

Mapping the road towards the Virtual Human Twin

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Responsible Research and Innovation;
Focus Groups; Surveys; Social acceptance



SYNERGIES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Cross-project
collaboration

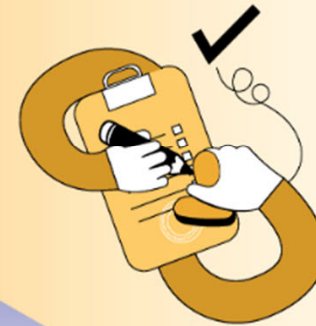


COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

Strategy & implementation; Social Media;
Multimedia Production; Events

REGULATORY, POLICY AND STANDARDS

Policy watch; White
Papers; Expert
working groups;
Advocacy;
Standardisation



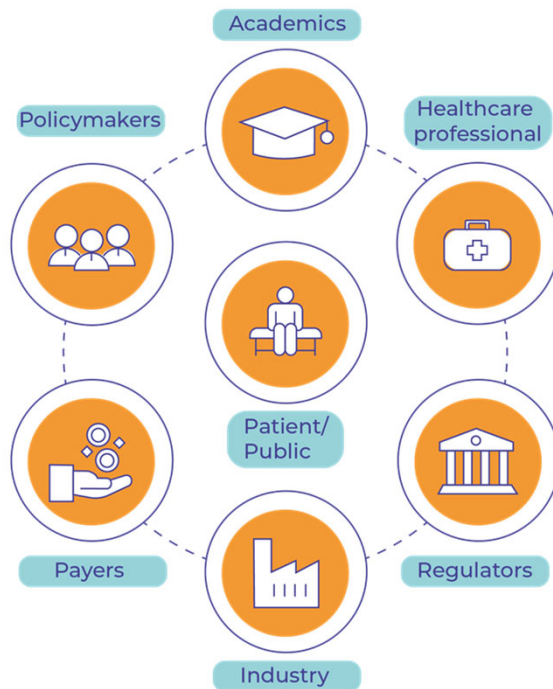


Virtual **Physiological** Human

Stakeholder Engagement

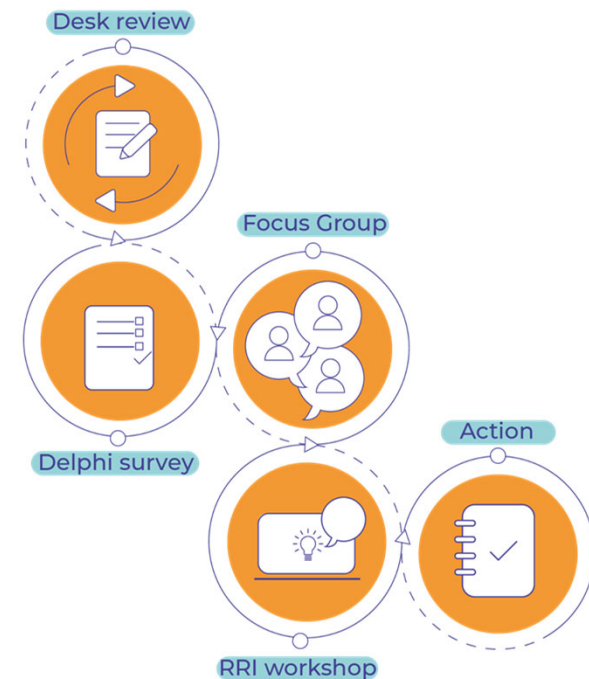
Stakeholders:

Map, analyze, engage



Activities:

