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ONC *FAST* Workshop: An Architectural Framework for Ecosystem Infrastructure



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Agenda

- **What is *FAST*?**
 - What is *FAST*?
 - *FAST* Structure & Mission
 - *FAST* & Other FHIR Collaboratives
- **APIs, FHIR & *FAST***
 - APIs
 - FHIR and the Health Care Ecosystem
 - Importance of the Ecosystem Infrastructure and the *FAST* model
- ***FAST* Solutions Summary**
- ***FAST* Solutions and Path to Execution**
- ***FAST* Pilot Testing Considerations**
- ***FAST* Conceptual Architecture**
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What is *FAST*?





What is *FAST*?

The FHIR at Scale Taskforce (FAST), convened by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), brings together a highly representative group of motivated healthcare industry stakeholders and health information technology experts.

The group is set to identify HL7[®] FAST Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR[®]) scalability gaps and possible solutions, analysis that will address current barriers and will accelerate FHIR adoption at scale.





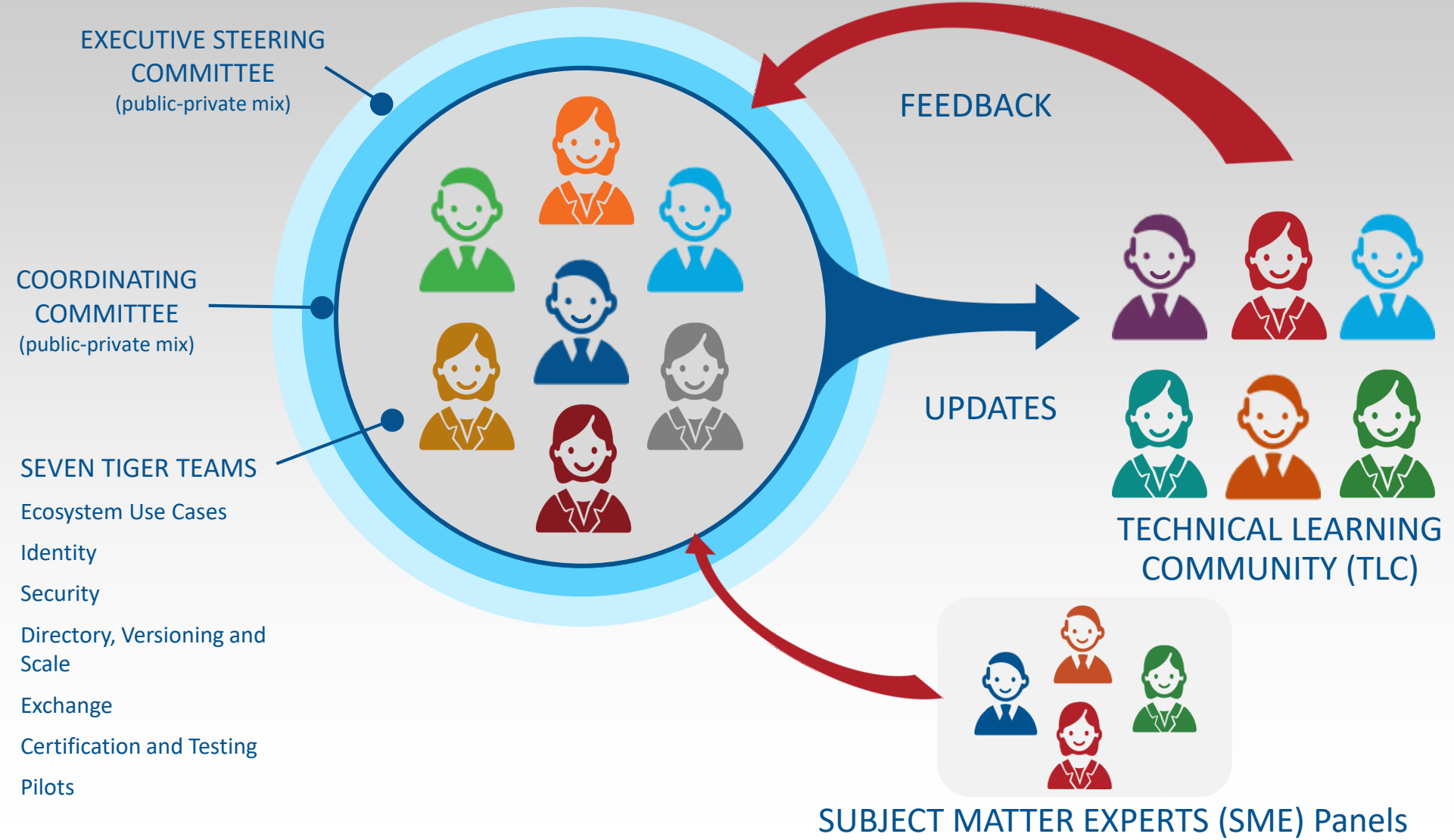
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FAST Organization & Community Engagement

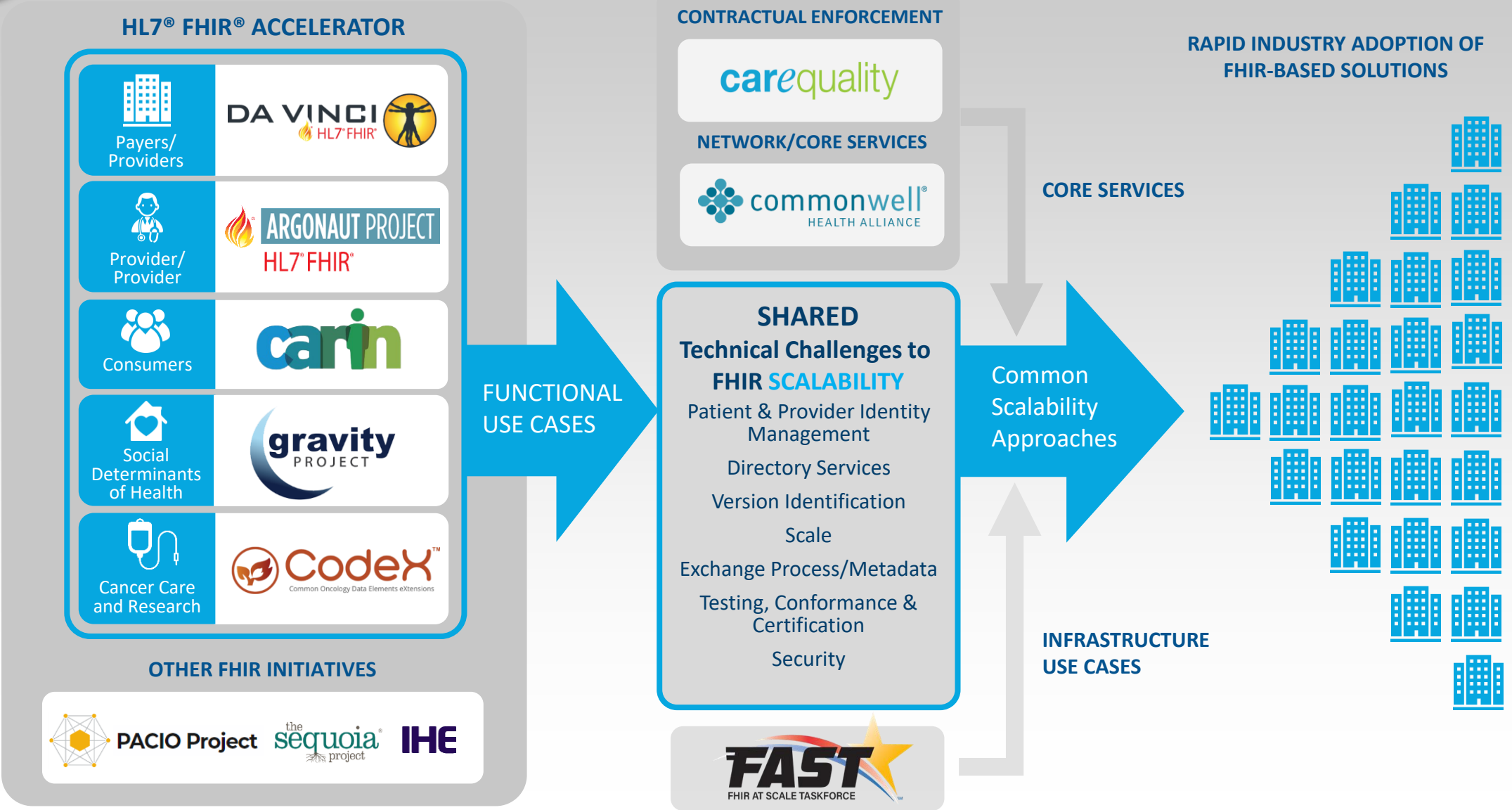


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Paving the Way Towards FHIR "At Scale"



