Medical Ontologies and Momis

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An ontology is an engineering artifact consisting of:

- A vocabulary used to describe (a particular view of) some domain
- An explicit specification of the intended meaning of the vocabulary
- Ideally, an ontology should:
 - Capture the knowledge of a domain of interest
 - Provide a formal and machine manipulable model of the domain

Why we need to extend the WordNet Ontology?

- Many standard and nomenclatures in medical domain
- Not all are internationally recognized
- Each organization can choose which to use
- WordNet Ontology contains only very general concepts



Using MOMIS in medical domain makes critical the extension of WN with technical terms

Snomed CT

Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine--Clinical Terms

SNOMED CT is the best positioned terminology to semantically annotate archetypes because it is an international standard which provides a consistent terminology across all health care domains [J.Allones, D.Penas, M.Taboada, D.Martinez . A study of semantic proximity between archetype terms based on SNOMED CT relationships]

- **311,000** concepts
- Connected by some 1,360,000 links or relationships
- Project began in 1979
- Developed and standardized by IHTSDO (The International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization [http://www.ihtsdo.org/])



- > Started at National Library of Medicine, 1986
- Long--term R&D project
 - Over 120 source vocabularies and over 1 million concepts

Is not an Ontology but a set of tool that allow to produce a customized Knowledge Source starting from a set of vocabularies (CPT[®], ICD-10-CM, LOINC[®], MeSH[®], RxNorm, and SNOMED CT[®])



Produce a database containing an Ontology in Rich Release Format (RRF) that include only concepts and vocabularies chosen by the User

Ontology merging

The Goal is

to merge the information available in WordNet with the technical information provided by the two medical ontologies

The main Issues are:

- identifying the entities that represent the same concept in the real world
- finding the relations that have the same meaning
- maintaing the semantics the two medical ontologies

Existing MOMIS projects about eHealth

The system MOMIS has been used in

- Olive Tree project to integrate clinical data of patients from 10 different countries of the Mediterranean Area.
- FIL project (Fondazione Italiana Linfomi) to create a platform that allows users to perform customized searches on the different sources of clinical trial data: a new tool that allows an aggregated view of data easier has been developed, called *MOMIS dashboard*

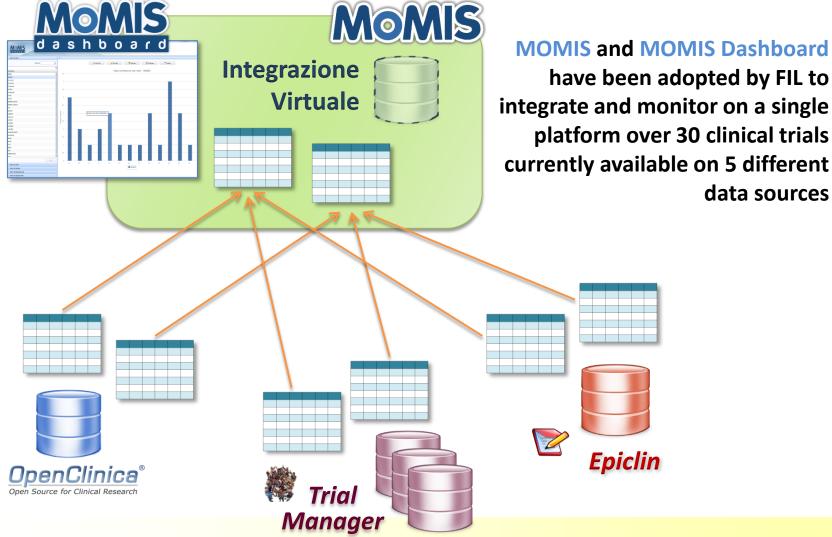














MOMIS Dashboard is a web application that shows users charts, tables or density maps over the global schema generated by MOMIS.





All operations take place without affecting data on local sources and keeping the constraints of visibility depending on the user's role.

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