

### THE ONCE AND FUTURE EMR

This session will explore: 1) the history of electronic medical records --when and where they started, what the various visions for them were and how they evolved; 2) the current generation of electronic medical records and what led to their widespread use around the Western world; 3) the future of electronic medical records, the main drivers of change and how physicians can help drive that future.

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An illustration of a person with long, curly brown hair, seen from behind, looking out a window. The window shows a green building with a white window frame. The scene is framed by a white border with a small grey tab at the top center. The background features a light blue and white floral pattern.

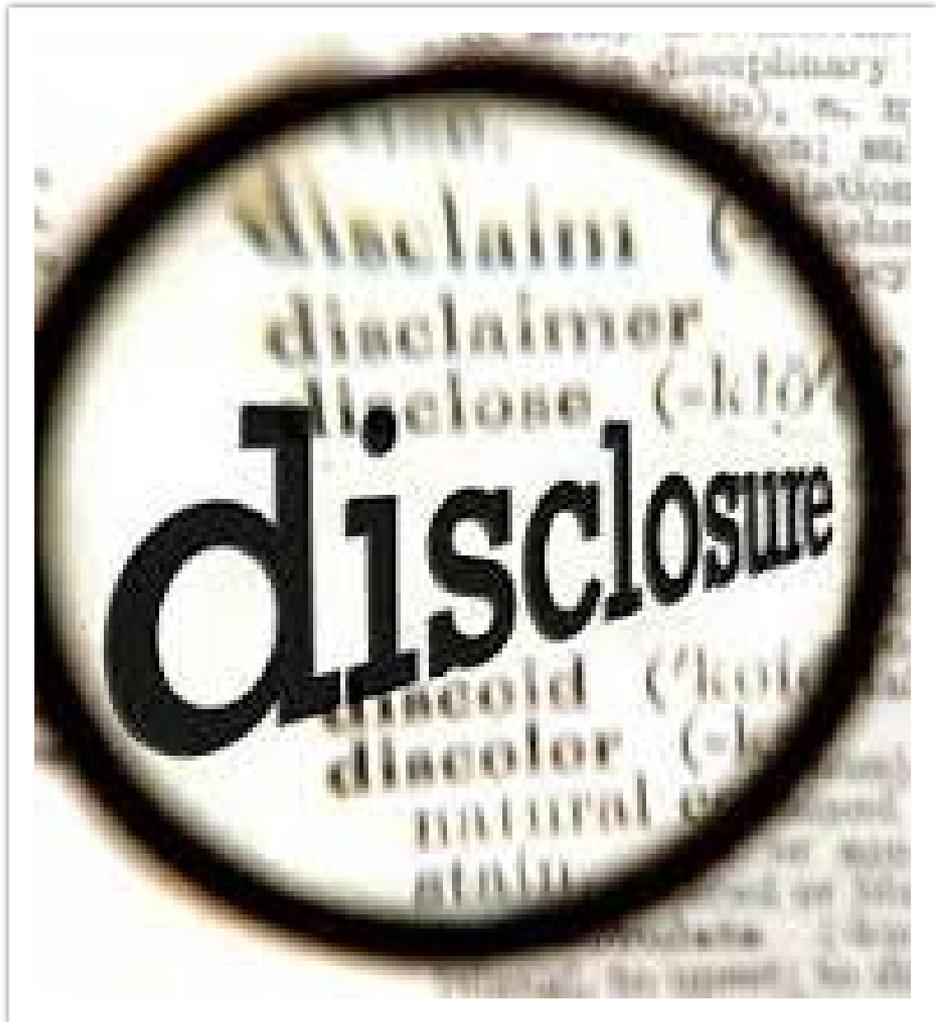
# THE ONCE AND FUTURE EMR

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# Outline

- The Past
- The Present
- The Future
- Next Steps



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## *Learning Objectives*





EMRS PAST



In the beginning

- First introduced at the Regenstreif Institute in the US in 1972
  - The Vision: Improve patient safety through clinical decision support
  - Prevent doctors from harming patients by prescribing medications that may be harmful to a patient
    - E.g., digoxin to a patient with hyperkalemia (at that time, an important issue!)
- Relatively poor uptake
- “Alert fatigue” first described
- Billing systems introduced at this time

- EMRs have been around for a few decades
- Started out in Europe as stand-alone systems ('80s-'90s)
  - Gained widespread use because of subsidies
  - Lower cost of adoption because of small practices with single exam room
  - Subsidies came from sale of data to pharmaceutical companies
  - Data quality was important for pharma, so European systems have had higher quality data for a long time
  - The Read Codes were developed in the UK to standardize diagnosis information (doctors hate it, but forced to use it)

## EMRs –EUROPE



# EMRs –PAST –US



- Started out in the US in the '80s and '90s as integrated systems for large clinics (100-150 physicians)
  - Main driver was paper reduction
  - In large clinics, it costs a lot to manage paper
    - Pulling and filing charts for patient care, managing referrals, filing lab results
  - Charts are lost 11% of the time
  - No need for standardization of data –everyone just dictated their notes –no interruption of physician practice.
  - They learned a lot about implementation and integration of EMRs
    - Lots of failures along the way

# EMRs –Canada



- Main driver for uptake:
- Large clinics (25-100 physicians)
- Paper management was becoming a problem
- No need for good data –just dictate notes and put them in
- Paper was the paradigm to emulate
- No thought for reports or analytics

# Example of 1980's EMR



# Text-based EMRs

Dr-InBasect 01

Logout (1) Normal (1) Sign Off (1) Pending (2) Lab (30) Assisted (1) Change Dr

(049950) C Dr's Desktop - fred 17Aug01

Efile Actions Tools Help

MEDACT - MEDICATIONS - ACTIVE

Active Medications	Medication	CA Issued	Dose	Fq	Rf	Expires	Dr
FERROUS GLUCONATE	TAB 300 MG	A	16Aug01	1	1	24Nov01	01
URSOTEC TAB 5MG	TAB 5 MG	C	16Aug01	1	1	04Mar02	01
VENTOLIN INHALER - AEM IN MET 100	MCG	C	16Aug01	0	0	16Aug01	01

CLINICARE

(049950) PATTERSON VICTOR B AllID- LU 16Aug01  
 6420 LAW DRIVE S.W. Male (66) 17Jul35 Home:(416)123-4567  
 Oakville ON T2K 1X4 Ins: 5217 769 677 Work:(416)242-4715  
 Usual Dr: 01 SMITH ROBERT S RST:25Jan2000 CT:ARC MD:RA4 AD:60

MEDACT PATHND pl ph psh th sh Date Table

August 16, 2001 Progress Notes

SMITH ROBERT S (01)  
 SUBJECTIVE: Patient feeling listless. Also wants meds renewed.  
 OBJECTIVE: ...  
 ASSESSMENT: Needs some iron. Current meds working well, continue.

SMITH ROBERT S (01)  
 Rx:0000239 ----- Medication ----- CA Issued Dose Fq Rf Expires Dr  
 FERROUS GLUCONATE TAB 300 MG A 16Aug01 1 1 1 24Nov01 01  
 URSOTEC TAB 5MG TAB 5 MG C 16Aug01 1 1 1 04Mar02 01  
 VENTOLIN INHALER - AEM IN MET 100 MCG C 16Aug01 0 0 0 16Aug01 01

July 8, 2001 Progress Notes

SMITH ROBERT S (01)  
 SUBJECTIVE: sore throat; started 4 days ago, with head congestion  
 OBJECTIVE: pharynx pyperenic, with white exudate  
 ASSESSMENT: pharyngitis  
 PLAN: ampicillin

SMITH ROBERT S (01)  
 Rx:0000240 ----- Medication ----- CA Issued Dose Fq Rf Expires Dr  
 AMPICILLIN ; 500 MG CAP 500 MG A 08Jul01 1 4 0 18Jul01 01

March 15, 2001 Progress Notes

SMITH ROBERT S (01)  
 SUBJECTIVE: Review of CVS status and recent gallbladder trouble.  
 Denies all problems at this time.  
 OBJECTIVE: S1S2 normal. B/P = 128/82. P = 72 and regular. No edema, cyanosis or clubbing. Chest is a bit emphysematous but nothing new.  
 ASSESSMENT: CAD, COPD, cholelithiasis, all quiescent at this time.  
 PLAN: Continue meds and diet as before.

February 24, 2001 Progress Notes

SMITH ROBERT S (01)

pl - PROBLEM LIST

SMITH ROBERT S (01)

#1 |: Coronary Artery Disease  
 Diagnosed: 1986  
 Resolved:

#2 |: Hepatitis "B"  
 Diagnosed: 1995  
 Resolved: 1996 \*\*\*\*\* CARRIER \*\*\*\*\*

#3 |: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
 Diagnosed: 1996  
 Resolved: ongoing problem

#4 |: Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy  
 Diagnosed: Sep 2000  
 Resolved:

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Start Your ... CLIN... MR3... MR 21... 049... MR3... Dr-InBas... 4:33 PM

Active Medications	MEDACT	DR	Start	End	Q	BY	Expires	Dr
PERAZOLAM	TAB 200	MG	8/16/01	1	1	2/28/02	01	
OSVOTEC	TAB 500	MG	8/16/01	1	1	8/16/02	01	
VENTOLIN	DRAGLER - AER	DR	8/16/01	0	0	8/16/01	01	

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 6420 LAW DRIVE S.W. Male (66) 17Jul35 Home:(416)123-4567  
 Oakville ON L2M 1X4 Ins: 5217 769 677 Work:(416)242-4715  
 Usual Dr: 01 SMITH ROBERT S RST:25Jan2000 CT:ARC MD:04 AD:60



IND | pl | ph | psh | th | sh | Date Table

2001 Progress Notes

S (01)  
 E: Patient came in with acute epigastric and chest pain. feels like being stabbed in the "wishbone". Worse after at night and again today after lunch. No other episodes. No hip to activity or position.  
 E: Heart sounds were normal, no sign of failure, no edema, no rills. B/P = 140/90, P = 94, regular. Some tenderness in guarding, no rebound, no rigidity. No masses. No jaundice.  
 I: ? cholelithiasis, ? PUD, ? angina  
 I: CXR, KUB, U/S of gallbladder as well as some bloodwork. as given strict advice on diet and activity and what to do if ons do not relent while we are waiting for the results. I him when the results are available.  
 .....I reviewed patient's workup late in the afternoon of the that patient was in and it shows patient has gallstones. so appears to have a significant infection and he confirmed follow-up by telephone when he reported a fever.