APIs, FHIR & *FAST*

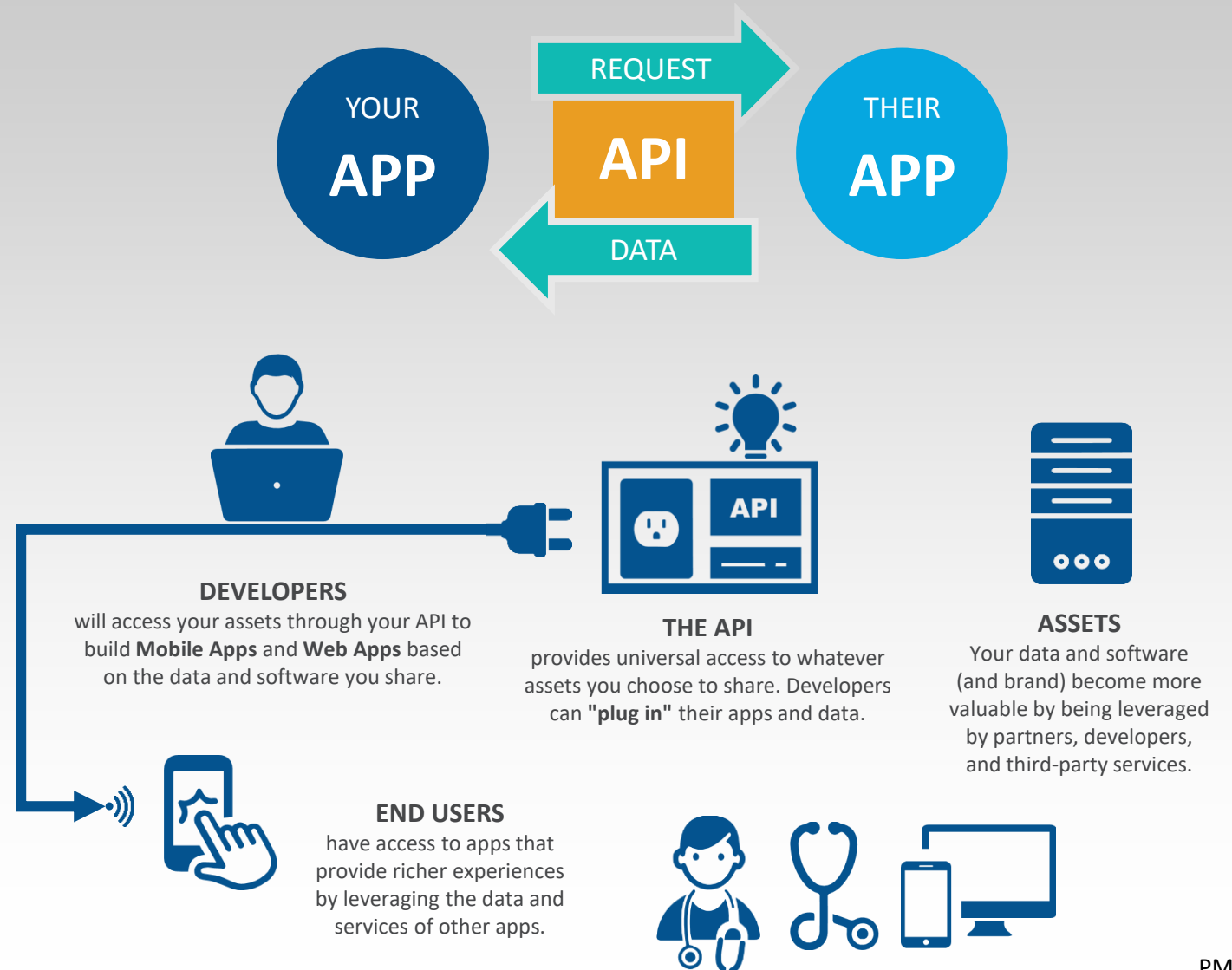




API Overview

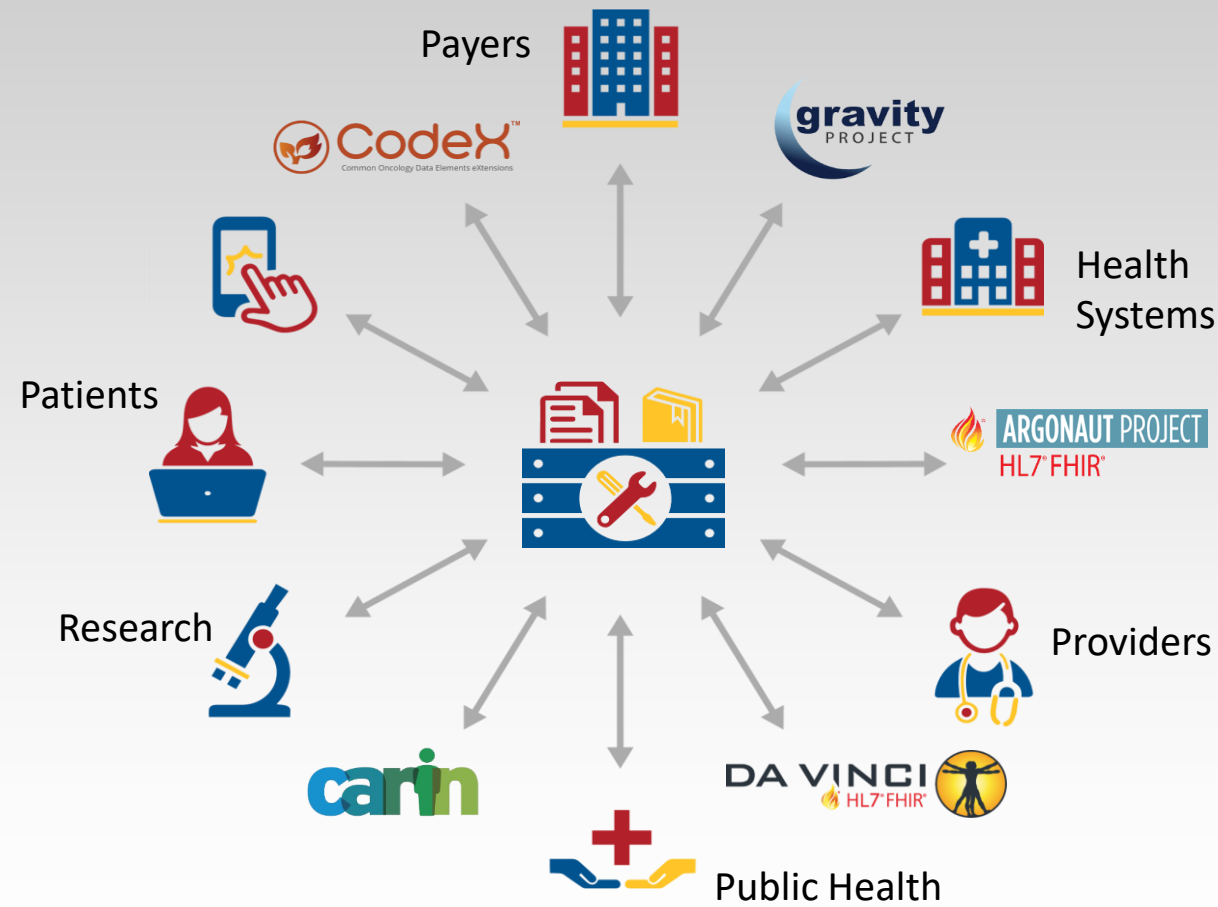
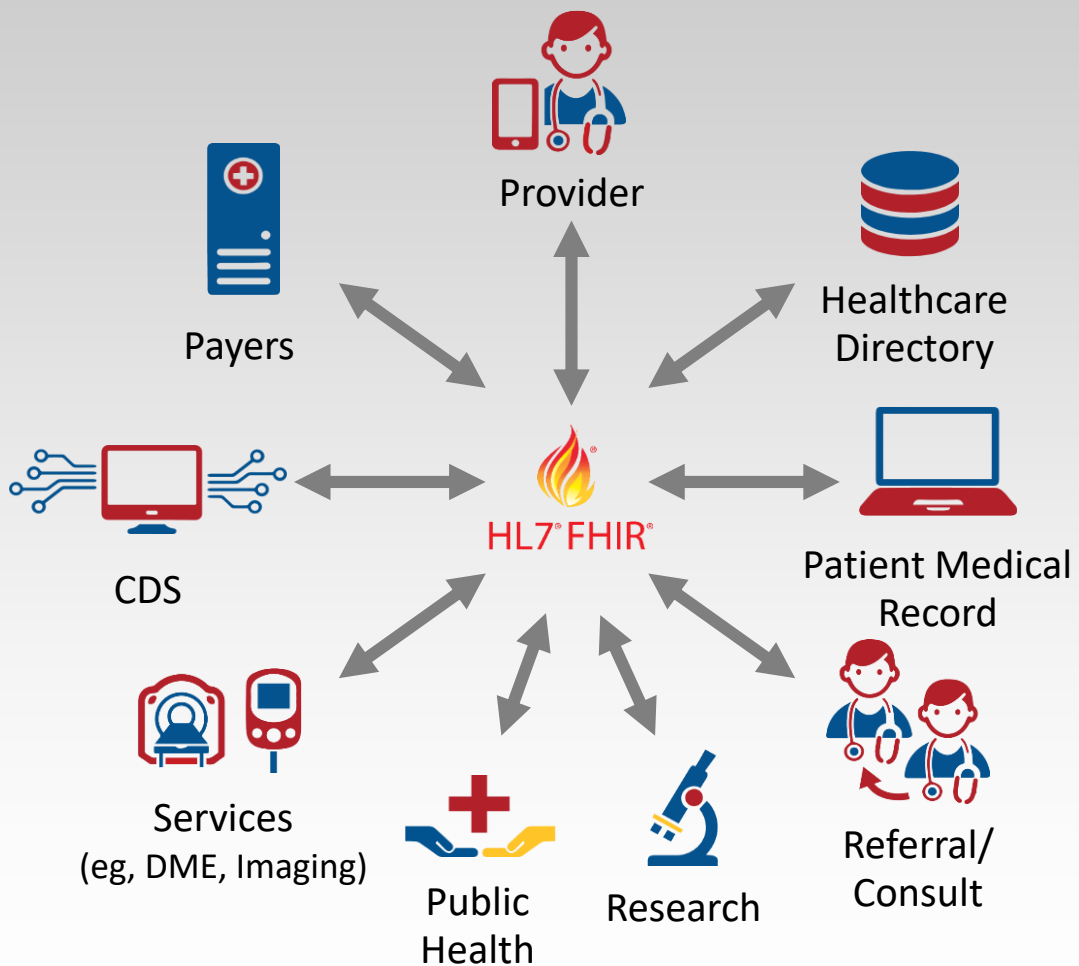
APIs...

