualization/Data fabric
  - Synthetic data
  - Analytic support for virtual care





# Applied Analytics Case Study

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Applying theory to the practice of  
health system management

# Applied Analytics Team

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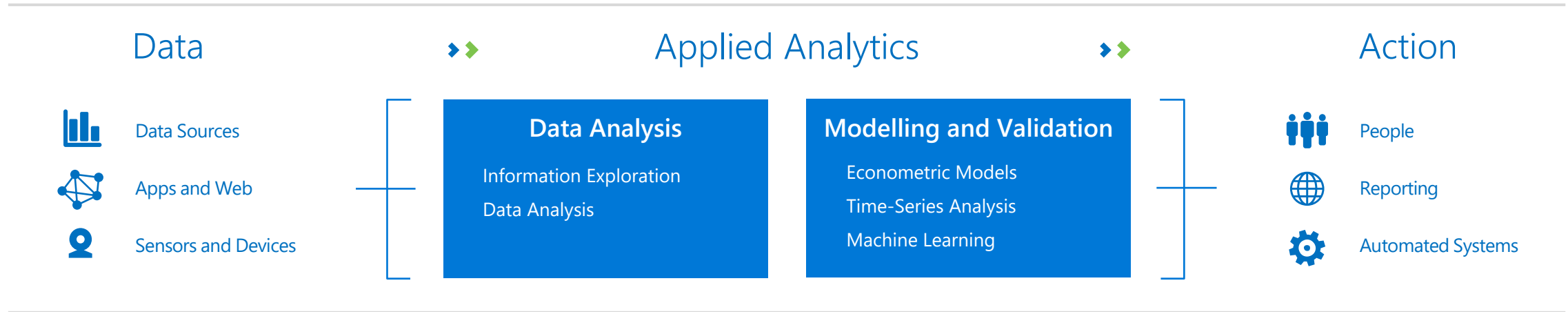
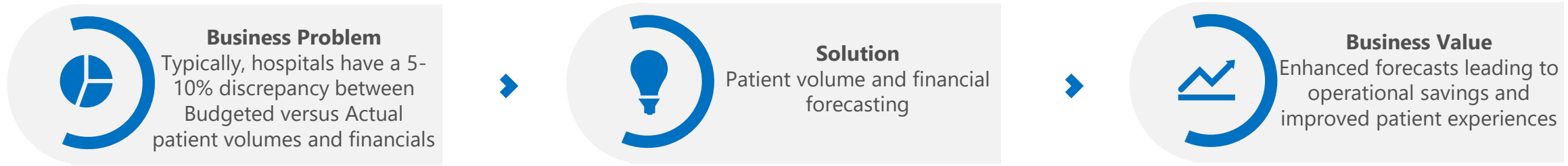


## Team

- Data Scientist / Analysts
- Data Engineer / System Analysts

- Multi-disciplinary agile team to take on the pain points of health system management.
- Utilizing advanced statistical methods and innovative tools
- Develop agile, scalable and operational solutions

# Applied Analytics Process | Transform Patient Data into Intelligent Action



## Data Requirement

**Patient Volume History**  
e.g., emergency department visits, surgical cases, outpatient visits, midnight stays history

## Modeling

Use multiple models to produce forecasts

- Decomposition- no external variables
- Decomposition- with external variable
- Ensemble forecasts
- Autoregressive–moving-average (ARMA) models- no external variables
- ARIMA model- with external variables

## Improved Forecasting

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Potential Short-Term Forecasting</b> | <b>Potential Long Term Forecasting</b> |
| Scheduling surgeries                    | Demographics                           |
| Weekly cycles                           | Industry trends                        |
| Daily actuals                           | Payor trends                           |

# Different Tools for Different Purposes

We have developed several tools to produce forecasts that fulfill the needs of different applications and temporal horizons.



