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Construction of national multicentre rare diseases registration system

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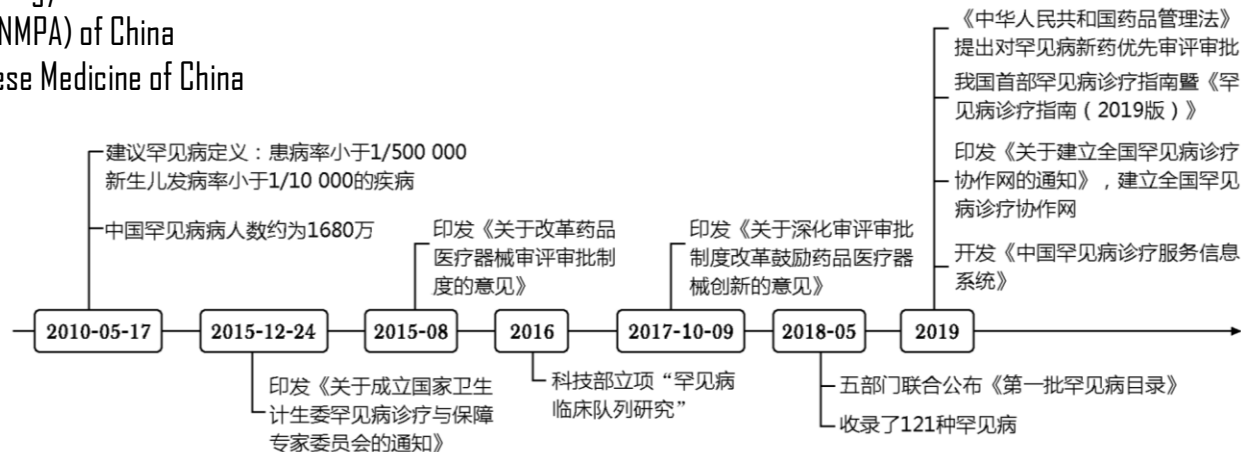
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Milestone event of rare disease development in China

- From 2010 to 2023
- National Health Commission of China
- State Council of China
- Ministry of Science and Technology of China
- Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China
- National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) of China
- National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of China
- 7 policy documents





Rare Disease Clinical Cohort Study

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Rare Disease Clinical Cohort Study

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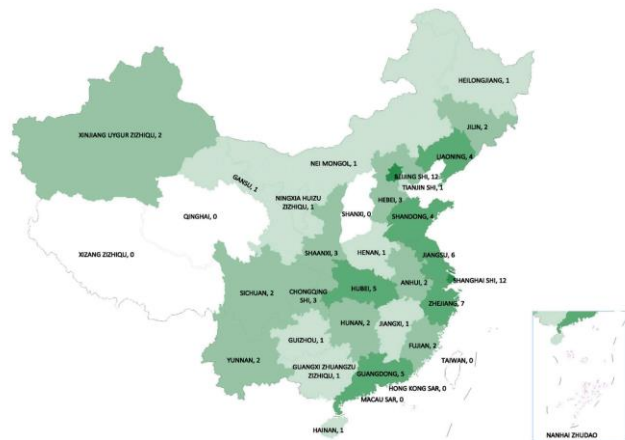
National Key Research and Development Program
'Key Special Project for Precision Medicine Research'

- In **2016**, China initiated the **first nationwide rare disease registration and enrollment study**
- Peking Union Medical College Hospital (**PUMCH**) led a consortium of **20 top-tier teaching hospitals** in China
- It was required to register and study **over 50** types of rare diseases, with at least **50,000** related cases, and establish multi-omics databases and multi-center clinical biobanks. This aimed to provide decision-making basis for precise classification, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of rare diseases.



National Rare Diseases Registry System of China (NRDRS)

NRDRS 中国国家罕见病注册系统
NATIONAL RARE DISEASES REGISTRY SYSTEM OF CHINA



- Functions: Registry + Statistics + Quality control
- 300+ Hospitals
- 200+ Diseases
- 60,000+ Registered Cases
- 1000+ Researchers
- RMB 50m Budget
- From 2017 to 2021

FIGURE 1 | The regional distribution map of registered hospitals from NRDRS (as of Mar. 24, 2021). (The National Rare Diseases Registry System of China, 2021).