- An API is a software intermediary which allows applications to talk to each other
- **APIs** allow the capabilities or data of one computer program to be used by another
 - Lego blocks of data
 - Doesn't matter what the underlying computer or technology is
- **APIs** are a foundational technology that drives modern computing and the API economy (Amazon, Netflix, Google, Facebook, EBay, YouTube, Twitter, & etc.)
- **APIs** enable innovation in an unprecedented manner
- **APIs** are not new... simplified, easy to use versions of them are



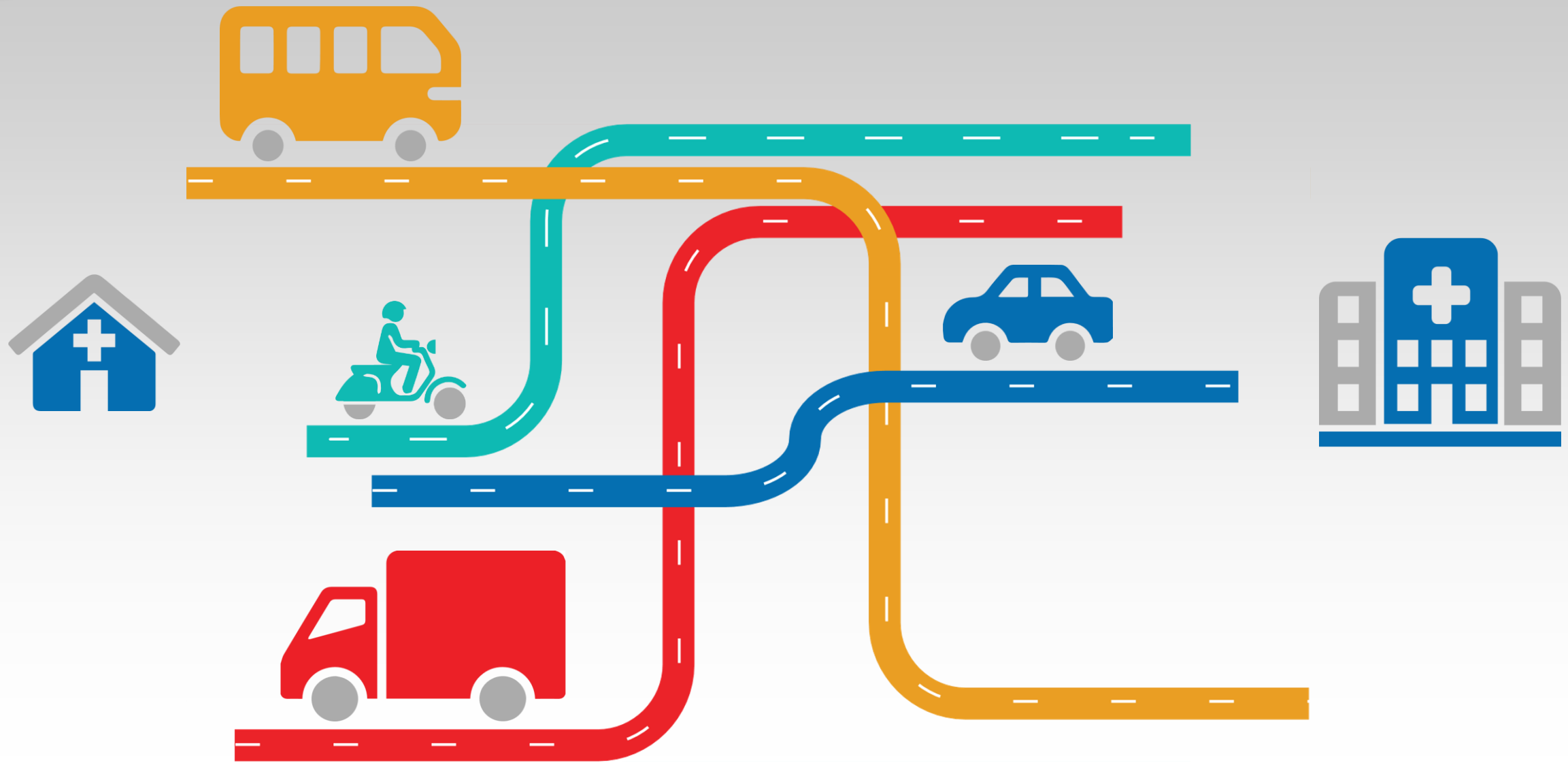


FHIR and the Health Care Ecosystem



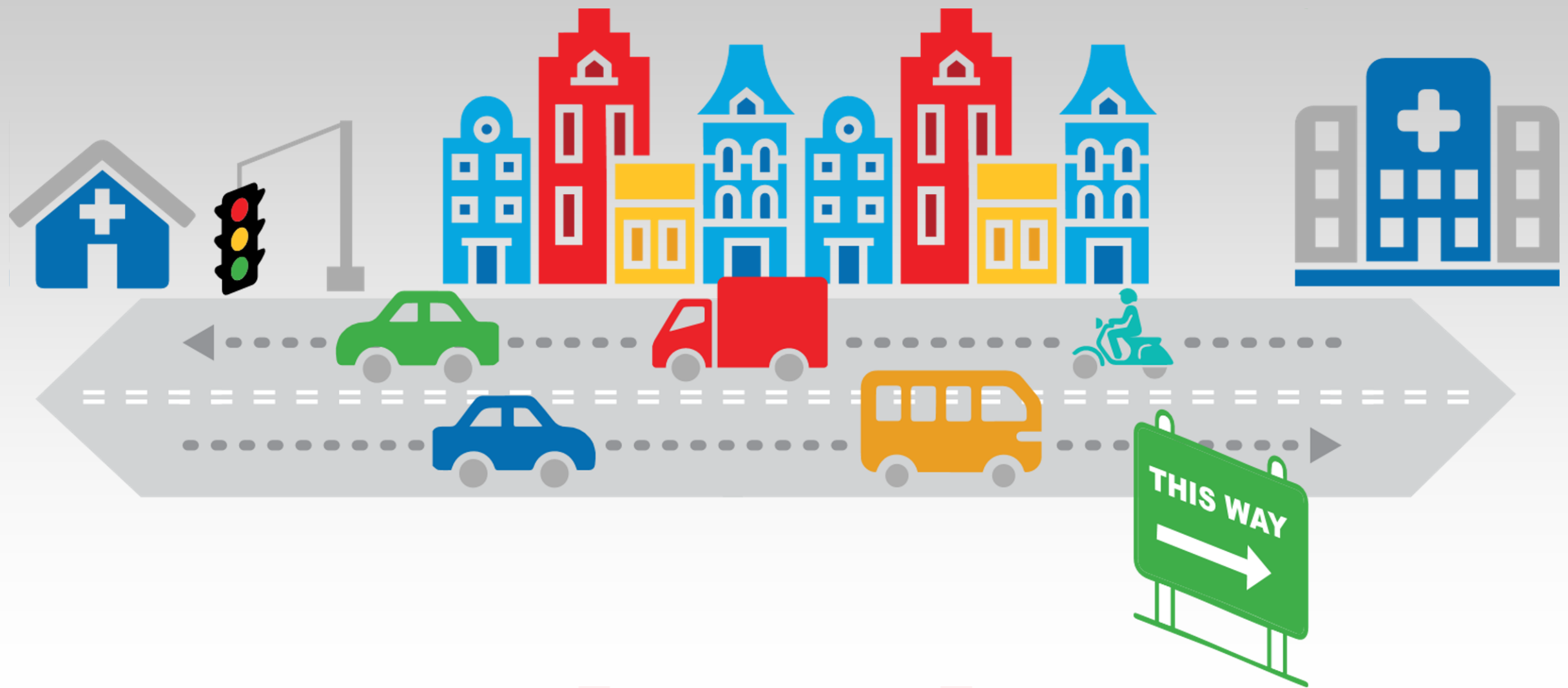


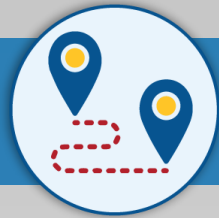
Lack of Consistent Infrastructure Impacts Flow





Well-Planned Infrastructure Creates Efficiency





Example FHIR Transaction Journey



Patient visits Primary Care Physician (PCP)



