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Role of Blockchain in Precision Medicine: Challenges, Opportunities, and Solutions

Focus Points-Agenda



Global Healthcare Crisis

Chronic Diseases



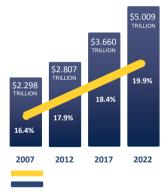
Aging Population



- 40 of the 56 million annual deaths globally occur from preventable chronic conditions such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, and chronic respiratory conditions
- 80% of all heart disease, diabetes, and stroke and 40% of cancers can be prevented by optimizing risk factors including obesity, hypertension, sedentary activities, poor nutrition, tobacco, and alcohol use

- Global aging and an expanding middle class are a major contributor to the chronic disease epidemic
- 10,000 Americans turning 65 everyday
- 80% of Medicare costs are accounted for 20% of the patients, who are elderly, with multiple comorbidities such as diabetes, COPD, or congestive heart failure

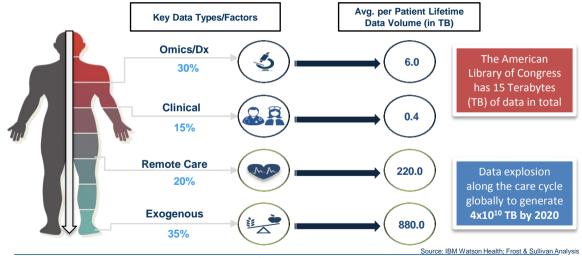
US Healthcare Costs*



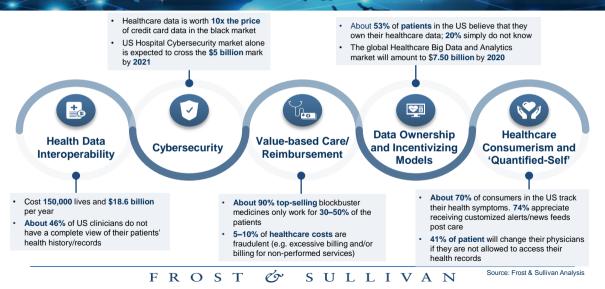
*CMS--National Health Expenditure Projections 2012-2022 / Lancet Global Burden of Disease 2015 / World Health Organization / CDC

Precision Medicine–A Major Big Data Challenge

Precision Health will see a \$140+ billion market opportunity by 2025



Precision Medicine–Inherent Challenges





Role of Blockchain in Precision Medicine Practice

What is Blockchain?

There are many definitions, with the evolving application potential of blockchain technologies



Despite all the hype, for many people (across different industries), the blockchain concept still seems difficult to grasp, which makes it one of the most misunderstood technologies of 2017.

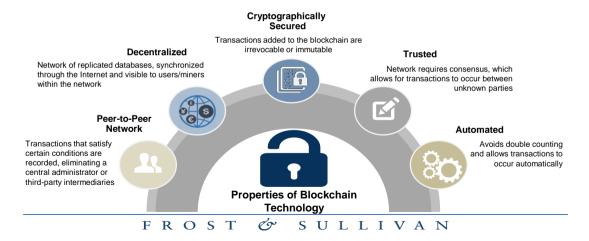
Frost & Sullivan's Definition:

A blockchain is a new data structure that creates trusted, **distributed digital ledgers** for assets and other data. It is an **immutable** and **time stamped** record of digital events shared **peer to peer** between different parties. It can only be updated by **consensus of a majority** of the participants in the system and, once entered, information is very **hard to erase**.



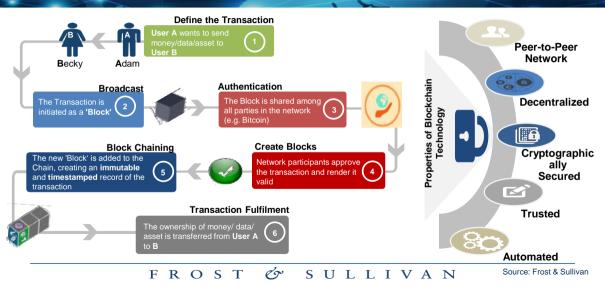
Blockchain–Foundational Properties and Differential Value Propositions

Blockchain is a type of distributed/decentralized ledger/database used to record digital transactions.



How Blockchain Works

Understanding its core properties and differential value propositions



6 Big Themes in Healthcare Industry and Role of Blockchain Technology

Is Blockchain the Missing Puzzle in the Healthcare Industry's Digital Transformation Journey?



Blockchain Timeline for Healthcare Use Cases– Differentiating Hype from Reality





Blockchain Implementation Challenges in Healthcare



- Nascent technology–Healthcare industry inertia
- Standardization-Healthcare terminologies/codes; semantic integrity
- Scalability challenges–Technology/Economic
- Threat of substitute–Emerging DLTs (IOTA, Graph DB)
- · Connected-only mode-Requires network/Offline use cases?
- · Negative news-Bitcoin as ransom money

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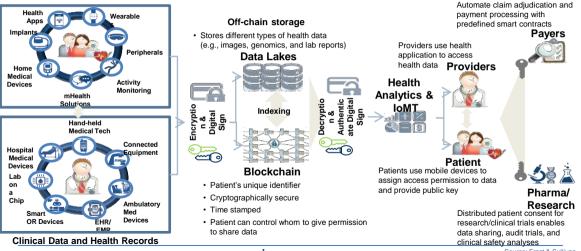
Source: Frost & Sullivan Analysis

Blockchain-based Solutions for Major Precision Medicine Stakeholders

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Payers/Insurance																				
Pharma & Academic Research																				
MedTech																				
HIT/Vendor Partner																				
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Future Prospective–Role of Blockchain in a Connected **Health Ecosystem**

Patient Generated Data



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