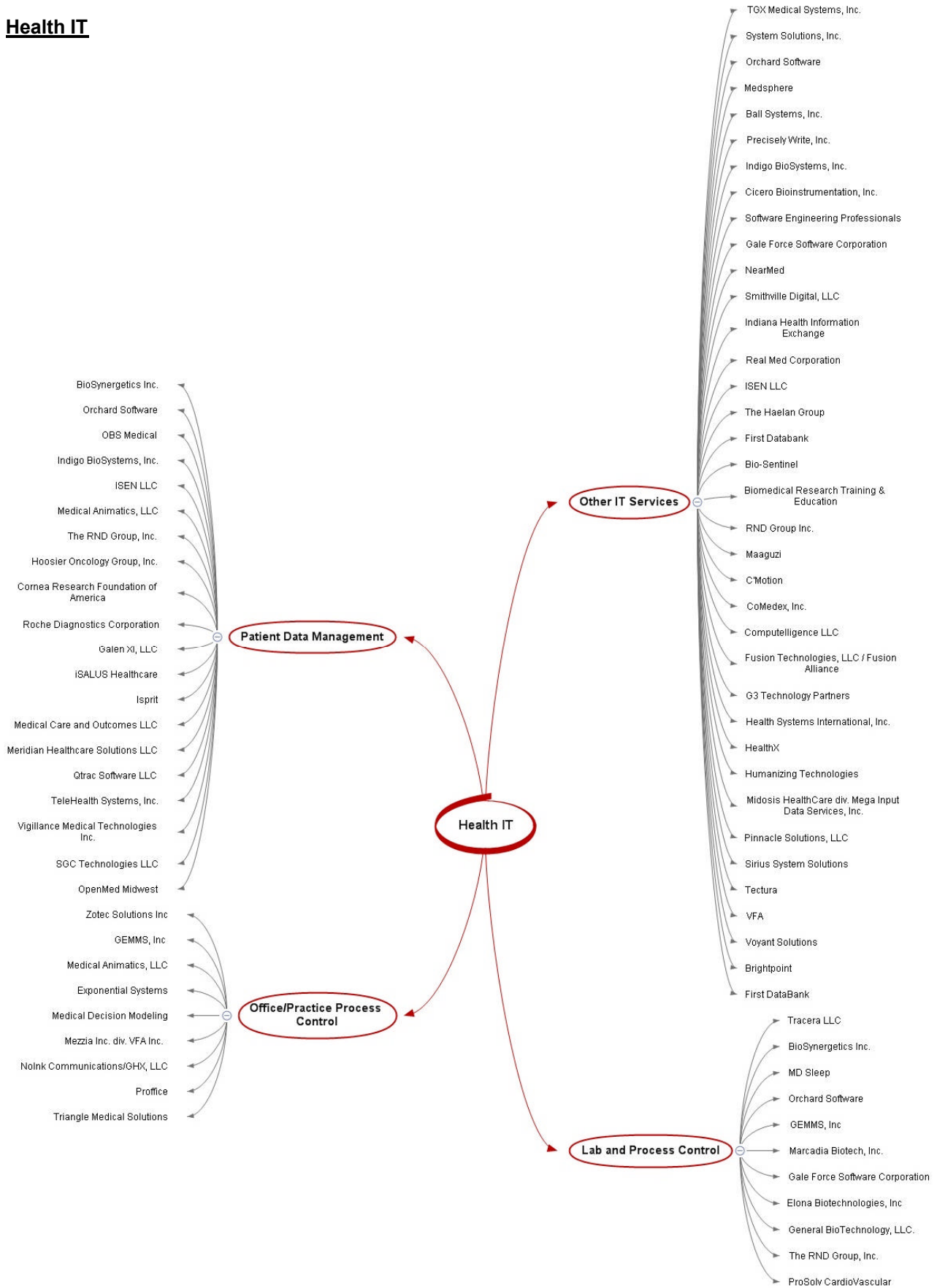


venture, seed and angel funds, which are essential to entrepreneurial, start-up companies. The number of venture funds serving the area has increased dramatically in the past few years. There is a continuing need for angel investors and seed funds for early-state companies.

Health IT



The Health IT branch of the asset map represents those companies that provide information technology solutions specific to life science applications. These applications may include patient data management, lab or process control, medical practice management or other types of data management tools.

The Health IT cluster is very strong in central Indiana, with companies spread across all categories of the branch. The influence of the Regenstrief Institute has encouraged cutting-edge applications and research in patient data management. Indiana's strong manufacturing sector has encouraged development of software applications in lab and process control. Because Central Indiana is a patient care hub for the state, the need for medical practice management systems has driven development of advanced technologies.

Government/Public Support



This branch of the asset map includes those government and non-profit entities that support the development of the life science industry, locally and state-wide.

Regulatory and Clinical Consulting





These branches include entities in two distinct areas of life science regulation. Regulatory and clinical consulting firms assist companies through the rigorous process of obtaining needed certifications and licenses to produce life science products or provide services. There is regional expertise in areas such as FDA compliance and regulation, clinical research and commissioning.

Clinical trials are essential to the process of bringing a new drug to market. Trials are done in successive phases, from preclinical to Phase IV. Clinical trials are funded by both the federal government and private industry. Physicians and nurses are paid to administer clinical trials. Patients in clinical trials often receive free medical care. In some instances, patients are paid a small fee for participation. This branch of the map demonstrates the clinical trials conducted by focus area in the region as of Spring, 2008.