Getting more value from behavioral self-monitoring

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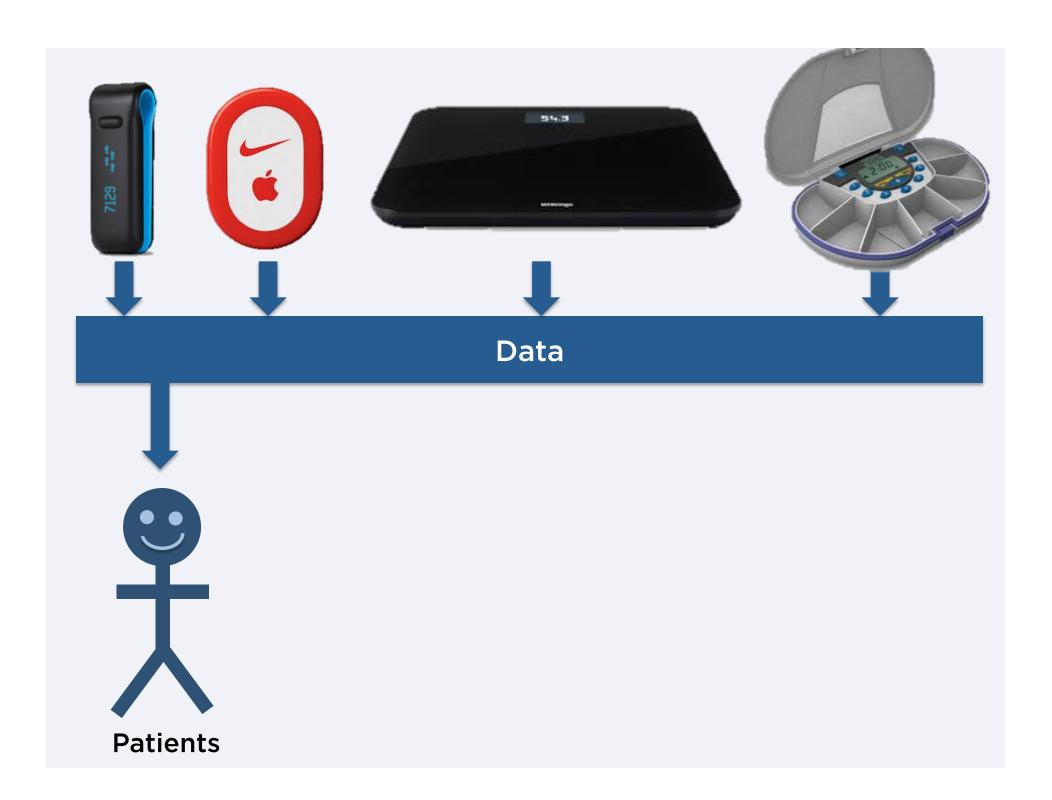