Desk review, surveys, workshops



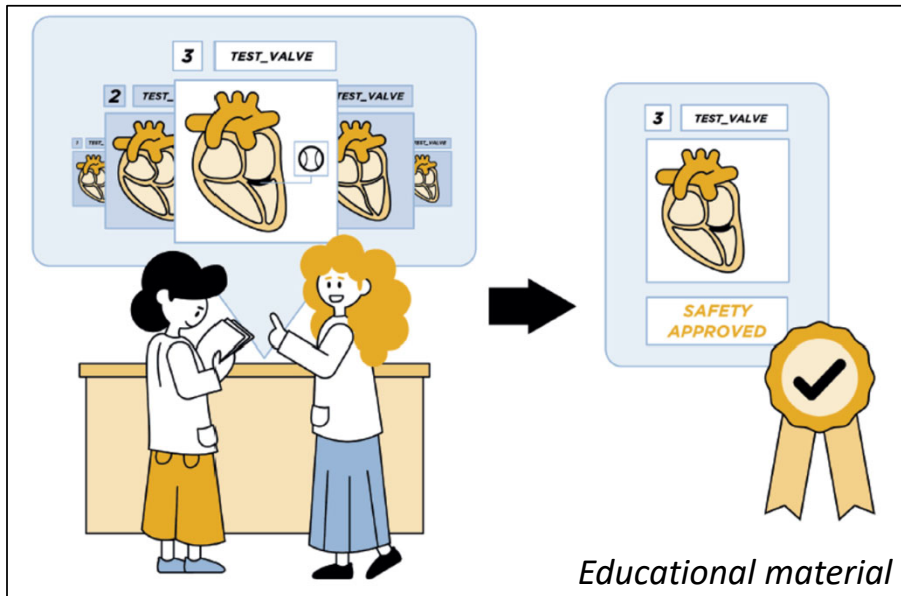
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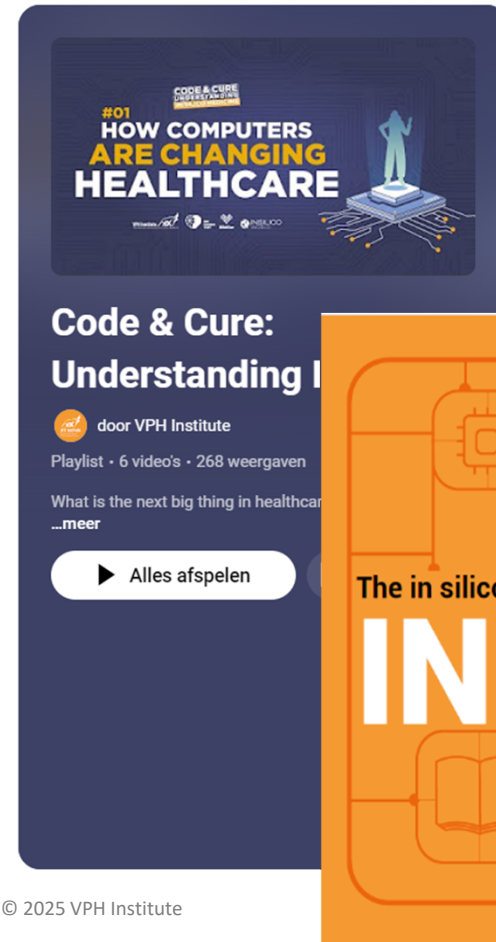
- From ELSI to Responsible Research & Innovation
- Trust vs trustworthiness
 - Validation
 - Credibility
 - Explainability
 - Transparency
 - Level of awareness



Patients & clinicians

- Important role for clinician
- Accountability





**Code & Cure:
Understanding I**

door VPH Institute

Playlist • 6 video's • 268 weergaven

What is the next big thing in healthcare
...meer

▶ Alles afspelen



1
**#01 HOW COMPUTERS
ARE CHANGING
HEALTHCARE**
1. Wordt nu afgespeeld

2
**#02 WHAT IS A
COMPUTER
MODEL?**



The in silico medicine

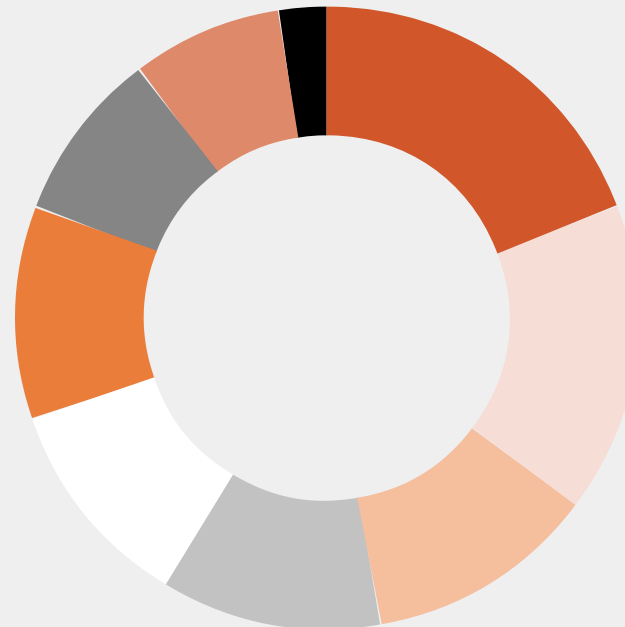
INFOKIT

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Clinical survey on in silico medicine



Clinicians use CM&S mostly for **planning interventions** and **teaching** with interest to **enrich diagnosis**.



