

# **Areas of IT Strategic Emphasis at Partners HealthCare**

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# How should we support our disease management initiative?

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- ◆ **Develop and publish best practices**
- ◆ **Monitor costs, quality and care activity of a cohort**
- ◆ **Guide documentation**
- ◆ **Remind providers and patients of steps to be taken**
- ◆ **Critique specific care decisions**
- ◆ **Monitor and manage a specific patient**

# Themes as the basis for IT strategy development

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- ◆ **Themes are broad organizational goals that endure over many years**
  - Improving care quality
  - Reducing care costs
- ◆ **The mix of theme directed projects will vary from year to year**
- ◆ **Development of theme competency becomes a critical strategic undertaking**
- ◆ **Research has found significant theme use in organizations that have had exceptional IT effectiveness**
  - Earl, M. (1993). Experiences in strategic information systems planning. *MIS Quarterly*, 17(1), 1–24.
  - Weill, P., & Broadbent, M. (1998). *Leveraging the new infrastructure*. Boston: Harvard Business School Press.

# Themes as the basis for IT strategy development

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## ◆ Themes require:

- A critical mass of IT and user talent and competency
- A sustainable source of funds
- A governance structure to define an ongoing initiative and project agenda
- A research and development capability

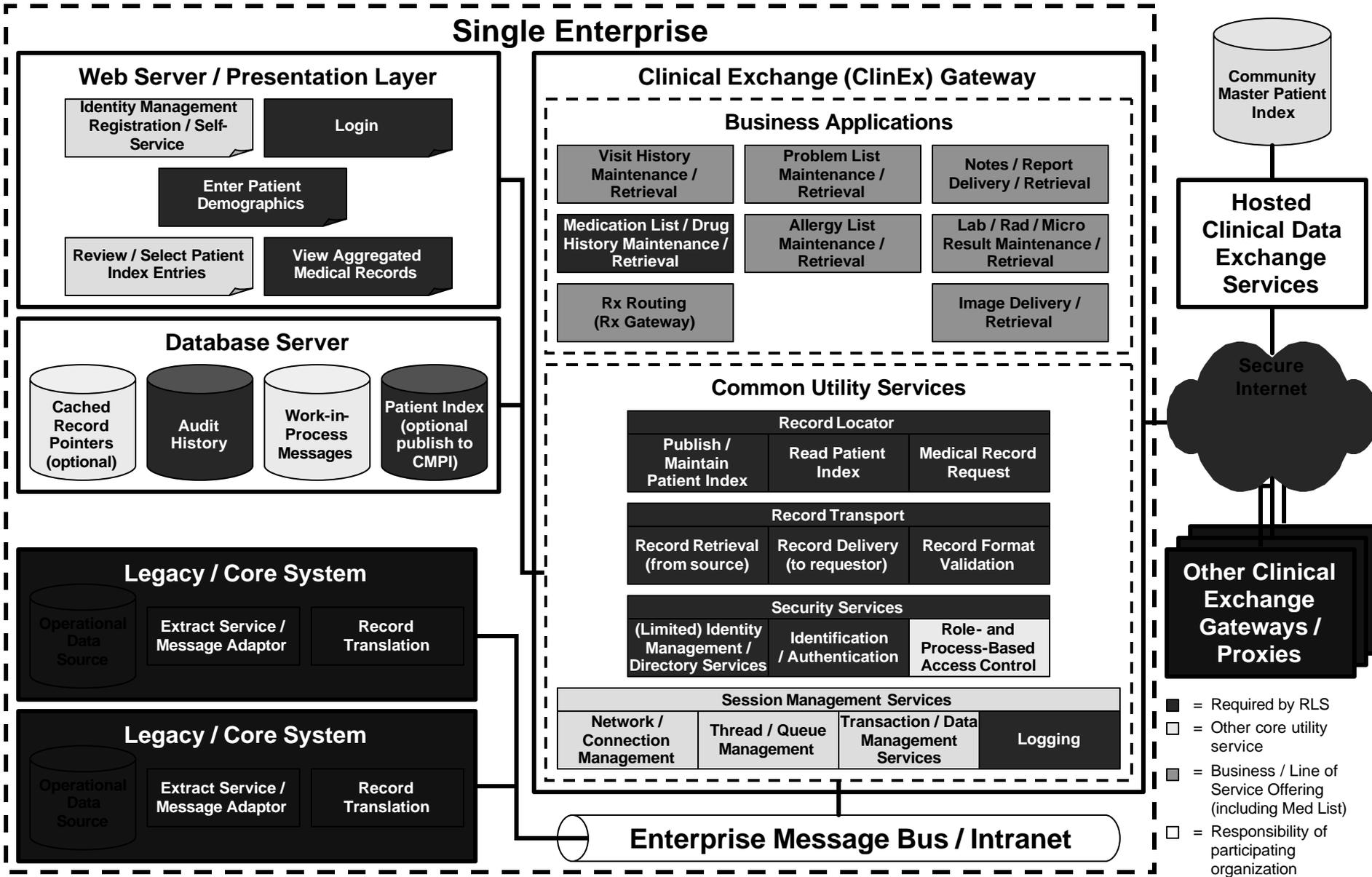
## ◆ The IT strategy can have themes that traverse organizational goals and strategies