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING REPORT (di)

S (01)  
 EXAMINATION: CXR, KUB, U/S of upper abdomen.  
 CXR unchanged from last report of 15/01/01.  
 KUB shows only some increased bowel gas accumulation, no other findings.  
 U/S of the abdomen showed multiple gallstones as well as of the wall of the gallbladder. Collecting ducts all appear free of obstruction.

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January 17, 2001 Progress Notes

SMITH ROBERT S (01)

SUBJECTIVE: Recheck of chest. States he feels fine now.

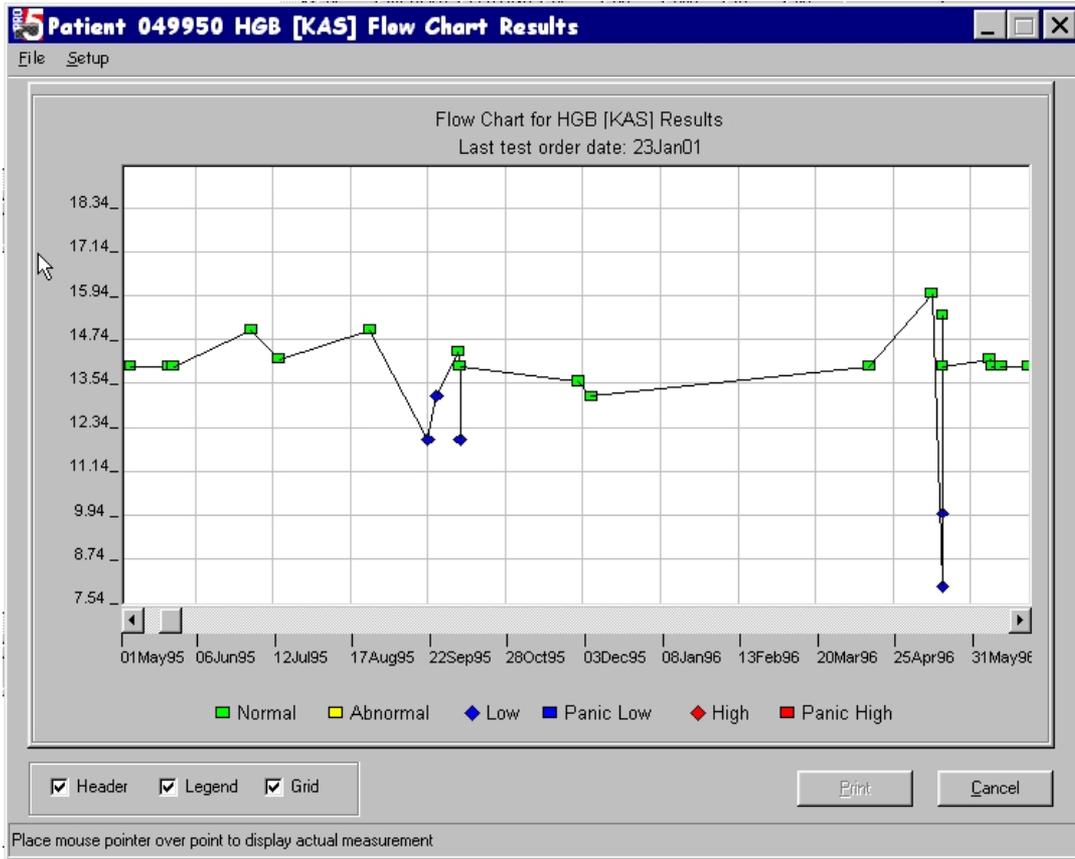
ALLERGIC

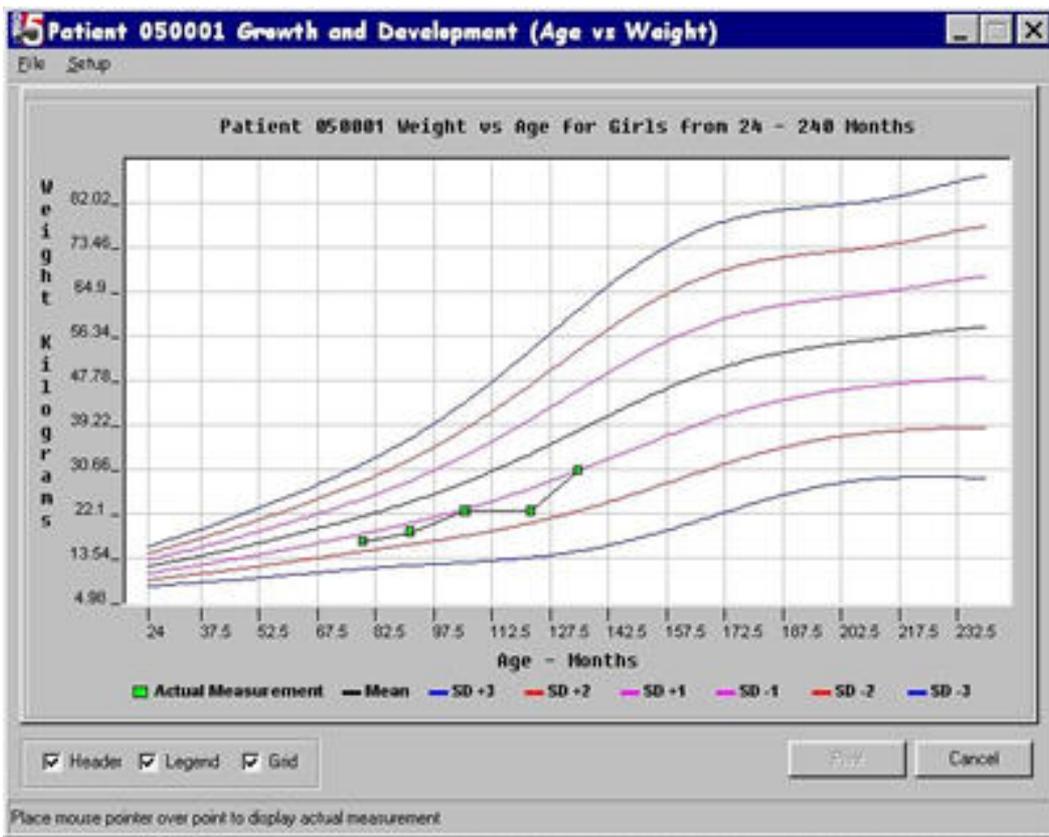
SMITH ROBERT S  
 [pollen]  
 [kieflex]  
 [ ]

PROBLEMS

SMITH ROBERT S  
 #1 ]: C  
 #2 ]: M  
 #3 ]: C

#4 ]: Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy  
 Resolved: ongoing problem  
 Diagnosed: Sep 2000  
 Resolved:





**MacIntosh, Kathleen**

age 39

#2417

320 Pinebush Road  
 Cambridge, Ontario N3C 2V3  
 888-1113 (H) 888-1111 (B)



Birthdate: Jan 14, 1959 Sex: F  
 Health #: ON 9876512345  
 Last Seen: Nov 18, 1998  
 MD: Schaefer, Jordan

H I S T O R Y	M HPT, died Breast CA 1981 M's & F's side DM	R X	Metastatic adenocarcinoma Unknown primary (? breast) Hypothyroidism Asthma
	Hypothyroidism P3G2 Appendectomy 1976 Cholecystectomy 1994 Coccygeal excision following minor injury 1980 T&A age 5		Palafer 1 OD Synthroid .15 mg OD Ventolin Inhaler PRN Amoxil (day 3 of 10)
A L L E R G Y	Duragesic -> Local skin irritation with excoriated rash. Dyazide -> rash	flusht (3) latest: Oct 27, 1997 Pneumovax Oct 15, 1998 Td Nov 11, 1998	MARRI E D M A R I E D
R E C O M M E N D S	Recommend Flu Shot Order Mammogram Needs Pap Smear	R I S K	Married Nonsmoker Social Drinker 1 Twin daughter died in MVA 1980

Nov 11, 1998

JJS

Immunized: Td  
lot #29384

Nov 12, 1998

B6/JJS

House Call

S: 1. No further vomiting since discharge from hospital but getting lower abd and back pains. VOM has suggested Duragesic patches as she is not getting adequate pain control w Dilaudid.

2. Fell in her bathroom, hurting her head. No LUC. Stitched in Emerg.

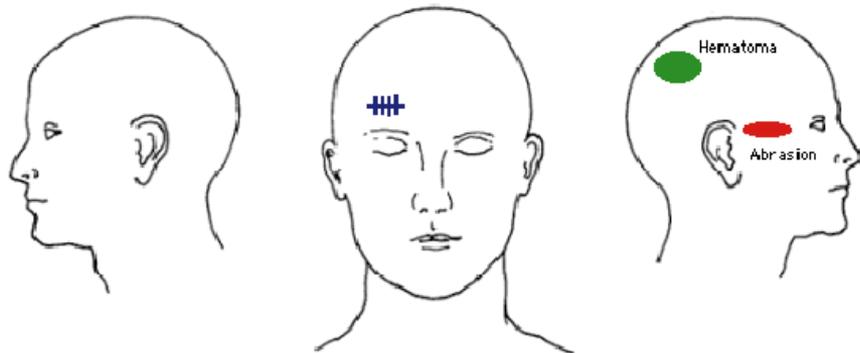
O: BP 130/80 R supine. Resting w legs elevated. Still has massive oedema of both lower limbs but tissues less tense. Abd soft w no localized tenderness. Pelvic exam not done but she opts to complain of perineal irritation and burning. Head injuries as diagrammed.