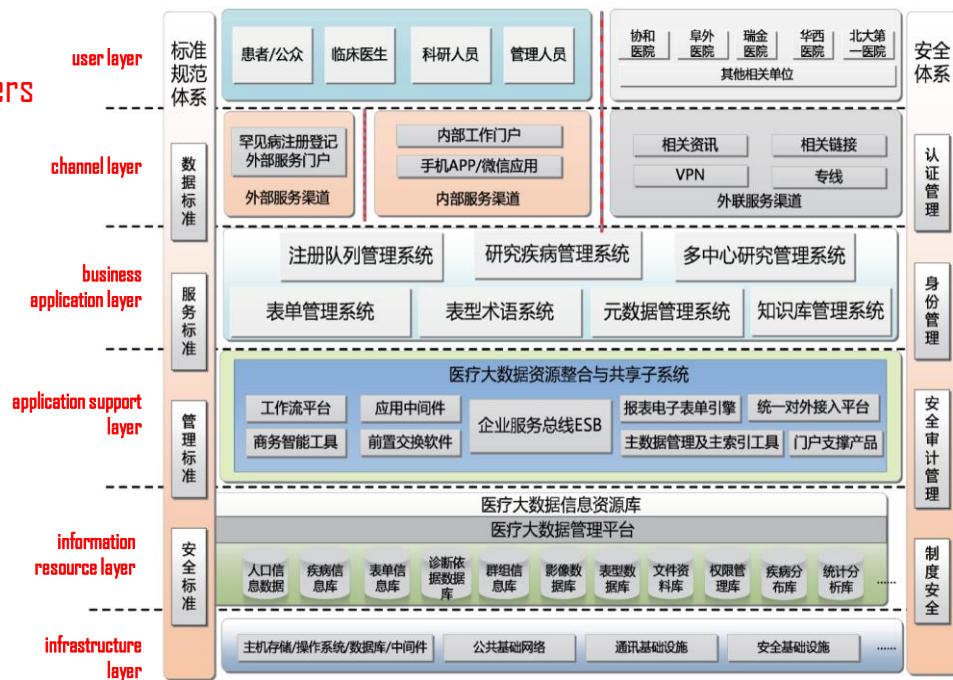
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Website Accessible from 2017