# Partners IT strategic “themes”

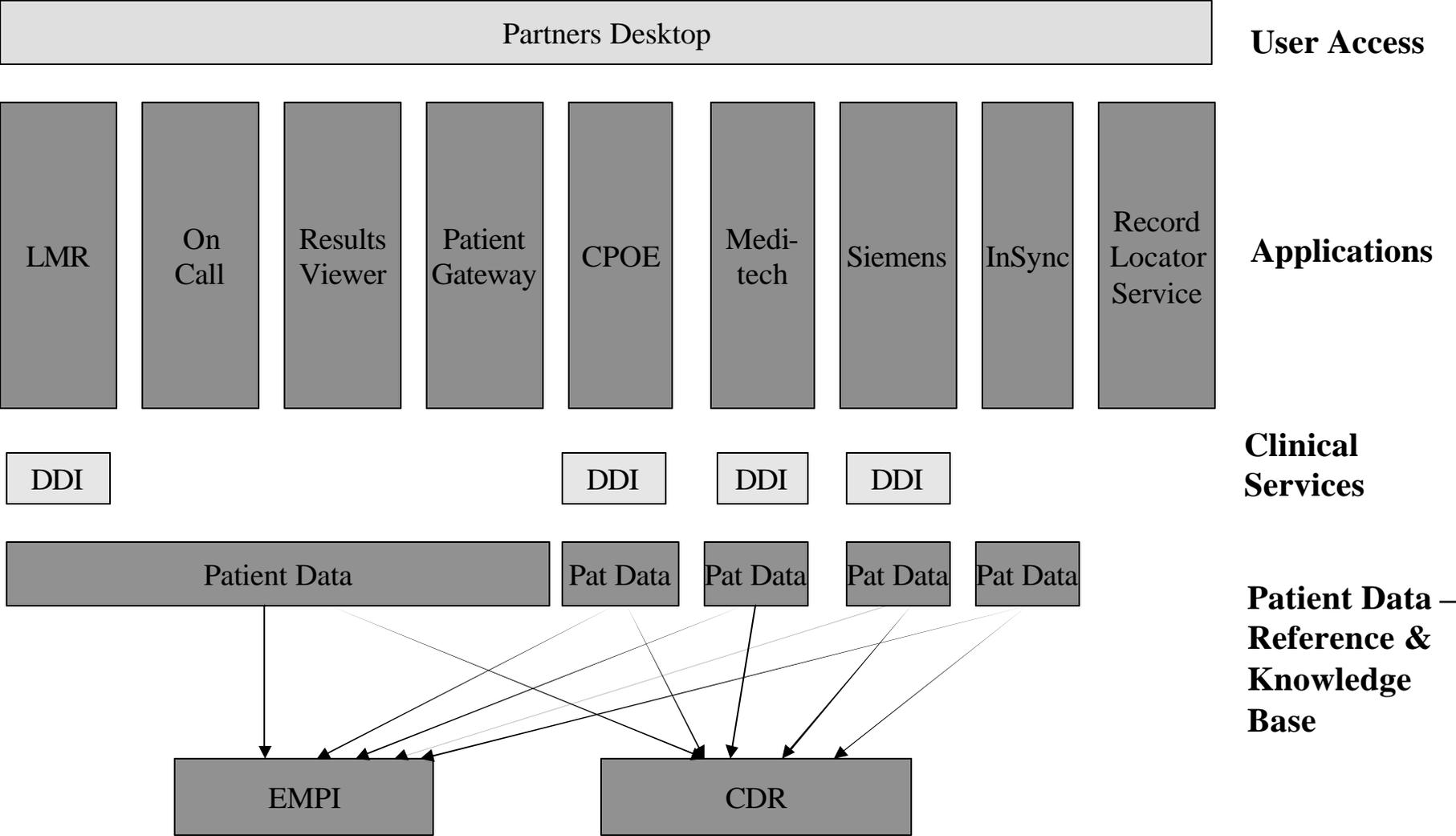
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- ◆ **Create a high performance infrastructure**
- ◆ **Improve ambulatory care**
- ◆ **Increase patient safety**
- ◆ **Support clinical research**
- ◆ **Manage medical knowledge**
- ◆ Address medical imaging
- ◆ Optimize patient care workflow
- ◆ Support remote provision of care
- ◆ Establish payer-provider integration