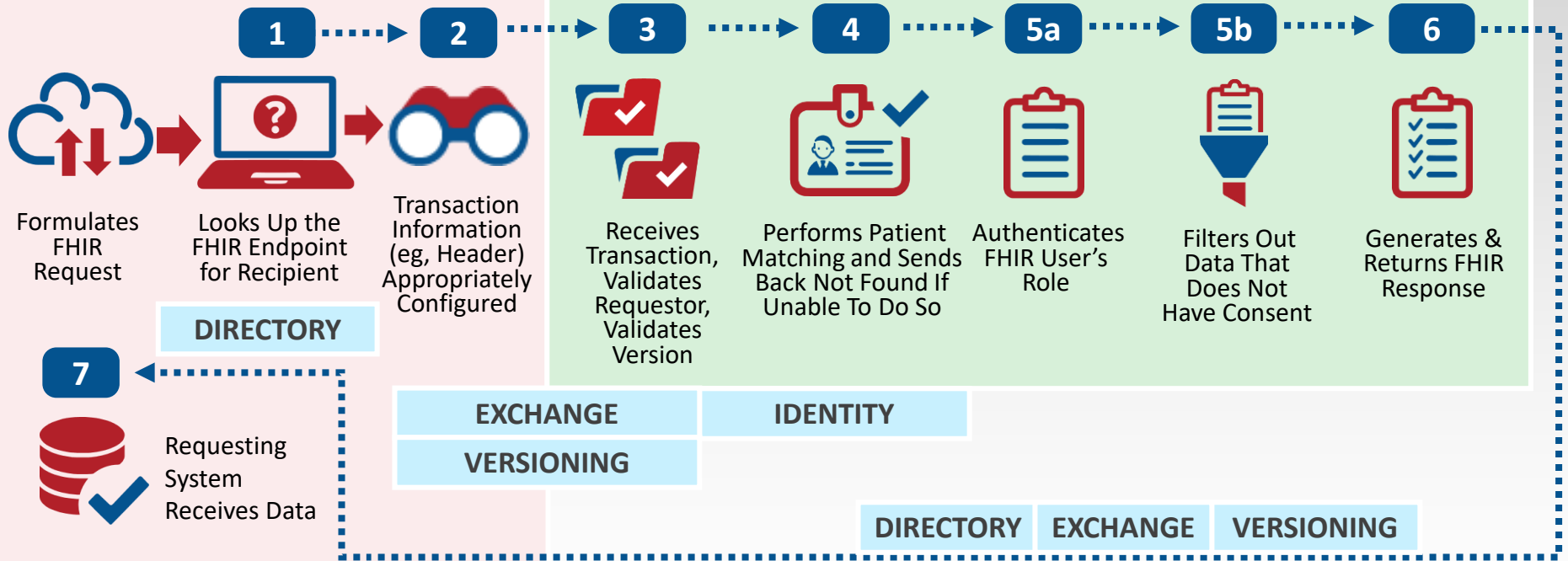
PCP needs information from Payer



Payer receives PCP request

REQUESTING SYSTEM

RECEIVING SYSTEM



PCP views Patient information

CONFORMANCE & CERTIFICATION

SECURITY

PILOTS

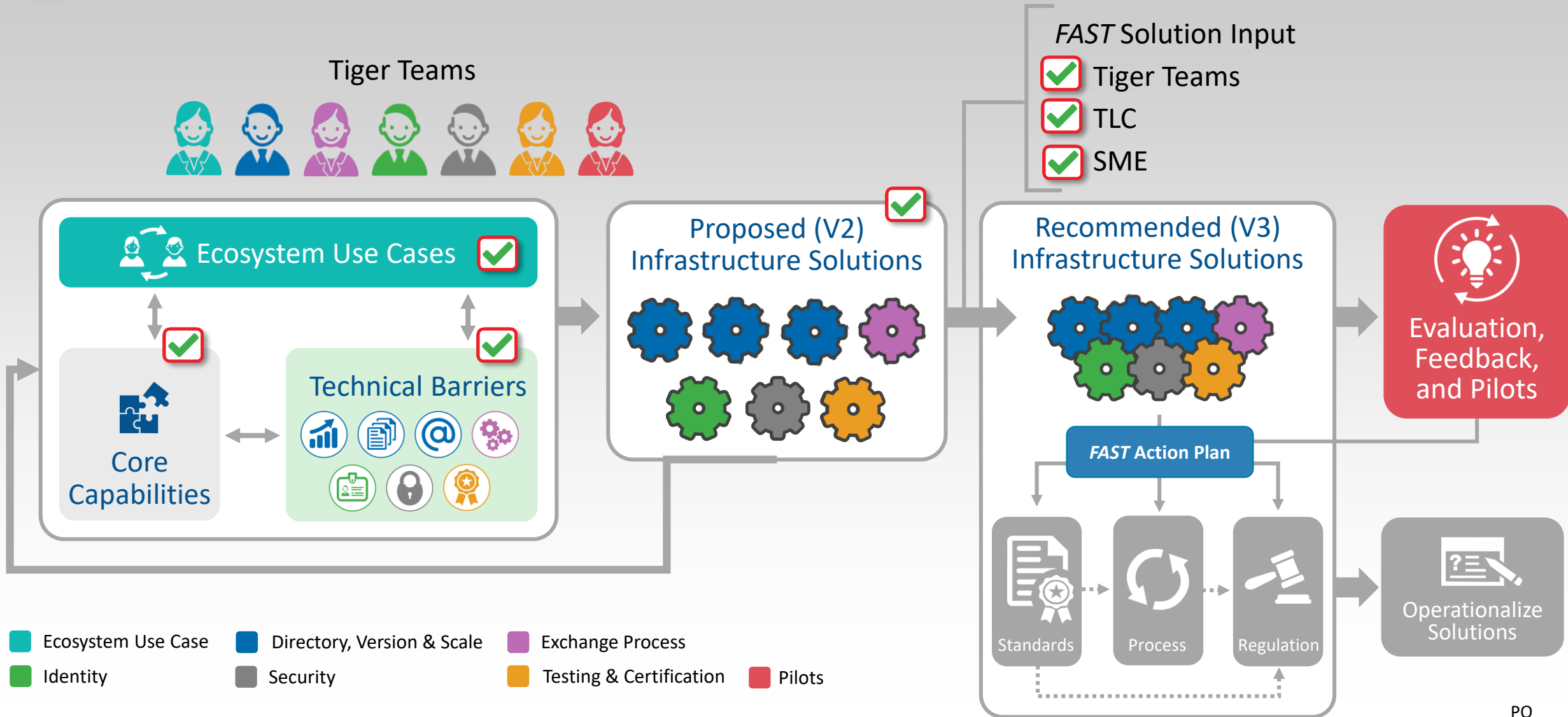
FAST Solutions Summary





FAST Solution Process and Where Are We Now

Tiger Teams





FAST Proposed Solutions

■ Directory, Version & Scale (3) ■ Identity (4) ■ Exchange Process (1) ■ Testing & Certification (1) ■ Security (4)

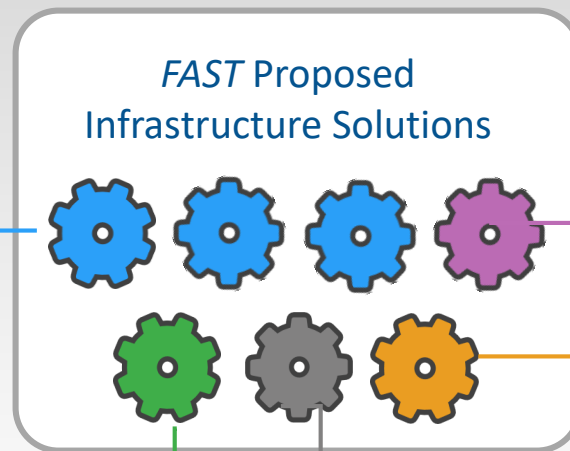
⚙️ A US Wide Solution for FHIR Endpoint Discovery (Version 2)

⚙️ A US Wide Methodology for Supporting Multiple Production Versions of FHIR (Version 2)

⚙️ US Wide Scaling Requirements for FHIR RESTful Exchange Intermediaries (Version 2)

⚙️ Standards Based Approaches for Individual Identity Management (Version 2)

- Mediated Patient Matching
- Collaborative Patient Matching
- Networked Identity Management
- Distributed Identity Management



⚙️ An HL7 FHIR Standard Based Solution for Intermediary-to-Intermediary Exchange and Reliable Routing with Metadata (Version 3 Draft)

- Reliable Routing with Metadata Across Intermediaries

⚙️ A Scalable FHIR Testing & Certification Platform (Version 2)

⚙️ US Wide Model(s) for Scalable Security Solutions (Version 3 Draft)

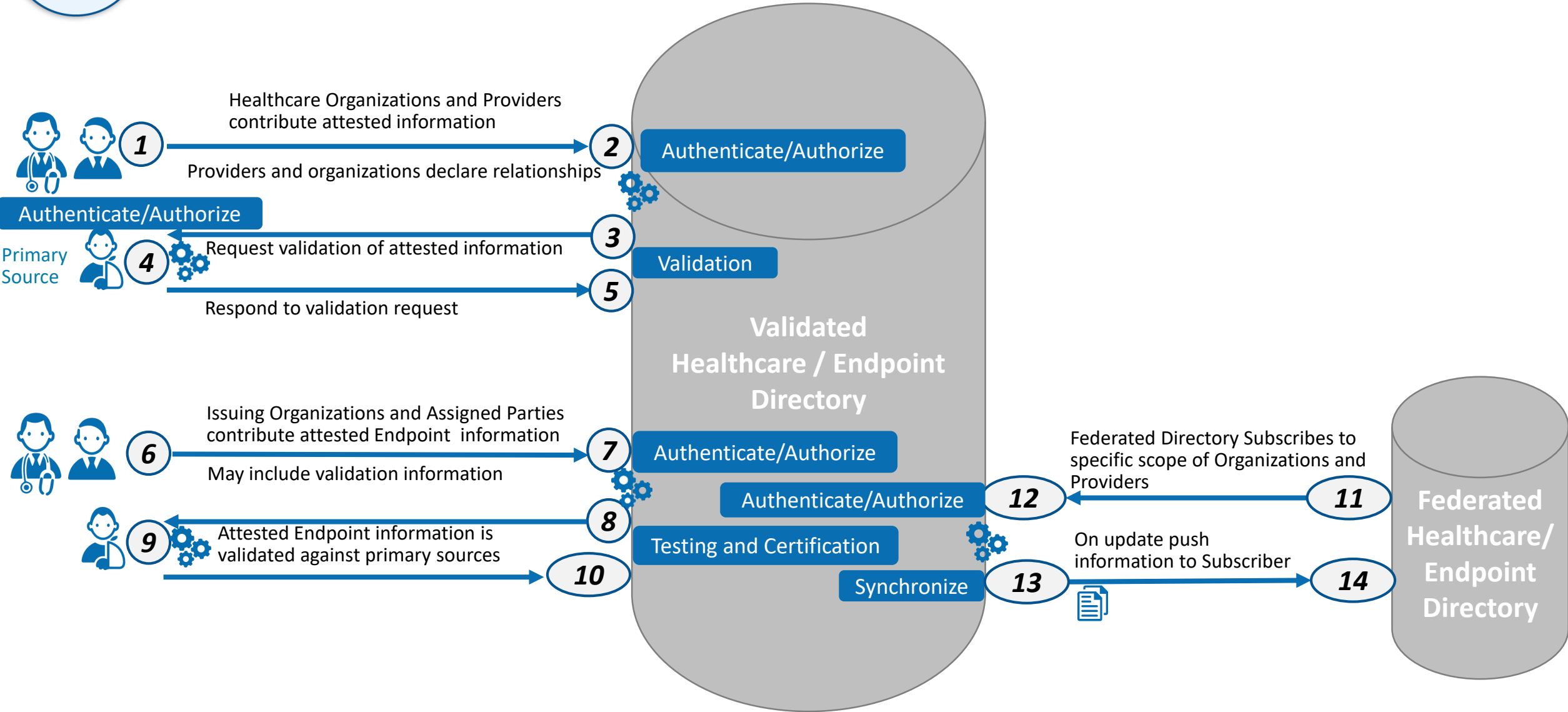
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FAST Endpoint Directory





FAST Endpoint Directory – Architecture and Workflow





Overview and status



BARRIER

The industry lacks a generally available method to find all FHIR endpoints and their associated capabilities and attributes, as well as a common process for maintaining the information and validating its accuracy



SOLUTION

One national source for validated directory information that is available to any national or local directory workflow environment



IN SCOPE

Individual and entity demographics to determine endpoint relationships, computable endpoint information such as accessibility requirements, metadata for routing, trust framework, implementation guides and certification status

Federated access by HIEs, state directories, EHRs
A FHIR standard implementation guide for use of the directory



OUT OF SCOPE

Manual / portal access, creation of a trust framework, non-FHIR related endpoints, application certification process



STATUS

Incorporating feedback from industry stakeholders



OPEN ITEMS

Define the minimum viable product (MVP) and outline the incremental steps/roadmap to build a directory of endpoints



CURRENT SOLUTION

[FAST Endpoint directory proposed solution document](#)
(version 3 in progress)

