



# Improving Quality Outcomes with Hospital Information Systems: Can Canadians do it Better?

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# Objectives

1. Illustrate examples of improved patient, clinician and financial outcomes possible when implementing advanced hospital information systems in a Canadian environment
2. Identify key success factors / lessons learned
3. Outline challenges and opportunities unique to Canada

# Environmental Scan: What Problems must we Solve?

- **Patients** deserve and demand better quality and safety of inpatient care:
  - 9,250 to 23,750 preventable deaths per year in Canadian hospitals

*Baker GR, Norton PG. Canadian Adverse Events Study. CMAJ 2004 170(11): 1678-86*

- **Government** must reduce healthcare costs, evidence-based care is expected,  
↑ requirements for hospitals to report detailed outcome/cost data for funding

*Excellent Care for All Act, Legislative Assembly of Ontario 2010  
Quality-Based Procedures, MOHLTC, Ontario 2012*

- **Healthcare providers** have too much information to process,  
and need assistance to synthesize data for **improved clinical decision-making**  
(traditionally: evidence takes 17 years from publication to bedside)

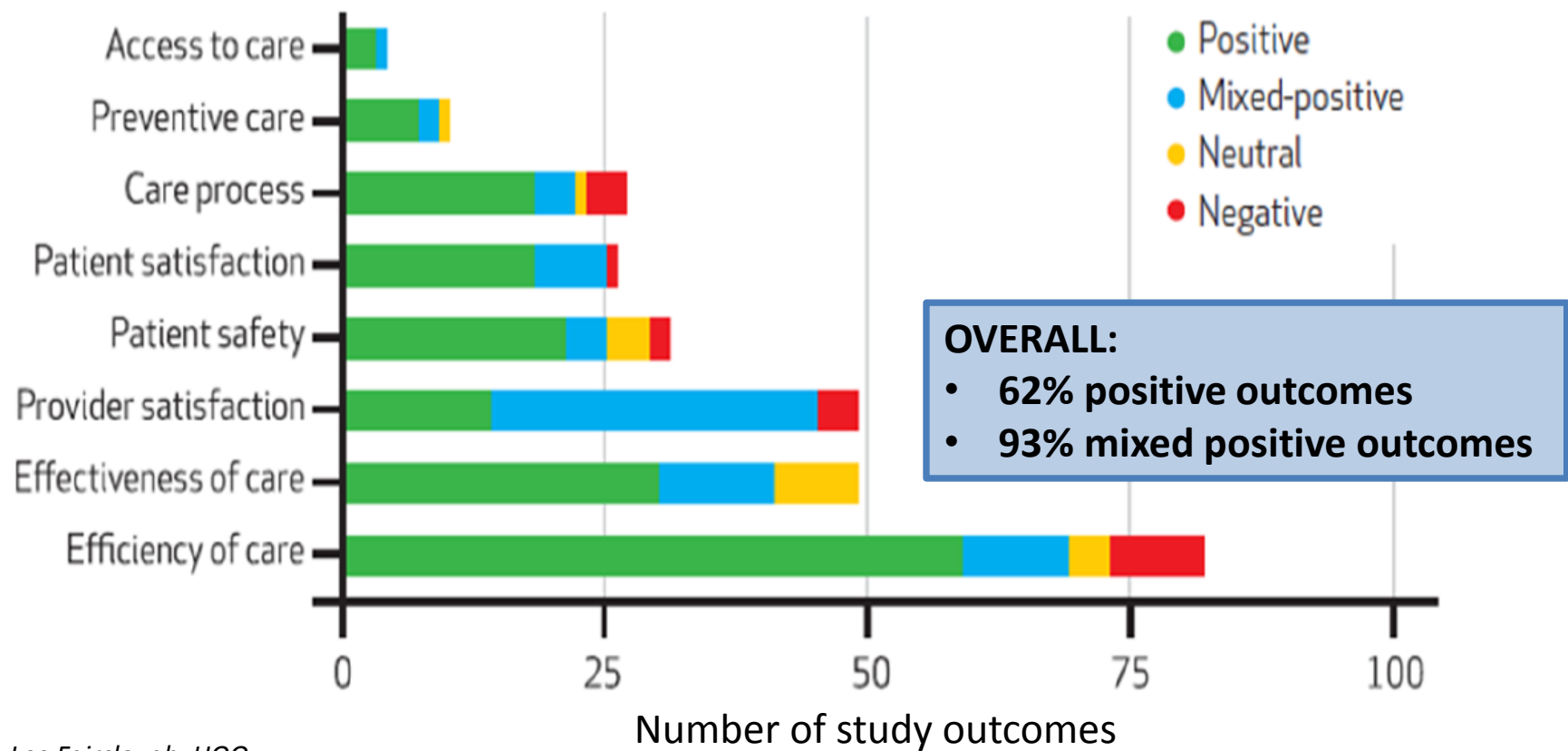
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- **Hospital workflows are often inefficient, and sometimes unsafe**

Could electronic systems help to bend the cost/quality curve,  
providing higher quality and safety at a lower total cost?

# Surveying the Landscape: HIT Outcomes

## Evaluations Of Outcome Measures Of Health Information Technology, By Type And Rating



Thanks to: Lee Fairclough, HQO

Source: The Benefits Of Health Information Technology: A Review Of The Recent Literature Shows Predominantly Positive Results  
Melinda Beeuwkes Buntin, Matthew F. Burke, Michael C. Hoaglin, and David Blumenthal Health Aff March 2011 30:3464-471; doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2011.0178

# This Isn't Easy

- **Unexpected Increased Mortality**  
**after Implementation of a Commercially Sold CPOE System**
  - Mortality rate increased from 2.8% to 6.57% (OR 3.28)  
*Han Y et al Pediatrics 2005; 116: 1506-1512*
- **Lessons Learned – Clinician/Informatics Leadership Lacking**
  - Insufficient analysis and redesign of clinical workflows
  - No CPOE Order Sets / **Clinical Standardization** before go-live
  - Insufficient real-world usability testing prior to go-live
  - *“One must avoid the temptation to blame the adverse effects on the particular system used. This would be equivalent to stating that a particular brand of tool from a hardware store was unsafe because an injury occurred while someone was misusing it.”*  
*Sittig, D et al Pediatrics 2006; 118: 797-801*