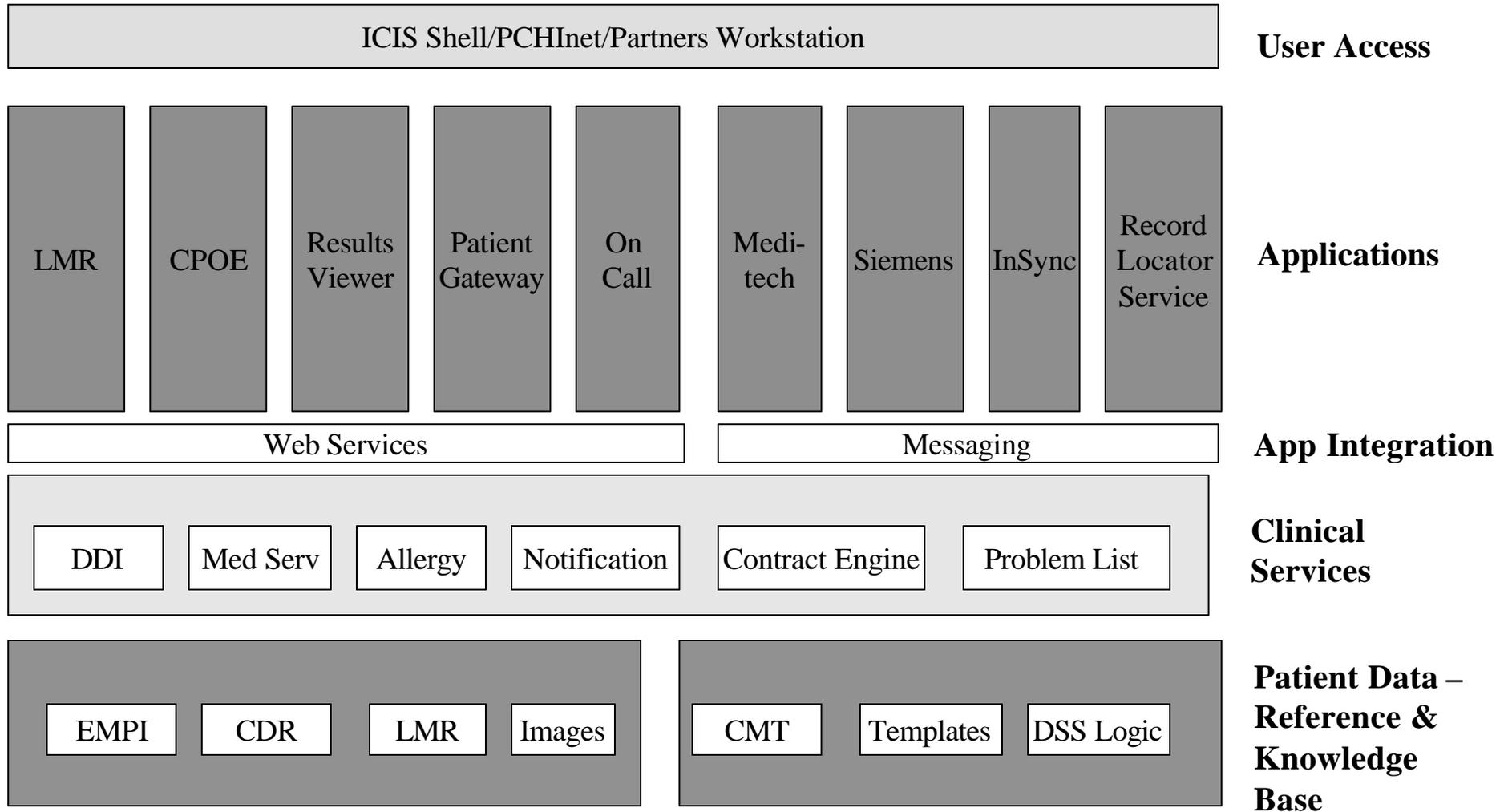
# RLS and gateway components



# Clinical information systems architecture

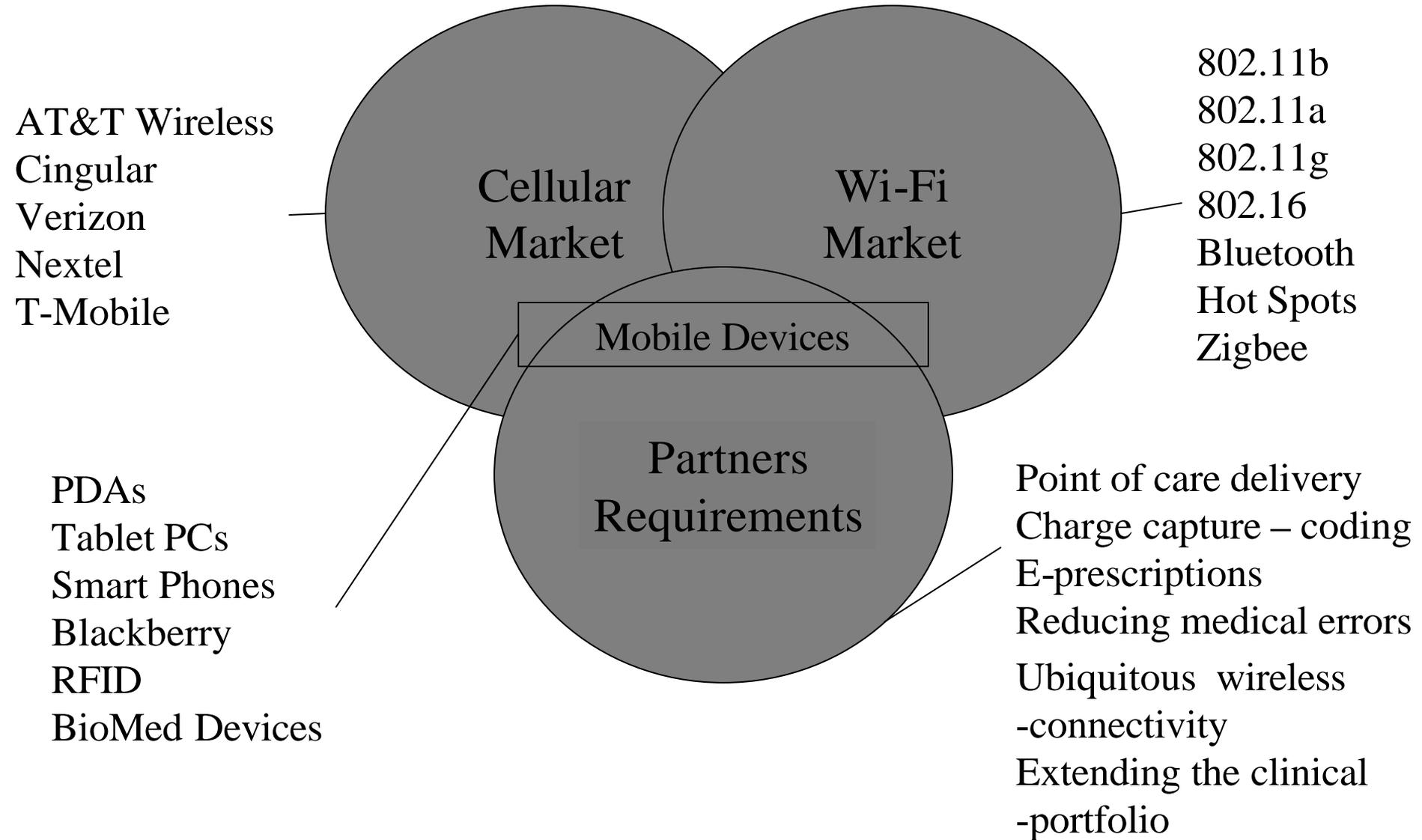


# Clinical information systems architecture



# Mobility – trying to put the pieces together

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# Summary of the scope of the outpatient care problem

(1) Gandhi T et al. Adverse drug events in primary care, under review, NEJM. (2) Gandhi T et al. Drug complications in outpatient settings J Gen Int Med 2000. (3) Gandhi TK et al. Adverse drug events in primary care, under review, NEJM. (4) Poon E, et. al. Failure to follow mammographers recommendations on marginally abnormal mammograms: determination of associated factors [abstract]. J Gen Intern Med 2001. (5) Gandhi T et. al. Communication breakdown in the outpatient referral process J Gen Intern Med 2000. (6) Maviglia SM, et.al. Using an electronic medical record to identify opportunities to improve compliance with cholesterol guidelines J Gen Intern Med 2001

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## For Every:

## There Appear to Be:

1000 patients coming in for outpatient care (1)

14 patients with life-threatening or serious ADEs

1000 outpatients who are taking a prescription drug (2)

90 who seek medical attention because of drug complications

1000 prescriptions written (3)

40 with medical errors

1000 women with a marginally abnormal mammogram (4)

360 who will not receive appropriate follow-up care

1000 referrals (5)

250 referring physicians who have not received follow-up information 4 weeks later

1000 patients who qualified for secondary prevention of high cholesterol (6)

380 will not have a LDL-C, within 3 years, on record

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Select Desktop **Pt Chart: Summary** Oncology Custom Reports Admin Sign Results Resource Popup

**Reminders**

- Patient is 50 years old or older, recommend Influenza vaccination

**Problems**  -

Hypertension [N]  
Diabetes mellitus [N]  
F/h obesity - Major  
Gout [N]  
Back pain

**Medications**  -

Amoxicillin 250MG 1 TID  
Ativan 1MG 1 Q4H [N]  
Bactrim ds 1 BID [N]  
Compazine 10MG 1 Q6H [N]  
Decadron 4MG 5 6 and 12 hours before chemo [N]

**Allergies**  -

Nkda [N]

**Procedures**  -

Deviated nasal septum

**Vital Signs**

|            |           |          |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| 09/14/2003 | BP 120/90 | P N/A    |
|            | RR N/A    | Temp N/A |
|            | Ht N/A    | Wt N/A   |

**Sticky Notes**

**Advance Directives**

**Customize**

**Health Maintenance**

**Notes**

**Fam/Soc History**

**Visits**

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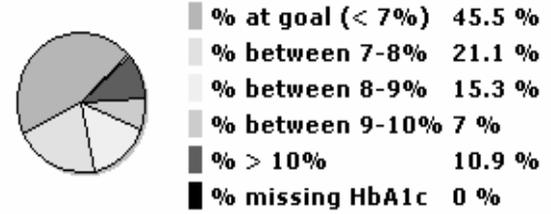
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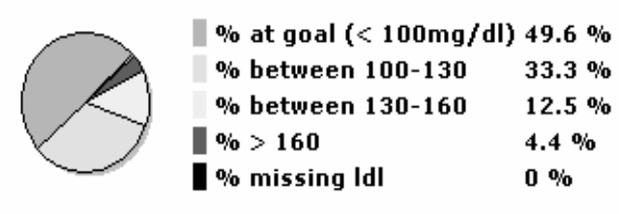
## Provider Type 2 Diabetes Population Summary For All Providers