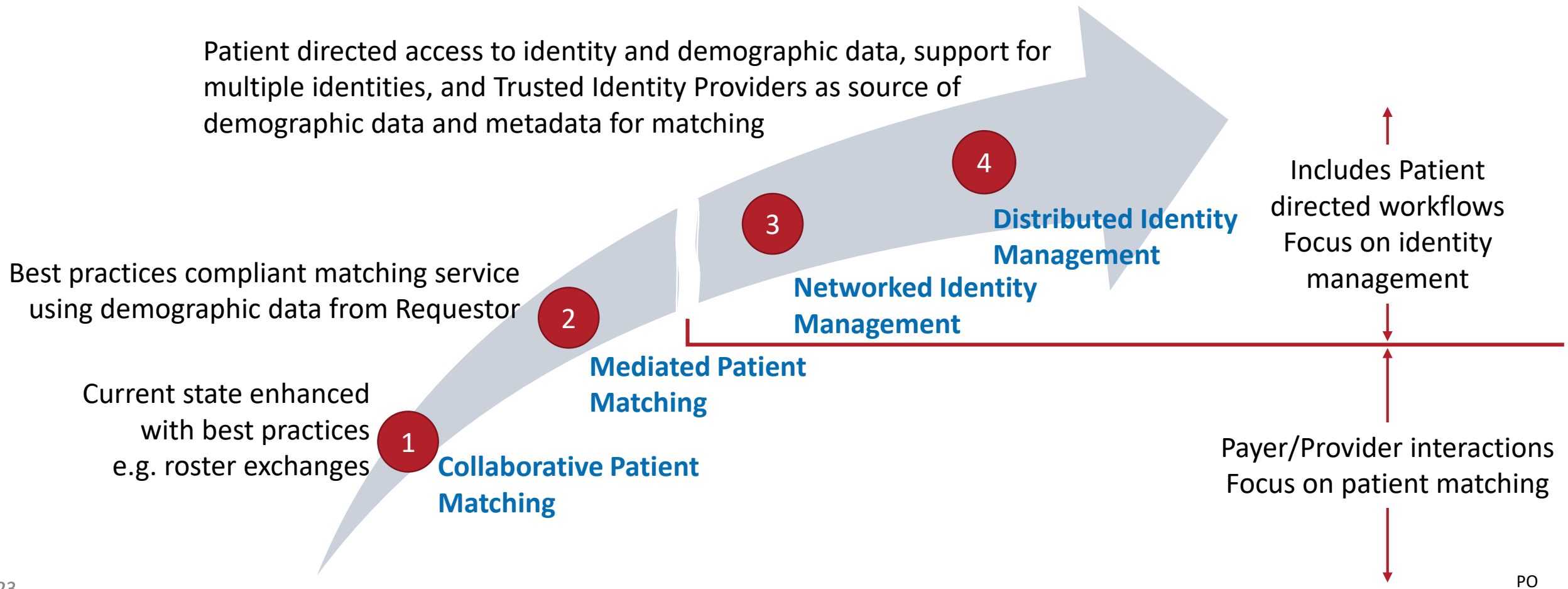
FAST Identity Management





Solution Options: Low to High Complexity

Multiple options progressing from low to high complexity (technical and process)





Overview and status



BARRIER

The industry currently employs a range of patient matching and identity management processes with inconsistencies and limited scalability as volume and the number of participants increase



SOLUTION

Establish a set of patient matching and identity management patterns and best practices that the industry can adopt to reduce the variations that exist today and provide a bridge to new approaches in the future



IN SCOPE

Patient matching during payer/provider interactions: *Collaborative* and *Mediated Patient Matching*

Patient-directed workflows focusing on identity management: *Networked* and *Distributed Identity Mgmt.*



OUT OF SCOPE

Patient as a requester or responder, contractual arrangements. (Security and directory considerations are addressed by other *FAST* solutions)



STATUS

Incorporating feedback from industry stakeholders



OPEN ITEMS

Pursue provider identity matching. Apply proposed solutions to use cases, capture patient matching recommendations, explore steps to Distributed Identity Management, consider how regulation/policy might address challenges that can't be solved by the market



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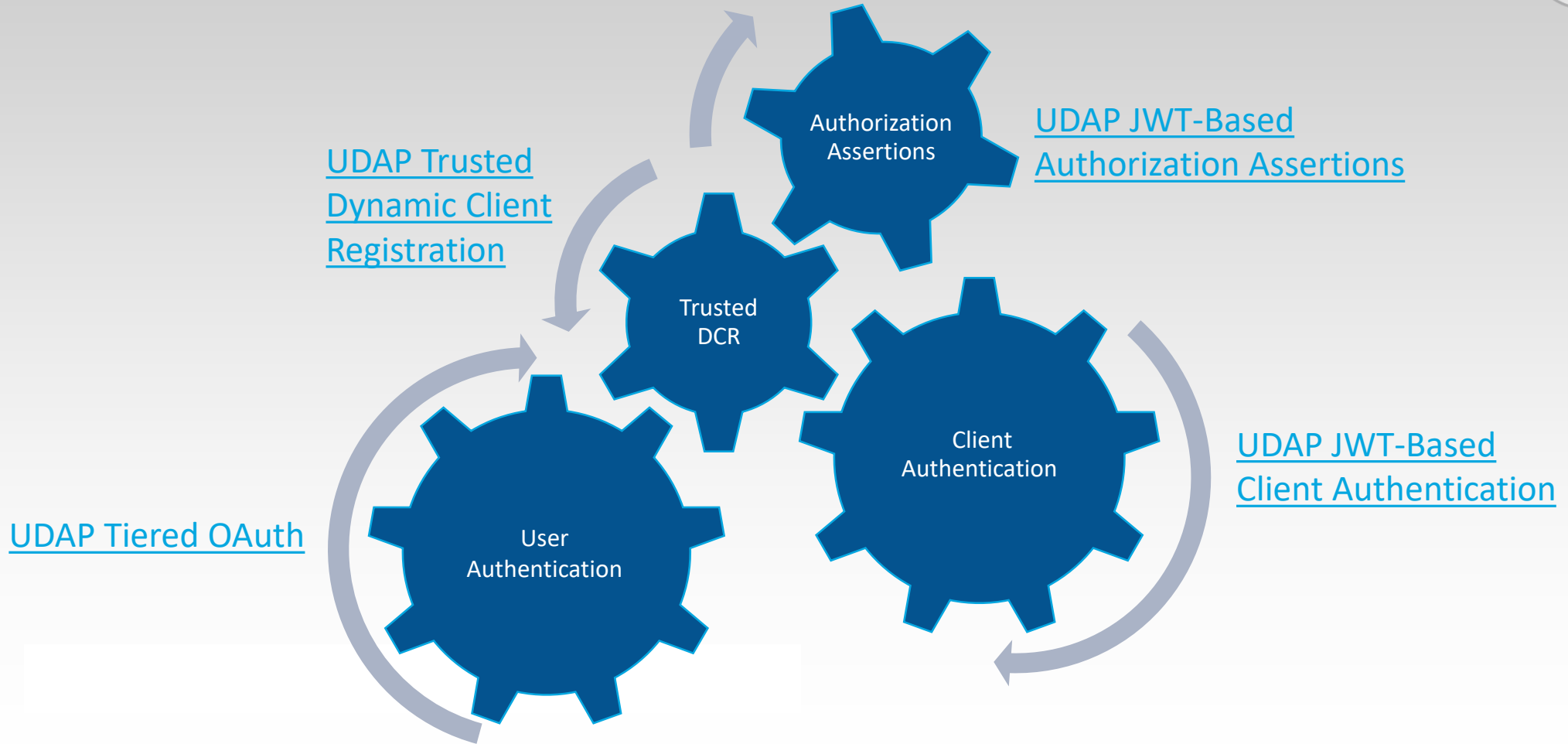
[FAST Identity proposed solution document](#)
(version 3 in progress)

FAST Security





Proposed Solution: Trusted Ecosystem





Overview and status



BARRIER

Today, we have limitations on our ability to ensure, in a scalable way, that the requestor of information using a FHIR based information exchange is appropriately authenticated and has the authorization to see the data requested. Current registration processes are manual and too time-consuming to support expected growth



SOLUTION

Leverage existing credentials and authorizations and best practice standards to establish common security processes that facilitate automated exchange and reuse existing infrastructure where possible



IN SCOPE

Trusted Dynamic Client Registration using Unified Data Access Profiles (UDAP)

JWT-Based Client Authentication & Authorization



OUT OF SCOPE

Directory for Endpoint Discovery, Trust Policy Governance, Requirements for a specific architecture, Patient/provider or provider/patient



STATUS

Incorporating feedback from industry stakeholders



OPEN ITEMS

Cross-solution overlaps, explore standard authorization metadata requirements, recommendations related to privacy



CURRENT SOLUTION

[FAST Security proposed solution document](#)
(version 3 in progress)

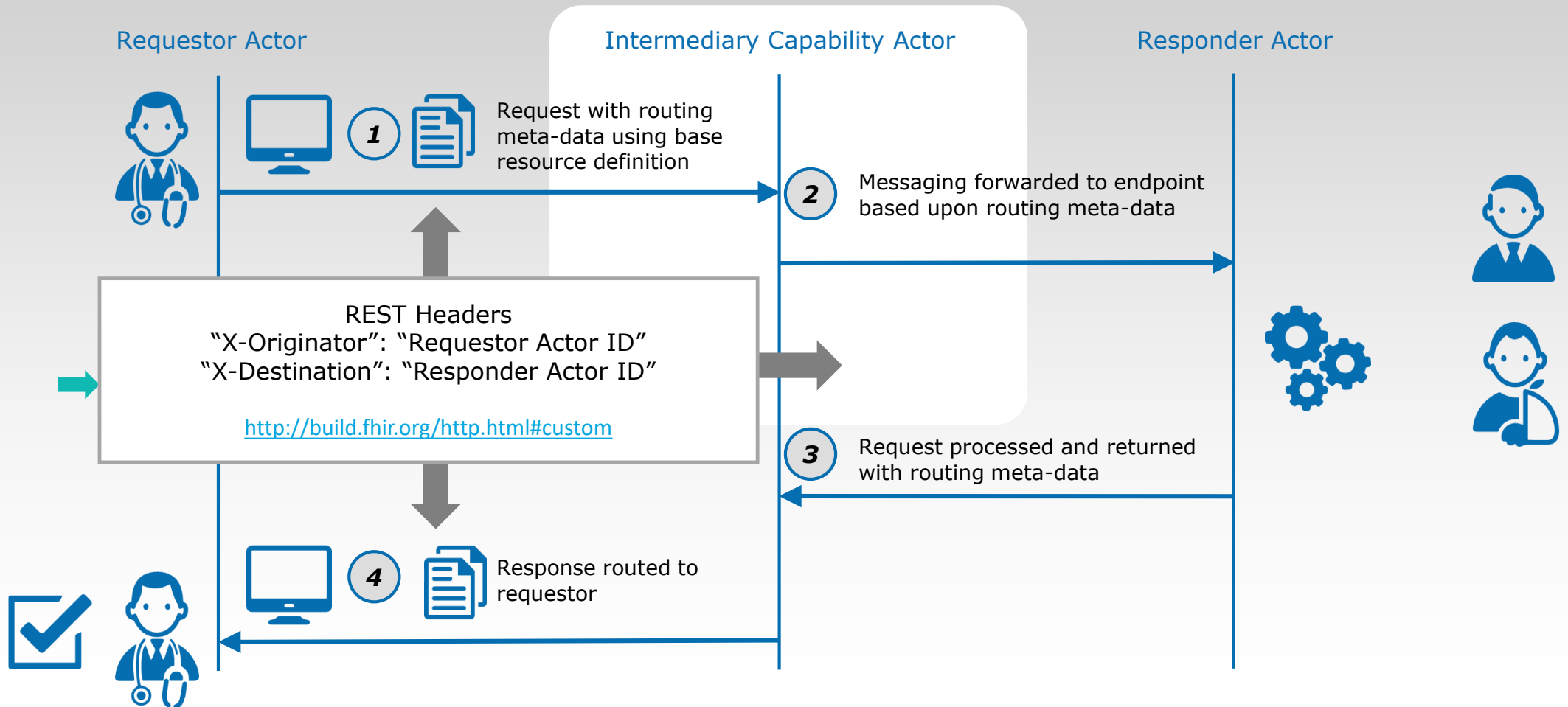
FAST Exchange





FAST Exchange Solution for Routing Metadata – Process Flow

Planning for a hybrid future while learning from existing models such as CAQH CORE and clearing house patterns