## ED Overcrowding & Surge Levels

ED workload forecasts for the  
next 7 days, by hour

## Utilization-Based Forecasts

ED, inpatient and LTC forecasts for the  
next 6 months, by day

## Population-Based Forecasts

ED, inpatient, surgery demand and systemic oncology demand forecasts for the  
next 20 years, by year

# ED Overcrowding and Surge Levels

Short-term fluctuations are used to estimate the future level of activity of our ED's, incl. number of total, waiting and admitted patients, boarding times and site occupancy

The combination of ED and site predictions allows us to estimate upcoming surge levels

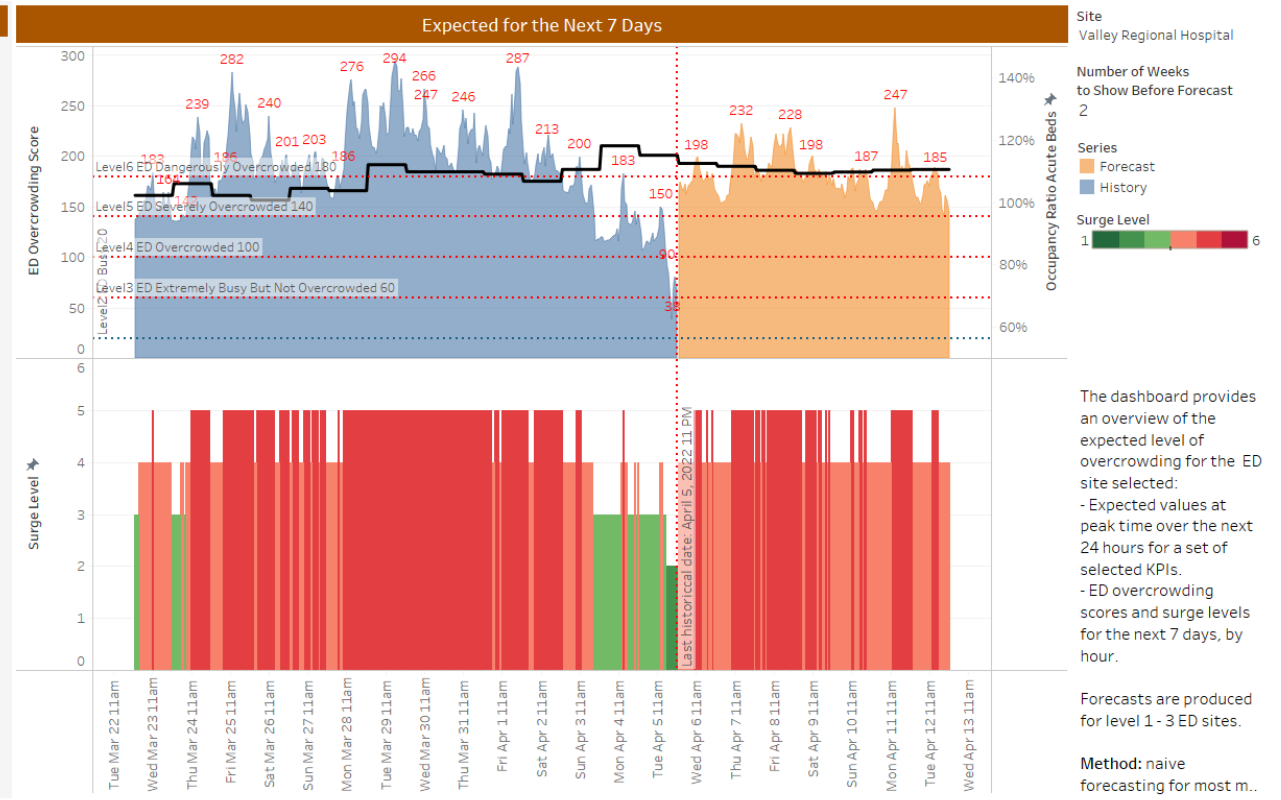
The temporal horizon is 7 days



Expected Peak Load Over the Next 24 Hours		
ED Overcrowding Metric CEDOCsX2		
Lower 90%	Avg Score	Upper 90%
197	199	201
Admitted Patients	Boarding Time Avg	Boarding Time Longest
17	33h	48h
Acute Inpatient Be..	Non-Acute Inpatient Be..	
0	5	
Acute Beds Occupancy	Non-Acute Beds Occupa..	
113%	74%	