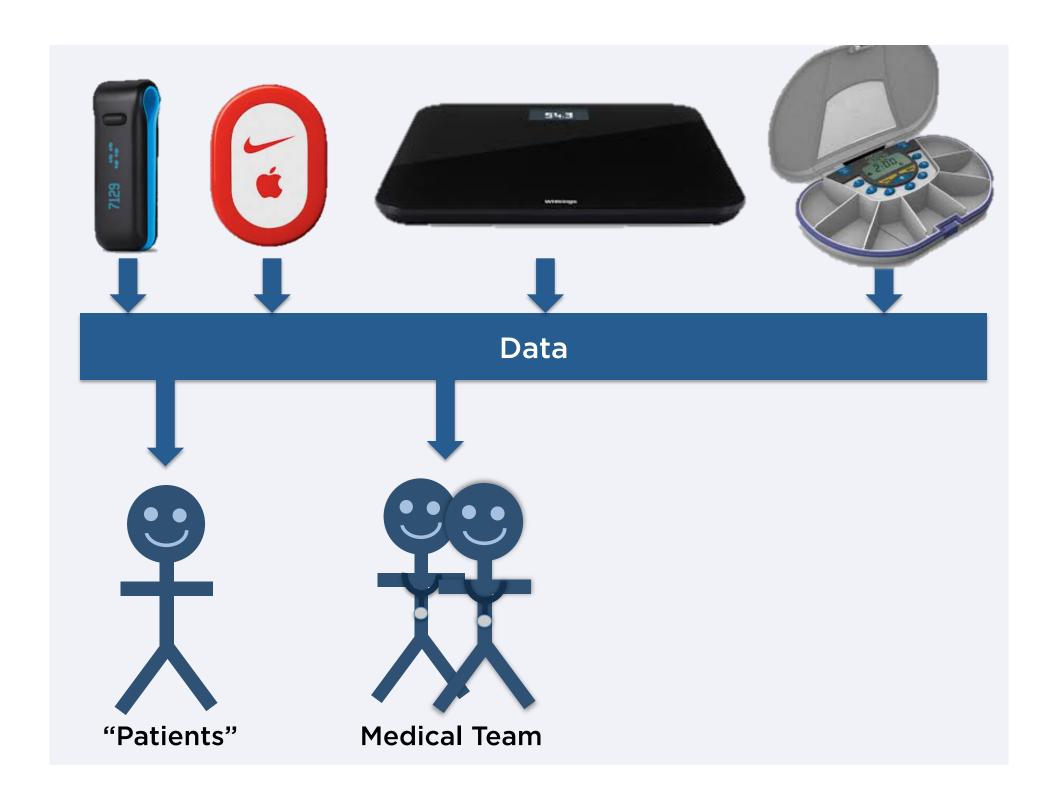


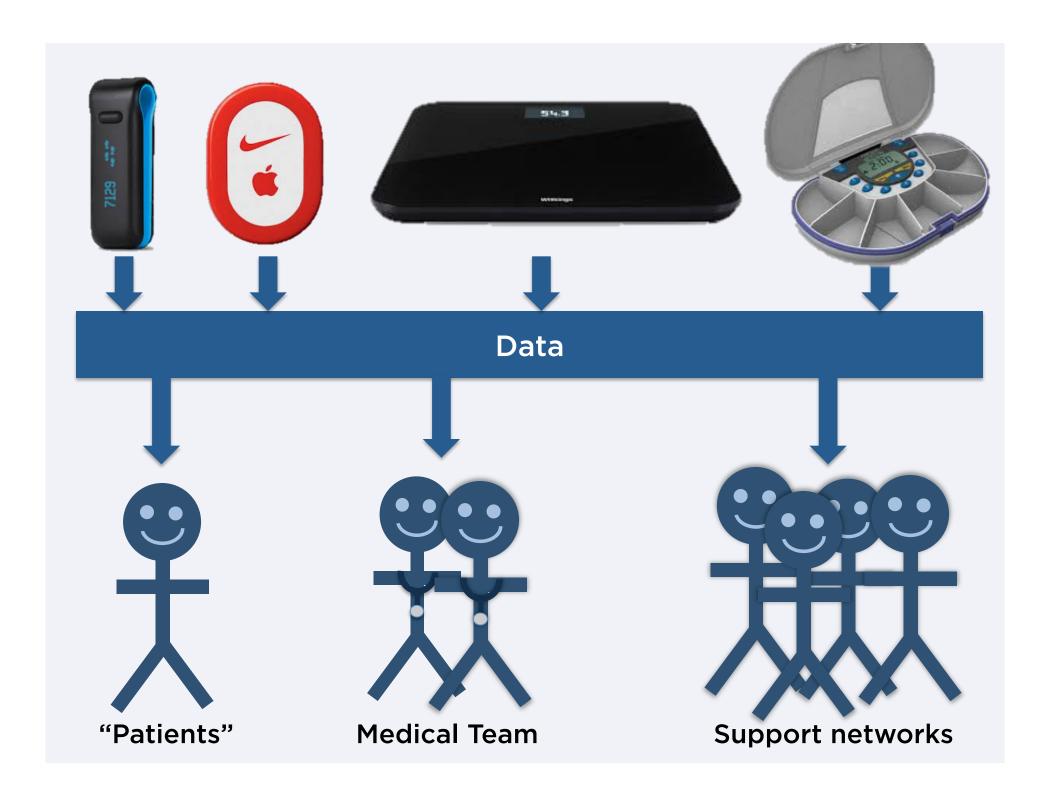


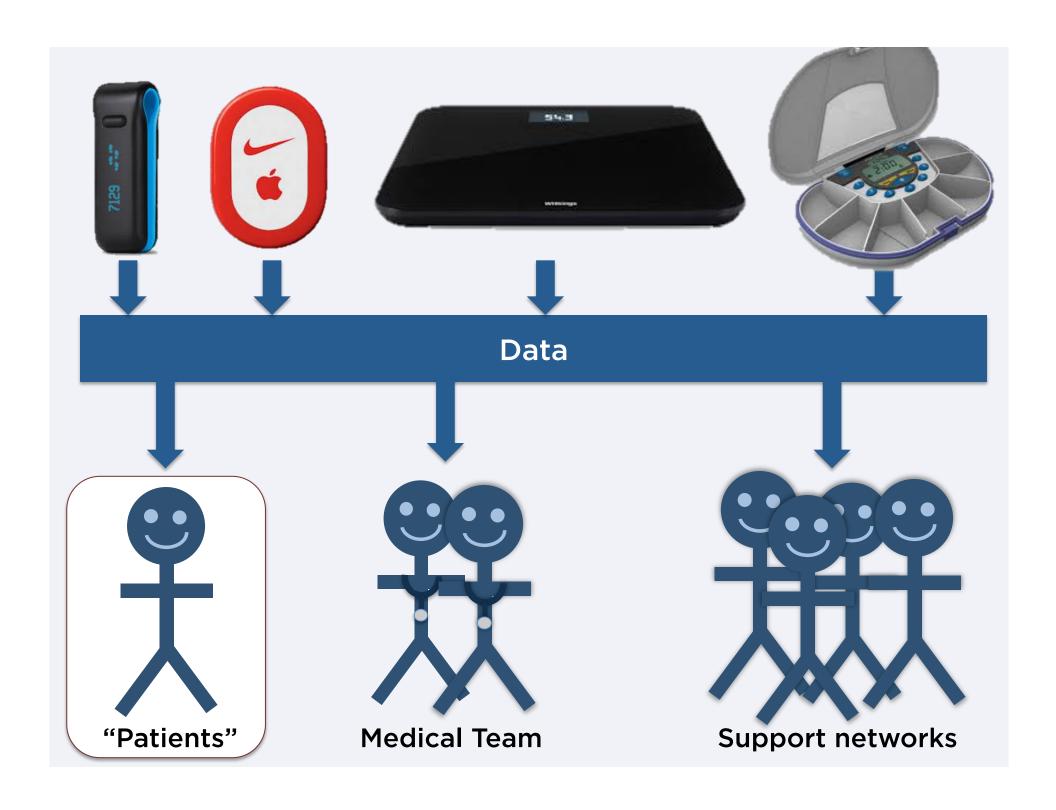


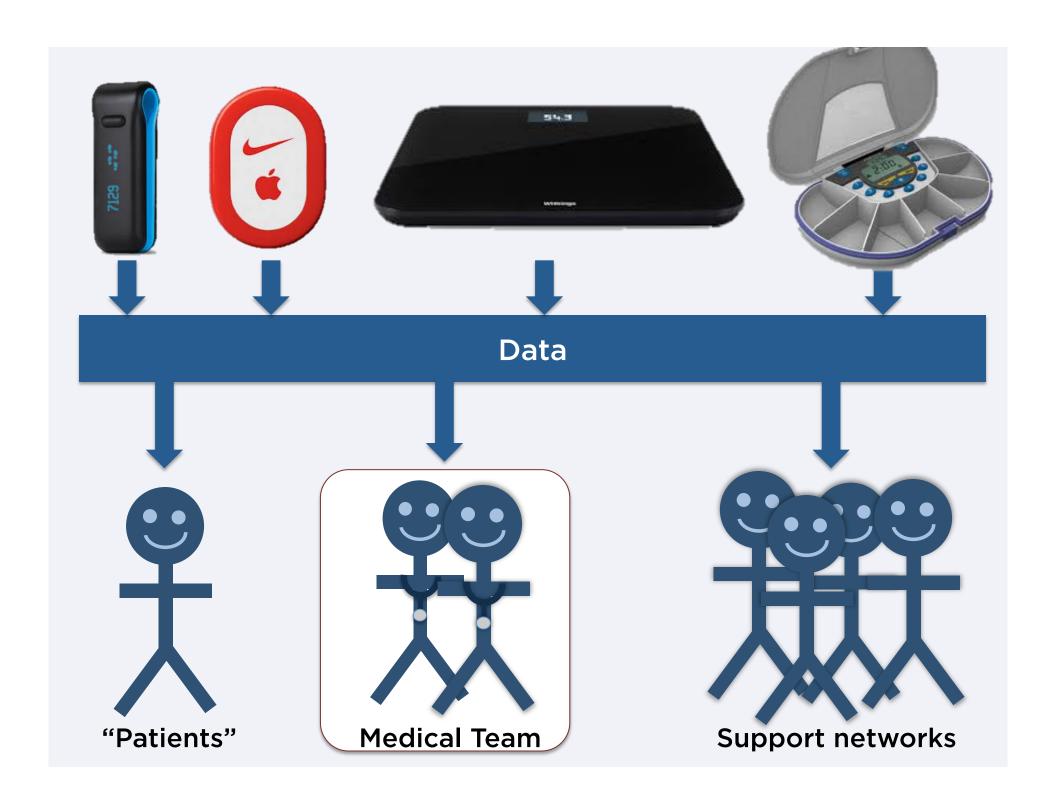


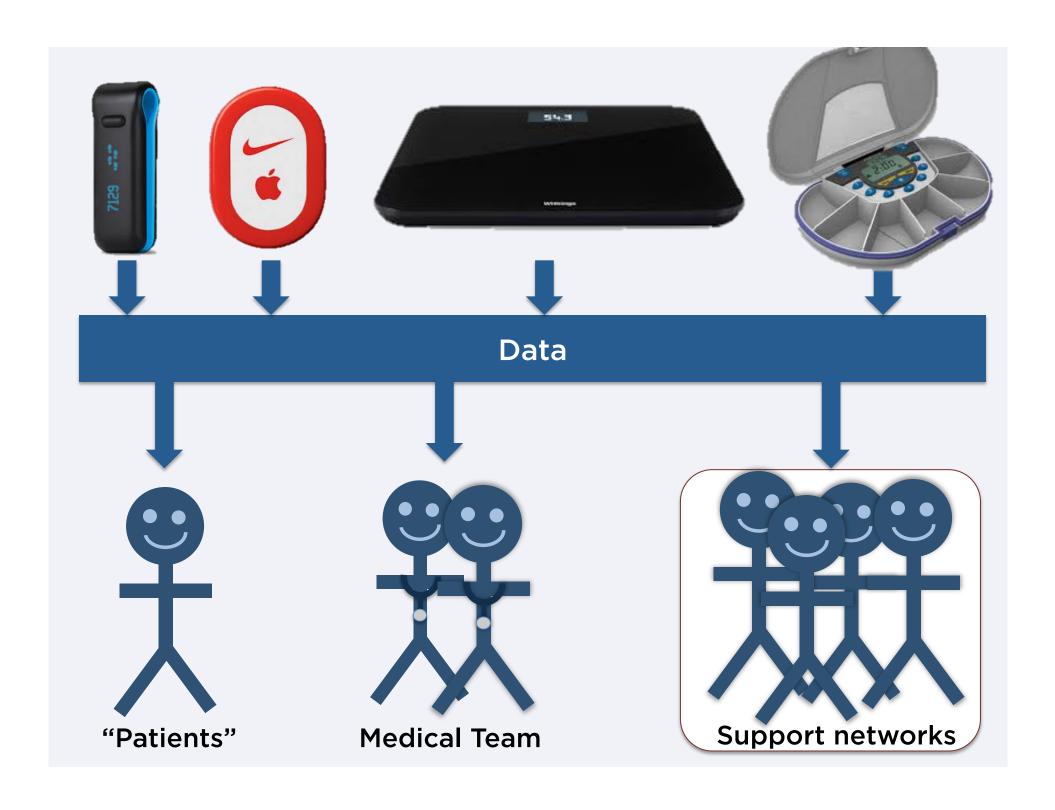


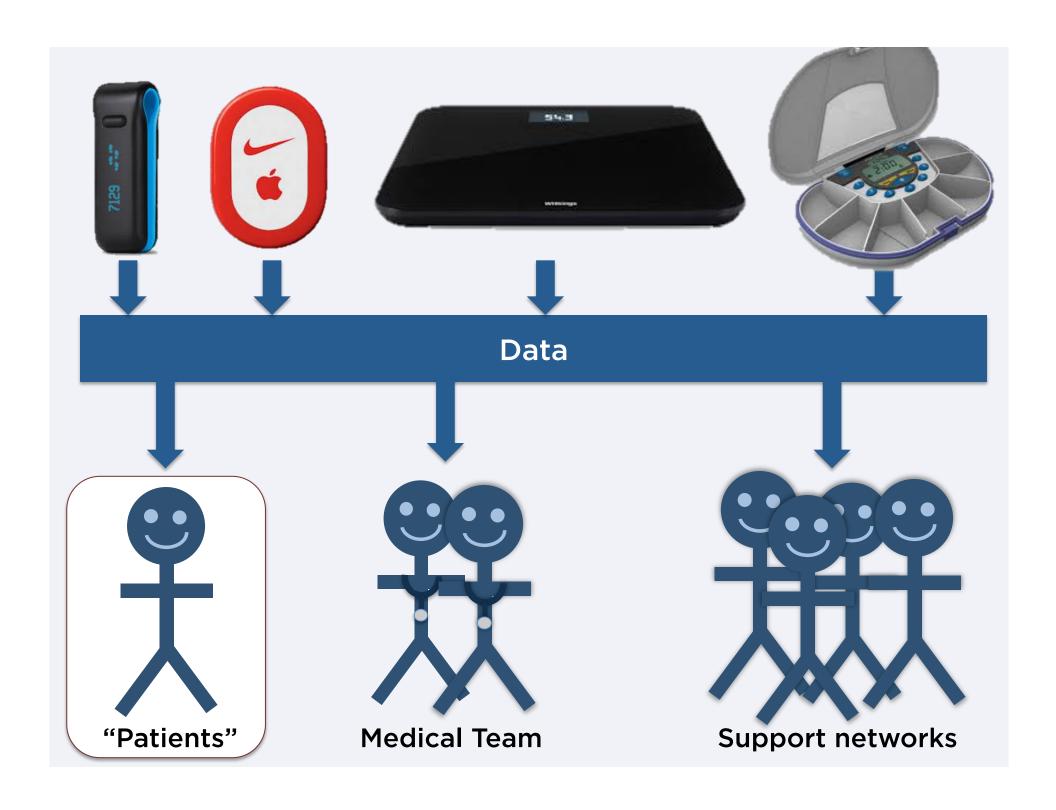