Overview and status



BARRIER

FHIR information exchange is typically performed “point to point” between trusted system endpoints. Because healthcare participants may also wish to leverage intermediaries in FHIR exchanges, a solution for conveying routing metadata is needed



SOLUTION

Employ RESTful header parameters to send originator and destination information for use by exchange intermediaries



IN SCOPE

Exchange using intermediaries in addition to point to point connections

Method for exchanging of a minimum set of metadata as HTTP REST headers, or alternatively within FHIR resource .meta tags



OUT OF SCOPE

Value set defining exchange identifiers

Capturing provenance information from exchange through multiple intermediary “hops”



STATUS

Incorporating feedback from industry stakeholders



OPEN ITEMS

Expand direction on usage of the alternative solution employing FHIR .meta elements



CURRENT SOLUTION

[FAST Exchange solution document](#)
(version 3 in progress)

FAST Testing & Certification





Proposed Solution: ONC *FAST* Testing & Certification Program



DEVELOPER



Automated
Test Platform



HL7 FHIR
Validation Engine

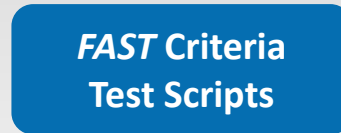


Basic FHIR
Conformance



FHIR IG
Conformance

+



FAST Criteria
Test Scripts



Certification
Body

FAST Readiness Criteria related to...

1. End Point Discovery
2. Authentication
3. Authorization
4. Resource Version Identification
5. Reliable Patient Identity Management
6. Data Provenance
7. Reliable Provider Identity Management
8. Event/Message/Topic Subscription/Publication
9. Guaranteed Message Delivery
10. Role/Context Identification
11. Readiness Credential
12. Standard Based Endpoint Access
13. Synchronous Transaction Support
14. Asynchronous Transaction Support
15. Reliable Payor Identification



Overview and status



BARRIER

FHIR testing capabilities and an associated accreditation/certification are needed to support reliable, trustable exchange between healthcare participants. It must be a process in which specification/ requirements that are well established and broadly shared can be absolutely confirmed



SOLUTION

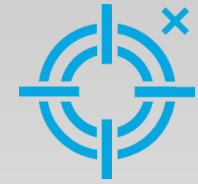
Testing platform supporting the base FHIR Specification and *FAST* Readiness Criteria

ONC FHIR Testing & Certification Program



IN SCOPE

Testing and certification to the base FHIR Specification and *FAST* Readiness Criteria



OUT OF SCOPE

HL7 FHIR Validation Engine, RFP development to select entity to provide services

Validate ease of establishing connections, conformance to non-blocking requirements, conformance to HIPAA patient privacy



STATUS

Incorporating feedback from industry stakeholders



OPEN ITEMS

Capture test assertions in greater detail, clarify aspects, coordinate with related efforts



CURRENT SOLUTION

[FAST Testing & Certification solution document](#)
(version 3 in progress)

***FAST* Solutions and Path to Execution**



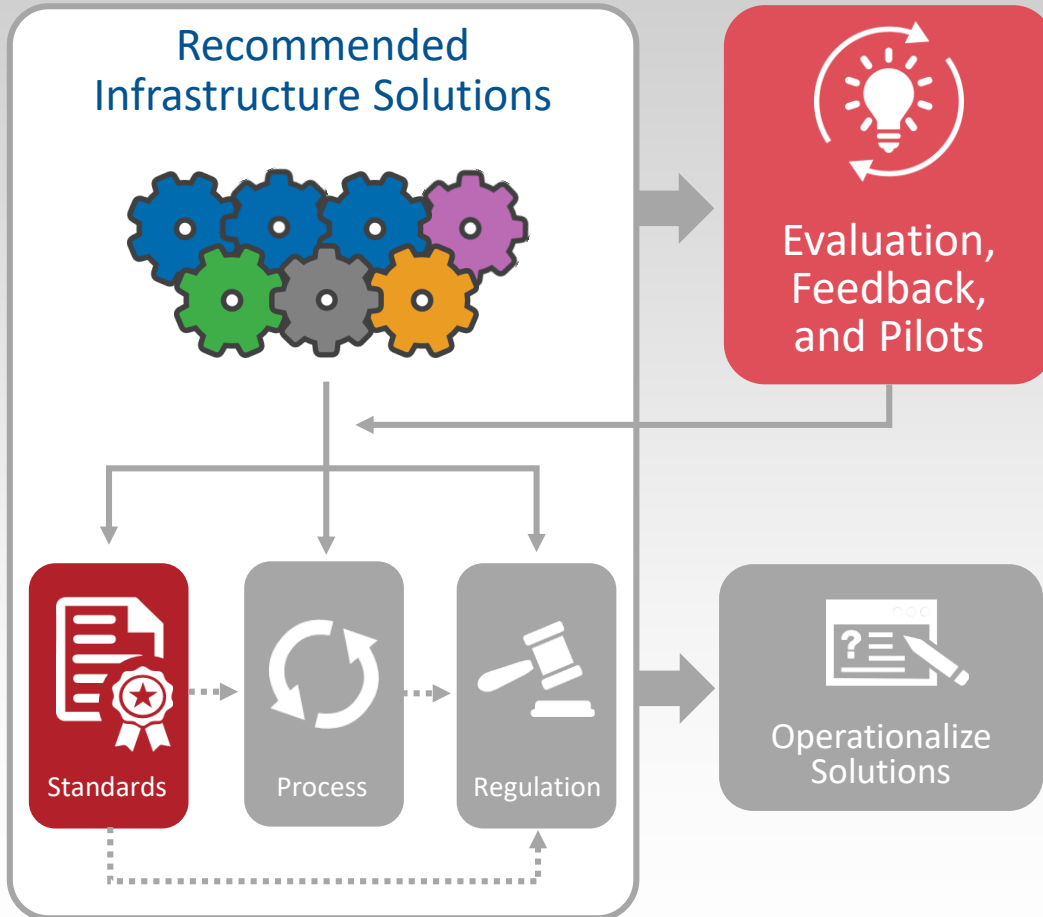


Path to Solution Execution

- How do we make the results of *FAST* persistent?
- Creating standards (examples)
 - Updating FHIR core specification
 - Creating FHIR Implementation Guide(s)
 - Updating specific artifacts and tools (e.g. FHIR version management/conversion)
- Supporting testing and piloting (e.g. making certain the solutions are implementable)
- Supporting regulatory processes
- Establish persistent process
 - Testing & Certification
 - Endpoint Directory(ies)
 - Trust Frameworks



Assessment Process

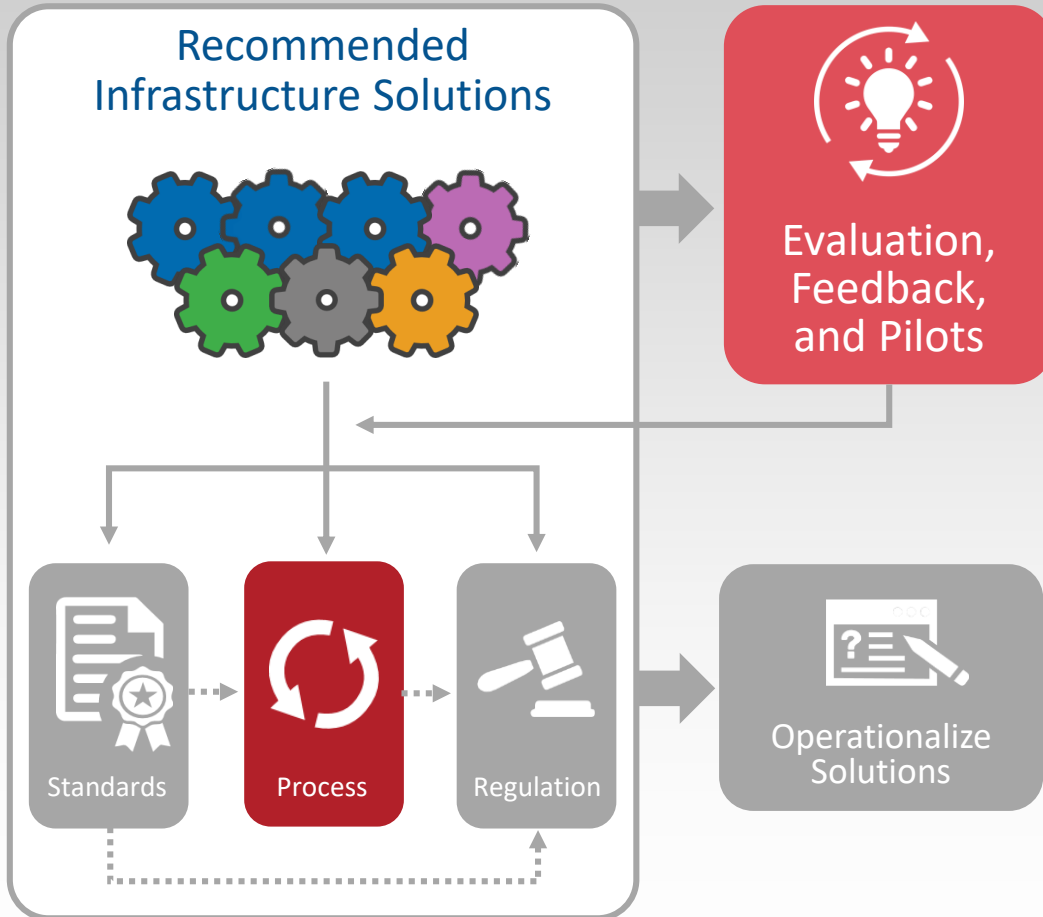


Identify relevant, existing or new standards, and work with standards bodies to include *FAST* recommendations where appropriate

Potential Owner(s)
HL7, NIST, ONC, etc.