Data Sources: Meditech, STAR and EDIS

## Access and Flow - Overcrowding



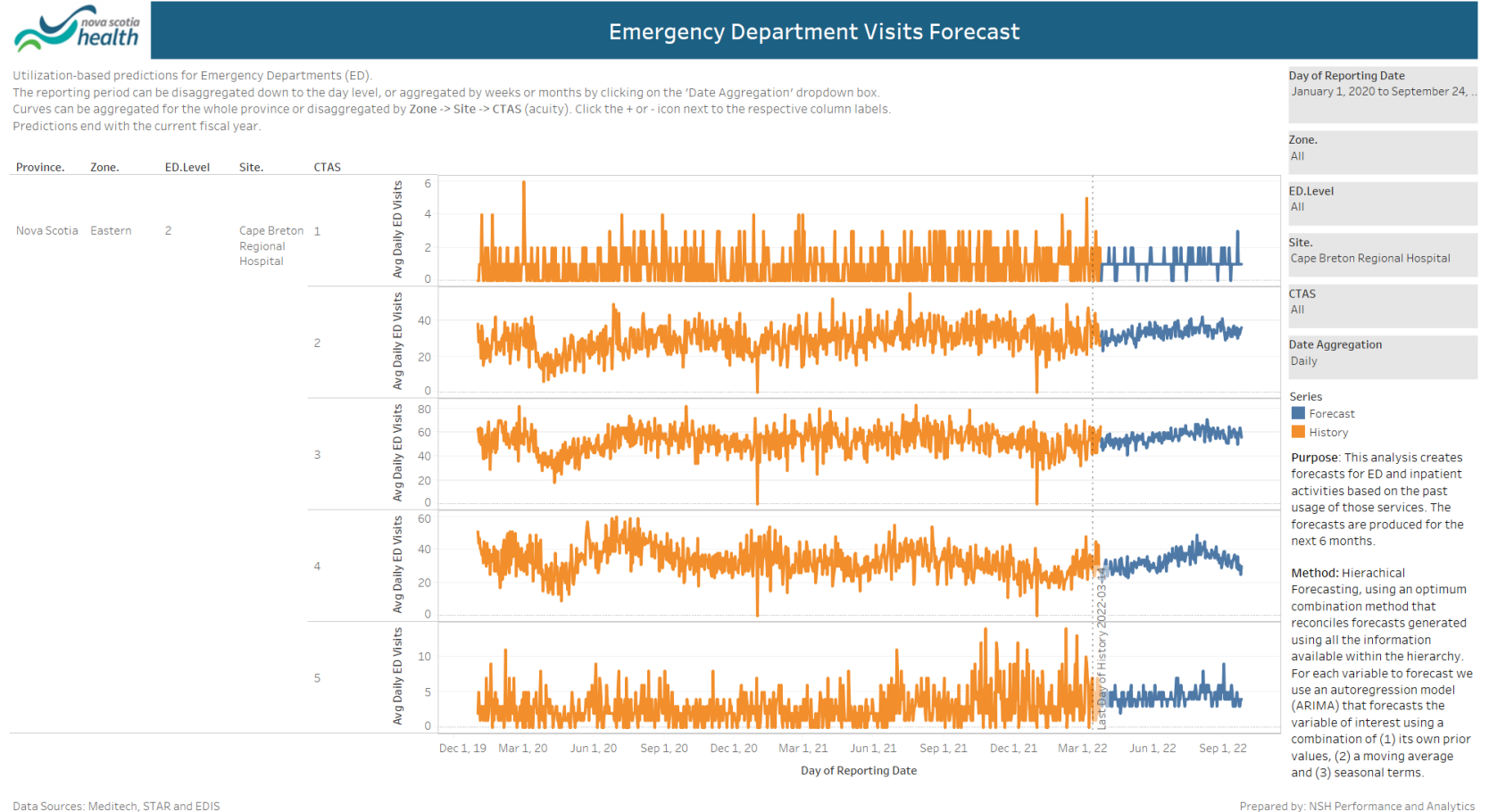
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# Utilization-Based Forecasts

Underlying trends, seasonality and hierarchical organization are used to estimate the future demand of ED and inpatient services, as well as some LTC metrics

The results can also be disaggregated by zone, site, CTAS or service

The temporal horizon is 6 months



# Population-Based Forecasts

Population projections by geography, sex and age are used as drivers of the future demand of ED, inpatient, surgery and systemic oncology services