- Plan interventions (22.8% → 55.9%)
- Teach/Training (28.5% → 45.2%)
- Study Pathophysiology (29.1% → 20.4%)
- Enrich diagnosis (29.1% → 43.1%)
- Predict/compare therapeutic outcomes (29.1%)
- Compare different therapeutic outcomes (retrospectively) (28.5% → 27.8%)
- Inform the patient on disease progress (22.8% → 19.4%)
- None of the above (20.3%)
- Other (6.3% → 6.5%)

Monitor & treat patients (24.7%)

Generate prognosis (18.3%)

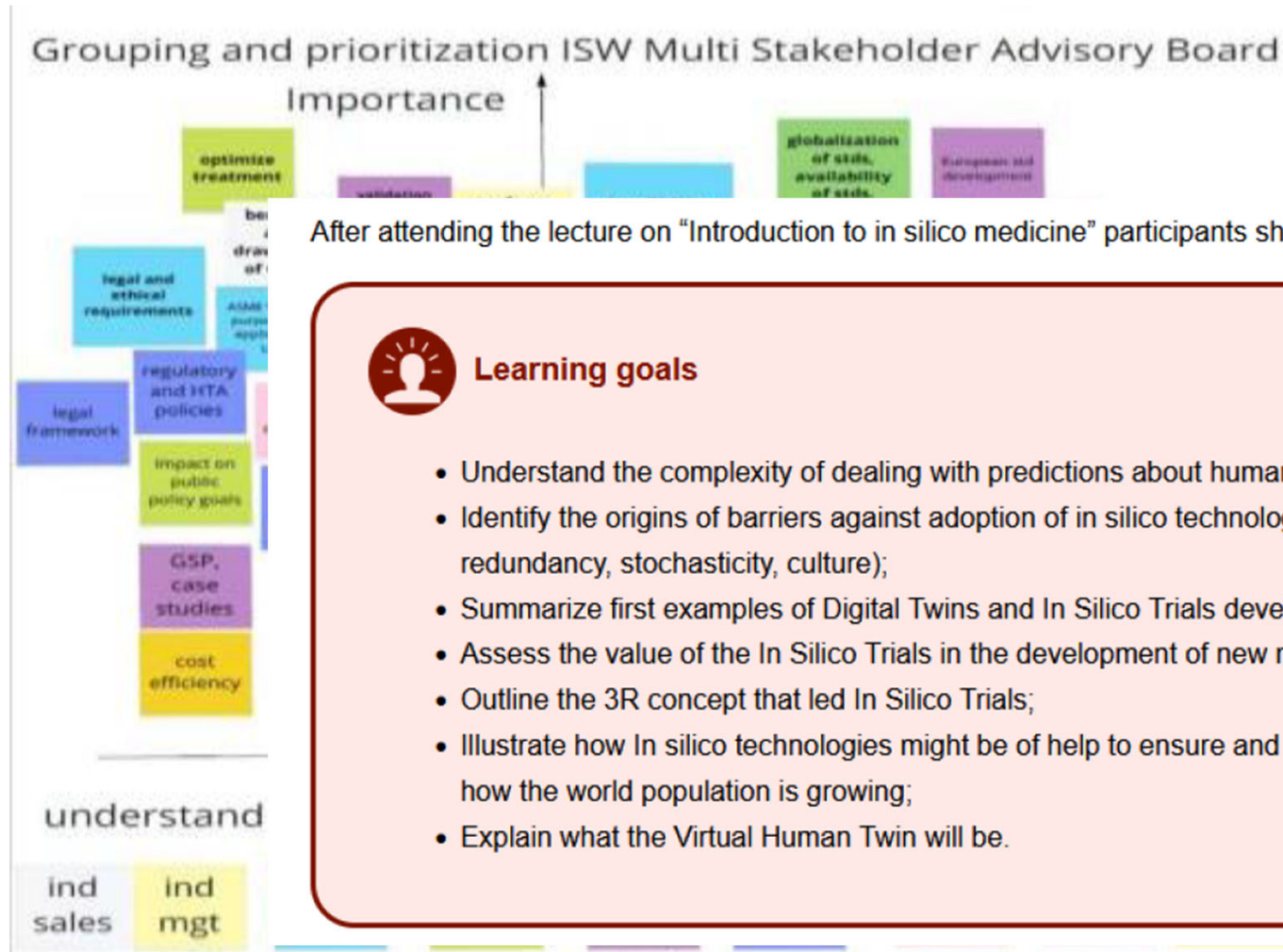
Optimize and calibrate other clinical measurements (23.7%)

Improve rehabilitation (6.5%)

Applications of CM&S recorded in clinics
(2021 > 2024)
160+ 300+

Lesage+, Front Med Tech, 2023
Rangarajan+, VPH 2024

Capacity building & education



Learning goals

- Understand the complexity of dealing with predictions about human health;
- Identify the origins of barriers against adoption of in silico technologies (complexity, redundancy, stochasticity, culture);
- Summarize first examples of Digital Twins and In Silico Trials developed;
- Assess the value of the In Silico Trials in the development of new medical products;
- Outline the 3R concept that led In Silico Trials;
- Illustrate how In silico technologies might be of help to ensure and extend the healthcare given how the world population is growing;
- Explain what the Virtual Human Twin will be.