**NORTH  
YORK  
GENERAL**

*Making a World  
of Difference*

*Community  
academic hospital  
affiliated with the  
University of  
Toronto*

**Catchment area:** > 400,000

**Three Sites:** General,  
Branson, Seniors' Health

**Beds:** 426 acute care  
192 long-term care

**Volumes per year:**

- 124,000 ED visits
- 31,000 inpatient cases
- 214,000 outpatient cases
- 5,800 births



**NORTH YORK GENERAL**

**himss** Analytics

**STAGE  
6  
2011**



**himss**  
Davies Award  
NICHOLAS E. DAVIES

**2016**

# What is eCare?

**Advanced EMR with CPOE  
and electronic documentation**

**+**

**Standardization on  
Evidence-Based Care**

**+**

**Safe Prescribing and  
e-Medication Management**

**+**

**Clinical Decision Support  
(Static and Dynamic)**

**=**



**Kickoff: 2007**

**Phased Implementation:  
2008-2015**

**Hospital-wide: 2015**



# Goals of the eCare Project



- Implement advanced EMR to *improve patient outcomes*:
  - Quality and safety of patient care
  - Enable Clinical & Business Intelligence for better decisions
- Embrace culture of standardized, evidence-based care
  - Build evidence and best practice into optimized workflows
  - Make it “easy to do the right thing”
- SHARED VISION = “*by clinicians, for clinicians*”
  - 100% clinician adoption via comprehensive engagement
  - Team-based interprofessional approach/workflows

# The Importance of Clinician Review

## Details for a Medical Imaging Order:

### BEFORE:

Reason for exam (mandatory)

Is patient on oxygen? (mandatory)

Is patient pregnant? (mandatory)

Transport method? (mandatory)

Hospital site? (mandatory)

Order priority? (mandatory)

### AFTER:

Reason for exam (mandatory)

Order priority (mandatory)

# The Importance of Clinician Review

## BEFORE:

### Antibacterial Agents: Inpatient, Suspected Pseudomonas Regimens

Combination agent regimen: (Piperacillin-tazobactam, cefepime, imipenem-cilastatin, or meropenem) + (ciprofloxacin or levofloxacin)

Combination agent regimen: (Piperacillin-tazobactam, cefepime, imipenem-cilastatin, or meropenem) + (gentamicin, tobramycin, or amikacin) + (azithromycin, levofloxacin, or moxifloxacin)

piperacillin-tazobactam

4.5 gram intravenously every 6 hours

cefepime

2 gram intravenously every 8 hours

imipenem-cilastatin

500 milligram intravenously every 6 hours

meropenem

1 gram intravenously every 8 hours

ciprofloxacin

400 milligram intravenously every 8 hours

750 milligram orally every 12 hours

levoFLOxacin

750 milligram intravenously every 24 hours

750 milligram orally every 24 hours

gentamicin

1.7 milligram/kilogram intravenously every 8 hours

7 milligram/kilogram intravenously every 24 hours

tobramycin

1.7 milligram/kilogram intravenously every 8 hours

7 milligram/kilogram intravenously every 24 hours

amikacin

7.5 milligram/kilogram intravenously every 12 hours

15 milligram/kilogram intravenously every 24 hours

azithromycin

## AFTER – simpler, safer:

### Suspected Pseudomonas

First-line treatment for SUSPECTED/PROVEN P.AERUGINOSA: piperacillin-tazobactam +/- azithromycin (NYGH)

For patient with true beta-lactam allergy: Meropenem +/- azithromycin. Meropenem is associated with low cross-reactivity among those with a beta-lactam allergy. However, if a true anaphylactic, Ig-E mediated reaction has been documented with beta-lactam exposure, consider Infectious Disease and/or Allergy consultation

Tazocin inj

4,500 mg Inj IV q8h NOW

3,375 mg Inj IV q8h NOW Instructions: Suggested dose for creatinine clearance 20-40 mL per min.

3,375 mg Inj IV q12h NOW Instructions: Suggested dose for creatinine clearance < 20 mL per min.

Zithromax inj

500 mg Inj IV q24h-ATC Duration: 5 days NOW

Merrem inj

1000 mg Inj IV q8h NOW Instructions: RESTRICTED TO ID AND INTENSIVISTS

1000 mg Inj IV q12hr NOW Instructions: RESTRICTED TO ID AND INTENSIVISTS. Suggested dose for creatinine clearance 10-24 mL/min

1000 mg Inj IV q24h-ATC NOW Instructions: RESTRICTED TO ID AND INTENSIVISTS. Suggested dose for creatinine clearance < 10 mL/min



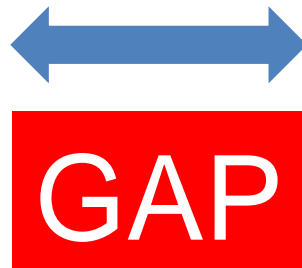
***HIS Adoption and  
Benefits Team***

# EVIDENCE-BASED CARE: THE GAPS

1) **Belief Gap:** “I know everything already”

2) **Capacity Gap:**

200 MB  
capacity



6,000  
articles/day  
300,000  
RCT's/year

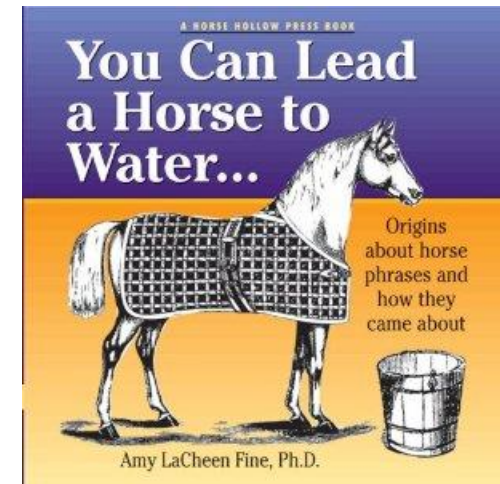
- Finish medical school and residency knowing everything
- Read and retain 2 articles every single night
- At the end of 1 year: **1,225 years behind**

3) **Temporal Gap:**

- Average of **17 years** for evidence to reach the bedside

# Evidence Utilization by Physicians

- “Pull model”: almost 0% success rate
- “Push model”: 75% success rate



Predictor of Success	Adjusted OR
Computer-based generation of decision support	6.3
Provision of recommendation rather than just an assessment	7.1
Provision of decision support at the time and location of decision-making	15.4
Automatic provision of decision support <b>as part of workflow</b>	<b>112.1</b>

*Kawamoto K et al. Systematic review of clinical decision support system success factors. BMJ 2005*



# Evidence-Based Electronic Order Sets

The **KEY** catalyst to transform practice with CPOE!