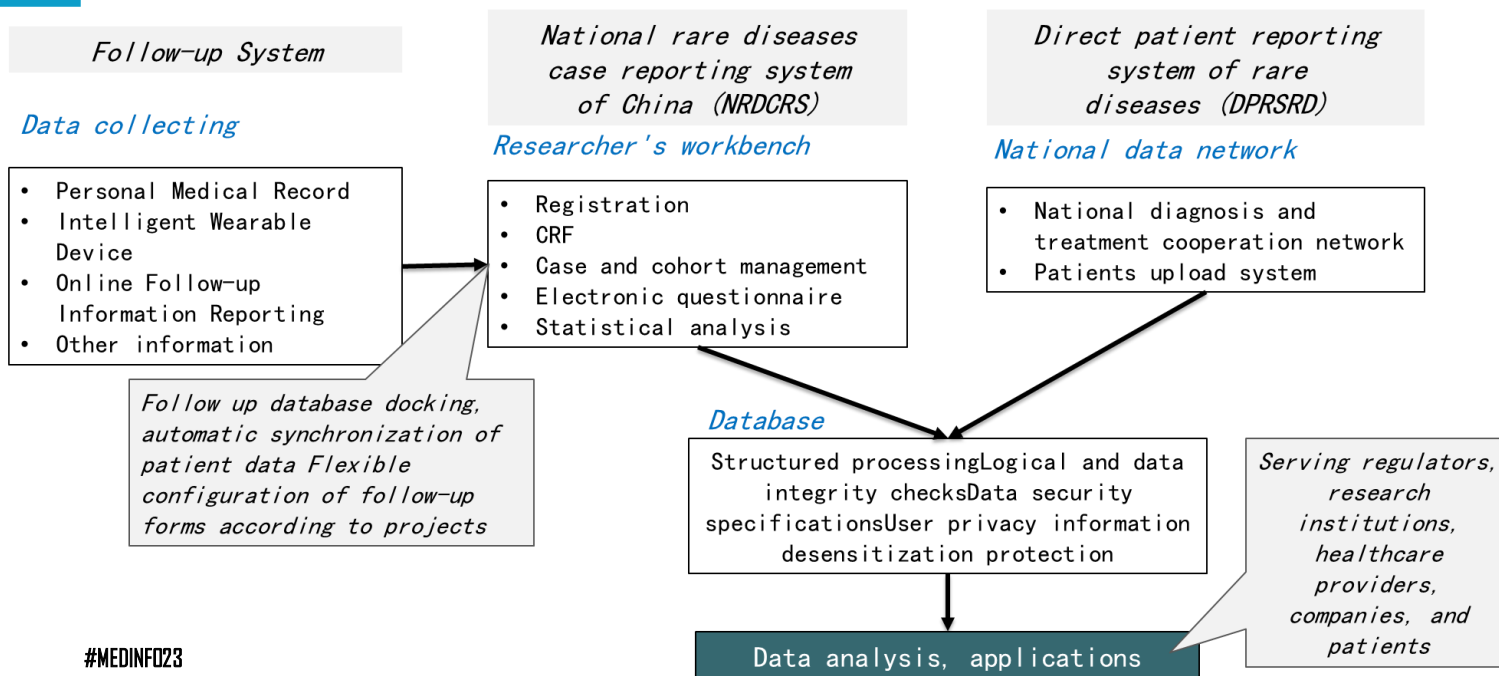
NRDRS architecture

- The overall architecture of the system is composed of **six layers** from top to bottom.
- establishes national rare diseases **clinical data** and **biological sample** database, gathers the advantages of Chinese rare diseases resources, gathers scattered patient and expert resources on one platform, forms an efficient diagnosis and treatment network for rare diseases, and makes in-depth research on disease characteristics and mechanism





Patient-centric data collection solution, one-stop solution for data management





The regional distribution map of registered patients from NRDRS

The largest knowledgebase for rare diseases in Chinese

序号	中文名称	英文名称
1	21-羟化酶缺乏症	21-Hydroxylase Deficiency
2	白化病	Albinism
3	Alport综合征	Alport Syndrome
4	肌萎缩侧索硬化	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
5	Angelman氏症候群 (天使综合征)	Angelman Syndrome
6	精氨酸酶缺乏症	Arginase Deficiency
7	热纳综合征 (窒息性胸腔失养症)	Asphyxiating Thoracic Dystrophy (Jeune Syndrome)
8	非典型溶血性尿毒症	Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
9	自身免疫性脑炎	Autoimmune Encephalitis
10	自身免疫性垂体炎	Autoimmune Hypophysitis
11	自身免疫性胰岛素受体病	Autoimmune Insulin Receptoropathy (Type B insulin resistance)
12	β -酮硫解酶缺乏症	Castleman Disease
13	生物素酶缺乏症	Biotinidase Deficiency
14	心脏离子通道病	Cardic Ion Channelopathies
15	原发性肉碱缺乏症	Carnitine Deficiency
16	Castleman病	Castleman Disease
17	腓骨肌萎缩症	Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
18	瓜氨酸血症	Citrullinemia
19	先天性肾上腺发育不良	Congenital Adrenal Hypoplasia
20	先天性高胰岛素素性低血糖血症	Congenital Hyperinsulinemic Hypoglycemia



FIGURE 2 | The regional distribution map of registered patients from NRDRS (as of Mar. 24, 2021). (The National Rare Diseases Registry System of China, 2021).