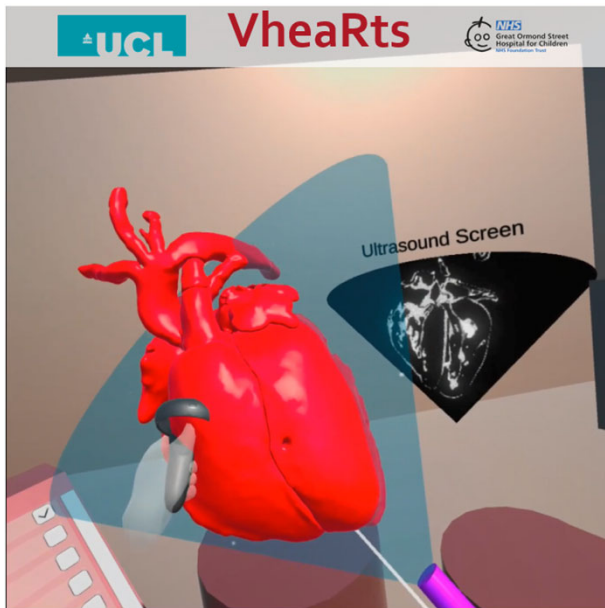


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WORLD

Capacity building & education

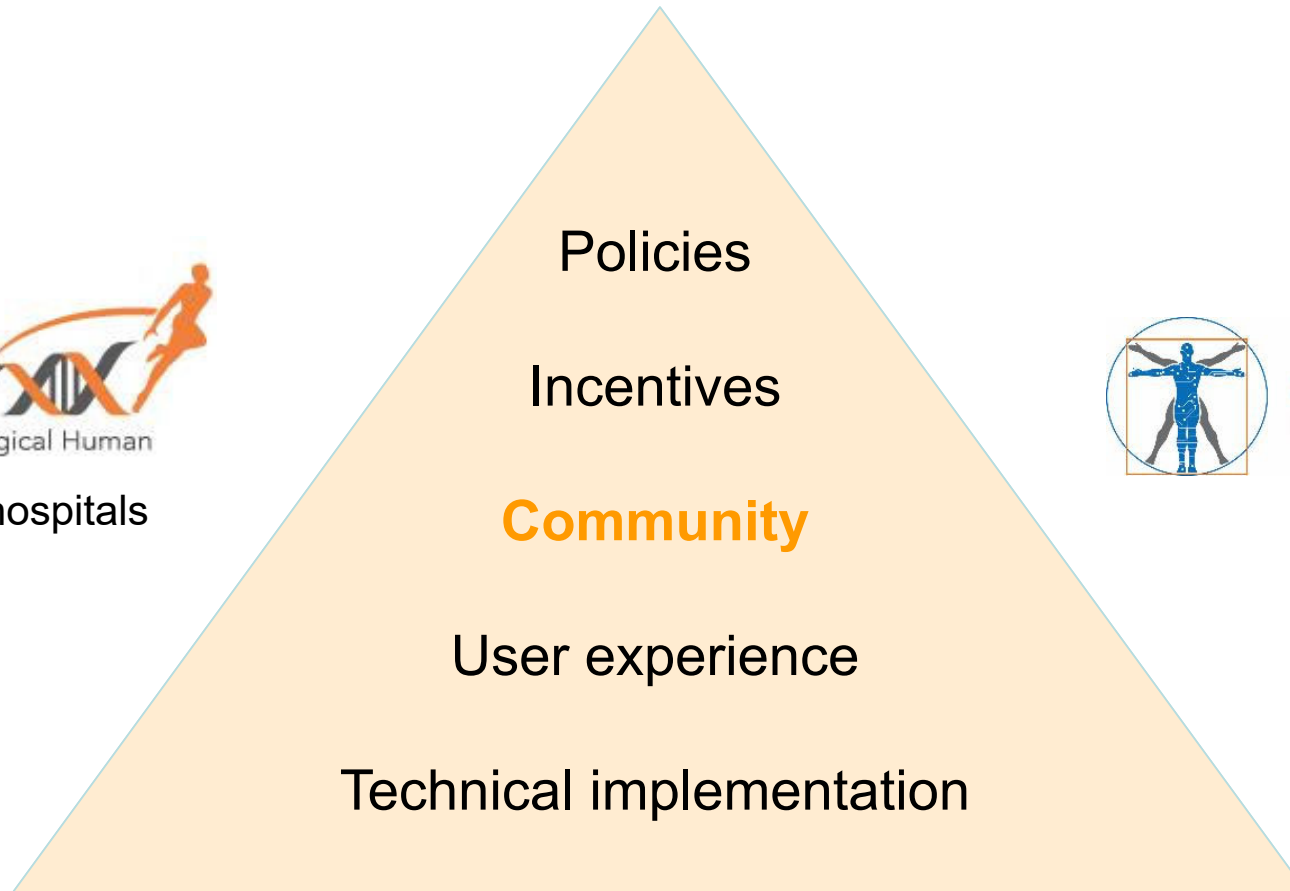


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Academia & industry



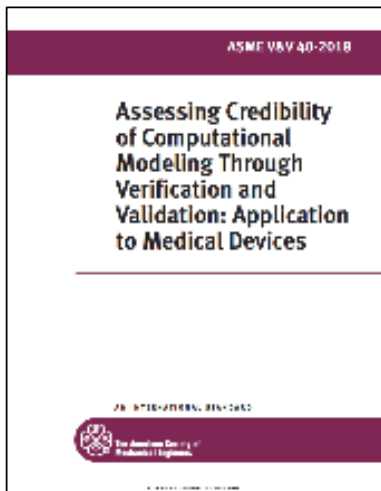
Academia, HTA, hospitals



Avicenna Alliance
Association for Predictive Medicine

VPHi + industry

Standards & Regulatory Actors



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COMMENTARY

Verifying and Validating Quantitative Pharmacology and *In Silico* Models: Current Needs, Gaps, and Challenges

Flora T. Musuamba^{1,2,3,*}, Roberta Bursi⁴, Efthymios Manolis^{1,5}, Kristin Jean-Pierre Boisset⁷, Raphaëlle Lesage⁸, Cécile Crozatier⁹, Emmanuelle Rossana Alessandrello¹¹ and Liesbet Geris^{8,12}

The added value of *in silico* models (including quantitative systems pharmacology models) for drug development is now unanimously recognized. It is, therefore, important that the standards used are commonly acknowledged

CPT: Pharmacometrics & Systems Pharmacology

ARTICLE | [Open Access](#) | 

Scientific and regulatory evaluation of mechanistic *in silico* drug and disease models in drug development: building model credibility

Flora T. Musuamba^{1,2,3,*}, Kristin Jean-Pierre Boisset⁷, Raphaëlle Lesage⁸, Giulia Russo⁹, Roberta Bursi⁴, Luca Emili, Alexander Kulesza¹⁰, Eulalie Courcelles¹⁰, Jean-Pierre Boisset⁷, Rossana Alessandrello¹¹, Nuno Curado¹⁰, Enrico Dall'ara¹⁰, Liesbet Geris^{8,12} ... See fewer authors ^

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Possible Contexts of Use for *In Silico* Trials Methodologies: A Consensus-Based Review

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Abstract—The term “*In Silico* Trial” indicates the use of computer modelling and simulation to evaluate the safety and efficacy of a medical product, whether a drug, a medical device, a diagnostic product or an advanced therapy