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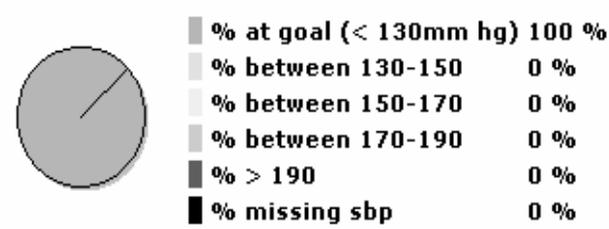
### Distribution of HbA1c values



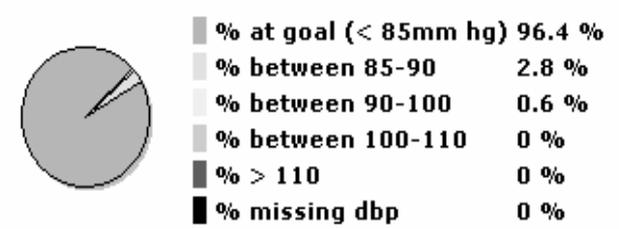
### Distribution of LDL values



### Distribution of Systolic BP values



### Distribution of Diastolic BP values

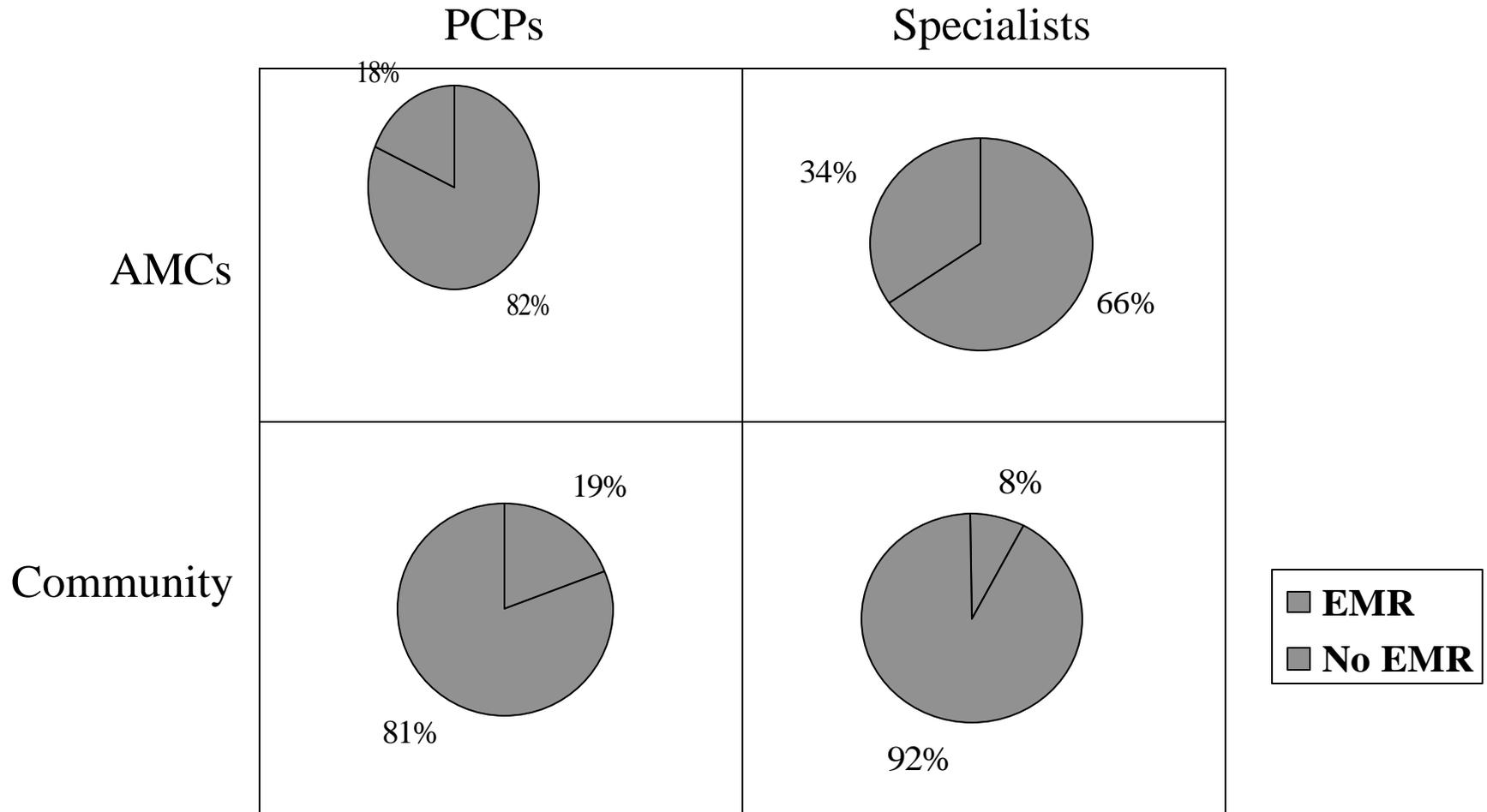


## SUMMARY OF PATIENTS MEETING CARE GOALS # of patients = 312

|   |  |
|---|--|
| % pts meeting goal of hba1c < 7%: 45.5 <sup>0</sup> %     | % pts meeting missing hba1c values: 0 <sup>0</sup> % |
| % pts meeting goal of ldl < 100mg/dl: 49.6 <sup>0</sup> % | % pts meeting missing ldl values: 0 <sup>0</sup> %   |
| % pts meeting goal of sbp < 130mm: 100 <sup>0</sup> %     | % pts missing sbp measurements: 0 <sup>0</sup> %     |
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# EMR adoption

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Address <http://ppd.partners.org/scripts/phsweb.swl?APP=LMR&OPT=LMR&SESSION=31> Google

