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France-India: a technological collaboration to secure access to health data for research and healthcare purposes

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At the [AI Impact Summit 2026](#) in New Delhi, the French [Health Data Hub](#) and the Indian Council of Medical Research ([ICMR](#)) announced the launch of a strategic collaboration to test the DEPA architecture, an innovative system designed to facilitate medical research of public interest between France and India, involving health data from both countries in a secure and ethical framework.

Global partnership for health research

In an international context marked by growing concerns about the protection of sensitive data, India has established itself as a leading player in the development of digital commons. The DEPA (Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture) framework regulates access to and use of data while ensuring its confidentiality and traceability.

As part of this strategic collaboration for France, the Health Data Hub acts as a trusted third party. It provides certified, highly secure technological architecture for hosting research projects, ensuring that all access to data is strictly regulated, transparent, and limited to purposes of public interest.

In practical terms, Indian health datasets will use the DEPA architecture to be hosted securely within the Health Data Hub alongside French data, enabling AI research using both Indian and French health data.

First use case in cardiology

An initial pilot project is already under consideration in the field of cardiology, in partnership with the Indian hospital network Narayana Health and the French registry e-Must, supported by ARS Île-de-France and GCS Sesan, integrated into the PDS partner database warehouse. This project focuses on comparing the characteristics of myocardial infarctions and using artificial intelligence models to describe care pathways and risk factors associated with myocardial infarctions. The aim of the project is to identify epidemiological differences and improve prevention strategies in both countries.

Developing a progressive and rigorous approach

This collaboration, which has received support from PariSanté Campus and the INRIA Foundation, is based on a rigorous selection of use cases, evaluated according to strict criteria of security, scientific relevance, and added value for Franco-Indian public health. By experimenting with the DEPA architecture, the Health Data Hub and its partners aim to contribute to the emergence of new forms of international cooperation in health research, reconciling innovation, sovereignty, and data

protection.

ABOUT THE HEALTH DATA HUB



The French Health Data Hub (HDH) is a public interest group created by law on July 24, 2019, relating to the organization and transformation of the healthcare system. It brings together 56 stakeholders from the public sector (the government, representatives from research and education, health insurance funds and organizations, healthcare institutions and professionals, public agencies) as well as representatives from industry, France Assos Santé, etc. It implements the major strategic guidelines relating to the National Health Data System set by the French government, in particular the French Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare. This service is intended for the healthcare ecosystem, data holders, public interest research project leaders, and civil society. In this sense, the HDH promotes innovation in healthcare and the accessibility of data and knowledge through, among other things, unifying events such as data challenges and calls for projects.

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