- Standardization of care (e.g. condition-based)
- Current evidence and best practice can be built into clinician workflow
- Enables rapid content updates, real-time decision support
- Encourages an interprofessional approach:
  - Order sets with multi-disciplinary orders
  - Care pathways with key interventions and goals



# Pneumonia Admission Order Set: Integrated Evidence

## Risk Stratification (home / ward / Critical Care):

**Pneumonia: CAP - Admission to Medicine (Adult) (Initiated Pending)**

△ Admission/Transfer

- SEE LINK for "Quality Based Procedures Clinical Handbook for Community-Acquired Pneumonia" (November 2013)
- Level of care for CAP (CrCU, inpatient, or outpatient) may be based on validated clinical prediction scores
- SEE LINK for CRB-65 / CURB-65 Severity Scores for Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP)
- Please refer to CrCU Pneumonia module for high-risk patients requiring CrCU admission

☒ Admit To Service: Medicine, Regular Bed, Patient Diagnosis: Community Acquired Pneumonia, Internist on call until 0800

△ Resuscitation Status

☐ Resuscitation Status ▼ Pt/SDM Resus Decision: FULL Resuscitation

## Prophylaxis and Proactive Care:

**Prophylactic Measures**

- ☐ For inpatients with CAP, VTE prophylaxis should be used
- ☐ VTE Prophylaxis: Medical Condition (Adult) (Module)
- ☐ For patients with community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) who smoke, consider smoking cessation therapy
- ☐ Smoking cessation interventions (eg, counseling, medications) should be given to smokers
- ☐ Smoking Cessation (Adult & Adolescent) (Module)

# Pneumonia Admission Order Set:

## Evidence-Based Empiric Antibiotic Treatment Selection

**Reminders**

- ☒ Please refer to NYGH Antimicrobial Guideline Handbook, and select appropriate empiric antimicrobial regimens during first 24 hours. Use oral option when possible unless NPO or vomiting
- ☒ Antibiotics should be administered as soon as possible (within 4-6 hours) after the diagnosis of CAP has been made in ER. If patient has taken an antibiotic within the last 3 months for any reason, select an antibiotic from an ALTERNATE class
- ☒ **EARLY SWITCH FROM PARENTERAL TO ORAL ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY:** should be considered followed by discharge for eligible patients (e.g. hemodynamically stable, improving clinically, normal GI tract, and able to ingest medications)
- ☐ For suspected aspiration OR Healthcare Associated Pneumonia (HCAP): Use the following modules instead of the antimicrobial options below
- ☐ Pneumonia With Suspected Aspiration (Adult) (Modul...
- ☐ Pneumonia: Nosocomial/Health Care Associated Pne...

**Antibiotic Regimens**

- ☒ First-line treatment: Beta-lactam (ceftriaxone, or if taking PO, amoxicillin-clavulanic acid). Addition of a macrolide is indicated for patients with severe illness, positive urine antigen, or suspected Legionellosis (See Atypical Coverage: Macrolide section below)
- ☒ In patients with a true beta-lactam allergy (eg. anaphylaxis, angioedema, or bronchospasm): Respiratory fluoroquinolone alone
- ☒ **DURATION OF THERAPY:** 5-7 days of therapy for hospitalized patients not in ICU

**First line Treatment: Beta-Lactam**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cefTRIAxone (Rocephin inj)	1000 mg, Inj, IV, q24h-ATC, NOW
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	amoxicillin-clavulanate (Clavulin F 875-125)	875 mg, PO, q12h, NOW
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	amoxicillin-clavulanate (Clavulin F 500-125)	▼ 500 mg, Tab, PO, q12h, NOW, Suggested dose for creatinine clearance 10-30 ml ...

**Atypical Coverage: Macrolide**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A macrolide for atypical coverage is indicated in patients with severe illness, positive urine antigen, or suspected Legionellosis	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	azithromycin (Zithromax inj)	500 mg, Inj, IV, q24h-ATC, for 5 days, NOW
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	azithromycin (Zithromax)	500 mg, Tab, PO, q24h-ATC, NOW

**Beta-lactam Allergy: Quinolone**

- ☒ A respiratory fluoroquinolone is indicated in patients with a true beta-lactam allergy (eg. anaphylaxis, angioedema, or bronchospasm)
- ☒ Moxifloxacin (IV or PO) is indicated for low to intermediate risk patients

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	moxifloxacin (Avelox)	400 mg, Tab, PO, q24h-ATC, NOW
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	moxifloxacin (Avelox I.V.)	400 mg, Inj, IV, q24h-ATC, NOW

- ☒ For renally impaired patients, no dose adjustment is required with moxifloxacin

**Suspected Pseudomonas**

- ☒ First-line treatment for SUSPECTED/PROVEN P.AERUGINOSA: piperacillin-tazobactam +/- azithromycin
- ☒ For patient with true beta-lactam allergy: Meropenem +/- azithromycin. Meropenem is associated with low cross-reactivity among those with a beta-lactam allergy.

## Reminder

For patients who have atrial fibrillation and are at high or intermediate risk for stroke, use oral anticoagulation with apixaban, dabigatran, rivaroxaban, or warfarin.