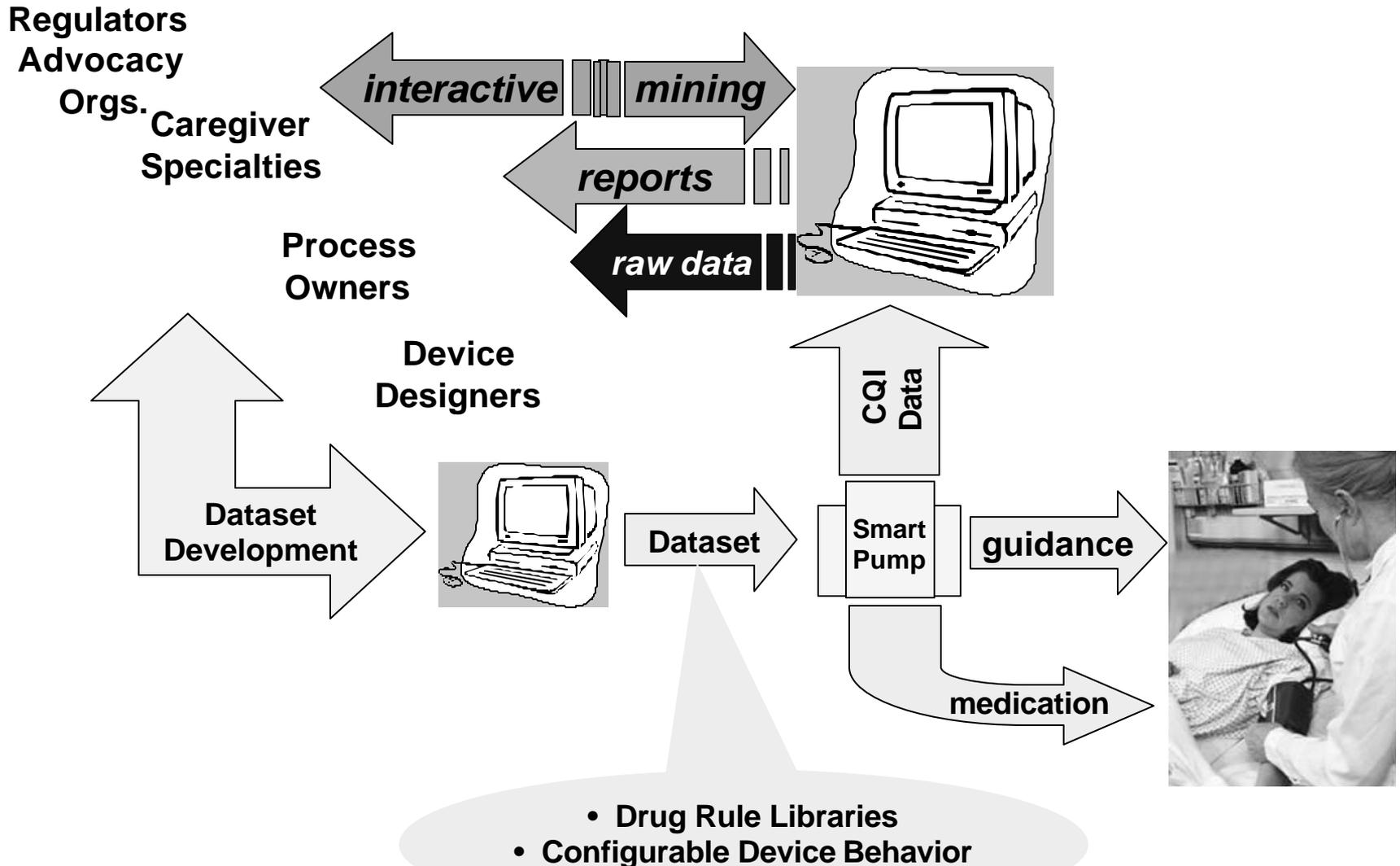
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Select Desktop Pt Chart: Medications Oncology Custom Reports Admin Sign Results Resource Popup

| Warning  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>You are ordering: AMOXICILLIN</b>                                     |  |
| <b>Drug - Allergy Intervention</b>                                       |  |
| Alert Message  | Keep New Order - select reason(s)  |
| The patient has a documented allergy: Penicillins.<br>Reaction: Unknown. | <input type="radio"/> Patient does not have this allergy, will D/C pre-existing allergy<br><br><b>Reasons for override:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Patient has taken previously without allergic reaction<br><input type="checkbox"/> Low risk cross sensitivity, will monitor<br><input type="checkbox"/> No reasonable alternatives<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other <input style="width:150px;" type="text"/> |

# Infusion safety process



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Select eMAR Results Resource

### Medication Administration Record

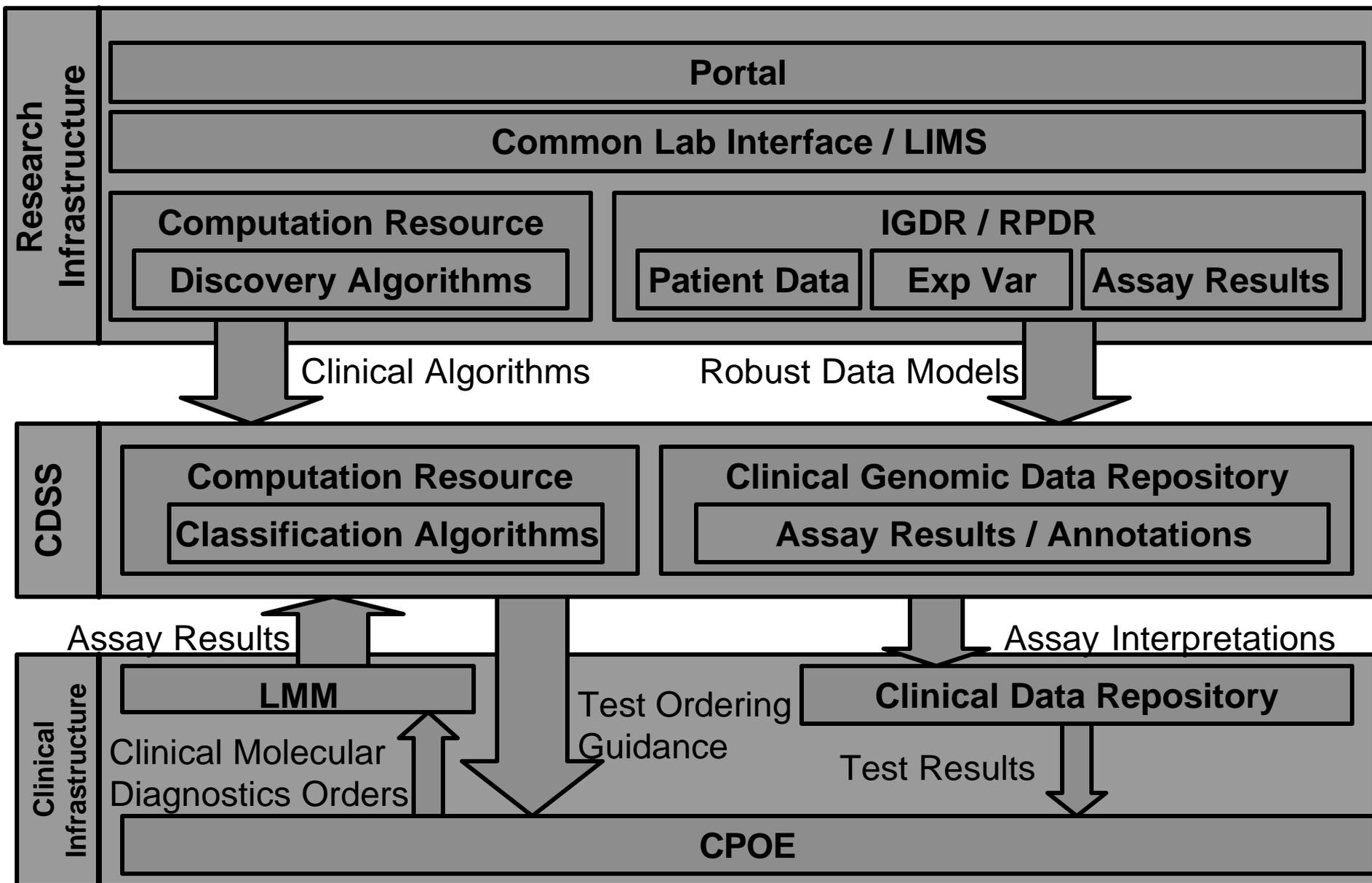
Takeoff Screen    eMAR Screen    Reports    View eMAR