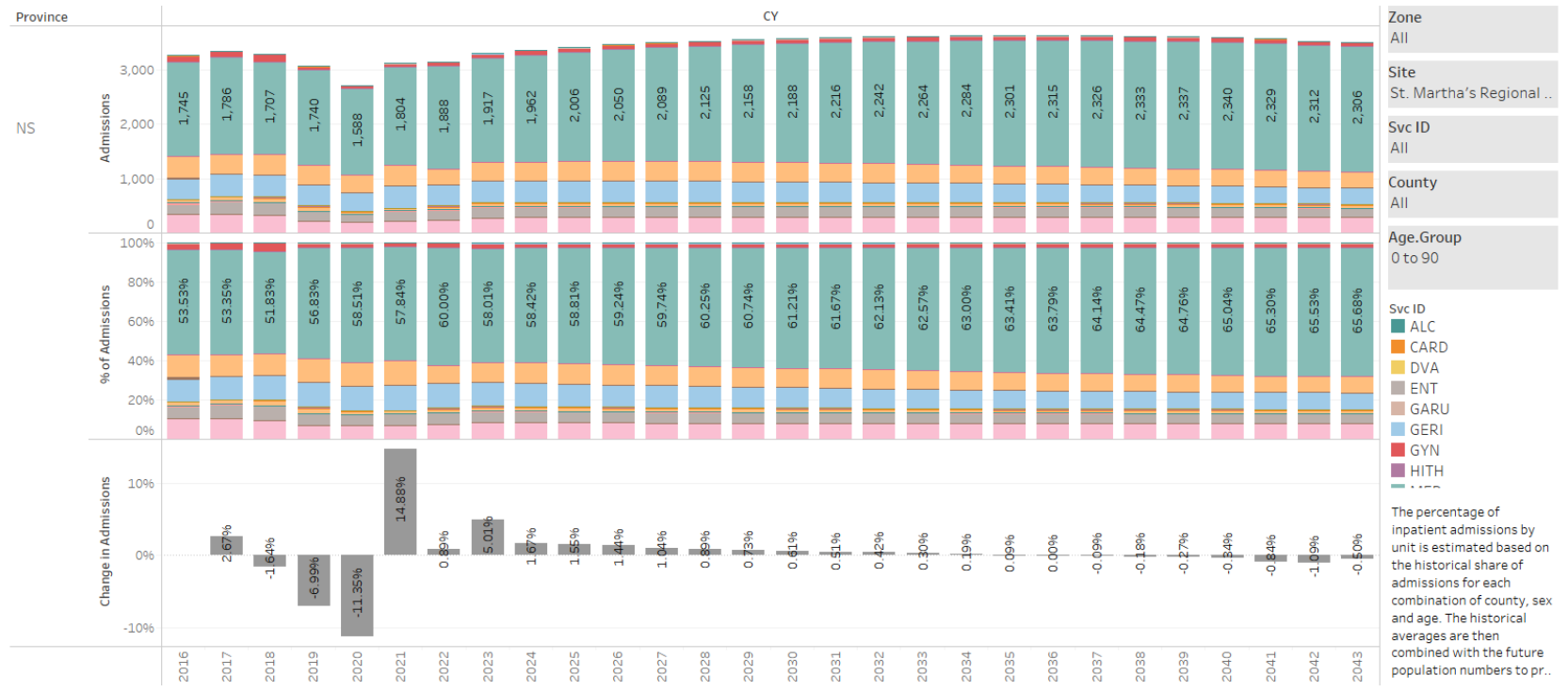
The results can also be disaggregated by zone, site, unit or patient service

The temporal horizon is 20 years



## Inpatient Admissions by Patient Service - Projections

Population-based predictions for inpatient facilities.  
The number of admissions is disaggregated by admission service, and can be obtained for combinations of site, service of admission, county of patients' residence and age group.