The differences between NRDRS, NRDCRS and DPRSRD

Differences	National rare diseases registry system of China (NRDRS)	National rare diseases case reporting system of China (NRDCRS)	Direct patient reporting system of rare diseases (DPRSRD)
System builder	Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH)	National Health Commission	China Alliance for Rare Diseases (CHARD)
Launch time	July 2017	November 2019	November 2019
Main purposes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Built for the “Rare disease Clinical Cohort Study” project. It is a registration platform for patients with rare diseases Provides the public with information to increase their knowledge of rare diseases and share some of the data on rare cases 	Provides medical staff with direct case histories on the reporting of rare diseases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provides rare disease patients and their families with a tool to report on rare diseases Supplements the NRDCRS to improve the data integrity of patients with rare diseases
Primary objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To establish unified technical standards and norms for the registration of rare diseases To form a national rare disease research cooperation network by combining top-level units To carry out the registration and research of rare diseases nationwide To promote the clinical diagnosis and treatment ability of rare diseases in China 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain epidemiological information on rare diseases and to assist in formulating a definition of rare diseases To establish a patient address book to facilitate a connection between diagnosis and treatment needs and clinical trials To support the establishment of a standard diagnosis process and the development of diagnosis and treatment guidelines, and clinical pathways To support the decision-making of the health commission and the medical insurance management department 	To collect comprehensive information on each rare disease patient

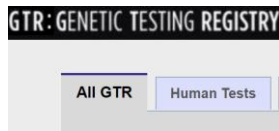


The national coordinating strategy for the management of rare diseases

Outcome	Improving the accessibility of health services for rare diseases									
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Process	Multicenter research groups	Rare diseases epidemiology		Medical professional training		Patients referral and hierarchical medical system			Expert consensus on HTA of OMP	
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Structure	Informatics infrastructure NRDRS NRDCRS Knowledgebase construction Patient privacy protection Links to international terms		Other rare disease information system (e.g. DPRSRD)	Government-led Scientific research projects Policy making (e.g. NNRD)		Direct reporting of rare diseases	Multi-stakeholder involvement Government Hospitals Research institutions Patients Medical industries			



Introducing leading international data technology to support the development of rare disease disciplines in China





NRDRS provides strong data support for rare disease research in China

- **Rapid Development of Rare Diseases empowered by IT infrastructure Improvement in China**
- **National databases**
- **www.nrdrs.org.cn**

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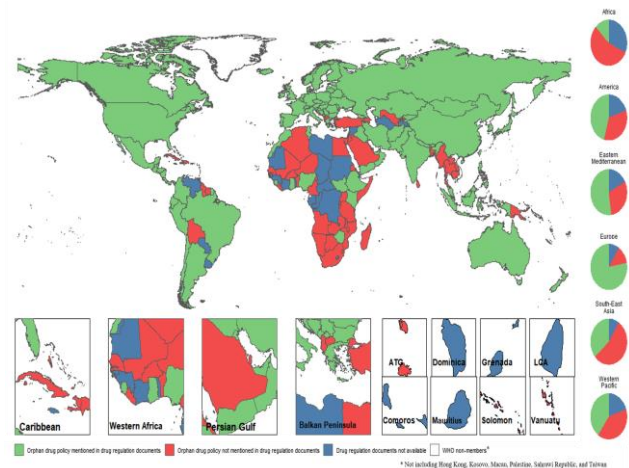
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Effort from the Global Alliance to improve patient care for rare diseases patients

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- International Terminology for Statistics (ICD-11/ORDO) and for Care and Research (SNOMED CT/HPO)
- Higher requirements for Data Infrastructure because of the integration of genomics data



The state continues to invest in NRDRS from 2022 to 2026

Large-scale sample registration, management, prediction and decision support platform for rare diseases and construction of hierarchical diagnosis and treatment and remote MDT

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“14th Five-Year Plan” National Key Research and Development Program

- One collaborative network, N disease cohorts
- One intelligent MDT platform
- A number of core technologies to tackle, two national distribution mapping
- Two evaluation systems, three application systems



Summary of construction of national multicentre rare diseases registration system

- Comprehensive analysis of resource advantages, accurate selection of entry angle
- Deep understanding of national development needs and integrated planning to solve urgent problems
- Fully respect the authority of data, win-win cooperation to promote the development of the discipline
- Benchmarking with international technical standards and norms, forming international leading academic results





Insights from the perspective of medical informatics regarding NRDRS

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NATIONAL RARE DISEASES REGISTRY SYSTEM OF CHINA



- Data Collection and Integration
- Rare Disease Diagnosis Support
- Disease Monitoring and Epidemiological Research
- Patient Management and Resource Integration
- Facilitating Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing