NIH Director's Update

Council of Councils
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Topics for Today

- My background
- Leadership transitions and other changes
- My vision for NIH

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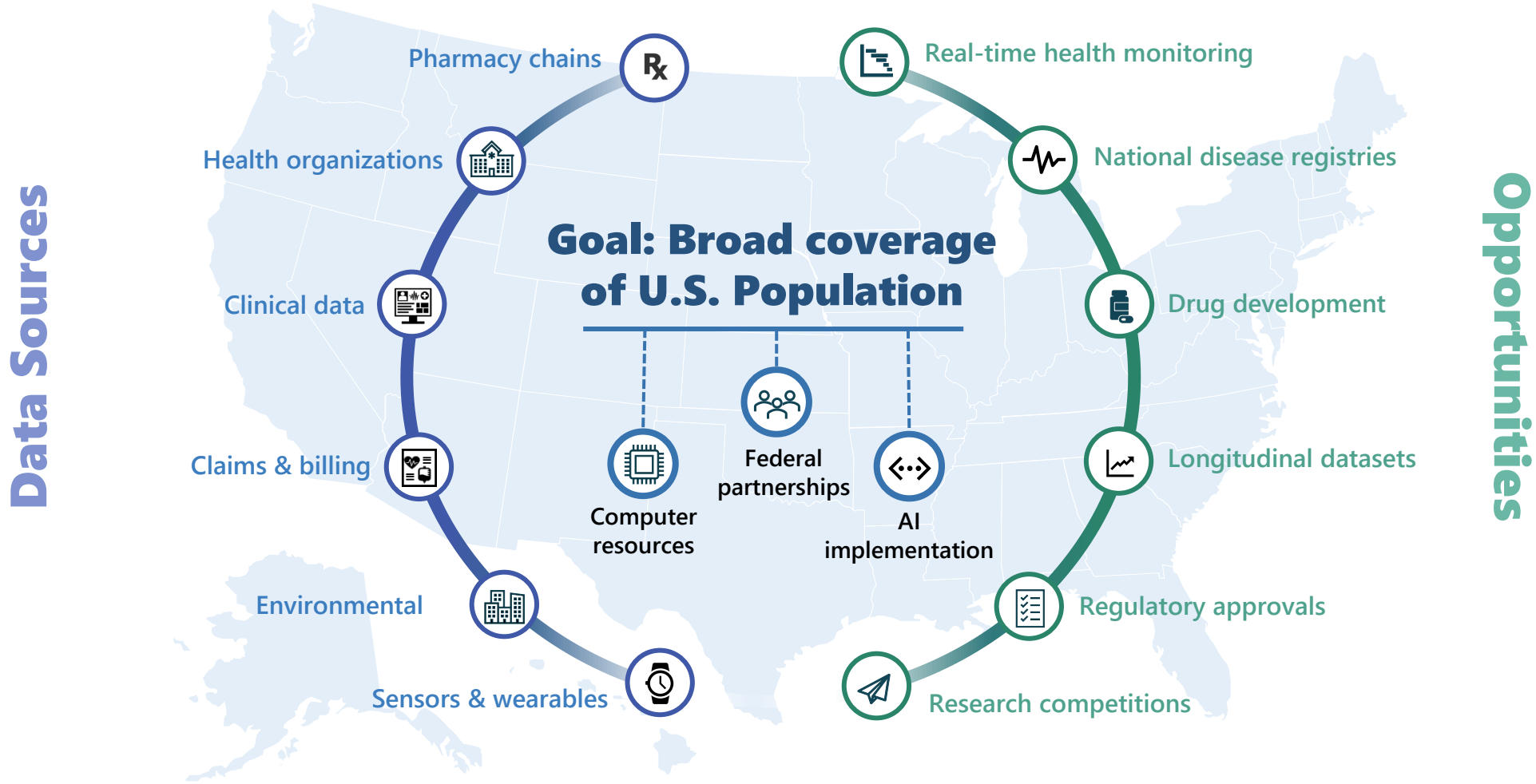
Leadership transitions and other changes

NIH Initiative: Understanding ASD

- NIH is launching an Initiative
- Integrating diverse data enabling researchers to examine complex factors influencing ASD rates.