Assessment Process



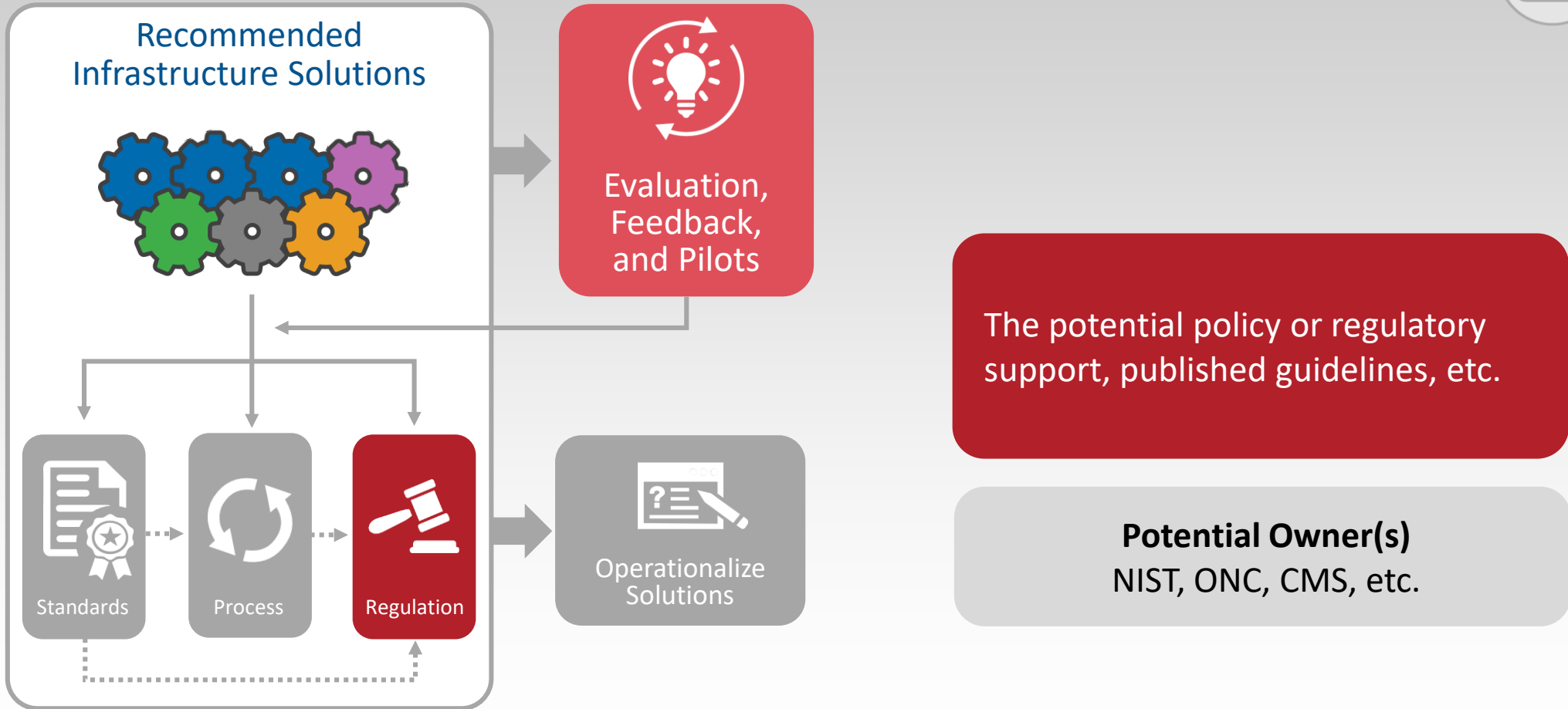
Process considerations examples:

1. Testing and certification support
2. Declaration of support for relevant attributes in directory metadata
3. Other processes as needed

Potential Owner(s)
HL7, NIST, ONC, etc.

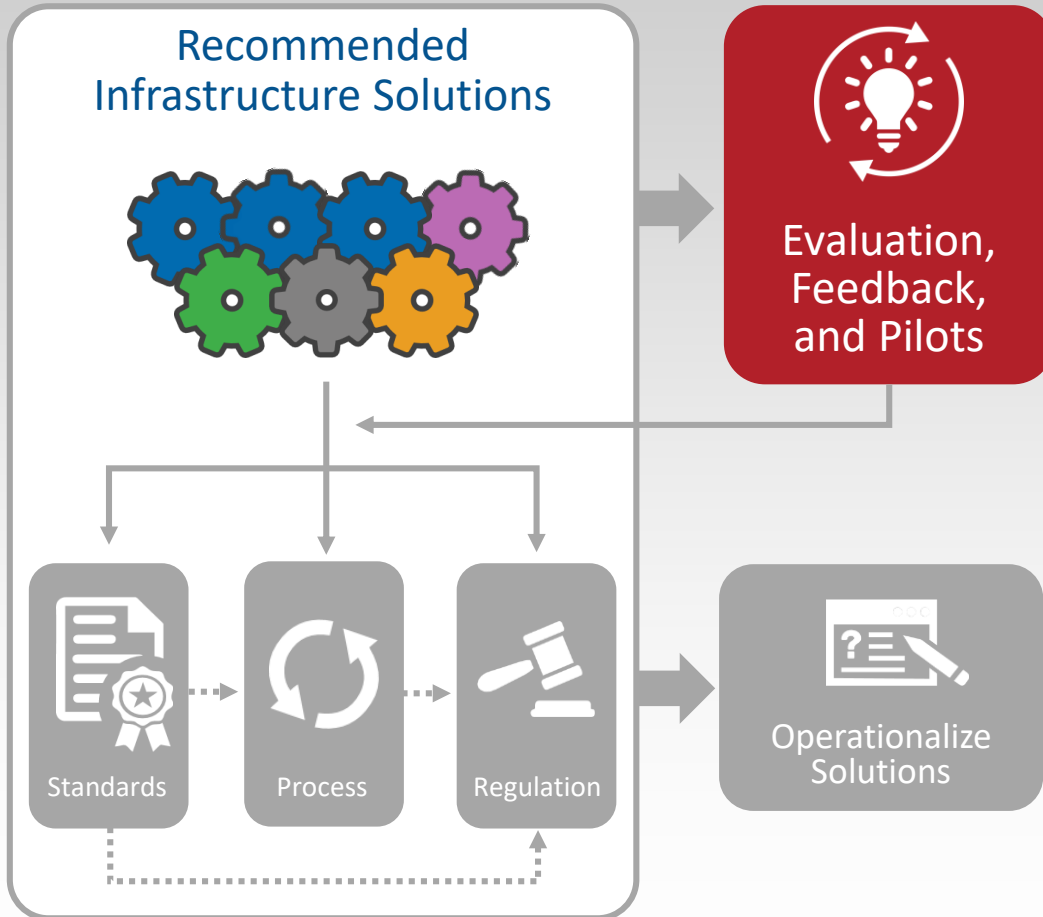


Assessment Process





Assessment Process



Da Vinci potential pilot, early use cases from SMEs. Addition of a testing/cert process based on certification team recommendations

Potential Owner(s)
HL7, NIST, ONC, etc.

FAST Pilot Testing Considerations





Example CDS/FHIR Transaction Journey – PDex (Da Vinci Payer Data Exchange)