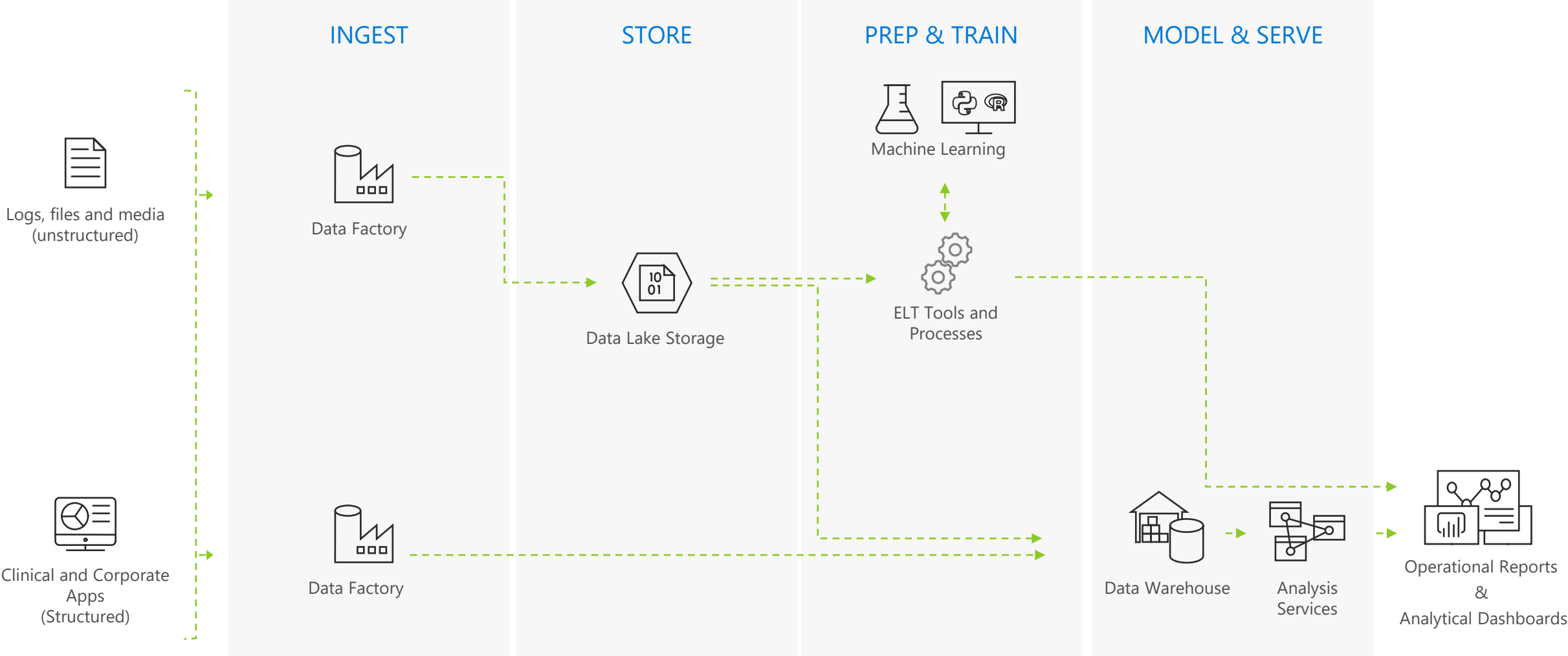


Data Source: DAD and NSGOV Population Projections

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# Applied Analytics / Cloud Data Management







**THANK YOU**

Question ?

**Microsoft Azure**

**Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform**

**sas**  
SEM model training

**DataMarts**  
Pop, DAD, MIS, Weather, Mortality, Cost Center, Nurse Station, Facility, PCCF, **Bed Plan**, Physician Billing, ...

Azure Analysis Service

OLAP API

K8S System Planning App Server

- *Optimal Bed Pooling Level*
- *What-If Scenario Test*
- *Strategy Optimization*
- *Actual Rejection Estimation*

SEM Bottom-Up Calibration in H. Network Level

- *Indi. ED LoS*
- *Indi. INP Adm. Prob.*
- *Indi. INP Adm. Facility*
- *Indi. INP LoS*
- *Aggregated Adm.*
- *Aggregated BD/OR*

On-Premise SQL Server (NST-DR1)

Self-Hosted Integration Runtime (Gateway)

Azure SQL Service

Prediction Cache

**RAPIDS**

Databricks ETL & Inference Node

Synced NST ED/INP Encounter Tables

Robotic Process Automation by ADF

**BIOTIC**  
Imaging for Life

pyfunc for INP LoS & facility models

RESTful Scoring API for ED LoS & IsAdm models

K8S Patient Flow App Server

Tensorflow GPU Training VM

mlflow Model Tuning & Life Cycle Management

Azure Machine Learning

or **SELDON**

- Manual Path
- RT Path
- Lagged Path