The Rakai Health Sciences Program (RHSP): Developing *a Data Warehouse*





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The Rakai Health Sciences Program (RHSP)



- The RHSP is currently one of the largest and oldest community-based non-profit research endeavors on HIV/AIDS, associated infections and reproductive health, in Africa.
- The program is currently conducting HIV prevention studies, basic and clinical laboratory research, and operations research/evaluation to develop improved strategies of service delivery in southern Uganda.





Rakai Region, Uganda



• Agrarian, trading, and fishing communities.



Why Rakai?



• D Serwadda, N Sewankambo, et al identified "slim disease" in Rakai in 1982.



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"A new disease has recently been recognized in rural Uganda."



The Rakai Community Cohort Study (RCCS)



 Open population-based household census and cohort survey of 40 communities ongoing since 1994 conducted by the RHSP

Household Census

- All household residents included irrespective of age
- <u>Data obtained:</u> residence status, births and deaths, family relationships, household assets/wealth, GPS coordinates for households and local built environment (e.g. schools, bars, hotels).

RCCS Cohort Survey

- Currently restricted to ages 15-49 years
- <u>Questionnaire</u>: Detailed demographic, sexual network and behaviors, health status, and health care utilization questions
- <u>Specimen collection</u>: Serum/plasma for HIV, STI, and other tests; buffy coat for human genetic testing









- Uganda, USA, International

immunology, microbiology, pathology

RHSP: A global collaboration





Interdisciplinary team of 340 researchers and support staff

RCCS Data

- Data collected thus far:
 - 18 completed survey/census rounds (19th ongoing)
 - ~22,000 study participants currently
 - ~80,000 total participants
 - >500K archived laboratory samples
- Historically, data for each survey round was stored in own separate FoxPro Database (hundreds of tables!)
- Data requests can be overwhelming
 - Assembling longitudinal data sets challenging!





Why the data warehouse?



• To consolidate the available cohort study data rounds into a single data repository.

Specific objectives:

- Enable RHSP researchers and statisticians correlate and analyze all study round data from one source for timely fulfillment of data requests.
- Develop a framework to perform this task repeatedly as additional survey, laboratory and clinical data is collected.
- Standardize data retrieval and ensure reproducible reports.
- Enforce data access controls to ensure data fidelity overtime.
- Proper documentation for easy variable definition and data auditing.

Conceptual Framework





Implementation(ETL)



 Organize FoxPro free tables into database containers for each round

 >Use FoxPro SEDNA upsizing wizard to load data into SQL staging tables within round specific databases

 > Freeze upsized FoxPro databases for consistence between FoxPro and SQL tables

 > Identify required domains (family, member, mobility, baseline, follow-up, partner, HIV, Viral load, CD4, Syphilis, BV)

 > Identify PII tables/columns for exclusion

 > Create data model for target tables

 > Create data mart tables (exclude PII)

 > Create staging tables once target data mart is loaded

 > Create views for routine or ad hoc queries and data visualization

Staging tables



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Data mart tables and Views





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Data Presentation



- Summarize and visualize large amounts of historical data
- Only reveal **aggregate distributions** to mitigate risk of misuse
- Allow users to filter and represent data in **dynamic/interactive** ways
- Generate new insights that can lead to research hypotheses
- Leverage tableau public platform to enable access to broader research community



Current Dashboard

- Displays Prevalence trends from Rounds 6-17
- Separates Agrarian & Trading communities from Fishing communities
- Mirrors eligibility criteria from Nov 2017 NEJM article

(https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NE JMoa1702150)

- Allows stratification by Sex, Age Group, Marital Status, and Occupation
- Currently adding Incidence, ART Coverage, and Male Circumcision Coverage
- Accessible for RHSP team via this link

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What Data Are Contained in This Tool?

The Rakai Community Cohort Study (RCCS), an open, population-based cohort of agrarian, trading, and fishing communities located in Rakai District, Uganda, provides insight into HIV disease burden, sexual behaviours, and treatment and prevention service coverage in sub-Saharan Africa. In the tool below, prevalence trends for HIV infection can be explored by demographic group(s) across survey rounds. The vertical lines displayed for each round represent 95% confidence intervals for HIV prevalence.

1) View by Demographic Group Select community Select primary demographic Select secondary demographic ✓ agrarian & trading None None √ fishing 45.0 2) Filter View Community Type 40.0 Sex (AII) 35.0 Marital Status (AII) 30.0 Age Group (%) 25.0 20.0 20.0 Occupation 15.0 10.0 5.0 0.0 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 Data Last Refreshed: 1/8/2019 8:57:18 PM Demographic(s) agrarian & trading, None, None fishing, None, None

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Results!



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HIV Prevention Efforts and Incidence of HIV in Uganda

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RHSP Data Mart Solution





Allows researchers / sponsors to have easy access to accurate data

 Consolidated Data Mart reduces time and overhead required to fulfill data requests

Researchers and statisticians can correlate and analyze all study results from a single source

Data Mart controls increase research validity

Develops a repeatable process framework to efficiently and consistently manage future data

• Data Mart provides for standardized integration of new data

RHSP Data Mart Solution





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Sample Query:

use RHSPDatamart

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from RHSPDatamart.dbo.Baseline1
where study_id<>''
group by Round
order by Round





- Moving towards more open information sharing with the wider community-allowing RHSP to be discovered through visual analytics and hopefully drive new collaborations and grants.
- Ready to harness new technologies to uncover meaningful insights in the data using predictive models, scenario analysis, and advanced analytics for timely and effective decision making.
- Legacy systems might have become outdated but setting up the infrastructure for modern systems requires high capital expenditure.

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