For those who are unsuitable for warfarin therapy, use a direct thrombin inhibitor or factor Xa inhibitor.

For patients who have atrial fibrillation of  $\geq 48$  hours' duration or of unknown duration and who are undergoing cardioversion, use warfarin, an LMWH, apixaban, rivaroxaban, or dabigatran for at least 3 weeks prior to and 4 weeks after non-TEE-guided cardioversion.

For those who have atrial fibrillation of  $< 48$  hours' duration and are undergoing cardioversion, use heparin (either IV UFH or an LMWH), a direct thrombin inhibitor, or factor Xa inhibitor if the patient is not already anticoagulated.

For patients with atrial fibrillation who have a creatinine clearance  $< 25$  mL/minute, do not use apixaban.

For patients with atrial fibrillation who have a creatinine clearance  $< 15$  mL/minute, do not use rivaroxaban.

[Abbreviations](#) | [Guidelines](#)

## Rationale





The following table summarizes meta-analyses related to this topic:

Study	Comparison	
<a href="#">Giugliano et al (ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48, 2014)</a>	High-dose (60 mg once daily) edoxaban vs Low-dose (30 mg once daily) edoxaban vs Warfarin	In patients with atrial fibrillation who have moderate-high stroke risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High-dose edoxaban decreases stroke (ischemic or hemorrhagic) during treatment</li><li>• There is no significant between-group difference in stroke during treatment</li><li>• There is no significant between-group difference in a combined outcome of stroke or death</li><li>• Low-dose edoxaban increases the frequency of a combined outcome of stroke or death</li><li>• Both high-dose and low-dose edoxaban decrease hemorrhagic stroke and death</li></ul>
<a href="#">Halperin et al (ROCKET AF, 2014)</a>	Rivaroxaban vs Warfarin	In patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation at moderate to high risk of stroke: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In patients <math>\geq 75</math> years of age:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Rivaroxaban increases the combined outcome of major or clinically important bleeding</li><li>◦ There is no significant between-group difference in a combined outcome of stroke or death</li></ul></li><li>• In patients <math>&lt; 75</math> years of age:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ There is no significant between-group difference in a combined outcome of stroke or death</li><li>◦ There is no significant between-group difference in a combined outcome of stroke or death</li></ul></li></ul>
<a href="#">Lip et al (2014)</a>	Apixaban vs Aspirin	Based on data from the AVERROES study and at a mean follow-up of 1.1 years, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In all patients, apixaban decreases ischemic stroke.</li><li>• In female patients, apixaban decreases ischemic stroke.</li><li>• In male patients, apixaban decreases ischemic stroke.</li><li>• In all patients, there is no significant between-group difference in intracranial hemorrhage.</li><li>• In female patients, there is no significant between-group difference in intracranial hemorrhage.</li><li>• In male patients, there is no significant between-group difference in intracranial hemorrhage.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Hylek et al (2014)</a>	Apixaban vs Warfarin	Based on data from the ARISTOTLE trial, in patients with atrial fibrillation, apixaban decreases stroke and death compared with warfarin.
<a href="#">Artang et al (2013)</a>	Warfarin vs Alternative anticoagulant (eg, direct thrombin inhibitors, factor Xa inhibitors, aspirin, clopidogrel)	In patients with atrial fibrillation, there is no significant between-group difference in stroke or death.
<a href="#">Bruins Slot and Berge (CD008980, 2013)</a>	Factor Xa inhibitors vs Vitamin K antagonists	In patients with atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter, factor Xa inhibitors reduce the combined risk of stroke, major bleedings, intracranial hemorrhages, and all-cause deaths.

# Integrating New Evidence

- ☐ 6.25 mg Tab PO q12h Instructions: Give with food to minimize risk of orthostatic hypotension. Hold if HR < 55 bpm, Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 12.5 mg Tab PO q12h Instructions: Give with food to minimize risk of orthostatic hypotension. Hold if HR < 55 bpm, Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 25 mg Tab PO q12h Instructions: (target dose FOR WEIGHT <= 85 KG) Give with food to minimize risk of orthostatic hypotension. Hold if HR < 55 bpm, Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 50 mg Tab PO q12h Instructions: (target dose FOR WEIGHT > 85 KG) Give with food to minimize risk of orthostatic hypotension. Hold if HR < 55 bpm, Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,

## ARBs (Angiotensin Receptor Blockers)

-  REDUCED EF (HF-REF): Angiotensin-II receptor blockers (ARBs) are recommended in ACEI-intolerant patients, to reduce morbidity and mortality. Routine combination of ACE-I, ARB, and aldosterone antagonist therapy is potentially harmful. 
-  PRESERVED EF (HF-PEF): ARBs may be considered in patients with hypertension, or to decrease hospitalization for patients with heart failure and PEF. 

## Atacand

- ☐ 4 mg Tab PO daily Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 8 mg Tab PO daily Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 16 mg Tab PO daily Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 32 mg Tab PO daily Instructions: (target dose) Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,

## Diovan

- ☐ 40 mg Tab PO q12h Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 80 mg Tab PO q12h Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,
- ☐ 160 mg Tab PO q12h Instructions: (target dose) Hold if SBP < 95 mmHg,