#### To Do List for 01/17/2005 12:44PM

Allergies:  artificial chri>>     Erythromycins     Demerol  
 Sulfa     NSAIDs

- Labs for Scale Meds
- Overdue Medications
- Medications Due
- Other x1
- Other Maintenance
- IV's & TPN
- PRN
- Blood
- Chemotherapy
- Pending Takeoff (Medications, IVs, TPN and Blood Products)

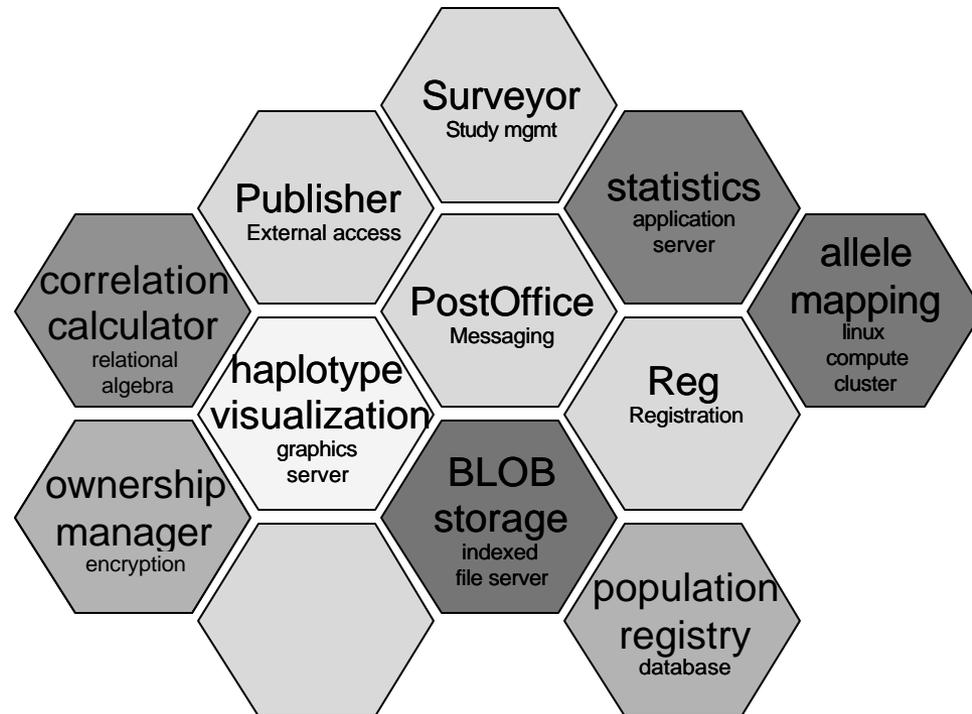
# IT platform to support genomic research and clinical care



# Modular computational system

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**Aggregates of software modules to support knowledge discovery**

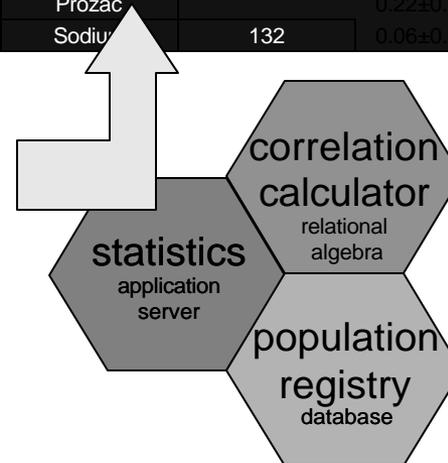


# Discovering correlations

Finding clinical and research facts associated with a patient that correlate with their diagnoses

| person | concept  | value    |        |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Z5934X | 5-HTTLPR | s-allele | detail |
| Z5934X | 296.3    |          |        |
| Z5934X | PTSD     |          |        |
| Z5935X | 5-HTTLPR | s-allele | detail |
| Z5935X | 296.3    |          |        |
| Z5935X | Prozac   |          |        |
| Z5935X | PTSD     |          |        |
| Z5936X | 5-HTTLPR |          |        |
| Z5936X | PTSD     |          |        |
| Z5937X | 296.3    |          |        |
| Z5937X | Prozac   |          |        |
| Z5938X | 5-HTTLPR | l-allele | detail |
| Z5938X | PTSD     |          |        |

| Major depressive disorder (296.3)       |          |           |   |
|---|----------|-----------|---|
| Correlation Matrix with respect to PTSD |          |           |   |
| 5-HTTLPR                                | s-allele | 0.64±0.26 | ● |
| 5-HTTLPR                                | l-allele | 0.28±0.24 | ● |
| Prozac                                  |          | 0.22±0.23 | ● |
| Sodium                                  | 132      | 0.06±0.09 | ● |



# I2B2 specific goals

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- ◆ **Acquiring sufficiently high quality phenotype data on large enough patient populations to ensure that genomic-clinical studies are robust**
- ◆ **Extraction of annotations from textual databases where structured databases do not exist. Recognition of clinical progression/disease over time and heterogeneous data types**
- ◆ **Principled and high-throughput knowledge-based leverage of different genomic and clinical data types to update causal and associational hypotheses at the clinical and basic biological level**
- ◆ **Facilitation of distributed collaboration**