PCP initiates clinical referral or inpatient request



PCP needs prior auth requirements information from Payer



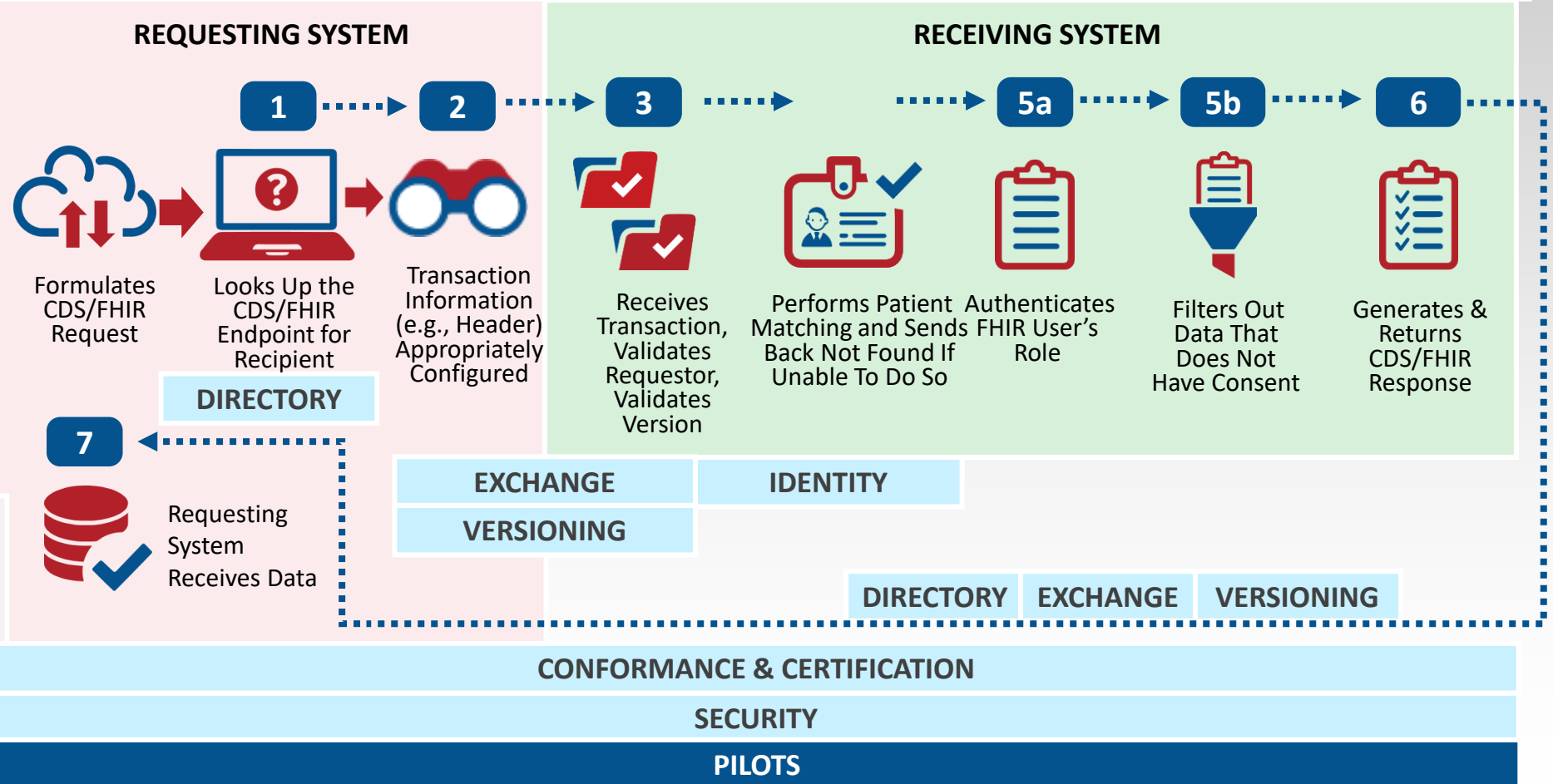
Payer receives PCP requests

Payer PDex Interactions

- 1) Payer receives CDS request and creates CDS card
- 2) CDS Card is returned in real time & PDex bundle is available

EHR PDex Interactions

- 1) [START] PCP's EHR requests CDS Card from payer
- 2) CDS Card is processed & PDex bundle is made available to EHR for visualization and integration [END]



PCP views Patient information

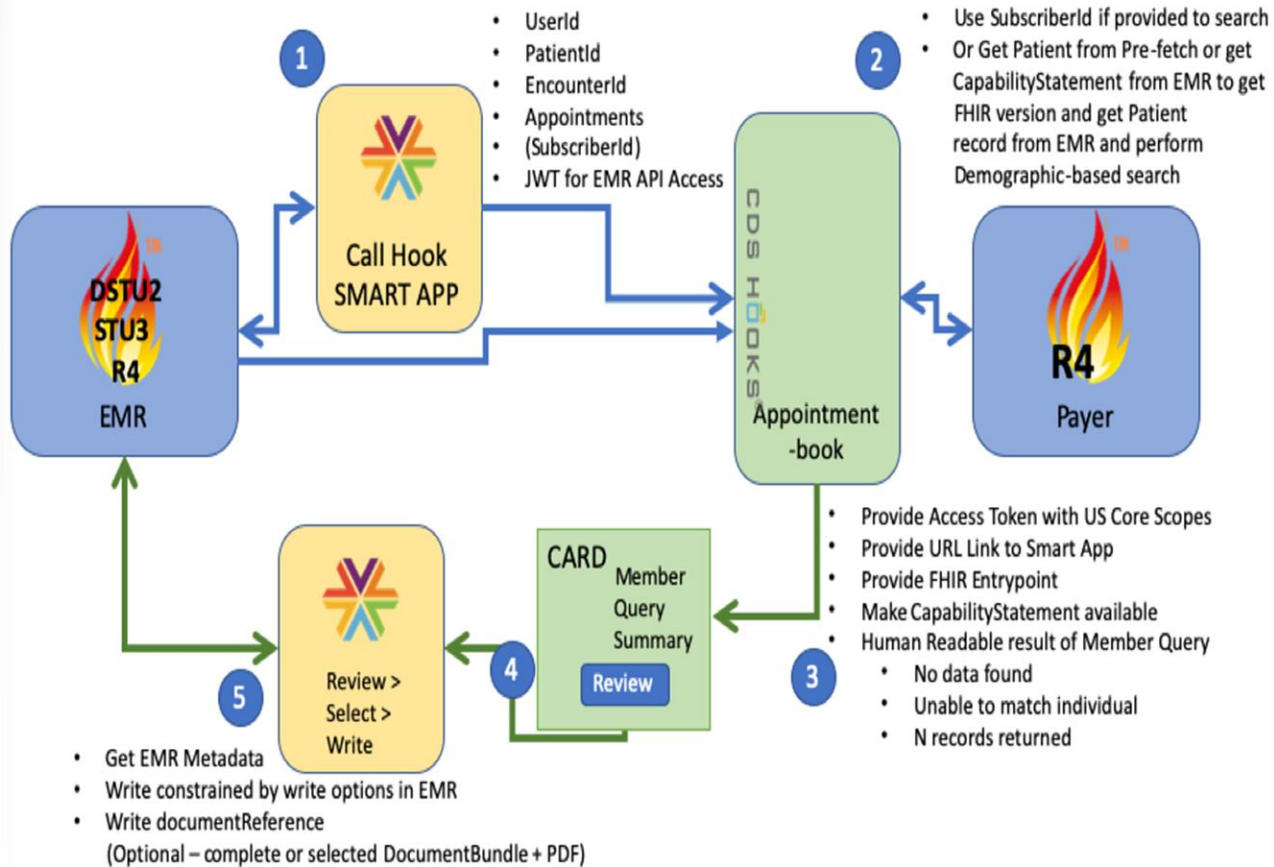


Requesting System Receives Data



FAST Pilots Support with Da Vinci PDex (Payer Data Exchange)

PDex (Payer Data Exchange)



FAST Solutions Tested

	Directory	Versioning	Exchange	Identity	Scale	Security	Conformance & Certification
1 2	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
3 4 5	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

***FAST* Conceptual Architecture**



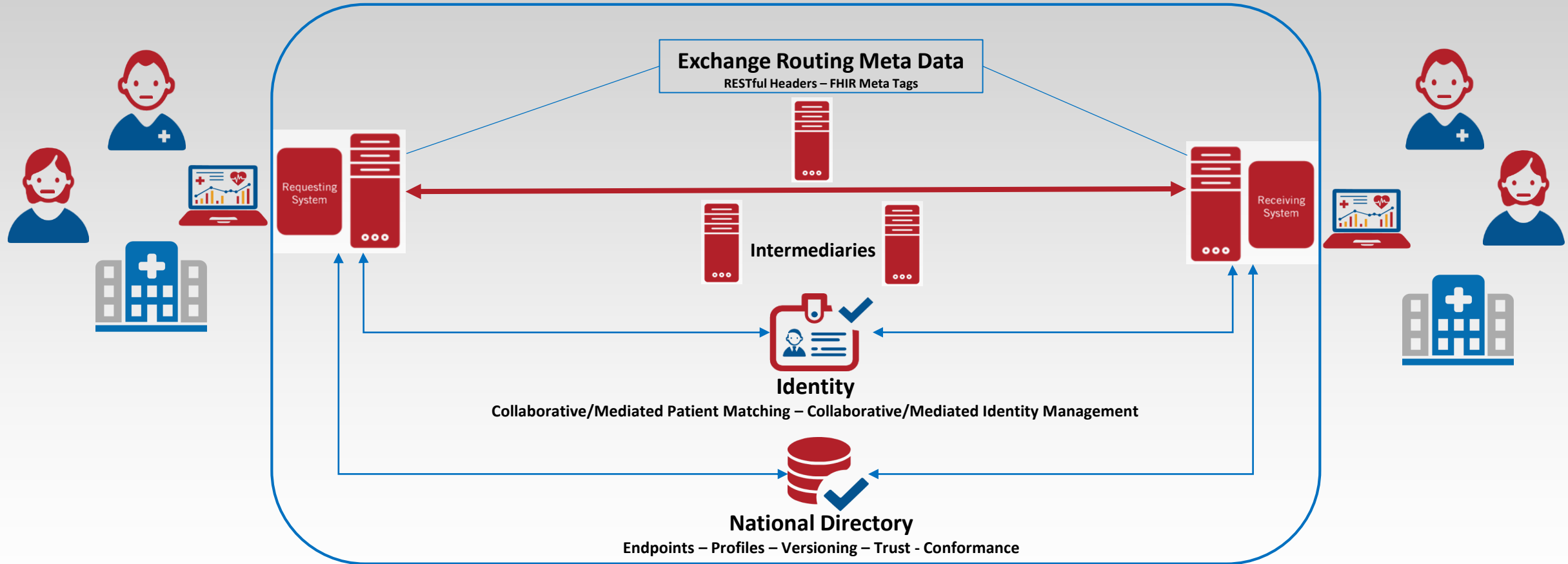


Conceptual Integrated Architecture



Security (Authenticate/Authorize)

UDAP Trusted Dynamic Client Registration - UDAP Tiered OAuth User Authentication - UDAP JWT-Based Client Authentication - UDAP JWT-Based Authorization Assertions



CONFORMANCE & CERTIFICATION (Testing & Certification Program)

PILOTS (FAST Capability Vetting with Existing HL7 Accelerators)

Full Day Agenda & *FAST* Resources





Breakout Sessions Schedule

10:10am – 12:00pm: Morning Breakouts - *FAST* Architectural Considerations (limited attendance, concurrent)

Room #1:
*FAST Solution
Interdependencies*

Room #2:
*The Role of Trust
Framework(s)*

Room #3:
Testing and Certification

Room #4:
Stakeholder Nuances

12pm – 1pm: Lunch Break

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Afternoon Breakouts Part 1 - *FAST* Pathways to Implementation (limited attendance, concurrent)

Room #1:
Standards

Room #2:
Regulations

Room #3:
Process

2:30pm – 3:00pm: Afternoon Break

3:00pm – 4:00pm: Afternoon Breakouts Part 2 - *FAST* Pathways to Implementation (limited attendance, concurrent)

Room #1:
*Timing Considerations / Interim Steps &
Solutions*

Room #2:
Pilots

Room #3:
Intermediaries



FAST Workshop – Full Day Agenda and Resources

- View the [FAST Workshop Summary and Detailed Agenda](#)
 - Morning and Closing Plenary
 - Breakout Room Sessions Schedule
 - Handouts and Resources
- Explore these *FAST* resources
 - New to *FAST*? Breakout sessions target interactive discussion and references the *FAST* work to date. Please consider exploring any of the following *FAST* artifacts before attending these breakout sessions:
 - [The FAST 2020 Mid-Year Report](#)
 - [The FAST 2019 End of Year Report](#)
 - [SME Panel Session Pages](#)

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