# Pneumonia Admission Order Set:

## “Choosing Wisely”: ordering investigations

<b>Microbiology</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blood cultures are recommended for patients who meet >2 SIRS criteria or require admission to the CrCU (Ref: Quality-Based Procedures Clinical Handbook for Community-Acquired Pneumonia, Nov 2013)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blood C&S #1 - Aerobic/ Anaerobic	Priority: ASAP, Specimen Source: Blood Spe... Obtain prior to administering antibiotics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blood C&S #2 - Aerobic	Priority: ASAP, Specimen Source: Blood Spe... Obtain prior to administering antibiotics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respiratory Culture & Sensitivity (Sputum Culture & S...	Priority: Routine, Specimen Source: Sputum
<input type="checkbox"/>	TB Culture - PHL (Sputum for AFB)	Priority: Routine, Specimen Source: Sputum Day 1 on Admission
<input type="checkbox"/>	TB Culture - PHL (Sputum for AFB)	Priority: Routine, Specimen Source: Sputum Day 2 of Admission
<input type="checkbox"/>	TB Culture - PHL (Sputum for AFB)	Priority: Routine, Specimen Source: Sputum Day 3 of Admission
<b>Serology/virology</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consider testing for Legionella Urine Antigen for patients with severe pneumonia, patients not responding to drug therapy after 48-72 hours, and inpatients during peak season (mid-June to early October)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legionella Urine - PHL	Priority: Routine
<b>Diagnostic Imaging</b>		
<b>General Radiology</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For patients with physical findings or history suggestive of CAP, perform posteroanterior and lateral chest radiography for diagnosis and evaluation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For CAP patients who had only AP CXR consider ordering follow up PA/L CXR particularly for those patients who have Lower Lobe Pneumonias	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chest PA / Lateral	Reason: Suspected community-acquired pn...
<b>CT Scan</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Although CXR is less sensitive than CT Chest for detecting pulmonary infiltrates, routine CT Chest for patients with pneumonia is not recommended.	
<b>Interventional Radiology</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For patients with parapneumonic effusion that is loculated or greater than 10 mm on lateral decubitus film, consider thoracentesis and pleural fluid culture and analysis (pH, glucose). See separate thoracentesis modules	
<b>Other Investigations</b>		

**Choosing  
Wisely  
Canada**

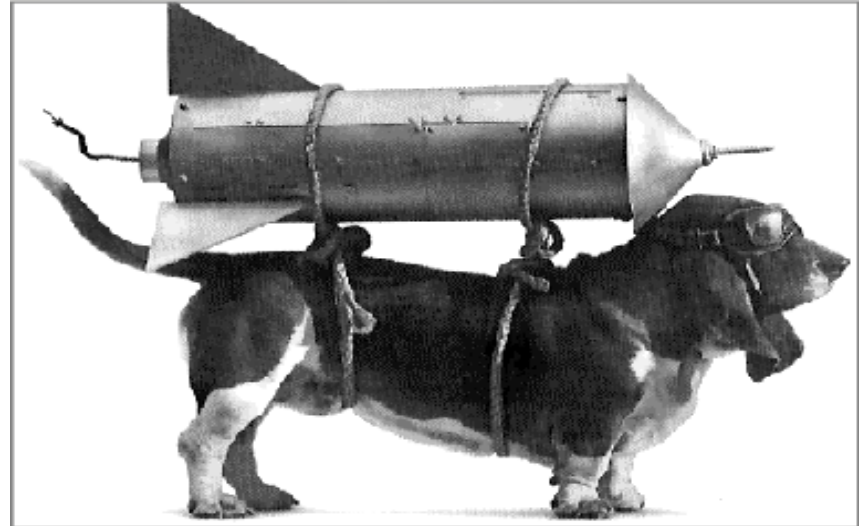


Quality-Based  
Procedures Clinical  
Handbook for  
Community-Acquired  
Pneumonia

Health Quality Ontario & Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
November 2013