# Knowledge management practices

| Attributes of Knowledge                                       | Knowledge Management Practices | Dissemination of Content Across Sites | Estimated Rows of Knowledge |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| <b>KNOWLEDGE ASSETS REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE</b> |                                |                                       |                             |   |  |
| <b>Medication Services</b>                                    |                                |                                       |                             |   |  |
| Drug-Drug Interactions  |                                |                                       | 2000                        |   |  |
| Allergies   |                                |                                       | 4000                        |   |  |
| Gerios  |                                |                                       | 100                         |   |  |
| Nephros   |                                |                                       | 250                         |   |  |
| Pediatric Content   |                                |                                       | 2000                        |   |  |
| Chemo Content   |                                |                                       | 500                         |   |  |
| Drug Dictionary   |                                |                                       | 8000                        |   |  |
| <b>Other Medication-related Decision Support</b>              |                                |                                       |                             |   |  |
| Consequent Lab Display  |                                |                                       | 60                          |   |  |
| Consequent Orders   |                                |                                       | 60                          |   |  |
| Indication Screened Orders                                    |                                |                                       | 20                          |   |  |
| Antibiotic restriction/decision support                       |                                |                                       | 40                          |   |  |
| Drug-Lab prescribing error decision support                   |                                |                                       | 350                         |   |  |
| Drug-Problem prescribing error decision support               |                                |                                       | 700                         |   |  |
| Pharmacy ADE/potential ADE notification alerts                |                                |                                       | 80                          |   |  |
| Physician ADE/potential ADE notification alerts               |                                |                                       | 150                         |   |  |
| <b>Ambulatory Care Knowledge Bases</b>                        |                                |                                       |                             |   |  |
| Preventive Reminders  |                                |                                       | 100                         |   |  |
| Results Manager   |                                |                                       | 100                         |   |  |
| Specialty Views of Data                                       | To Be Developed                |                                       | 200                         |   |  |
| Clinician Population-Management Dashboards                    | To Be Developed                |                                       | 200                         |   |  |
| <b>Clinical Documentation Templates</b>                       |                                |                                       | 1000+                       |   |  |
| <b>Physician Order Entry Knowledge Bases</b>                  |                                |                                       |                             |   |  |
| Inpatient Order Sets/Templates                                |                                |                                       | 500+                        |   |  |
| End of Visit Order Templates                                  | To Be Developed                |                                       | 200+                        |   |  |
| <b>Problem List Database</b>                                  |                                |                                       | 1000+                       |   |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | <b>KEY</b>  |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | <b>Knowledge Management Practices for Existing Databases:</b> |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | Purely Ad-hoc Updating  |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | Primarily Adhoc Updating with Some Active Updating            |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | Actively Scheduled Updating                                   |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | <b>Dissemination of Knowledge Across MGH/B&amp;W/LMR</b>      |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | 1 site  |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | 2 sites   |  |
|   |                                |                                       |                             | > 2 sites   |  |

# Knowledge management cycle

## KNOWLEDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT

Committee  
Vetting & Sanctioning



Clinical Knowledge  
Champions work with  
Subject Matter Experts

Applications for Virtual, Asynchronous  
Collaborative Authoring, Inventory, Updating  
and Maintenance

**Knowledge Repository:**  
*Human Readable Specifications, Screen  
Shots, Process Flow Diagrams,  
References, and Data/Reports on  
Clinical Outcomes and Usability  
Organized by Clinical Discipline, Role,  
Venue, Process, and Mode of Application*

## KNOWLEDGE APPLICATION



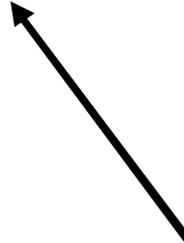
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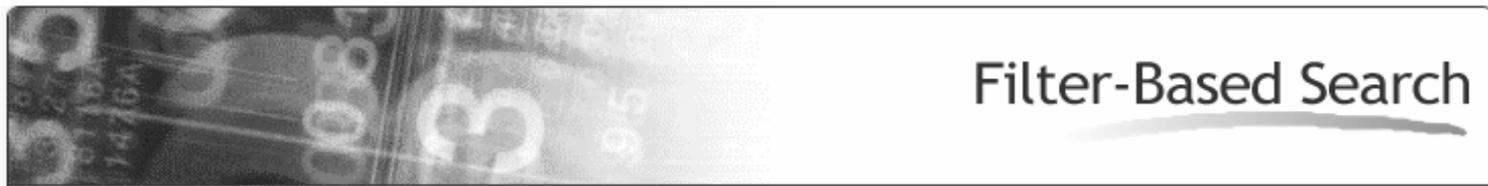


WORKFLOW  
APPLICATIONS

ANALYTIC DATA WAREHOUSE

KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY





# Filter-Based Search

Search Criteria **Press CTRL button and click mouse to select multiple choices from the filters** Hide

- Clinical Disciplines**
- All Clinical Disciplines
  - Anesthesiology/Perioperative Medicine
  - Behavioral Medicine
  - Burn Management
  - Cardiology (Interventional)
  - Cardiology (Medical)
  - Cardiology (Surgical)
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Endocrinology
  - Gastroenterology
  - General Medicine
  - General Surgery
  - GI Colorectal Surgery
  - Hematology and Oncology
  - Infectious Disease
  - Nephrology
  - Neurology
  - Neurosurgery
  - Newborn/Neonatology
  - Obstetrics and Gynecology
  - Oncology Surgery

**Filters**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>Entity :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Entities</li> <li>BWH</li> <li>DFCI</li> </ul>                                     | <p>Content Type :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Content Types</li> <li>Drug Information</li> <li>Expert Dosing</li> </ul>                          |
| <p>Venue :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acute Care</li> <li>All Venues</li> <li>Ambulatory Care</li> </ul>                      | <p>Patient Safety :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alerts and Notification</li> <li>All Patient Safety</li> <li>Consequent Order/Lab Display</li> </ul> |
| <p>Patient Age Group :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult</li> <li>All Patient Age Groups</li> <li>Geriatric</li> </ul>         | <p>Disease Management :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Disease Management</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Prevention</li> </ul>                          |
| <p>Application :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Applications</li> <li>BICS Event Monitor</li> <li>BICS Order Entry</li> </ul> | <p><b>Submit Filter Search</b></p>  |

## Filter-Based Search

Search Criteria

Show

Results

Hide

| Document Title  | Content Type                 | Entity       | Selected Search Filters:                                  |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|---|
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Drug-Disease<br>Hepatic<br><a href="#">View Details</a>           | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Clinical Disciplines</b><br>▪ All Clinical Disciplines |
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Drug-Disease<br>Ischemia<br><a href="#">View Details</a>          | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Entity</b><br>▪ All Entities                           |
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Drug-Disease<br>Myasthenia Gravis<br><a href="#">View Details</a> | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Venue</b><br>▪ Ambulatory Care                         |
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Drug-Disease<br>Porphyria<br><a href="#">View Details</a>         | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Patient Age Group</b><br>▪ All Patient Age Groups      |
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Drug-Disease<br>Seizure<br><a href="#">View Details</a>           | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Application</b><br>▪ LMR - All Content                 |
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Drug-Lab<br><a href="#">View Details</a>                          | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Content Type</b><br>▪ Interactive Decision Support     |
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Pregnancy Drug<br><a href="#">View Details</a>                    | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Patient Safety</b><br>▪ All Patient Safety             |
| LMR Drug Interaction Checking Therapeutic<br>Duplication Rule                                   | Interactive Decision Support | All Entities | <b>Disease Management</b><br>▪ All Disease Management     |

# LMR “smart form” that displays relevant info, provides decision support, supports template-driven documentation and order capture

**Problems**

DM

CHF

Htn

Add

Template ▼

- DM History
- Medications
- DM ROS
- DM Social Hx
- DM Family Hx
- Vital Signs
- DM PE
- DM Lab
- DM Assessment
- DM Plan

Add To Do

Clinical Msg

Referrals

Schedule

**Reminders**

- Patient is overdue for HbA1C (rec: q 6 months). Order HgA1C
- Patient is Overdue for both Cholesterol and LDL tests Order Cholesterol LDL
- Patient is overdue for Ophtho exam (rec: q 1 year). Order Ophtho Exam