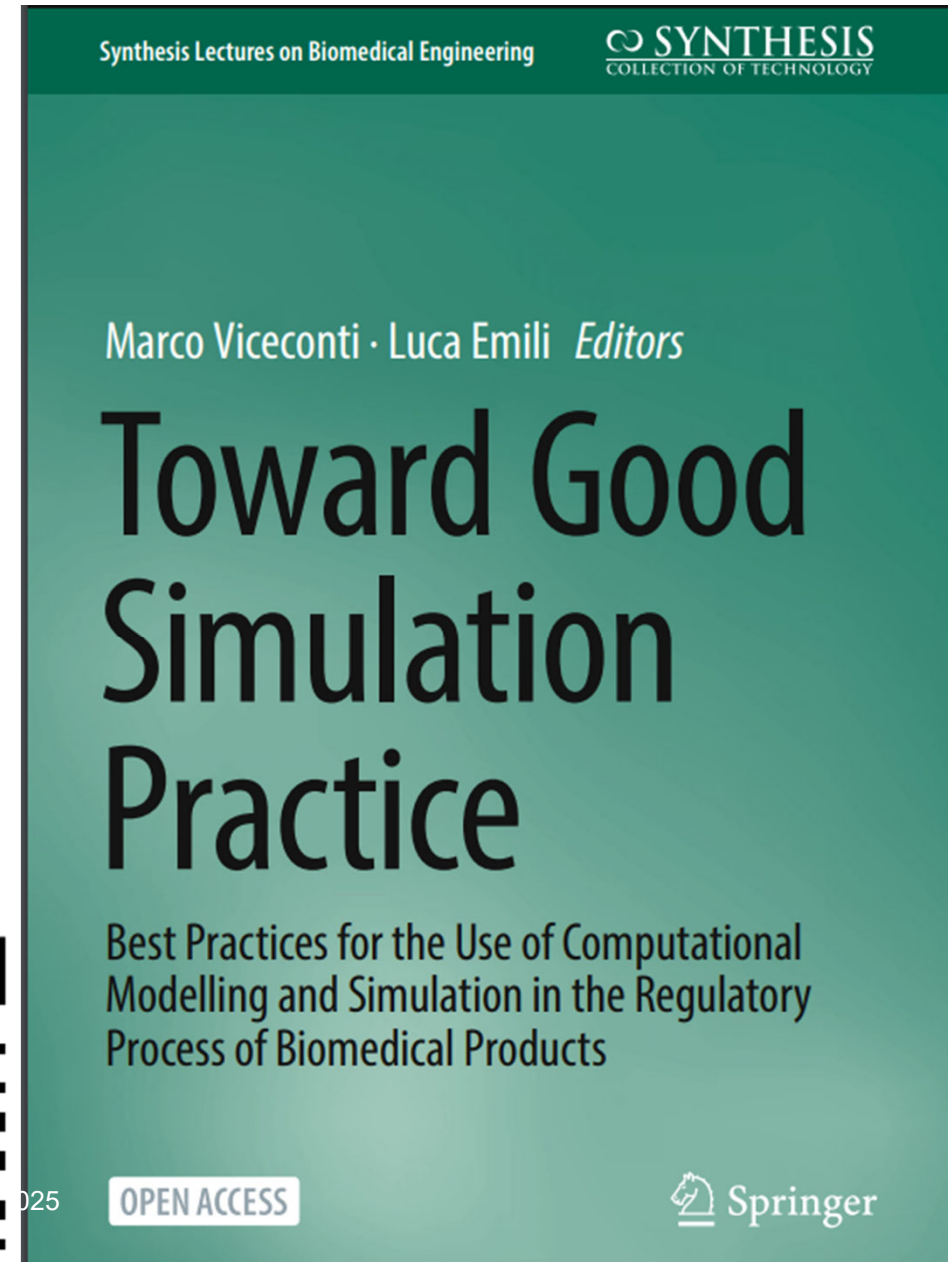
medicinal product. Predictive models are positioned as new methodologies for the development and the regulatory evaluation of medical products. New methodologies are