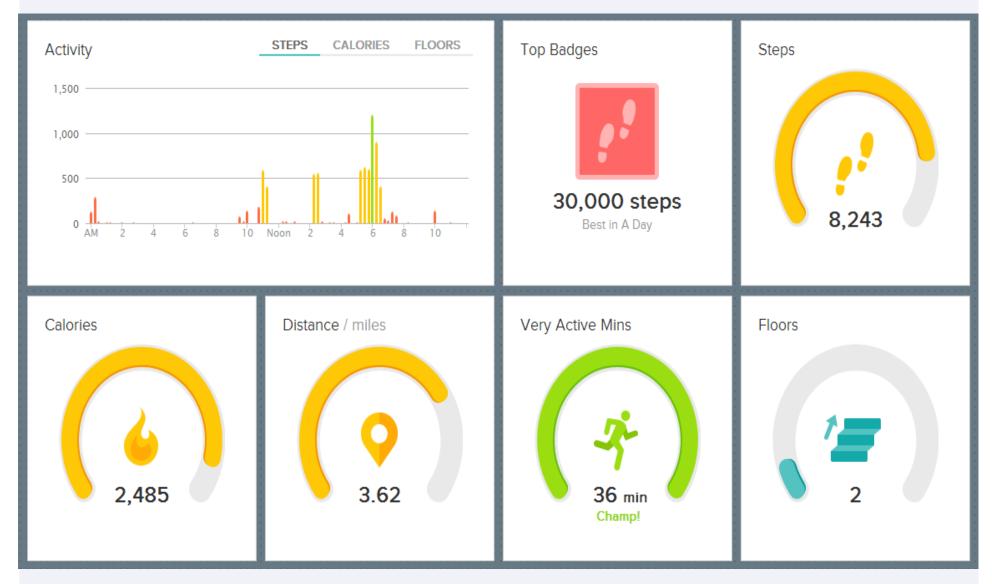




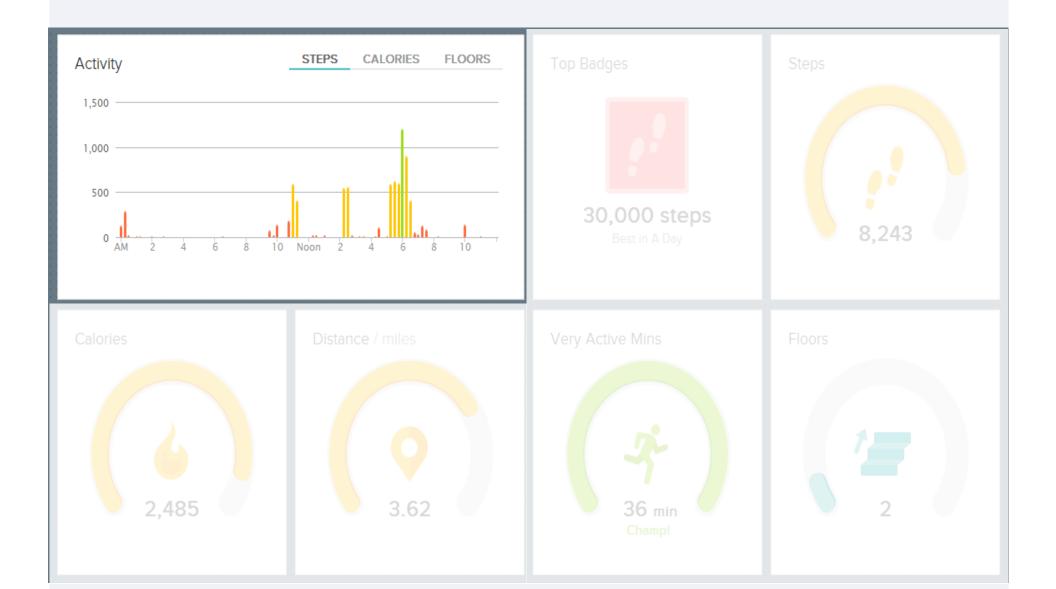


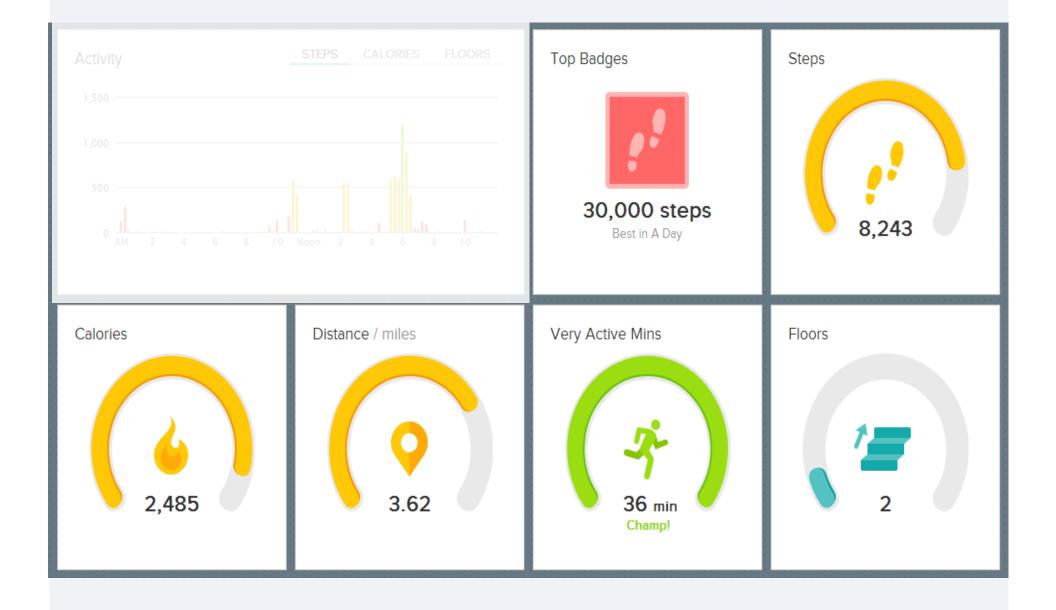


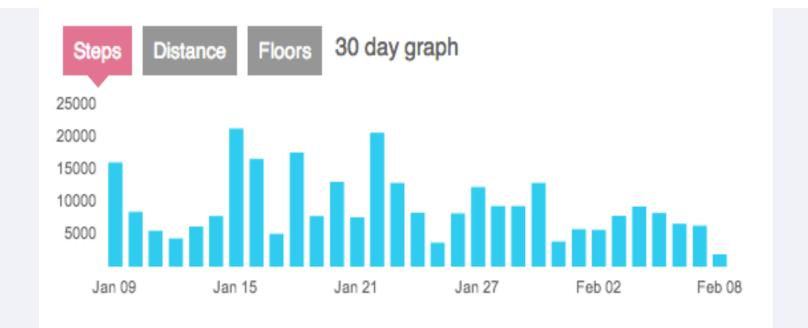




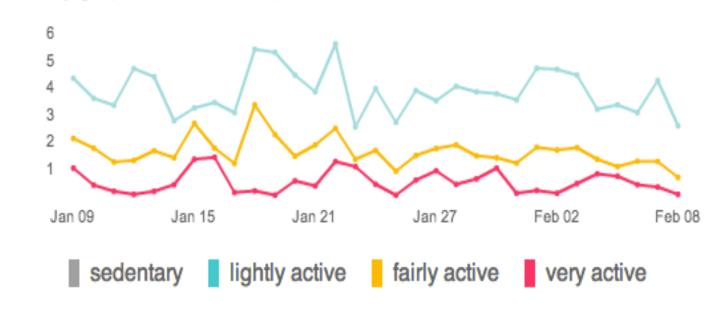
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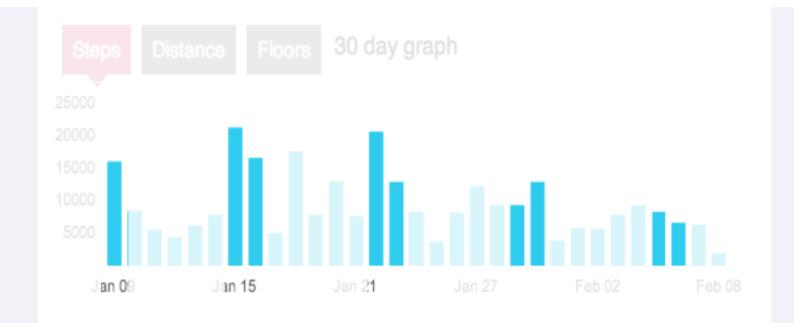