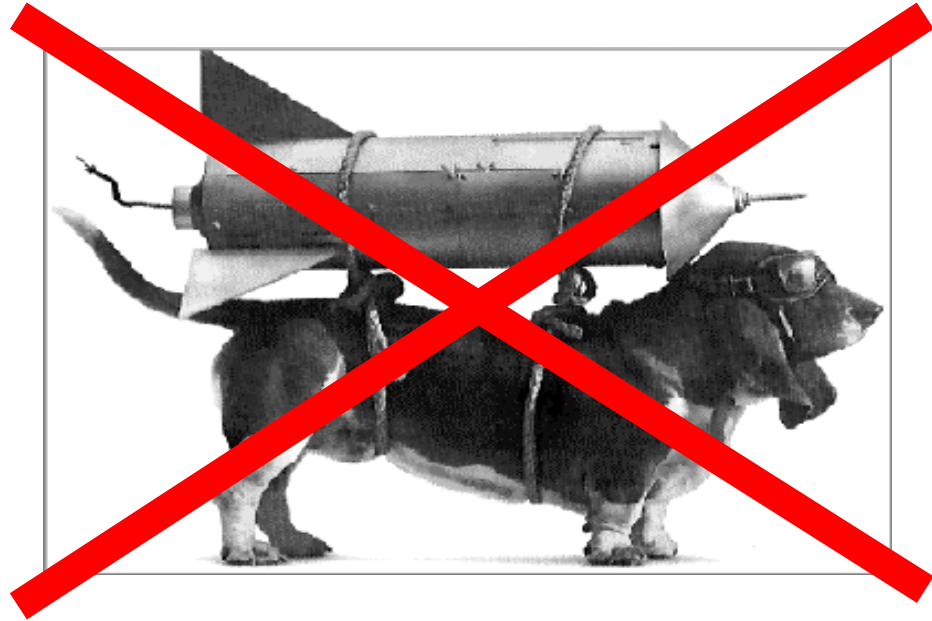


**“Launching CPOE will  
magnify existing  
workflow and policy  
problems in your  
organization”**



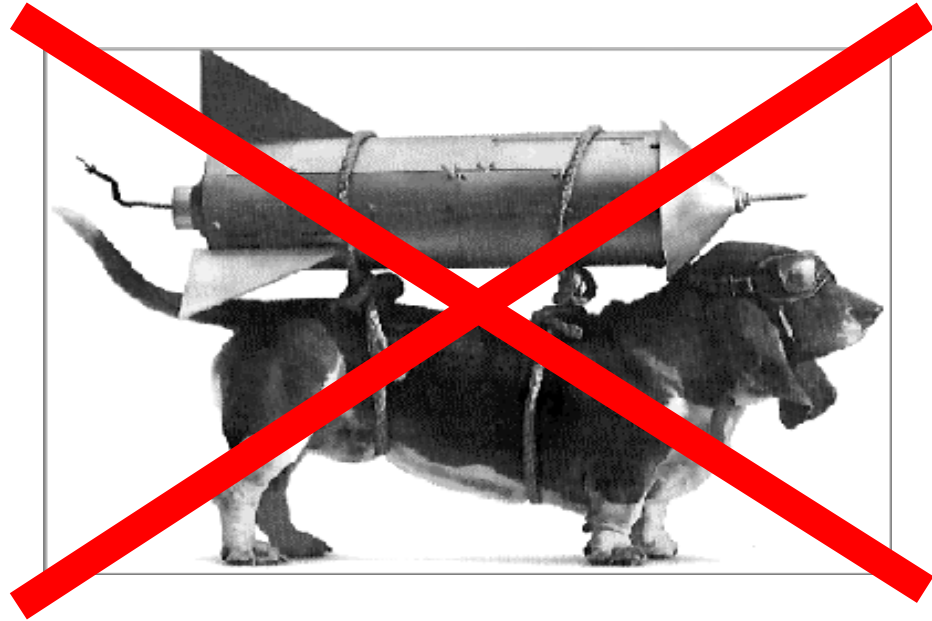
**Workflow Integration  
for CPOE**

CPOE: “Strapping a new solution onto an old broken process can spell disaster!”



Workflow Integration  
for CPOE

CPOE implementation is a **key opportunity** to integrate evidence and best practices into new clinical workflows



Workflow Integration  
for CPOE

# Integrating Workflows:

## Mobilizing Evidence with People and Technology

### Re-engineer care processes to mobilize evidence:

- Stroke:
  - Bedside swallowing assessment
  - SCD's
- Prevention of VTE
- Prevention of IV contrast-induced nephropathy/renal failure
- Therapeutic drug monitoring (digoxin, aminoglycosides)









# Order Set Design: Strong Influence on Evidence-Based Care (example: Stroke)

- **Original Order Set:**
  - NPO diet order not mandatory
  - Swallowing screen separate from diet, not mandatory
- **Revised Design:**
  - Swallowing screen mandatory
  - Diet orders streamlined, integrated with swallowing
- **Audit:** 10-week period before and after revision:
  - Number of patients referred for screening **doubled**
  - Patients screened within 24hr increased from **81%** to **96%**

## Diet

 Patients with ischemic stroke should undergo a bedside swallowing screening test before taking foods, fluids, or medications by mouth.  

Acute Stroke Swallowing Screen  

 Routine Reassess diet after swallowing screen (TOR-BSST). Please call 4 North x6388 for

NPO

☒ NPO except medications



Change Diet

☒ Nurse to advance diet as per the TOR-BSST guidelines (if patient passes swallowing screen)

## Activity

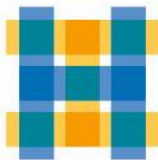
Activity as Tolerated

☒ Routine Nurse and/or team to advance mobilization as tolerated



# What Were the Results?

## Selected Outcomes from NYGH eCare



# TORONTO STAR

Metro Edition

Thursday Dec 13, 2012

## In-Hospital Death Rates Down Across Greater Toronto Area

- Annual CIHI Report demonstrated that preventable in-hospital deaths were reduced
- **NYGH – top performer in Greater Toronto and second best in all of Canada**
- CEO Tim Rutledge: “health information technology has hard-wired quality and safety into the hospital”

## HSMR:

- Reported from hospitals to CIHI annually
- Reported to public by CIHI annually
- GOAL: Reduce preventable inpatient deaths



# Study: CPOE and Evidence-Based Order Sets

## Retrospective chart review:

- All patients discharged with a main diagnosis of Pneumonia or COPD
  - **Population #1:** Pre-CPOE (Jan-Sep 2010) n = 520
  - **Population #2:** Post-CPOE (Jan-Sep 2011) n = 511
  - Groups similar in age, gender distribution
  - Corrections: “Probability of Death”, critical care admission

## Primary Hypothesis:

- Use of CPOE is associated with reduction in adjusted mortality vs traditional paper processes

## Secondary Hypothesis:

- Use of CPOE with a matching evidence-based admission order set is associated with reduction in adjusted mortality vs use of any order set



# Results: CPOE vs Paper

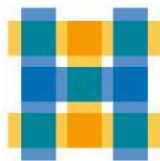
Outcome	Odds Ratio	Confidence Interval	p-value
Death	<b>0.574</b>	0.391 – 0.843	<b>0.005</b>
Death adj for Probability of Death	<b>0.571</b>	0.383 – 0.852	<b>0.006</b>
Death adj for Probability of Death and CrCU Admission	<b>0.547</b>	0.360 – 0.830	<b>0.005</b>
30-Day Readmission	0.835	0.573 – 1.210	0.345
30-Day Readmission adj for Probability of Death and CrCU Admission	0.837	0.562 – 1.250	0.380

# Results: Evidence-Based Order Set Selection

Order Set	Outcome	Odds Ratio	Confidence Interval	p-value
Diagnosis-appropriate	Death	<b>0.48</b>	0.26 – 0.90	<b>0.022</b>
Diagnosis-appropriate	Death adj for Probability of Death and CrCU Admission	<b>0.44</b>	0.21 – 0.90	<b>0.024</b>
Diagnosis-appropriate	30-Day Readmission	1.35	0.75 – 2.38	0.30
Close to diagnosis	Death	1.47	0.71 – 3.01	0.30
Close to diagnosis	Death adj for Probability of Death and CrCU Admission	1.82	0.78 – 4.23	0.16
Any order set	Death	0.55	0.12 – 2.54	0.44
Any order set	30-Day Readmission	1.53	0.19 – 11.92	0.69

# Results: Adoption and Culture Change

	Paper Orders		CPOE (eCare)	
Percentage of patients for whom a <b><u>diagnosis-appropriate</u></b> order set was used	Pneumonia	26.05%	Pneumonia	<b>60.43%</b>
	COPD	0.0%	COPD	<b>45.1%</b>
Percentage of patients for whom <b><u>any</u></b> admission order set was used	Pneumonia	37.90%	Pneumonia	<b>97.54%</b>
	COPD	35.11%	COPD	<b>97.35%</b>