A: Metastatic adenocarcinoma. ? 1° breast. Perineal dermatitis. Minor head injuries.

P: Start Duragesic patches 25 µg 1-2 q/2h. Use Dilaudid prn only. Try compresses to perineal area. Due to go to Hamilton for chemo tomorrow. Stitches out in 5 days.

Nov 12, 1998

JJS



Nov 12, 1998

JJS

Start: Duragesic patches 25 µg 1-2 q72h IV: 25

Nov 18, 1998

JMK

Discontinue: Duragesic patches 25 µg 1-2 q72h

Partial Success: Good pain control

Local skin irritation with excoriated rash

Renewal: Amoxicil for 10 days



Patient Edward, 33-year-old (M, 40) | 000000000 | Alan Barton | 000000000 | 0000/00/00

File Edit Display Go To Tools Clinical Notes Help

Documents: Demographic Data, Summary, Medical notes, 000000000 - Alan Barton, Problems list, Investigations, Scanned documents, Forms

**CONTEXT**  
 Patient referred by: name: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIEF COMPLAINT**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 As reported by patient: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of visit: Initial evaluation Follow-up Consultation

**HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Symptom(s)

**PAST MEDICAL HISTORY**

**MEDICATION**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medication - Profile (current)

**SOCIAL HISTORY**

**FAMILY HISTORY**

2003/05/21 - - Dr François Martin

2003/05/21 12:38

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

- ALLERGY : none
  - Allergy - Profile

MEDICATION

- Medication - Profile (current)

**PRESCRIPTION**

- MEDICATION
  - Medication - Profile (current)
  - BIAXIN (Tabs 500MG)
    - Sig
    - dose: 1 tab(s)
    - freq: once daily bid tid qid HS every: 12 hr(s)
    - directions: PRN
    - duration: 10 day(s) end of medication: stopped
    - complex prescription
    - quantity: . tab(s) for: month(s)
    - renew: time(s) non renewable

Stapleton Diana, 37 years old (F), #783564 - Purkinje | Dossier

File Edit Display Go to Tools Help

PATIENT RECORD

- Demographic Data
- Alerts
- Summary
  - Allergies
  - Immunizations
  - Medications
  - Past Medical History
  - Family History
  - Obstetrical History
  - Diseases
  - Procedures
  - Orders
  - Results Table**
  - Monitoring Tables
- Episodes
- Problems
- Notes
- Exam Reports
- Scanned Documents
- Other Documents

Results Table

Element	Site	11/9/2003 9:00 AM	12/9/2003 9:00 AM	2/2
BIOCHEMIST...				
blood				
glucose ...		5.2 mmol/L		
HEMATOLOGY				
general h...				
glycosyl...			5%	5.2%
coagulation				
internati...			2.4	

Logician - Lynn J. Marks LPN @ Southside Clinic (LOCAL) - 2/2/99 11:22 AM - [Chart]

Go Actions Options Help

Desktop Chart Apts Reg Reports LinkLogic New View Print Help EXIT

**Judy S. Pullman** Home: 503-299-7222 Work: 503-531-7036  
39 Year Old Female (DOB: 06/29/1959) Patient ID: 121-TEST011 Insurance: CHC (Gold Plan) Group: CHC3497

Find Pt. Protocols Graph Handouts Probs Meds Refills Allergies Directives Flowsheet Orders End Update

Summary Problems Medications Alerts Flowsheet Orders Documents Update

Doc ID: 34 Properties: Office Visit at SOUTH on 02/02/1999 10:56 AM by Harry S. Winston MD

Summary: tAu Asthma management Change Properties...

HPI - General  
Histories  
Risk Factors  
ROS complete-no visibility  
Vital Signs  
Exam General Multi-system  
Assessment/Plan

Arial 10 B I U

**Past, Family, and Social History**  
**Past History (reviewed - no changes required):**  
Usual Childhood Illnesses? Yes, including chicken pox  
Hospital/Accident/Injury/Surgery - emergency appendectomy age 16  
Pregnancies/Live Births/Abortions - G2P2 Asthma: childhood asthma from age 5 to 11, which then resolved until age 17. She only used inhalers as a child and as never seen in the emergency room. As an adult she has gradually had worsening symptoms in an episodic manner with prolonged wheezing and coughing after URIs.

**Family History (reviewed - no changes required):** Mother 62 A&W ex steroid-dependent asthma GMa dec 66 MVA GFa dec 85 "old age" Father 63 A&W GMa dec 79 lung cancer GFa B3 "senile" No other Cancer, HTN, heart disease, asthma, DM or CVA.

**Social History (reviewed - no changes required):** Where Grew up? Northern California, moved to Oregon 5 years ago Years education/degrees? BA/MBA Occupation: Manager small business, office work, no occupational experience. Marital Status/Children: Married/2 children Sexually Active? Yes, single partner x 13 years - vasectomy Patient states she is an organ donor.

For Help, press F1 NUM

**Mental Status Exam**

MSE-cc/aff      MSE-thought

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**MENTAL STATUS EXAM**

Date of Onset:

CC: mood changes

**Affect:**

- Sad
- Flat
- Tearful
- Elated
- Consistent
- Hostile
- Labile
- Neutral
- Appropriate to thought
- Blunt
- Inappropriate to thought

**Attitude:**

- Cooperative
- Guarded
- Hostile
- Suspicious
- Negative

**Speech:**

- WNL
- Loud
- Delayed
- Rapid
- Soft
- Slurred
- Pressured
- Slow
- Excessive

**Appearance:**

- Appropriate
- Bizarre
- Disheveled
- Physical Impairment
- Inappropriate

**Mood:**

- Depressed
- Elevated
- Angry
- Consistent
- Empty
- Labile
- Neutral
- Irritable

Prev Form (Ctrl+PgUp)      Next Form (Ctrl+PgDn)      Close

## ROS complete-no visibility

### Review of Systems

Negative unless otherwise specified

General:  Negative

Eyes:  Negative

Ears/Nose/Throat:  Negative

Cardiovascular:  Negative

Respiratory:  Negative

Gastrointestinal:  Negative

Genitourinary:  Negative

Musculoskeletal:  Negative

Skin:  Negative

Neurologic:  Negative

Psychiatric:  Negative

Endocrine:  Negative

Heme/Lymphatic:  Negative

Allergic/Immunologic:  Negative

Prev Form (Ctrl+PgUp)

Next Form (Ctrl+PgDn)

Close

# EMRs -Past



- Major driver was paper management and storage expense
- Little concern about quality of data
  - Physicians dictated notes and it was transcribed into EMR
- Key to physician adoption was integration of information
  - Labs, radiology, discharge summaries, etc.
  - Removal of paper copies after a few months



EMRS  
PRESENT

# EMRs – Present

- In the US, driven by HITECH Act and Meaningful Use program
  - Part of President Obama's stimulus package for the US economy
- In Canada, driven by Provincial Subsidy programs and Canada Health Infoway Investments
- In Canada, regulation and specifications administered by the provinces ensured uniformity and standardization of functionality
  - There was some informal cross-fertilization across Provinces
- In the US, HL7 Functional Specifications of EMR drove the standardization of functionality





The screenshot displays a medical software interface with a patient information window and a list of medical orders.

**Patient Information Window:**

- Header:** 10/18/2011 | 10:00am | 10/18/2011 | 10:00am
- Section 1:** **ALLERGIES** (Red background)
  - Penicillin
  - Latex
  - Aspirin
  - Codeine
  - Shellfish
- Section 2:** **LABORATORY TESTS** (Purple background)
  - WBC - White Blood Cell Count - 10,000 /mm<sup>3</sup> - **Low**
  - RBC - Red Blood Cell Count - 4.5 /mm<sup>3</sup> - **Low**
  - HGB - Hemoglobin - 12.0 g/dL - **Low**
  - HCT - Hematocrit - 35% - **Low**
- Section 3:** **IMMUNIZATION** (Green background)
  - MM2 - Mumps, Measles, Rubella - **Due**
- Section 4:** **PHYSICIAN ORDERS** (Blue background)
  - 10/18/2011 | 10:00am | 10/18/2011 | 10:00am
  - Order: 10/18/2011 | 10:00am | 10/18/2011 | 10:00am
  - Order: 10/18/2011 | 10:00am | 10/18/2011 | 10:00am
  - Order: 10/18/2011 | 10:00am | 10/18/2011 | 10:00am
  - Order: 10/18/2011 | 10:00am | 10/18/2011 | 10:00am
  - Order: 10/18/2011 | 10:00am | 10/18/2011 | 10:00am

**Medical Orders List:**

Order	Order Type	Order Date	Order Time	Order Status
10/18/2011	Penicillin	10/18/2011	10:00am	Open
10/18/2011	Latex	10/18/2011	10:00am	Open
10/18/2011	Aspirin	10/18/2011	10:00am	Open
10/18/2011	Codeine	10/18/2011	10:00am	Open
10/18/2011	Shellfish	10/18/2011	10:00am	Open
10/18/2011	MM2	10/18/2011	10:00am	Open

Westside Medical Office | Watson RN, Jennifer

**Correctional Health** Patient: Patient Test | Age: 39 Years | DOB: 19710211  
 ID #: ABCD-1234 | Current Provider: Jennifer Watson RN | Gender: Female | Encounter: 08/03/2010