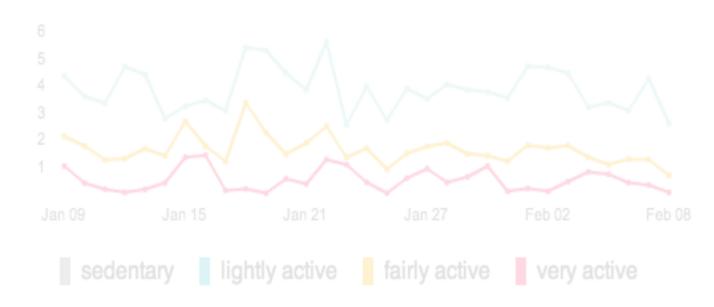


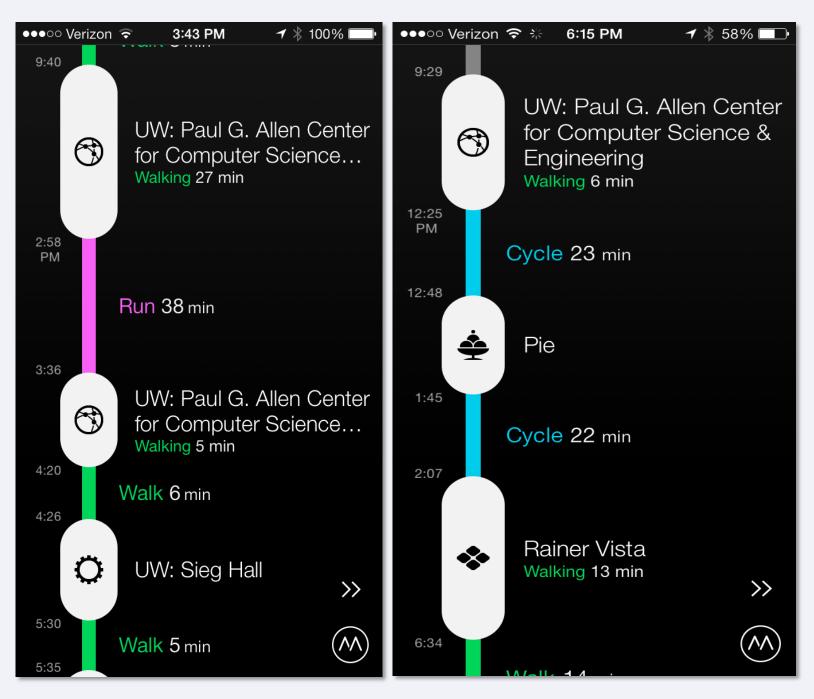
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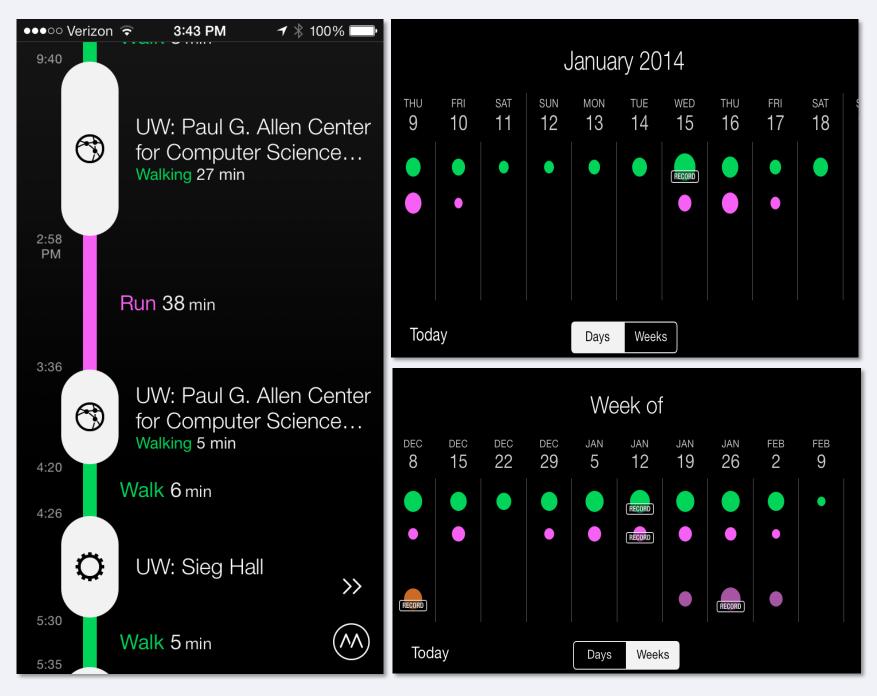








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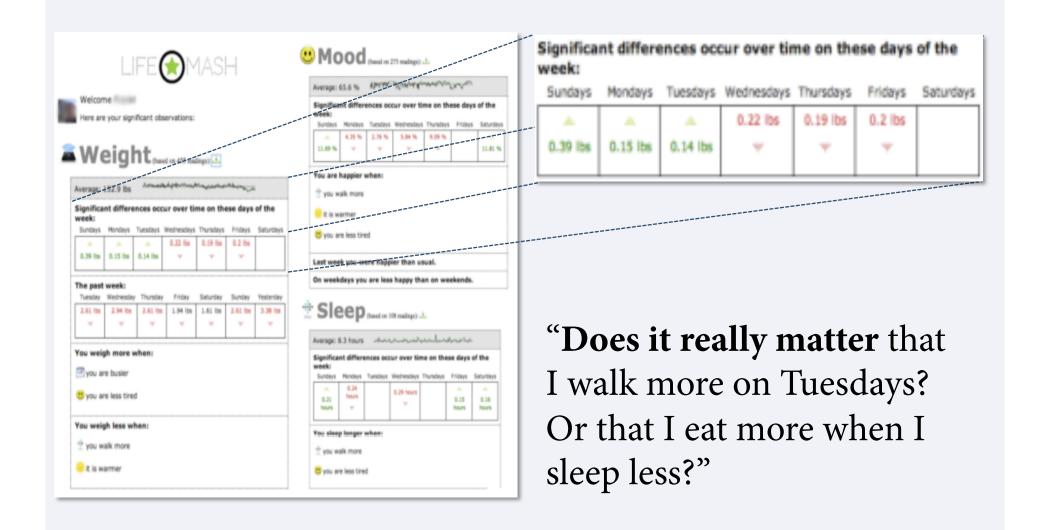
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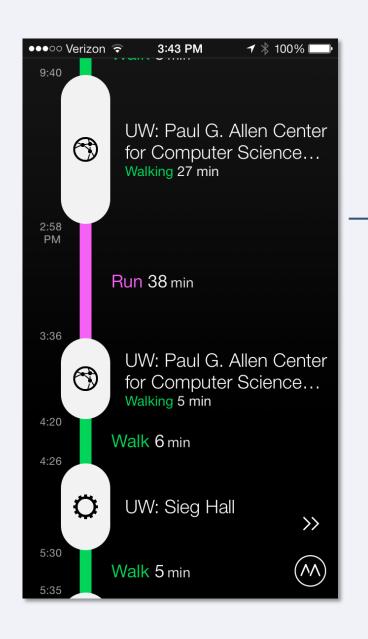
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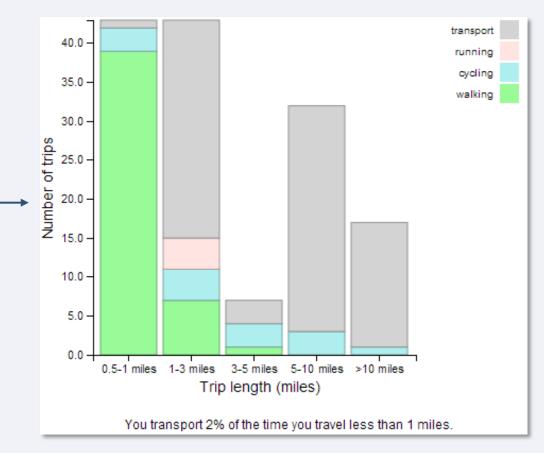


BUS BANDIT Saga has noticed that you visit bus stations.



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This requires tools for:

- selecting data to investigate
- reviewing data

Selecting data: Cuts

A subset of collected data with a common feature, e.g.:

- Temporal cuts
- Visit a particular type of location
- Follow a transit pattern

to enable people to interrogate their data to identify opportunities for change or behaviors to maintain.

but what cuts should we show?

What cuts should we show?