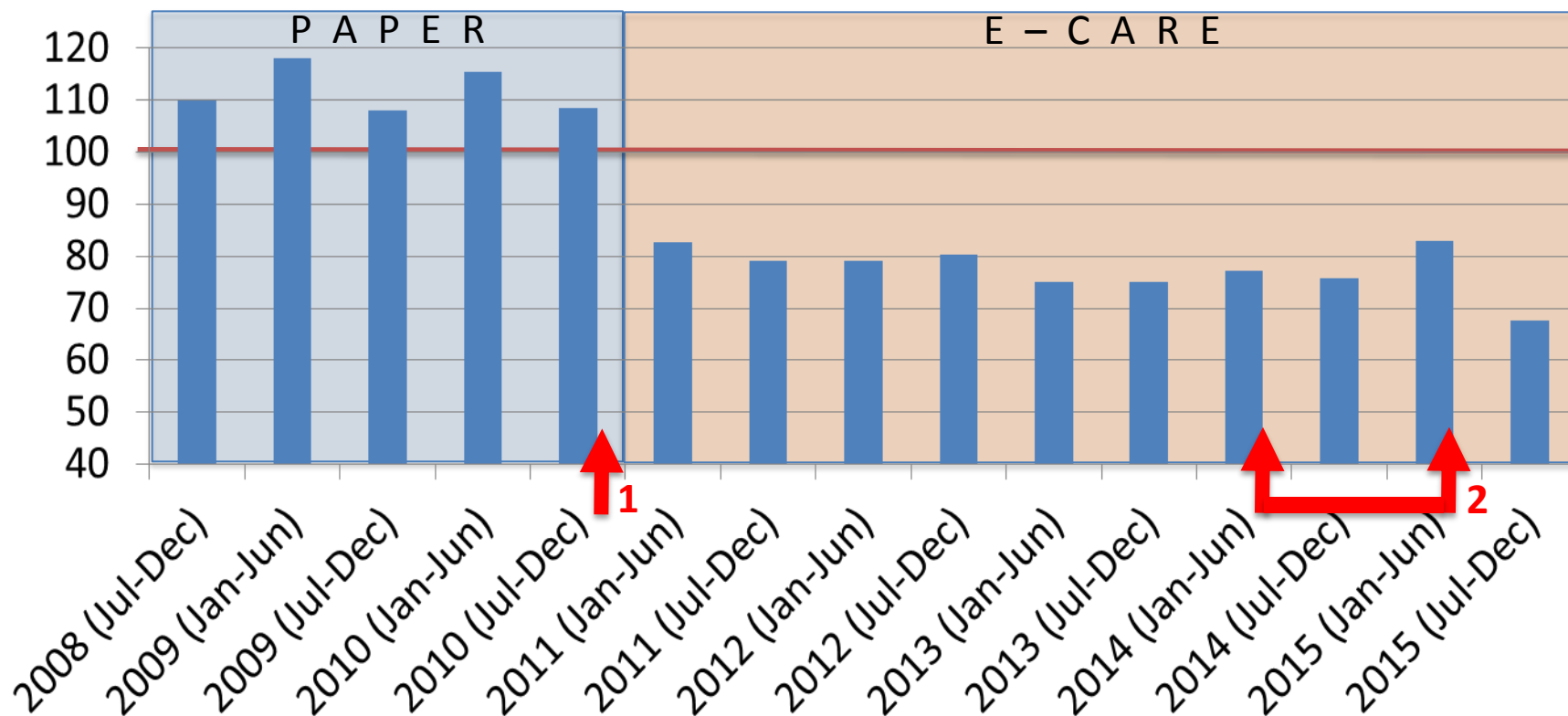


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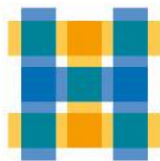
# Inpatient Preventable Mortality: Trended Format

## HSMR – Medicine Program



**1 – eCare Phase 2 Implementation (CPOE, order sets, electronic med management)**

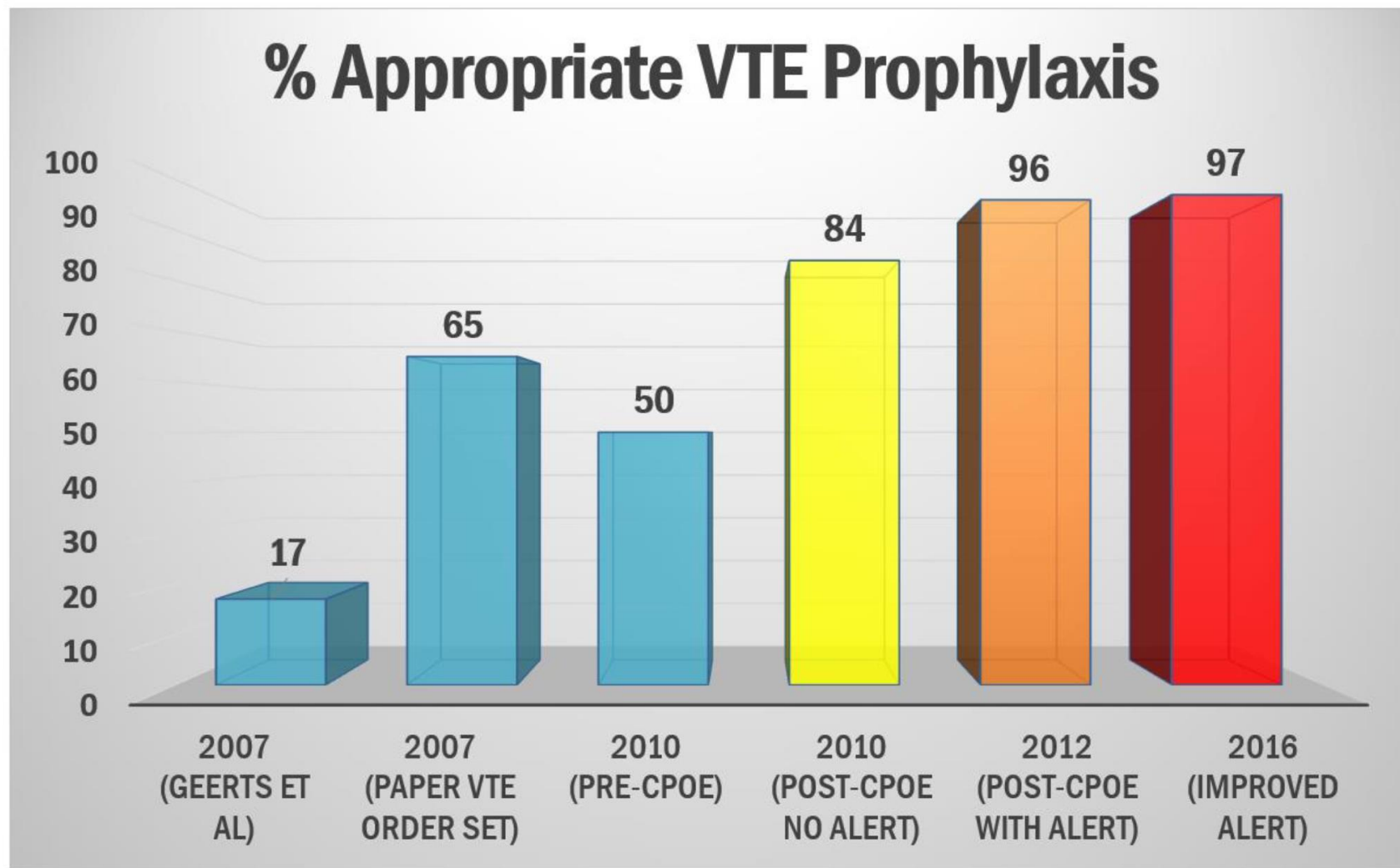
**2 – Quality Based Procedure (QBP) implementation – phased, over 1 year**