qualified by regulators such as FDA and EMA through formal



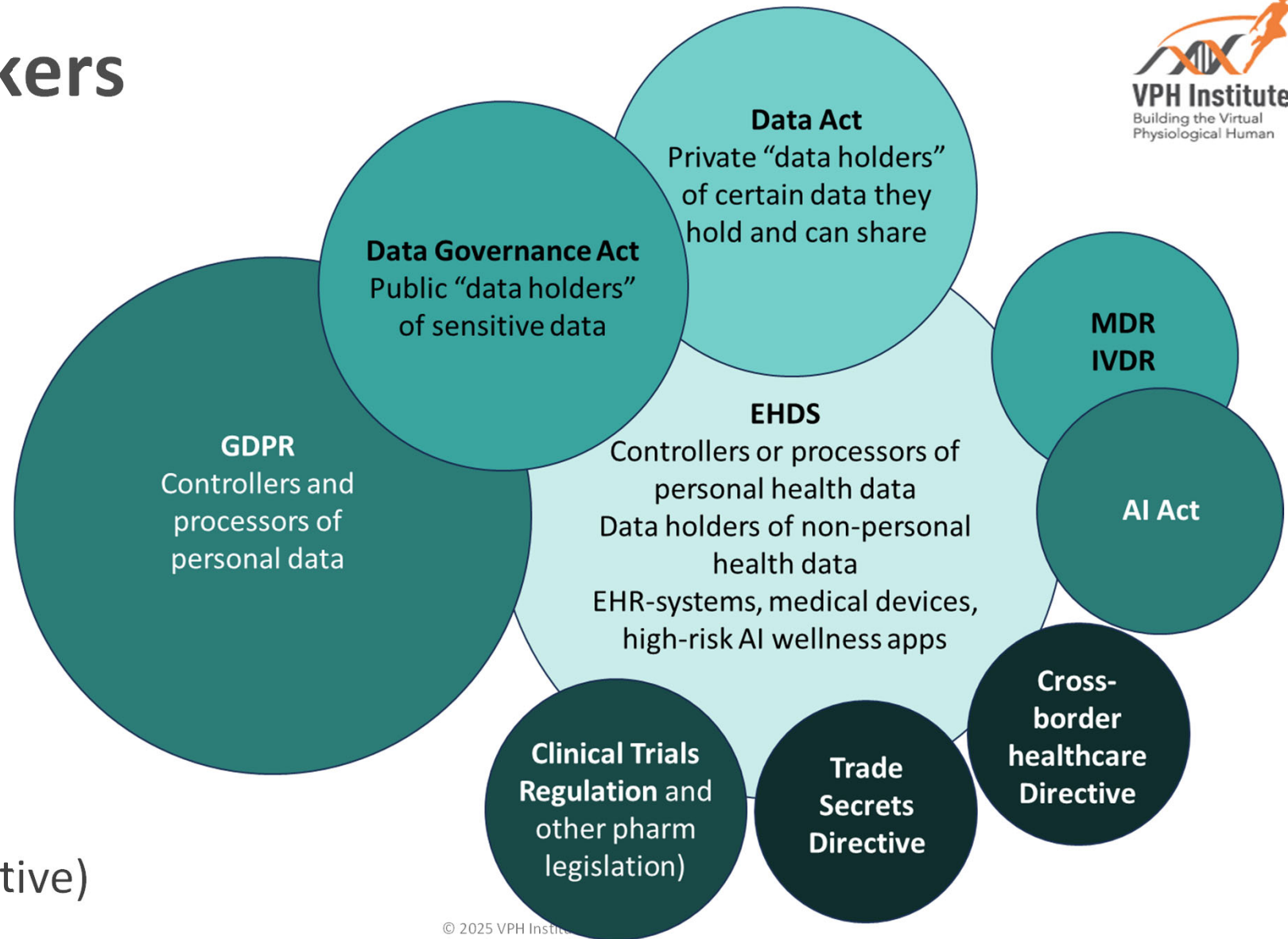
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SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