Surveyed 113 physical activity self-trackers

- 68 female, 45 male
- *FitBit*: 104, *RunKeeper*: 9, *Nike*+: 7, *MapMyRun*: 5, *other*: 17; 24 used multiple tools
- Tracking duration: <1 month: 23, 1-3 months: 27, 4-6 months: 12, 7 months-1 year: 22, more than one year: 29

Start with trackers' goals

Long-term health goals

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Tracking goals

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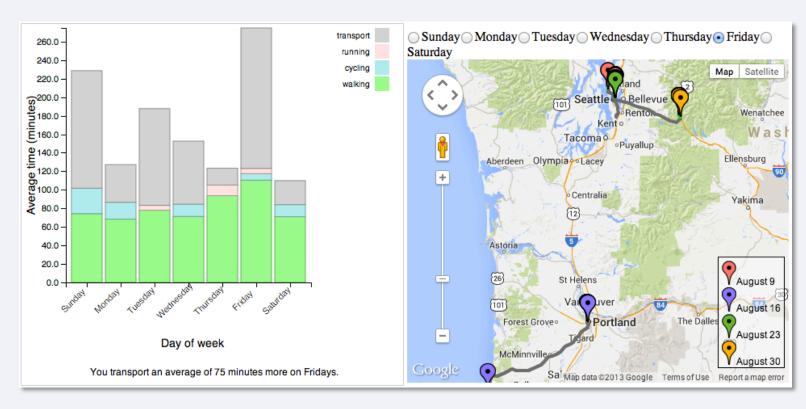
to evaluate the following cuts

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TT2	All trips to and from the same location by transit type.
TT3	Number of trips in each transit mode by trip distance.
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FD2	Categories of food places visited by time of day.
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cuts: transit type and activity

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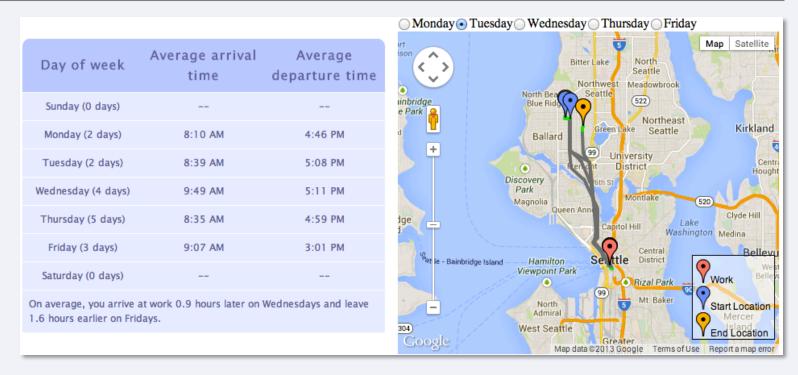
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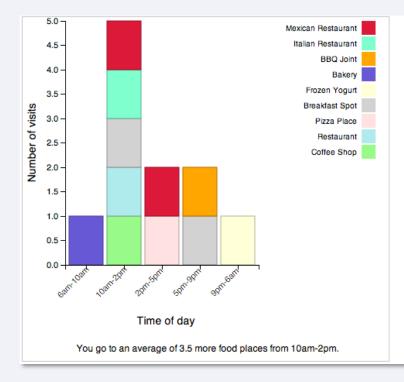
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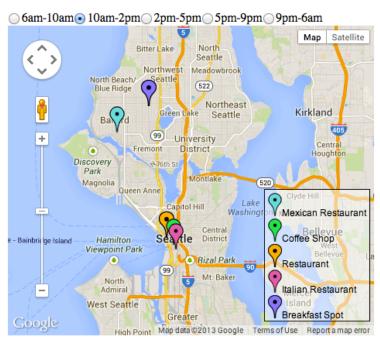


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cuts: weekly summaries

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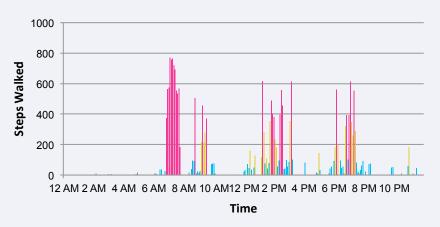
cut representations: prior work



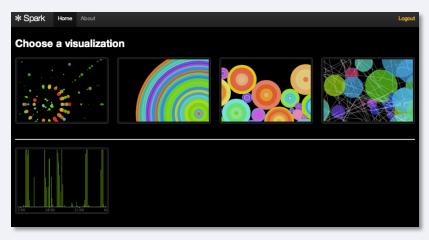
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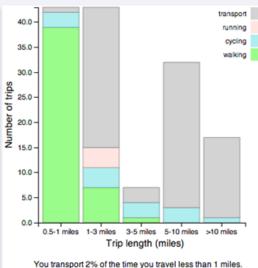
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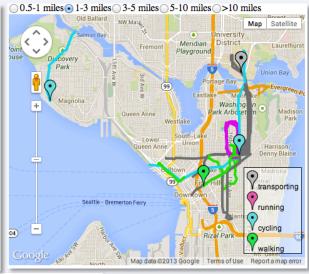


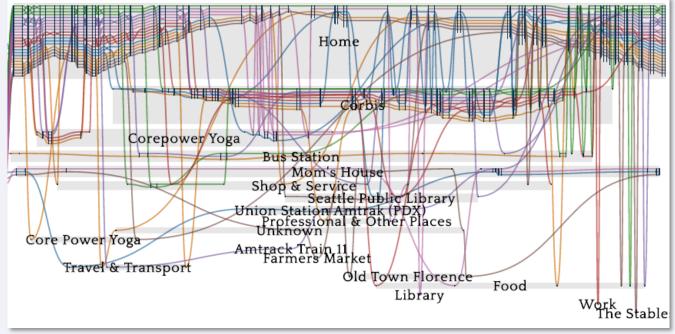
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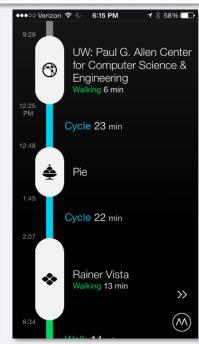
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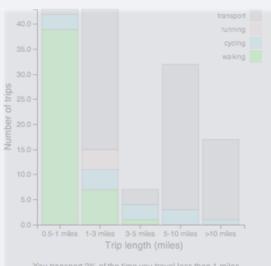


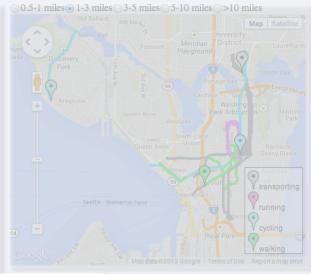


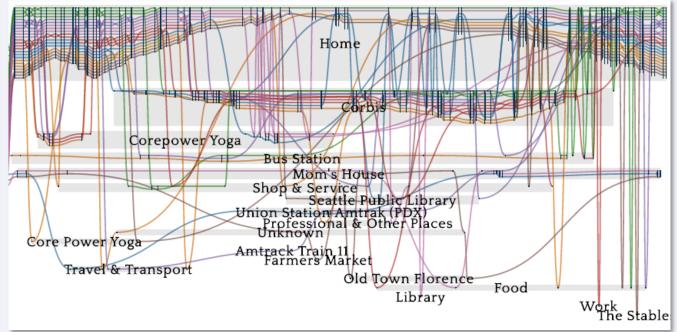


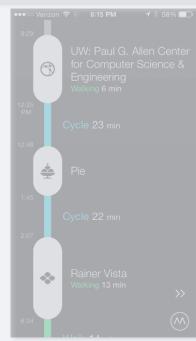
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(partial) field evaluation of cuts and visualizations

Recruited 14 participants from the Pacific Northwest

- 10 F, 4 M
- Average age 36.2, variety of occupations
- 7 daily self-trackers, 5 infrequent self-trackers, 2 never tracked

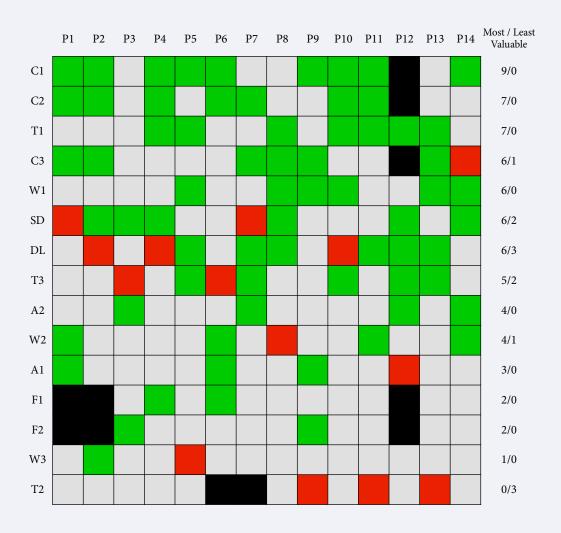
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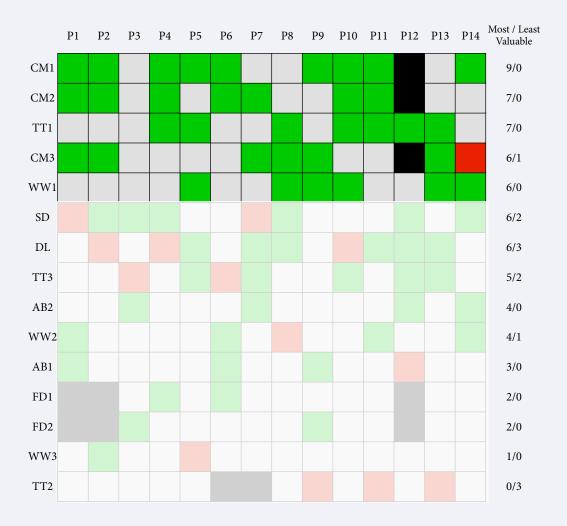
- Install and use *Moves* to record daily activity and transitions for a month, tag locations
- Three interviews: pre, two weeks weeks, after
- Review cuts and visualizations in final interview