**Specialty Template Set:** CRM  
**Visit Type:** [Dropdown]  
**Classification:**  
 Medical: IMA (07/15/2010)  
 (or combined)  
 BR: MS (07/15/2010)  
 Other: / /

**Reason(s) for visit:**  
 F# [ ]  
 F# [ ]  
 F# [ ]  
 F# [ ]  
 F# [ ]

**Chronic Problem List:**  

Chronic Problem	Code
Conductivity, spine, congenital	254.2
Diabetes mellitus	250.9

 Add to Today's Assessments | Advance Directives

**Vitals:**  

Date / Time	Temp	BP	Pulse	Respirations	Height (in)	Weight (lb)	DM	Pulse Ox	Peak Flow
07/15/2010 11:17 AM	98.9	120/71			71.0	150.0	20-90		
07/15/2010 11:17 AM	98.0	120/70			71.0	160.0	22-31		

 Alerts | Patient Service info | Expand Vital Signs

**Medications:**  

Medication	Dose	Sig/Description	Start Date	Comment
ACETAMINOPHEN	325MG	take 1 tablet (325MG) by ORAL route every 4 hours as needed	07/15/2010	
WARFARIN SODIUM	1 MG	take 1 tablet (1MG) by	07/15/2010	

 Allergies: No Medications | Medications reviewed | Comment  
 No Known Allergies  
 Allergies reviewed, no change  
 New allergies added this encounter

**Allergies:**  

Ingested/Allergen	Brand Name
CAT'S CLAY	
GUANAPREL HCL	ACUPREL
MAGNESIUM CARBONATE	ACUPREL

**Chronic Care Clinic:**  

Date	Visit Type	Chronic Care Clinic	Condition	Code	Last Visit
08/03/2010	Intake	Endocrine	Improving		07/09/2010
08/03/2010	Intake				
08/03/2010	Intake				

**Health Monitor:** Set Health Maintenance Protocols

**TST:**  

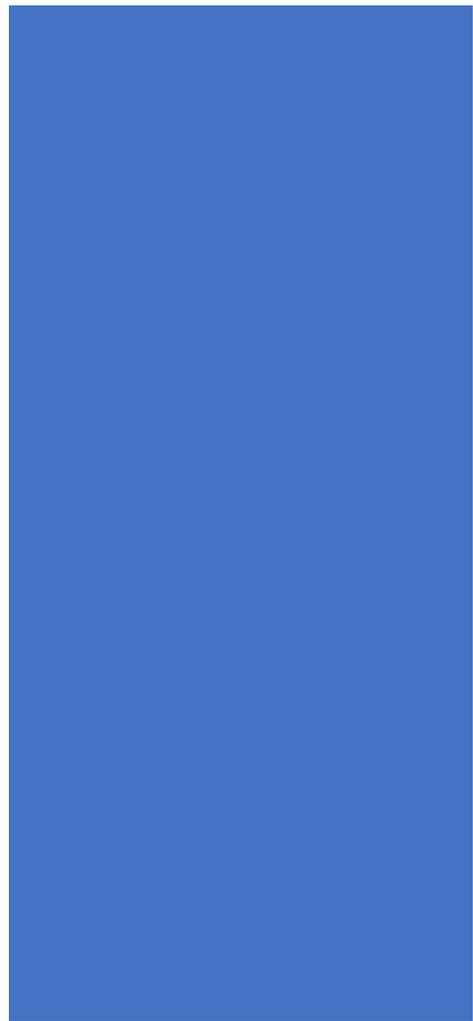
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07/15/2010	/ /		

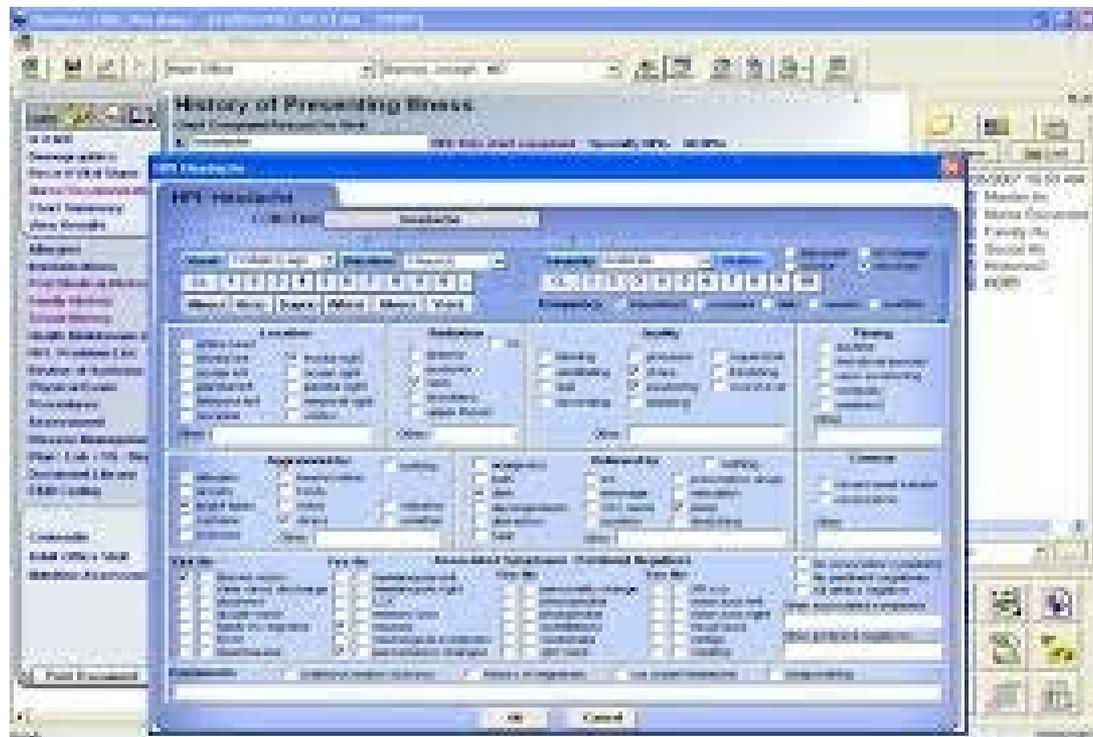
 Due: 08/23/2010

**Health Assessment:**  
 Lipid Panel: Due 8/23/2010  
 Colonoscopy: Due 8/23/2010  
 Sigmoidoscopy: Due 8/23/2010  
 FOBT x3: Due 8/23/2010

**Breast Exam:** Due 8/23/2010  
**Mammogram:** Due 8/23/2010  
**PAP Test:** Due 08/23/2010  
**GYN Exam:** Due 07/15/2011  
**DEXA Scan:** Due 8/23/2010

Navigation: HOME, Demographics, Record/Vital Signs, Nurse Doc, Chart Summary, Order Management, Allergies, Immunizations, Past Medical Hx, Family History, Social History, Health Maintenance, NPI, Problem List, Review of System, Physical Exam, Procedures, Assessment, Disease Mgmt, Orders, Plan, Document Library, EM Coding, Comments, Intake, Health Assessment, Nurse Visit, Provider Visit, Consult Request, Other Templates





Plan - Diabetic Clinic

File Home Create External Data Database Tools My controls

## Plan of Action

RecordID: 2805 PIN: 642 FirstName: [post ablative] SecondName: [ ] Score: 67 Patient Current Plan: Thyroxine Plan

**Diagnoses**

Functional Status: Hyper-Thyroidism  
 Etiological Diagnosis: Post Ablative Myxedema  
 Known for: Patient was previously on Ablation Therapy Treatment

Stable Diagnosis 1: [ ]  
 Stable Diagnosis 2: [ ]

**Clinician's Diagnosis**

**Re-Run Diagnostic Algorithm**

Do you want to Refer this patient to Consultant ?

Instructions: [ ]  
 Instructions.2: [ ]

**Prescription (Tablets) and Treatment**

**Thyroid-related Drugs**

Thyroxine 50ug: [ ]  
 Neomecazole 50mg: [ ]  
 Steroid(s): [ ]

**Other Drugs**

Medicine 1: Tab. Folic Ac: 1 + 0 + 0  
 Medicine 2: Tab. Inderal: 1 + 1 + 1  
 Medicine 3: Tab. Pertoc: 0 + 0 + 1

**Investigations Advised :**

Investigation 1: ESR  
 Investigation 2: CBC  
 Investigation 3: FLP  
 Investigation 4: TT3  
 Investigation 5: TT4  
 Investigation 6: TSH  
 Investigation 7: [ ]  
 Investigation 8: [ ]  
 Investigation 9: [ ]  
 Investigation 10: [ ]

**Follow Up Visit Schedule**

Next Visit: 8/1/2012  
 (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Referrals**

Cardiologist: None  
 Ophthalmologist: None  
 Surgery: None  
 Gynaecologist: None  
 Nuclear Medicine: None  
 Inrol for: None

**Planned By**: [ ]

**Generate Printable Patient Record**

**Switchboard**

**Back**

**View Trends**

**Trend in Weight**

DateOfVis	Weight
7/25/2012	66
7/25/2012	58

Navigation Pane

# EMRs – Present

- Focused on generating a note
- Little focus on improving care within the workflow
- Data capture is divorced from analytics
  - Doctor has to pull a report to know the status of their practice
- Difficult and time-consuming to enter data
- Difficult to know what's going on with the patient
- Difficult to tell what treatments are current
- Difficult to tell the status of your patient
- Documentation for the sake of documentation or billing



EMRS –  
THE  
FUTURE



- “Don’t work the way I do”
- Poor information management capabilities
- Too faithful to the paper paradigm
- Driven by regulation of features
- Not driven by patient safety or physician productivity requirements
- They don’t have clinical common sense