**DM History**

Yes  No

Diagnosis  ▼  Type 1  Type 2

Date of Dx: 1970 ▼

Therapy

Insulin (Lantus)  Insulin (NPH)  
 Insulin (regular)  Insulin (Lispro)  
 Insulin (Aspart)  Oral agents

Home Monitoring  ▼

Known Complications

Microvascular  Ophtho  Renal  
 Neuro  GI  Macrovascular  
 Cardiovascular  PVD  Neuro

| Month  | HbA1C | Goal |
|--------|-------|------|
| Dec 03 | 6.0   | 7.0  |
| Jan 04 | 6.0   | 7.0  |
| Feb 04 | 5.5   | 7.0  |
| Mar 04 | 5.0   | 7.0  |
| Apr 04 | 4.5   | 7.0  |
| May 04 | 6.5   | 7.0  |
| Jun 04 | 8.0   | 7.0  |
| Jul 04 | 6.0   | 7.0  |
| Aug 04 | 7.0   | 7.0  |
| Sep 04 | 5.5   | 7.0  |
| Oct 04 | 5.0   | 7.0  |
| Nov 04 | 6.0   | 7.0  |
| Dec 04 | 8.0   | 7.0  |

| Medications                      | Suggest  |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Cyclosporine 200 mg PO QD        |          |
| Humalog Pen 6 units pre meal     | Chg Dose |
| Insulin Glargine 38 units SC BID | Chg Dose |
| Lipitor 20 mg PO QHS             |          |
| Vasotec 7.5 mg PO BID            | Remove   |
| HCTZ                             | Add      |

Patient Education Guidelines

Patient Self Management

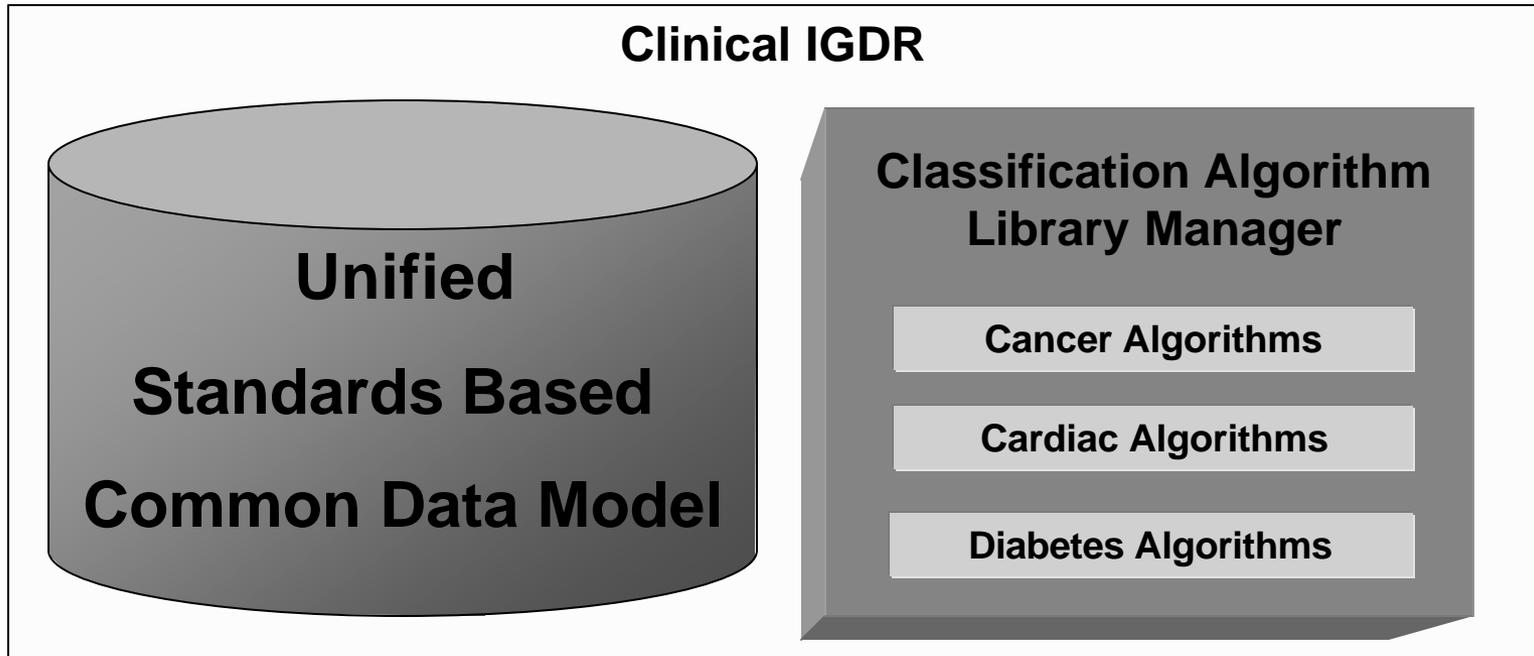
Referral to nutritionist

Smoking Cessation

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# Possible EMR Infrastructure Change



**Every provider that intends to leverage genomic medicine will require this platform**

# Example IT Research Council projects

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- **Context-sensitive information retrieval (“KnowledgeLink”)**
- **A trial of home-based monitoring in the care of congestive heart failure patients**
- **Requirements analysis for research imaging databases and viewers at Partners Healthcare**
- **Capturing family history in the LMR to support genetics related decision support**
- **Knowledge management for clinical decision support**
- **A clinical decision support tool to improve the provision of cardiac preventive services**
- **Assessing the frequency of failure to adhere to black-box warnings in outpatients**
- **Using information technology to describe and improve the content of residency practice**
- **An architecture to support inter-operability of key data**
- **Requirements analysis for medical records oriented analytical tools and databases**

# Current externally funded IT research

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- ◆ **NIH National Center for Biomedical Computing**
- ◆ **Boston University/Army care delivery in the home**
- ◆ **AHRQ**
  - **EHR tools for clinical documentation and quality measurement**
  - **Evaluation of advanced CDSS: Results manager and ACPOE**
  - **Evaluation of impact on IT in nursing homes**
- ◆ **Foundation for ehealth initiative**
  - **Evaluation of mass adoption of EHR in MA**
  - **Resource center for regional clinical integration efforts**

# Summary

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- ◆ **The Partners HealthCare IT strategy is driven, to a large degree, by themes**
- ◆ **Themes require:**
  - A critical mass of IT and user talent and competency
  - A sustainable source of funds
  - A governance structure to define an ongoing initiative and project agenda
  - A research and development capability
- ◆ **Nine themes have been defined:**
  - Infrastructure
  - Ambulatory care
  - Patient safety
  - IT support of clinical research
  - Managing medical knowledge
  - Medical imaging
  - Optimizing patient care workflow
  - Remote provision of care
  - Payer-provider integration