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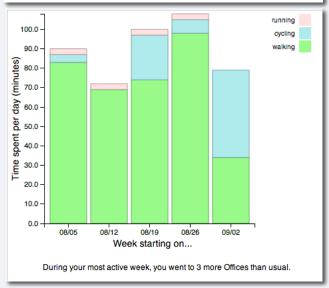
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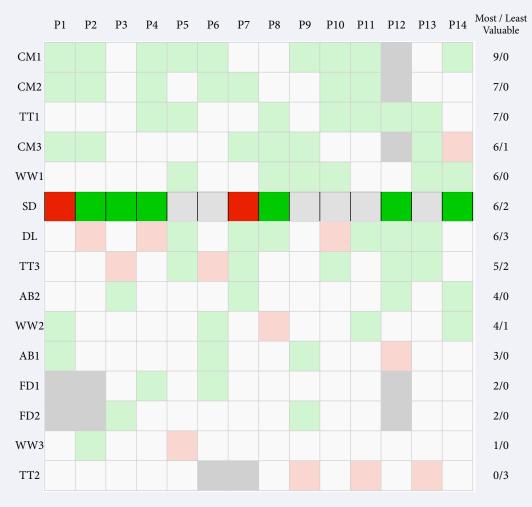
- Checking *Moves* 3.2 times/day (min: 1, max: 10, stdev: 2.8)
- Visiting 4.8 locations/day (min: 2.6, max: 6.1, stdev: 1)
- Tagging 38 district locations (min: 18, max: 63, stdev: 14.9), of which 9.6 were food places (min: 0, max: 20, stdev: 8.9)

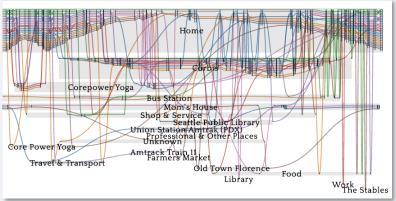




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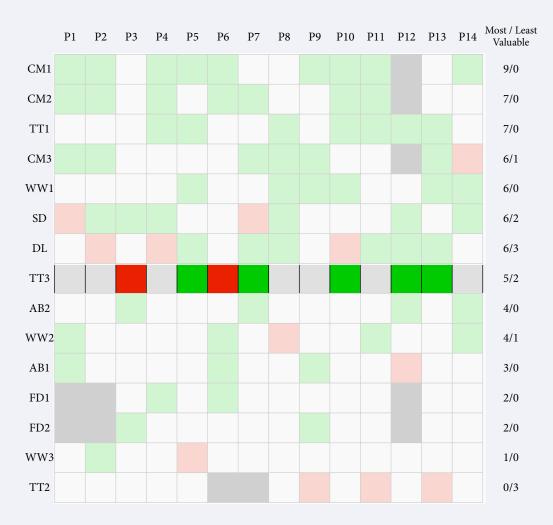


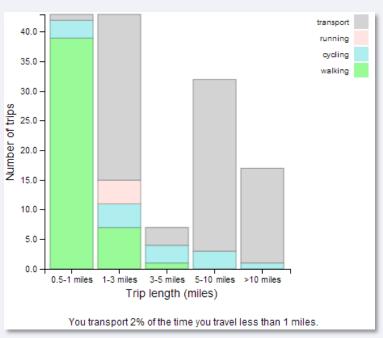




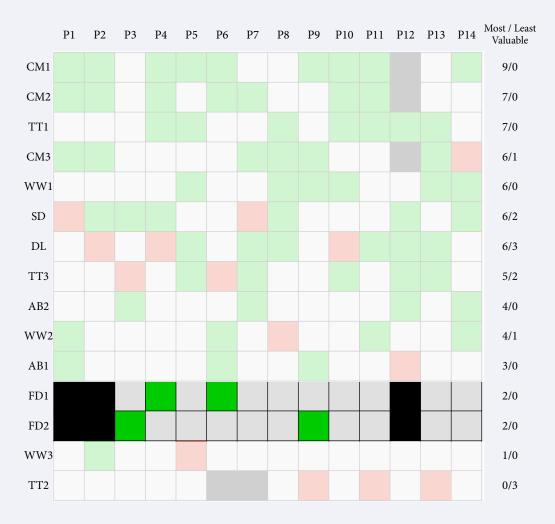
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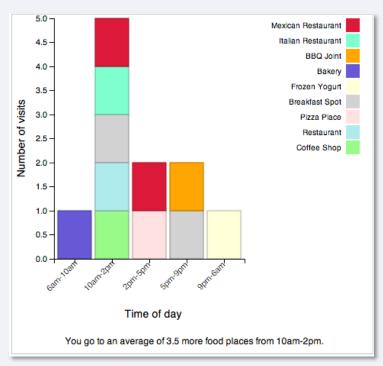
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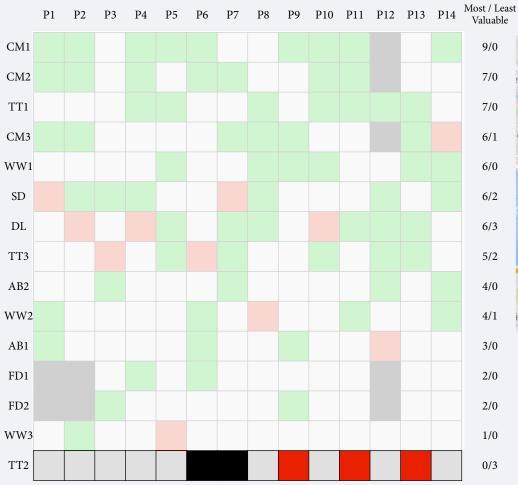
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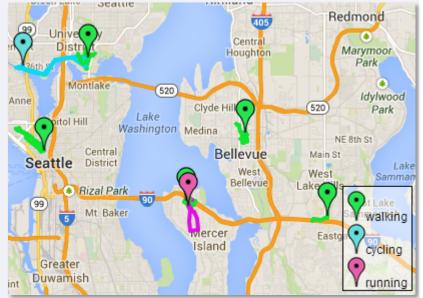




"I'm more interested in **what I'm eating** than where I'm eating."

"Some people have goals about **eating past 8pm** or things like that. Something like this could help me with that."





"So I guess I'm having a hard time understanding this view... I'm not sure what I would use it for."

did cuts help people identify opportunities for change?

"Maybe on average on Tuesdays I don't cycle much. Maybe there was a day that I did. To be able to **think about why that** was so I could maybe think about how to change what I was doing."

"If I notice that I'm most active on Tuesdays, then obviously there's something about Tuesdays that I should start doing on other days. That's actionable data."