# What we know



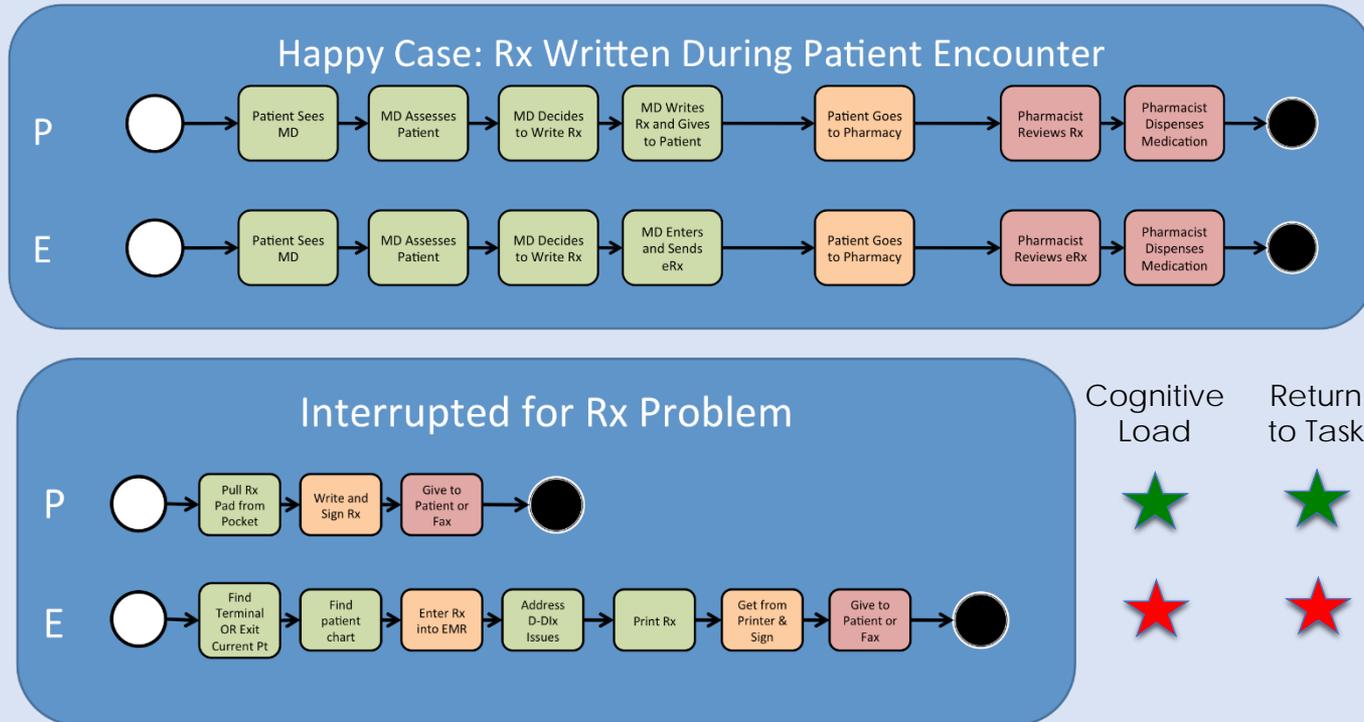
- There is lots of dirty data in the EMR
- EMRs are driven by an encounter/visit based data model
  - Doctors find it difficult to use EMR for chronic disease management
- Meta data poorly handled –easy to put data in ‘wrong place’
- Poor integration of databases and knowledge bases
  - Drug-drug interactions checking software forces me to indicate allergy to an instance of a medication instead of a class of medication
- Overall, EMRs are poor at information management

# Other issues

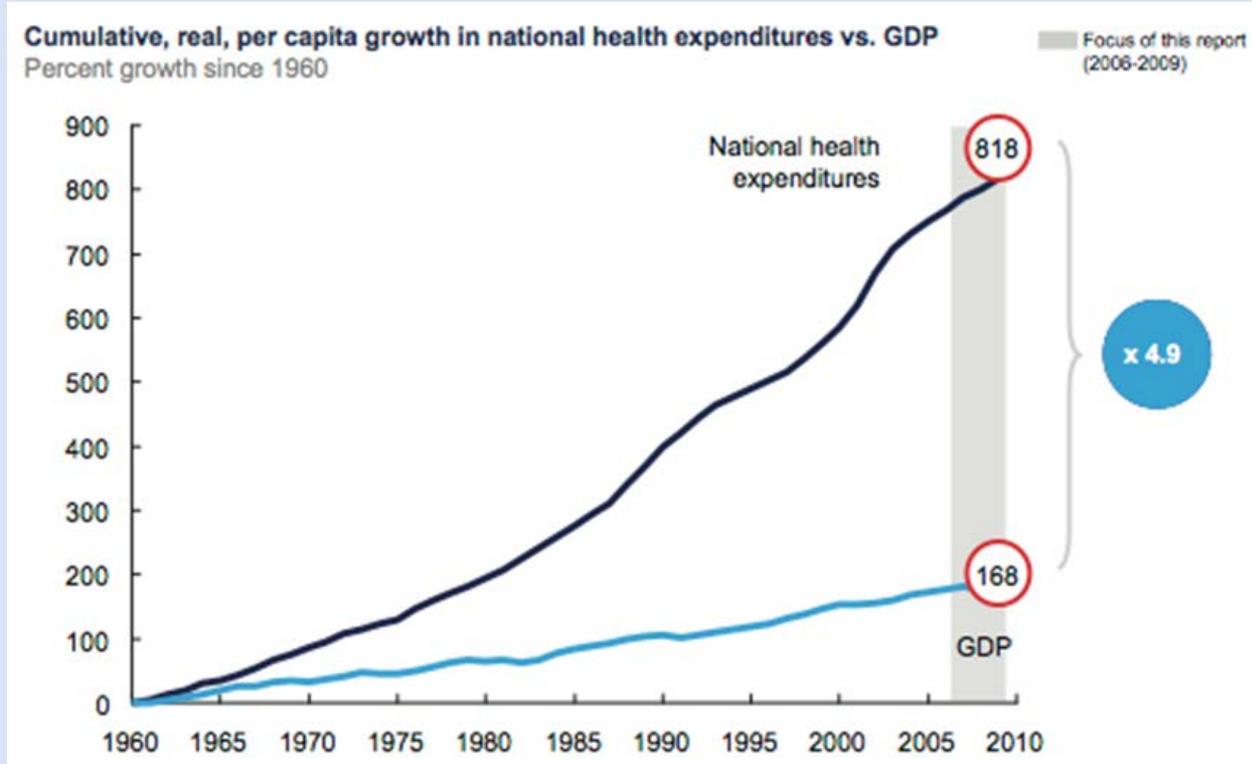
- Informatics places too much emphasis on content semantics (e.g., SNOMED)
  - Diabetes is an endocrine disease –so what?
- Too little emphasis on 'eye-ball' semantics
  - Can I transfer data to another provider quickly and easily?
- Too little emphasis on semantics inherent in structure and 'syntax'
  - A risk factor has a structure distinct from a prescription
  - How can we use this to our advantage in EMR design?
- A narrow focus on content semantics slows us down, as we are trying to solve the most difficult problems in knowledge representation and ontology