Good Simulation Practice

- Community effort
 - Academia
 - Industry
 - Regulators
 - HTA
 - Ethics & social sciences
- Used GCP as basis
- Each chapter reviewed by FDA



Policy makers



+ Biotech Act
+ (AI liability directive)

Policy makers





Virtual Physiological Human



European
Commission

European Virtual Human Twins

An EU framework supporting the emergence and adoption of the next generation of virtual human twin solutions in health and care

The European Virtual Human Twins Initiative aims to accelerate personalised care with tangible benefits for citizens and patients, while sustaining and advancing EU science and technology in the Digital Single Market.



EDITH Coordination & Support Action

Ecosystem



Roadmap



Repository



Simulation Platform



Ecosystem
for Digital Twins
in Healthcare

SANO conference 16/10/2025

Roadmap writing & validation

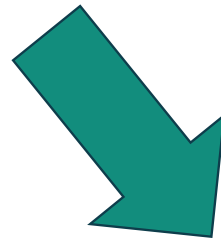
- **Design phase** (1/10/2023-31/7/2023)
 - Consortium, industry advisory board, expert meetings (covering all elements of ecosystem)
 - Public writing 1st draft
- **Develop phase** (1/8/2023-16/7/2024)
 - Manifesto, boards, expert meetings, ecosystem meetings
 - Public writing 2nd draft
- **Deliver phase** (17/7/2024-31/12/2024)
 - Ecosystem: public endorsement
 - Advisory boards: expert / political endorsement

Validation – key principles

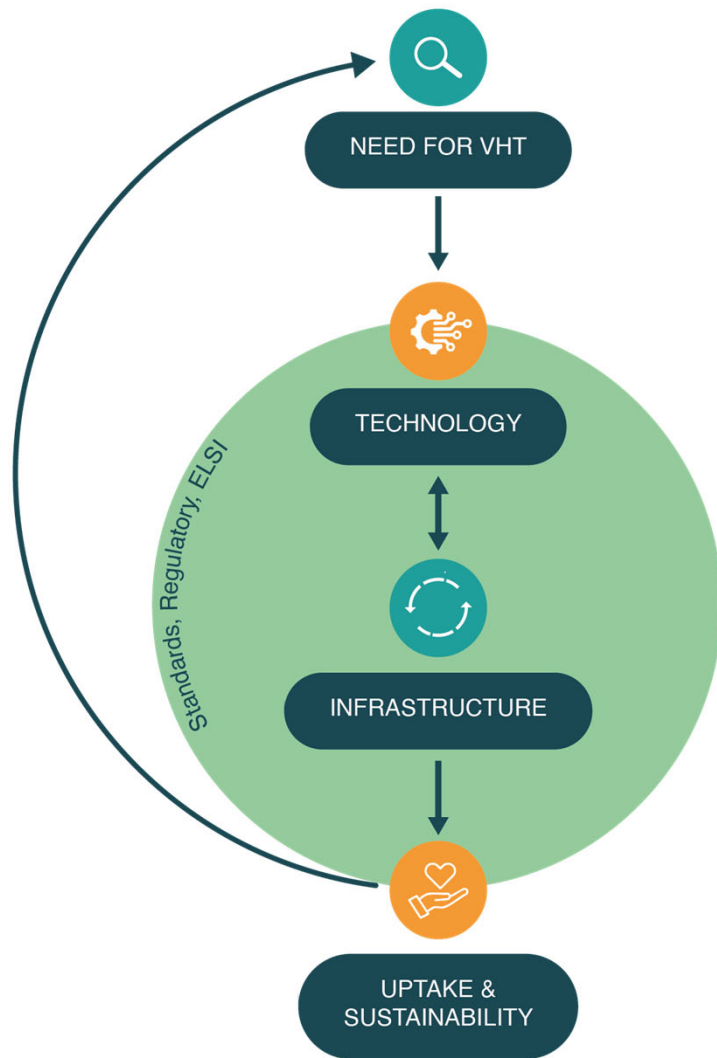
Need identification	Roadmap's (RM) ability to identify and address existing gaps in programs
Understanding	ease of RM and roadmap contents comprehension
Acceptability	perception, satisfactoriness and organizational fit of the roadmap
Integration	RM's ability to fit into the current programming
Translation	measures facilitators of translation such as appropriateness, context nuances and budget feasibility
Implementation	measures possible execution of all sections and actions listed in the RM
Practicality	ability of existing financial and human resources to implement the RM
Political buy-in	political support for implementation of RM (national & EU level)