encouraging, but with limitations

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 - Consistent weather
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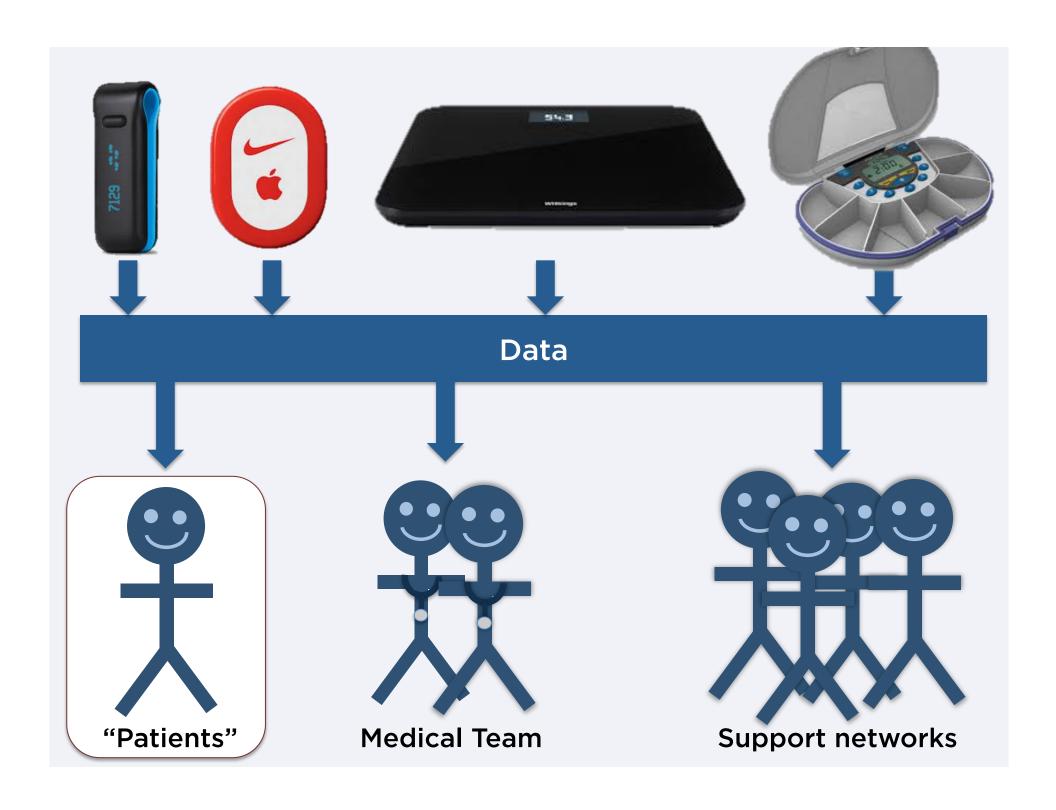
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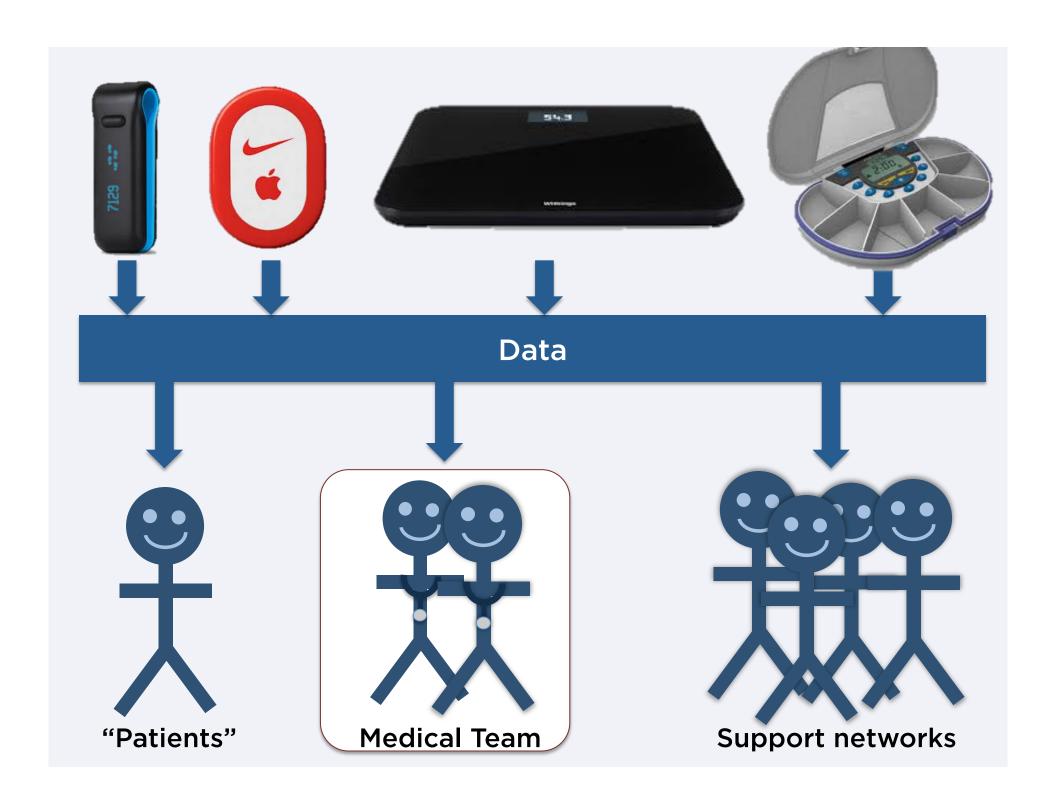
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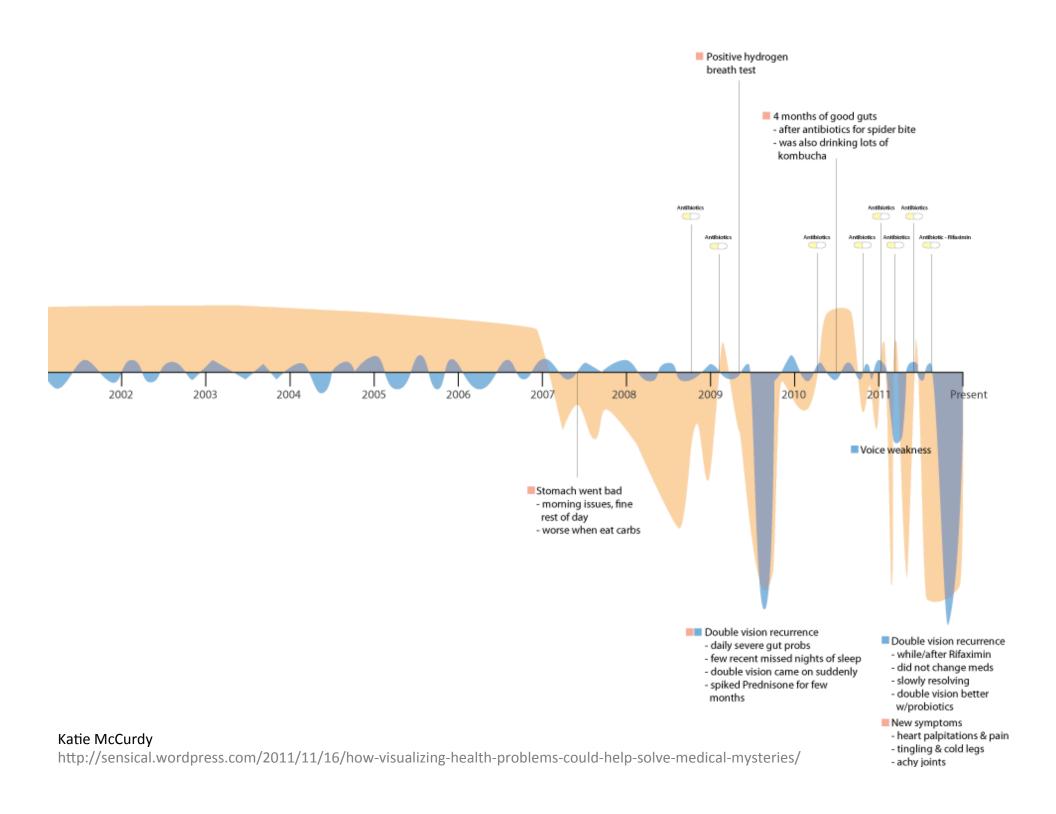
- Longer term field deployment
- Developing techniques to:
 - Automatically present actionable recommendations
 - Predict progress toward goal achievement
 - Evaluate for other health concerns and other domains
- Evaluating the value of similar data to the medical team





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pilot study questions

- What do providers want from patient-collected data?
 - what do they want patients to track?
 - how do they want to review this data?
- What are provider concerns?
- What are the constraints for providers to integrate patient-collected data into their workflow?

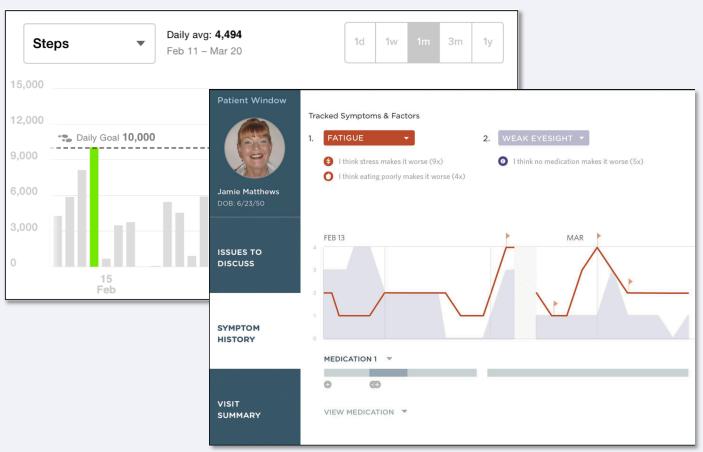
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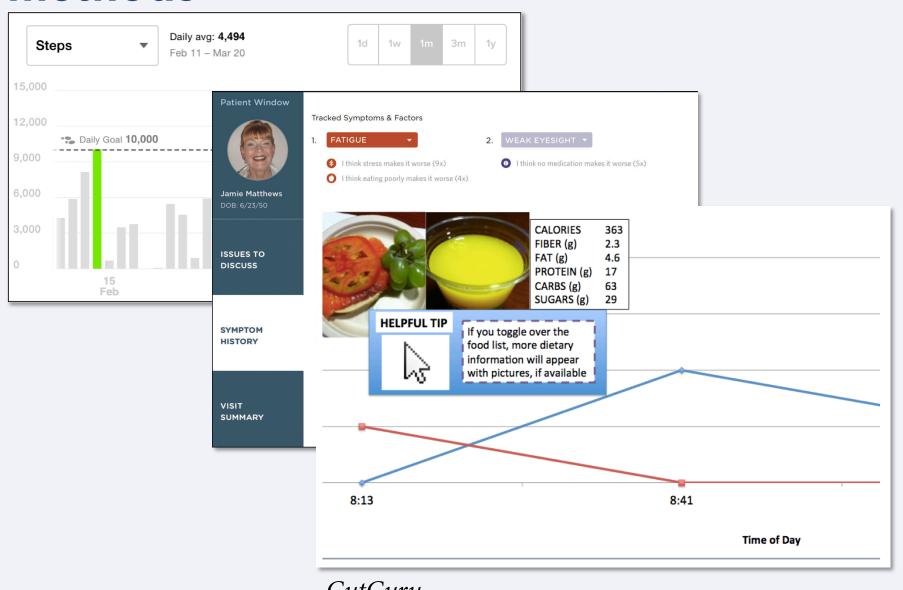
Affinity Diagram Analysis (2 passes on 6 interviews)



FitBit (what people bring in now)



HealthReport (masters project by Jonathan Cook, IXD)



GutGuru (IBS symptom tracker from Jasmine Zia)

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Participants

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P2	Dietitian	Northgate Clinic
Р3	Behavioral Psychologist	Northgate Clinic
P4	Nurse Practitioner	Northgate Clinic
P5	MD, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine	Northgate Clinic
P6	MD, Family Medicine, Reproduction Health	Northgate Clinic
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P7	MD Resident, Family Medicine	Northgate Clinic

preliminary results

Providers believe their review of data increases patient engagement in tracking and treatment

Increase patient accountability

Even if they just know someone is gonna look at it, I think they have a little bit more honesty. If they are doing it, they want someone to help them and cross-check.