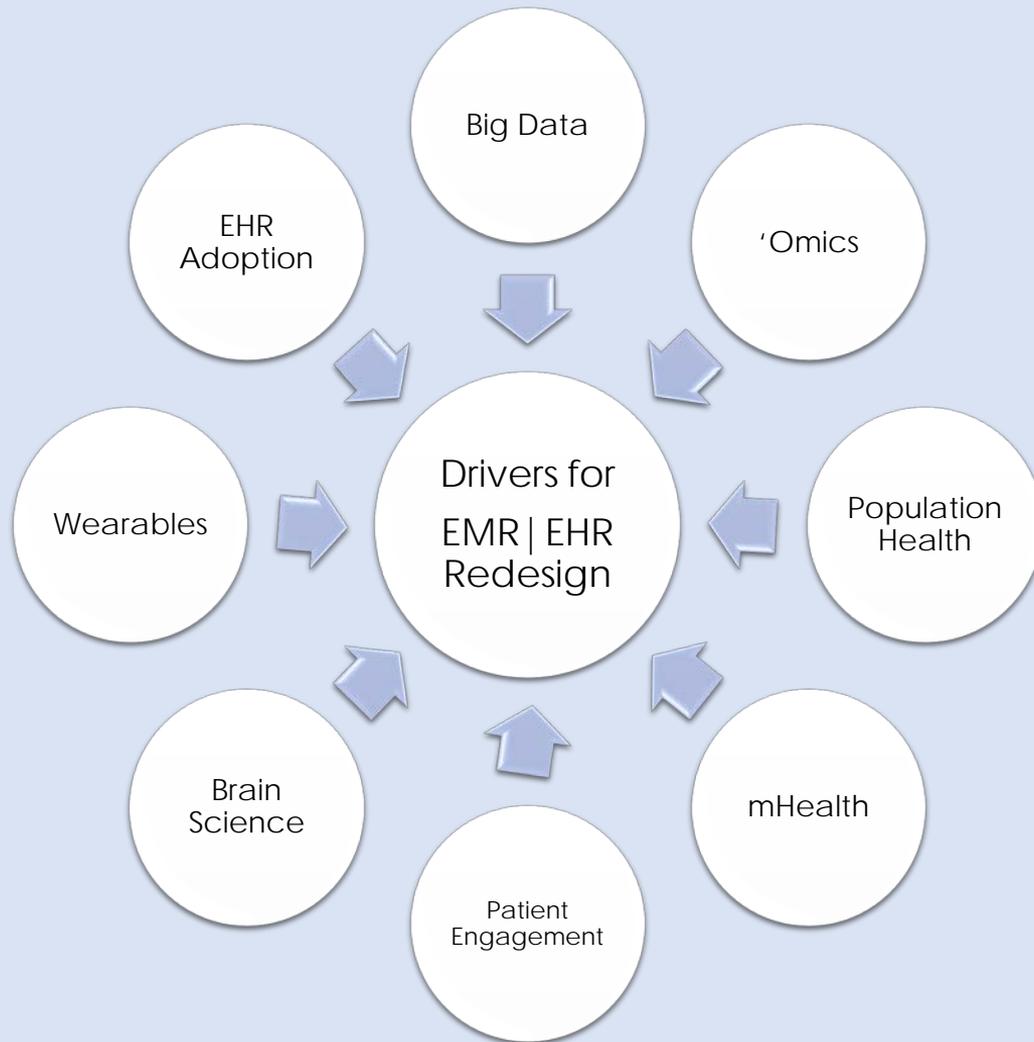


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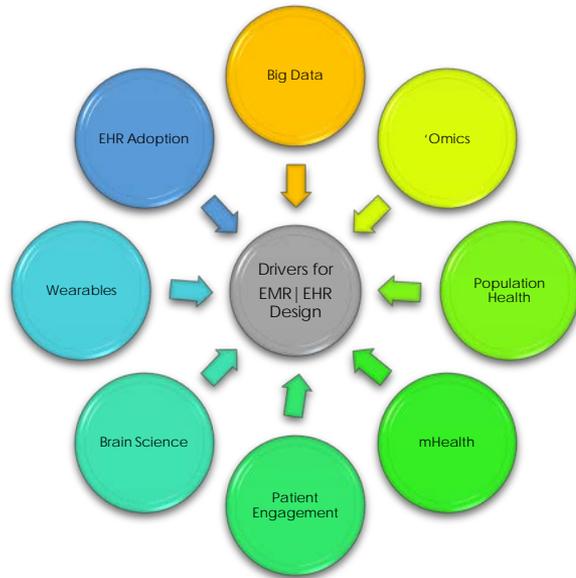


# Drivers for change





# Drivers of change



- Continuous, rapid changes in evidence
- Explosion of new technologies (Big Data, Genomics, Proteomics, mHealth apps, Diagnostics, Tablets)
- Consumer movement amongst patients
- Payers are looking for more value
- Pay for performance and outcomes
- Chronic disease explosion
- 1% and 5% driving 50-80% of expenditures



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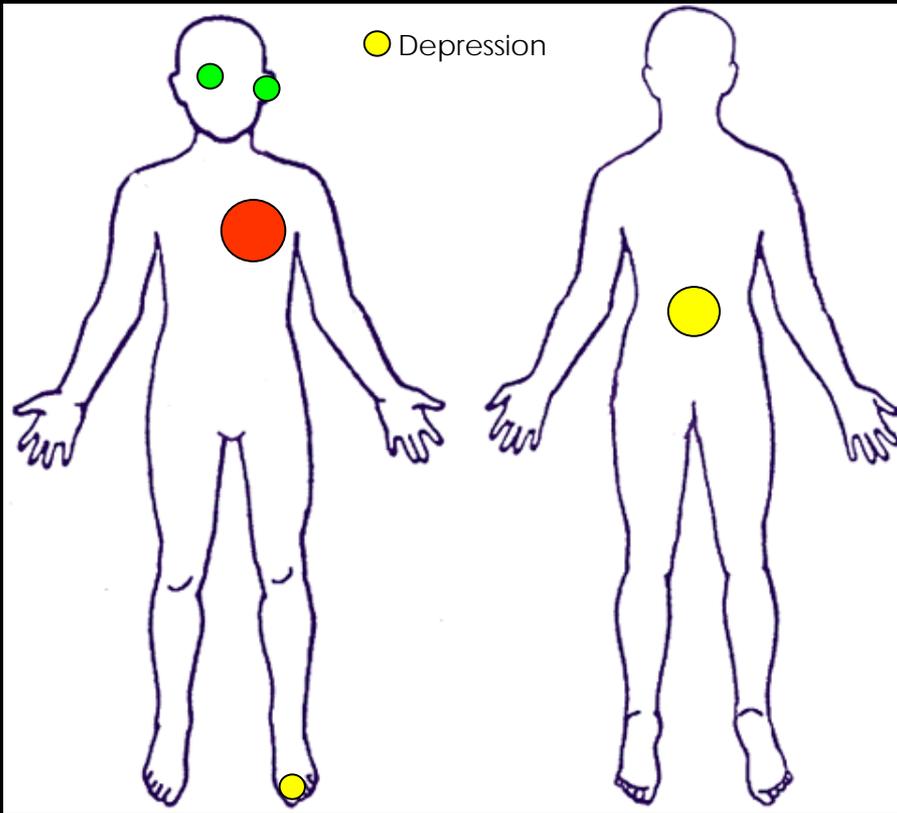
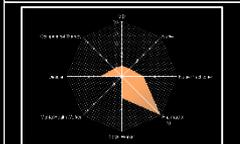
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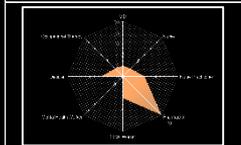


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  - Back pain
- + Medication List**
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  - Propranolol
  - Diltiazem
  - ASA
  - Indocid
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- + Family History**
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- + Risk Factors**
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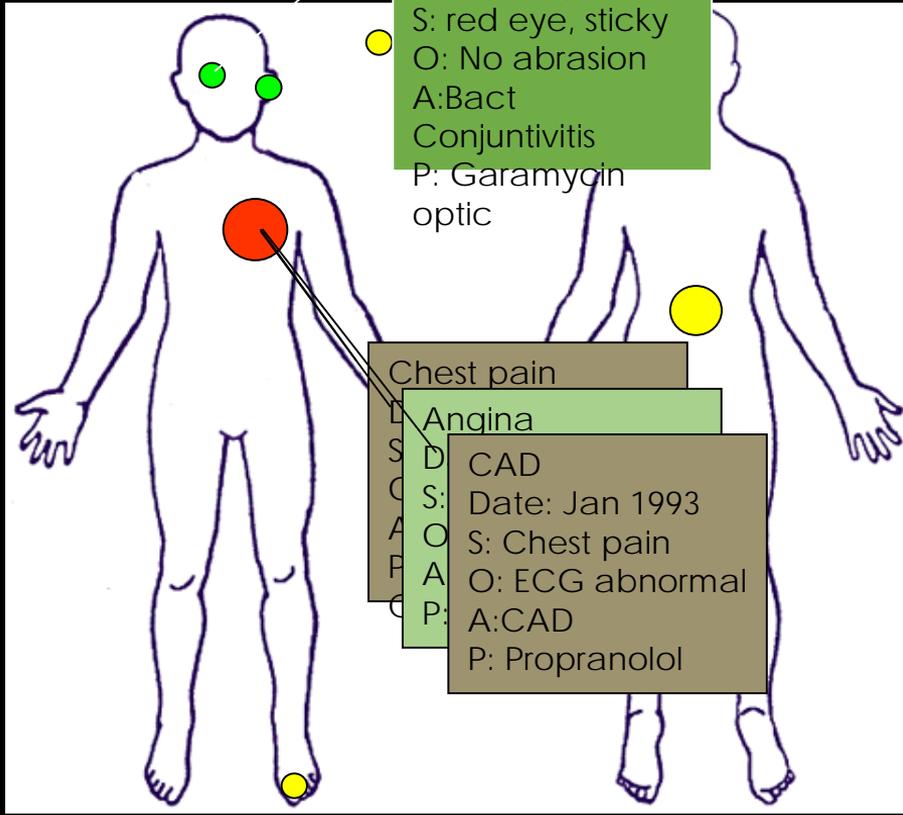




Research



Care Coordination



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Red Eye  
Date: Aug 2002  
S: red eye, sticky  
O: No abrasion  
A: Bact  
Conjunctivitis  
P: Garamycin optic

Chest pain  
Angina  
CAD  
Date: Jan 1993  
S: Chest pain  
O: ECG abnormal  
A: CAD  
P: Propranolol

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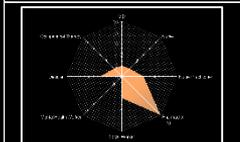
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(2 Joe Schmoes in database)