Validation by connection, interrogation and collaboration with engaged ecosystem

- Innovation ecosystem
 - Identified stakeholders & brought together ecosystem
 - Identified needs & expectations
 - Actively engaged with the entire ecosystem



Towards innovation framework



- **PART 1** : from DTs in healthcare to the VHT – need & vision
- **PART 2**: realizing the VHT – technology
- **PART 3**: realizing the VHT – infrastructure
- **PART 4**: realizing the VHT – ELSI, standards & regulatory
- **PART 5**: realizing the VHT – users, uptake & sustainability
- **PART 6**: 30 recommendations for a successful VHT



Format of the final roadmap

- Full (technical) roadmap
 - 337 pages
 - Comprehensive document
- Extended summary – policy brief
 - High-level content
 - Why – what – who
 - Recommendations & timeline
- [Layman book]



Manifesto for the Virtual Human Twin



- Driven by EC, facilitated by EDITH
- Why?
 - Way of demonstrating support from ecosystem
 - Increase visibility of VHT-related activities
 - High-level entry into the VHT
- Over 100 organisations signed
 - Across all stakeholders



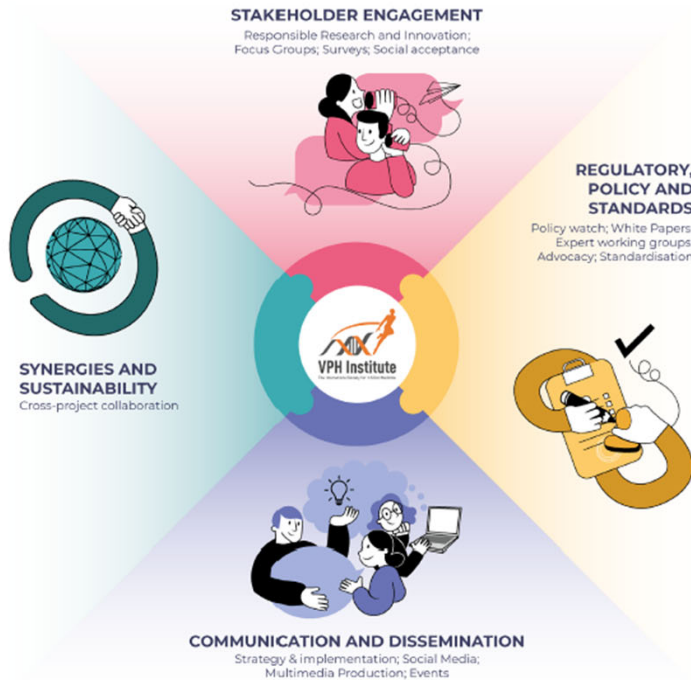


• *A rising tide will lift all boats*

VPH - The International Society for In Silico Medicine

As an ecosystem organisation, our vision is to bring together diverse stakeholder communities of scientists, industry, healthcare providers, patients, regulators, and policymakers to drive the development and integration of computer models in healthcare for the benefit of all.

One society, a whole ecosystem!



Be part of the
digital revolution of
health: **become a
VPH member now!**



Discover the **VHT Roadmap** -
the community-built strategy
for the full realisation of the
Virtual Human Twin.



Thank you!

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