P2

Increase patient motivation

I think it's a lot more helpful if you have someone to review it with. Because otherwise it might look like "Why am I doing this to myself?"

supports provider-patient relationship

Helps providers learn about patients

It can help me make more informed decision about their medicine and when I need to involve other members in my peer team.

P1

It tells me more about the patient. It tells me what the patient cares about or they wouldn't bother trying to use it.

Supports provider-patient relationship

Viewing data together helps with discussion

[If we have this data] they'll understand next time this (symptom) might happen and they'll be asking about that information to the doctor.

P6

If they don't know what the problem is, I at least have something to look at. I can identify where to ask questions around rather than having a million things but now knowing if any of them is relevant.

Supports patient sense of control and creates opportunities for coaching

Having that data feedback (from the app) can be therapeutic to treat them. Especially for chronic pain, depression, anxiety, poor sleep.

P1

Some data you collected for the purpose of teaching the patients. It's part of the interaction, not the data just recorded.

... but

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• Physicians don't get paid for reviewing patient data So the incentive sometimes has a perverse, mixed message "Collect the data but you don't have time to review it." It's complicated.

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Correlations between factors and trends are important

As a dietitian, I like to have this information overlapping with stress and gut symptoms.

P2

If you present a specific trend of data, sometimes it's a more organized way to present the data, and easier to comprehend.

interface points unclear (to EMR or not to EMR?)

(If it's linked with the EMR), it could (increase my preference to review the data). I could look at it before or in-between visits.

P2

It would be fine if they use their own app. But if it could be somehow incorporated into EMR, it would be helpful between visits.

P4

Concerns about patient burden or reliability

Tracking can be too much work for patients

I think the limitation is when patients don't comply with it. It may be they forgot, it's too time-consuming, or maybe they don't have a good means of doing it or reminders for them to do that.

P5

Patients don't track correctly, making the data less valuable

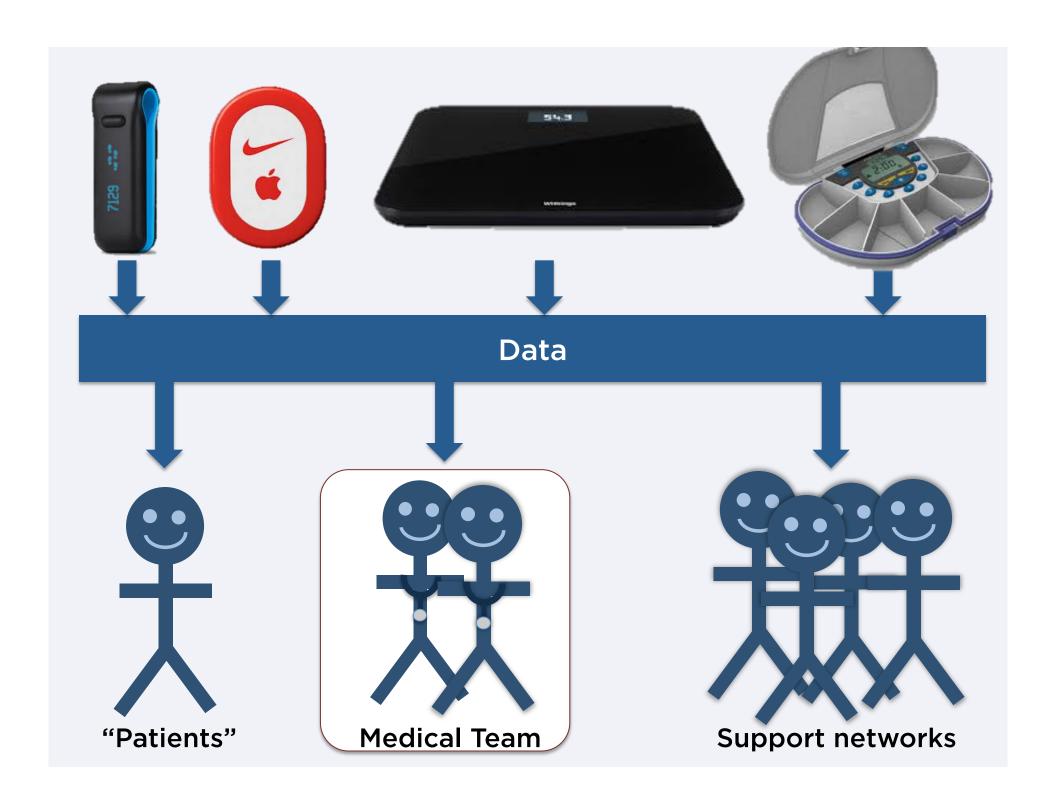
They might also do it at the end of day, rather then just by meal or by time. They don't remember anything.

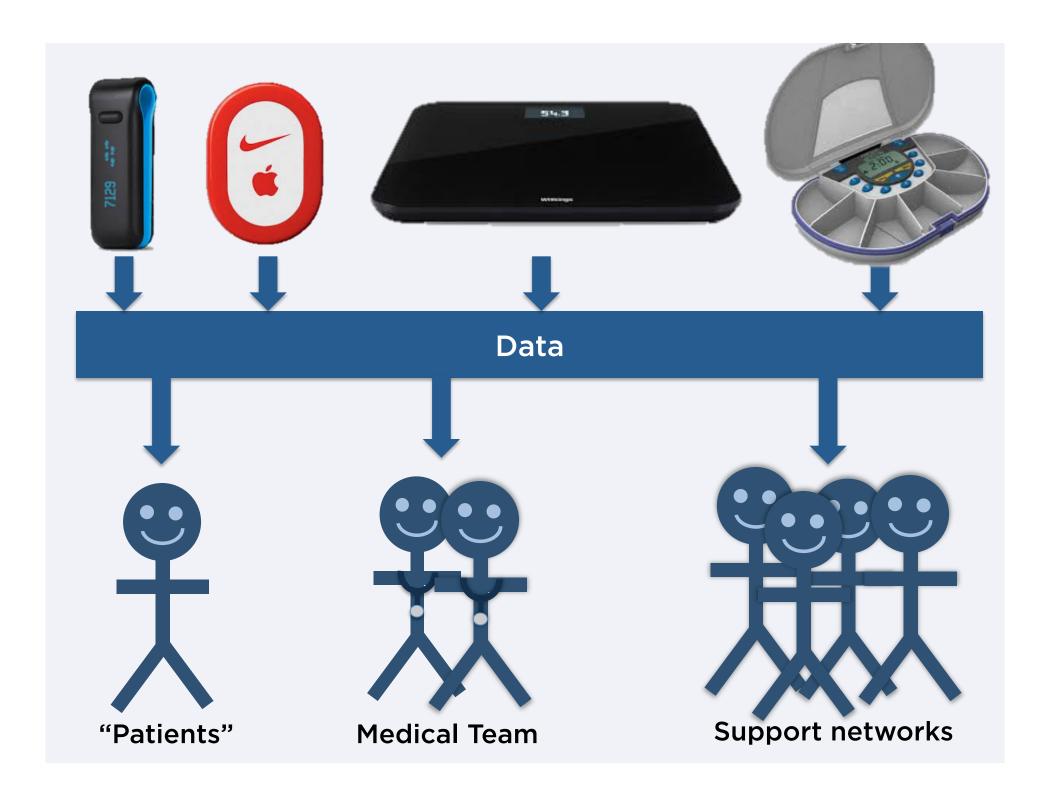
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where we're going with this

Specific investigations around overweight/obesity, IBS, and (possibly) medication adherence, including:

- Observations of current interactions
- Designing tools for sharing data with the medical team and interfaces for review of data, in and out of patient visits
- (eventually) field evaluations







- Progress in tools for *getting value* from this data has not kept pace.
 - Cuts may help people interrogate their data for actionable information.
 - There's likely value in connecting this data to the medical team, but we don't really know how (yet).

thanks!

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