NIH Real-World Data Platform

*Accelerating **discovery***



Private and Public Data; Protection of Patient Confidentiality; Researcher Access

Partnerships

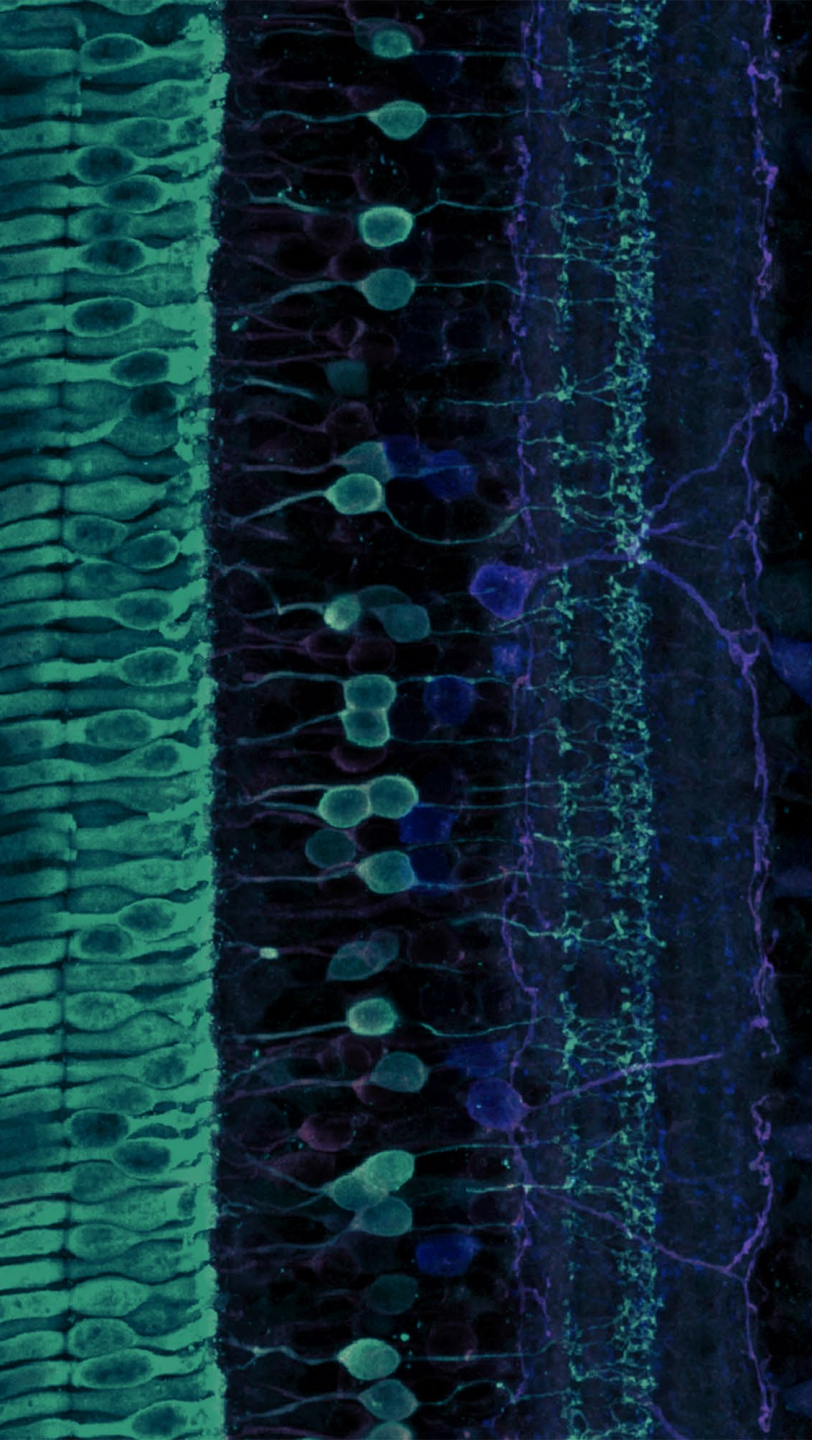
- Build partnerships across HHS and with external stakeholders
- Expand data sources for real-world evidence
- Support studying chronic disease and autism

Development

- Leverage existing NIH programs to fast-track progress
- Protect patient confidentiality

Timeline

- Define go/no-go milestones and progress checkpoints
- Pilot the platform within six months of project launch



Building Blocks to Improving Health

A blueprint for the future of biomedical research

Improve Population Health

NIH must address the health needs of the American people and find better ways to prevent, treat, and cure chronic diseases.

Ensure reliable results

NIH-supported science should be replicable, reproducible, and generalizable.

Make big advances

NIH must invest in innovation, and embrace new technologies, new ideas, and new approaches to old problems.

Maintain safety and transparency

Research should meet the highest ethical standards and should not endanger human populations.

Encourage academic freedom

NIH will foster a culture in which scientists can express disagreement respectfully.

Novel biomedical discoveries that enhance health and lengthen life are more vital than ever to our country's future.

Questions?

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Turning Discovery Into Health