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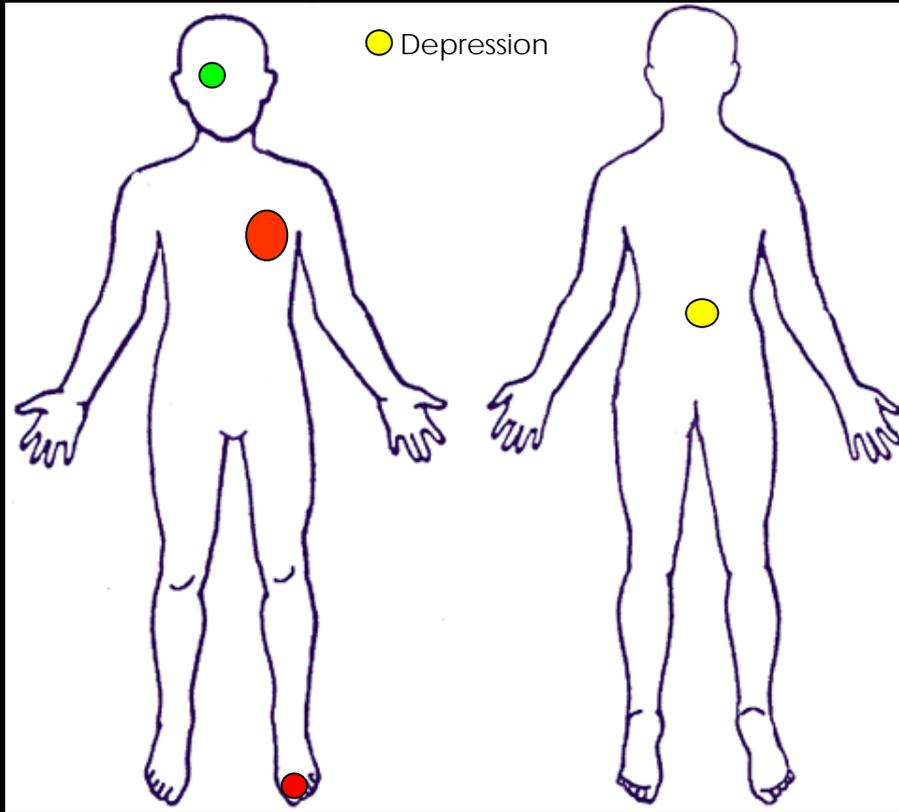
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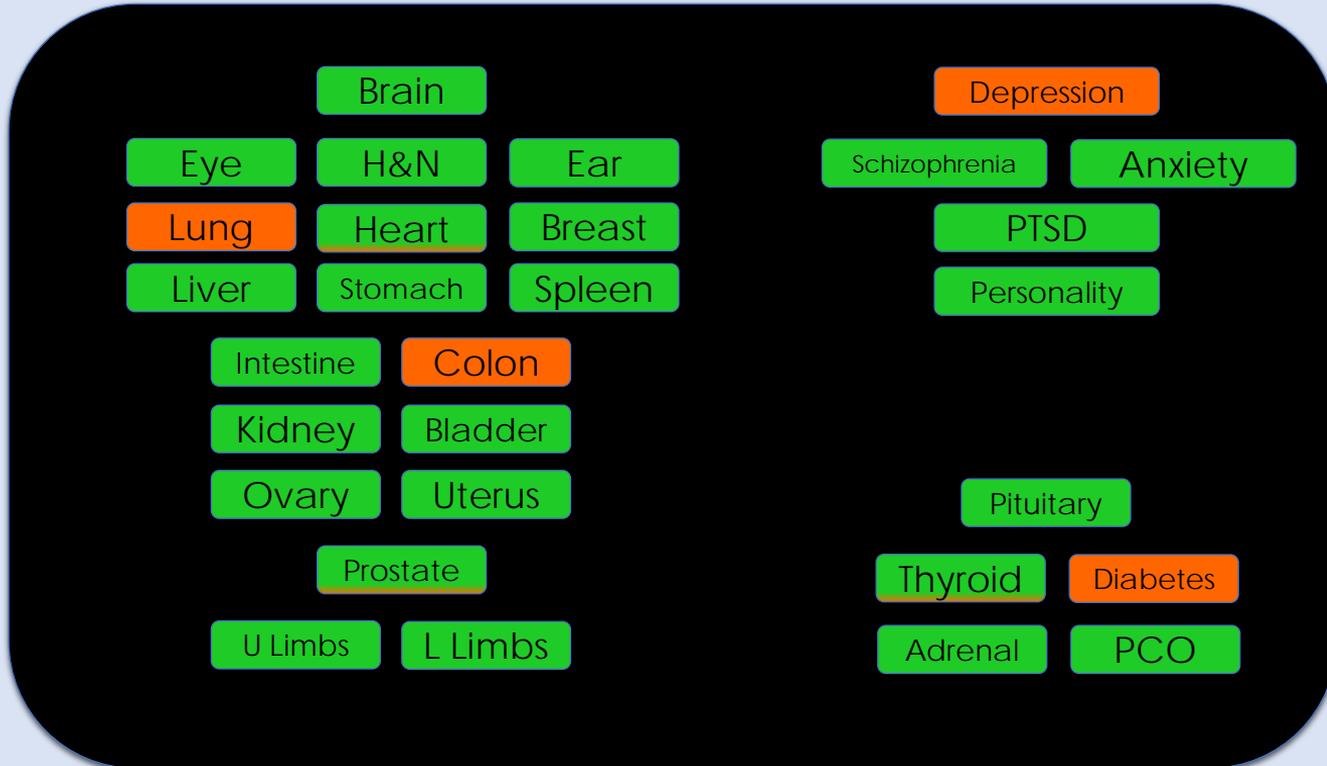
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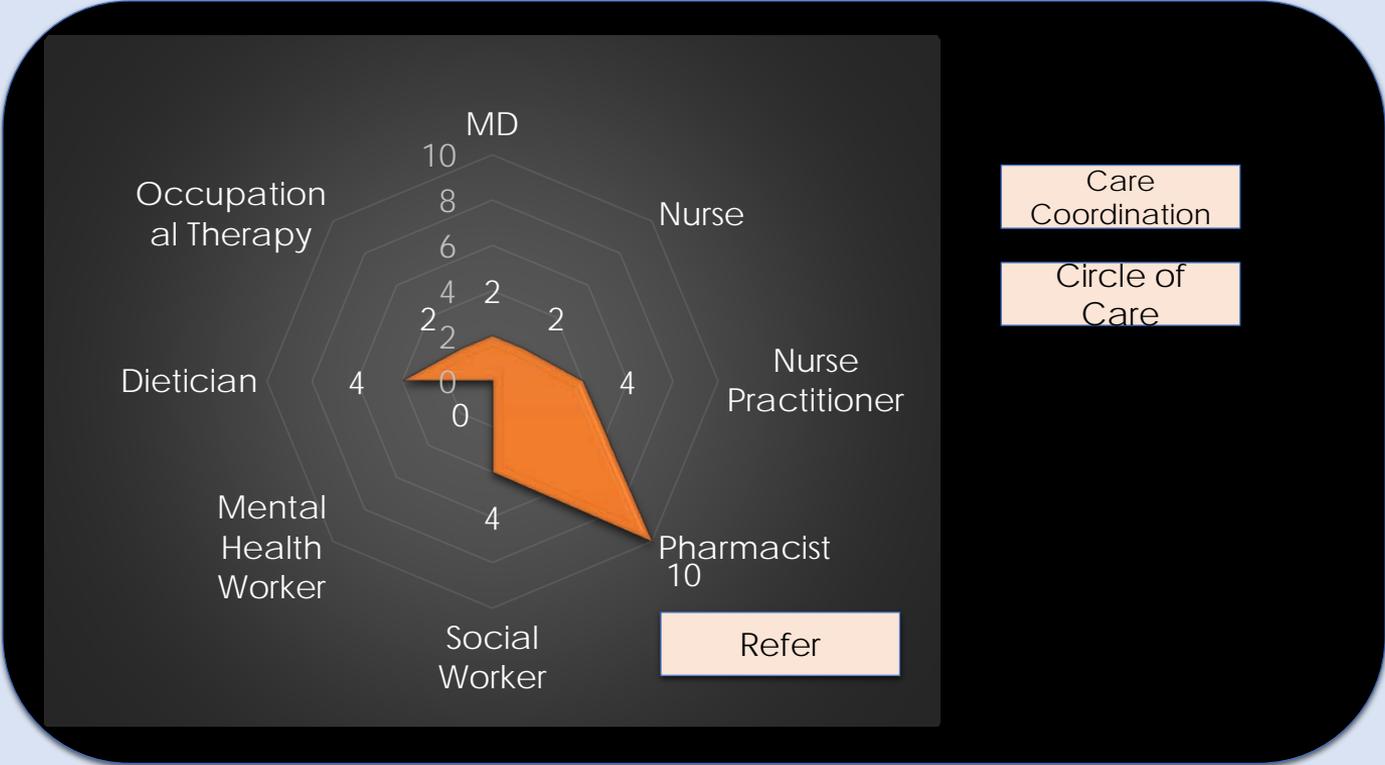
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# Future Medical History



# Team-based care – Care Coordination – Circle of Care



# Circle of Care

Dr. Alex

He lives alone. Anything we should be worried about?

Dr. Cardy

I'd dial back his BP control. 120 systolic may be too aggressive for him. Probably keeping it around 150 would be best.

Samantha

I'll arrange Meals on Wheels and transport to his local church on Sundays. He didn't get his license renewed this year



Dr. Alex - FP



Dr. Cardy- Cardio



Joe Schmue



Nurse - Judy

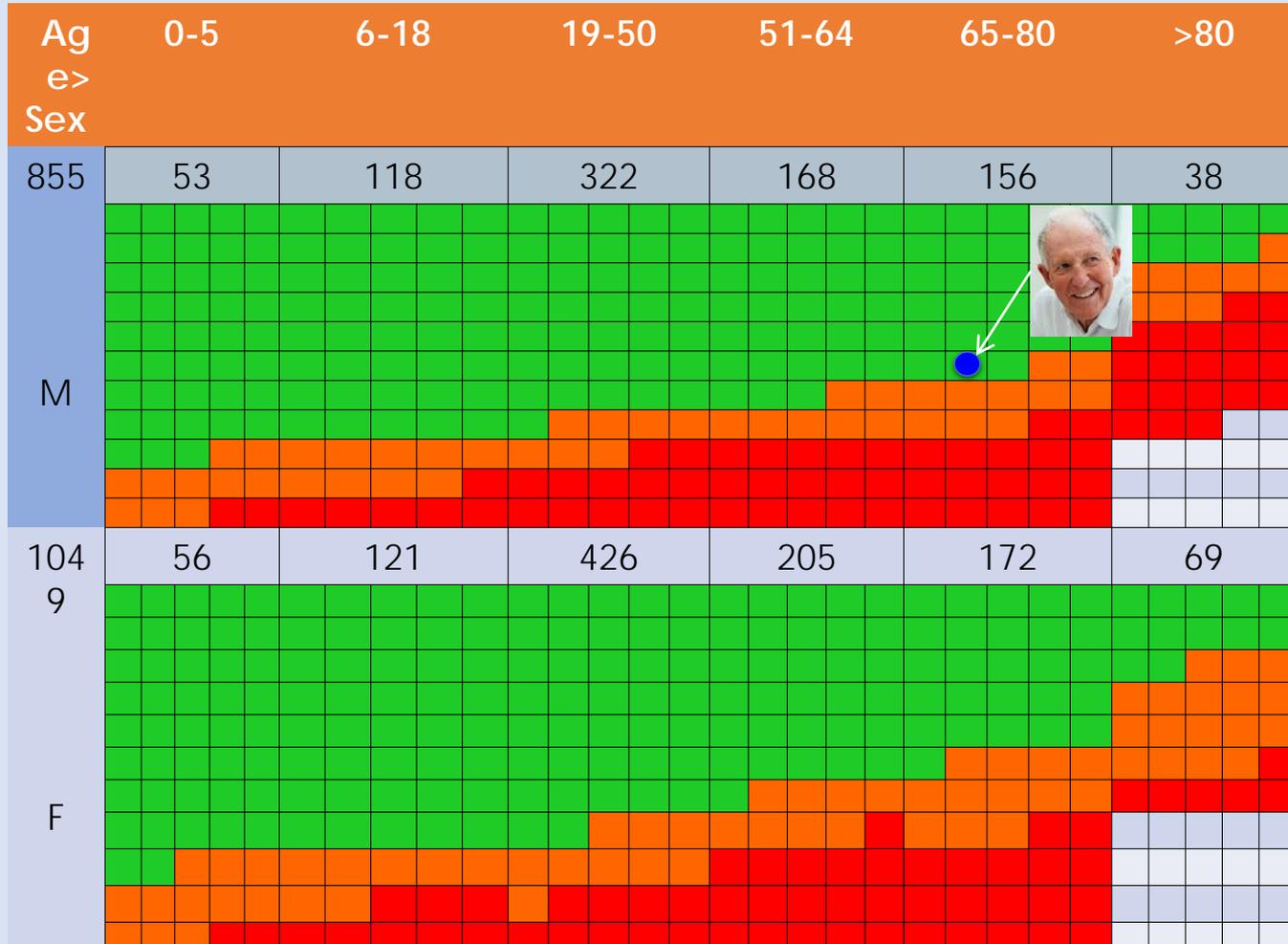


Remote Nurse  
Nancy



SW - Samantha

# Population Based Care



# Patient engagement

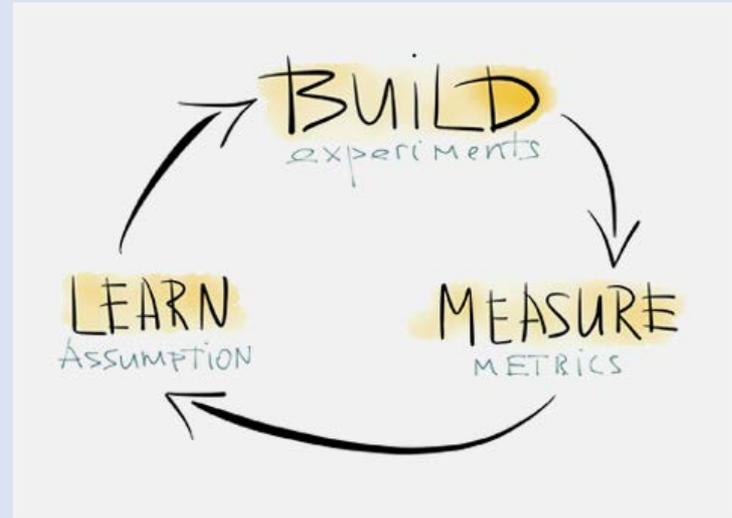
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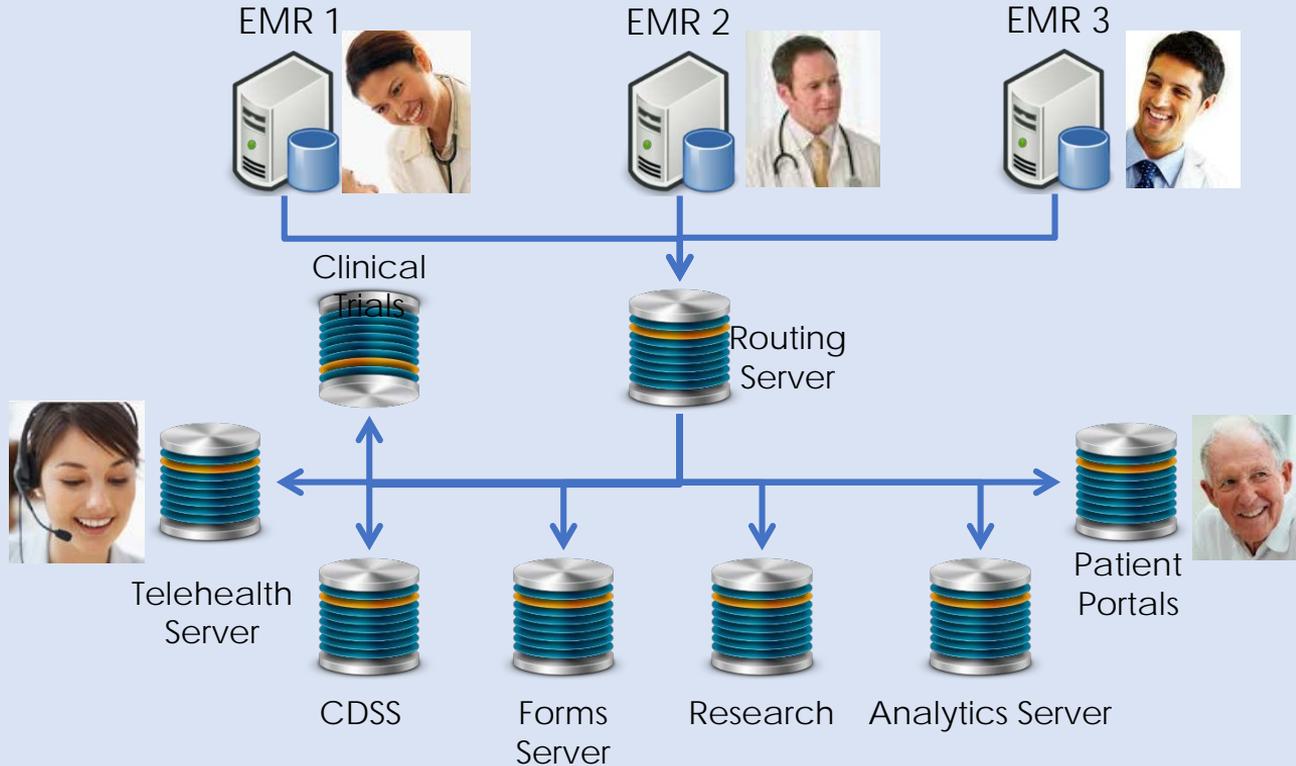
Lung			Smoking Counseling	
Heart			On Statin	
Prostate			Regular PSAs	
Colon			Hx Fam Polyps Refuses colonoscopy	
Depression			In denial of Fam Hx	
Thyroid			On Rx	
Diabetes			Uncontrolled DM Risk	<a href="#">View Patient Portal</a>

# Advanced Research

- Research should allow for A/B testing
- Which version of a form works better? Don't just guess or pretend you know.
- Test the new against the old – that's what Google, Amazon and Facebook do. Not possible with our current EMRs.



# Solution architecture



# The New Paradigm

## **PATIENT-CENTERED CARE**



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- Patient-centric data model, not a document-centric data model
  - Manipulate a model of the patient – it's how I practice medicine
  - Don't try to 'construct a good encounter note' –that's a business requirement, not a strategic imperative
- Capture structured information in a good balance with narrative data
  - Need structured data for information management
  - Need narrative for richness and the human touch
- Exploit the potential of information technology for information management

# The New Paradigm

PARADIGM  
SHIFT



- Use the semantics inherent in the structure of the data
- Enter data about patient complaints in small 'chunks' which contain related information
  - Chronological fragmentation is better than anatomic and physiological fragmentation –computers are better at reconstructing information using dates than reconstructing information based on complex semantics.



- Encounter notes should be generated by the system as a by-product of capturing information about the patient
- System should be aware that un-coded allergies in the allergy field cannot be found in the medication list

# Features of New Paradigm



- System should be able to manipulate records in the system based on their structure (metadata)
  - Smoking records should be concatenated for a history
  - Prescription records should be graphed to show potential non-compliance
  - Prescription records should easily generate a current/active meds list
  - Diagnoses should be 'superceded' as greater certainty is achieved –implies that diagnoses should be linkable
  - Diagnoses should be 'deletable' in the Problem list as differential diagnostic possibilities are eliminated
  - Similar documents should be able to be grouped even though they are 'stored' within a particular encounter.

# Benefits of the new Paradigm



- Can ‘slice-and-dice’ patient data in real-time
  - See an encounter view, by clicking on an encounter ‘arrow’
  - See a disease view, by clicking on the disease ‘dot’
  - See the history of a disease by moving the time slider across the timeline
- Can represent data visually in new and exciting ways
- Can conduct queries much more efficiently
  - Data is captured with meta data more efficiently and as a by-product of documentation
  - EMR utilizes the semantics inherent in the structure of the data
    - risk factors automatically go to the risk field,
    - meds automatically go to the medication list



# How you can help

- Encourage research and development in EMR by your local academics
- Encourage EMR vendors to adopt new ideas from academics
- Get involved locally or nationally in EMR governance



- EMR adoption has peaked in North America, significant penetration in primary care
  - Current EMRs are unlikely to help transform health care
- EMR vendors are unable & can't afford to do necessary R&D
- We need new governance structures that integrate multiple stakeholders
  - Learning Health Systems may be the right structures?
- Physicians, governments, EMR vendors and researchers and academics need to consider new models of partnership that can accelerate R&D in the EMR space
- Physicians need to take a leadership role in coordinating efforts with appropriate clinical goals in mind