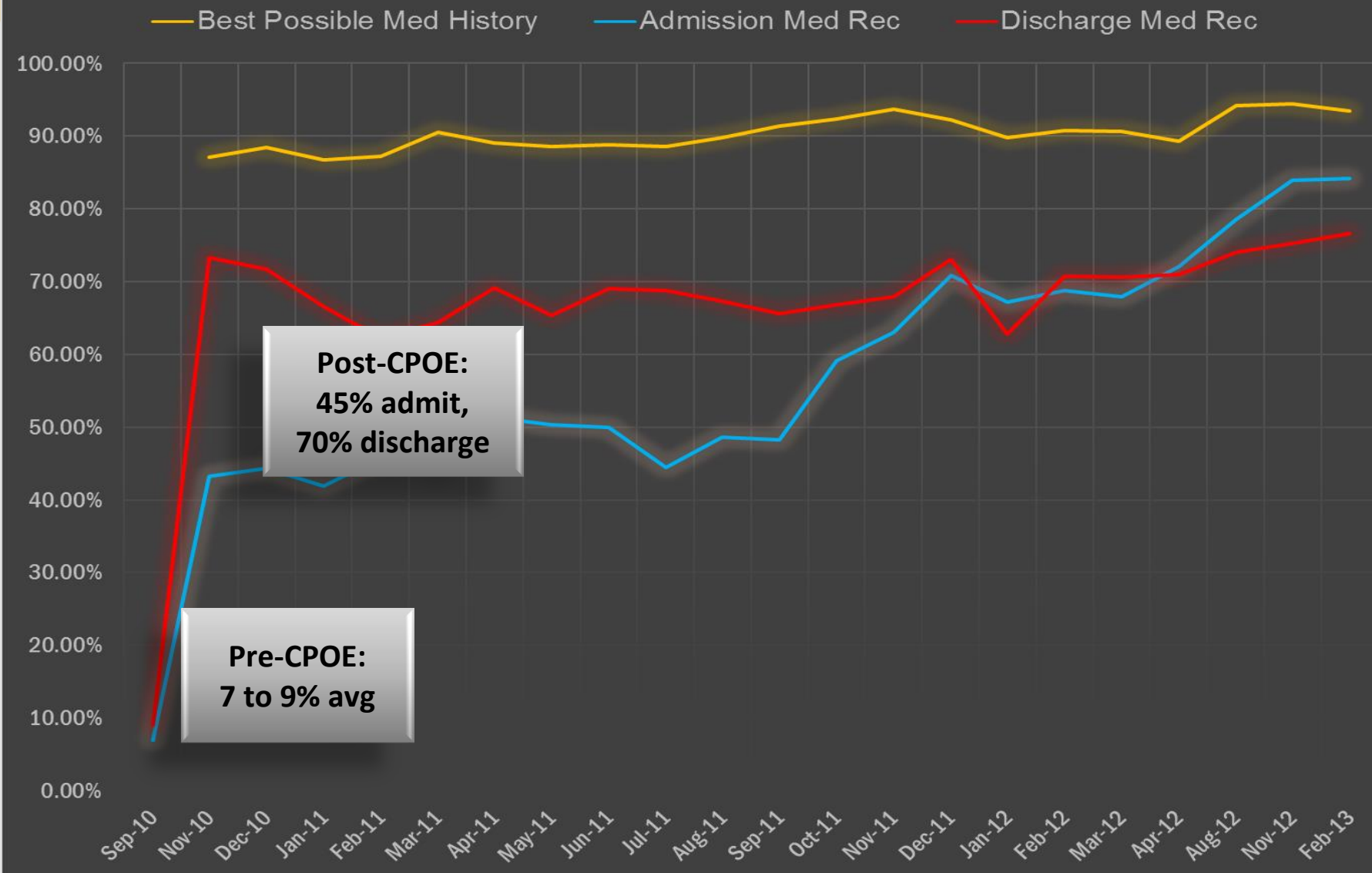
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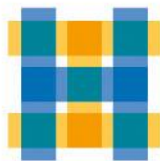
# Making Quality Stick: VTE Prophylaxis



# MEDREC: NYGH MEDICINE PROGRAM







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# Clinical Decision Support to improve Admission Medication Reconciliation

Alert to remind Most Responsible Physician (MRP)

- Best Possible Medication History is available

Discern: Open Chart - PMREIMER, Mr. JAMES

 **Admission Med Rec Alert**

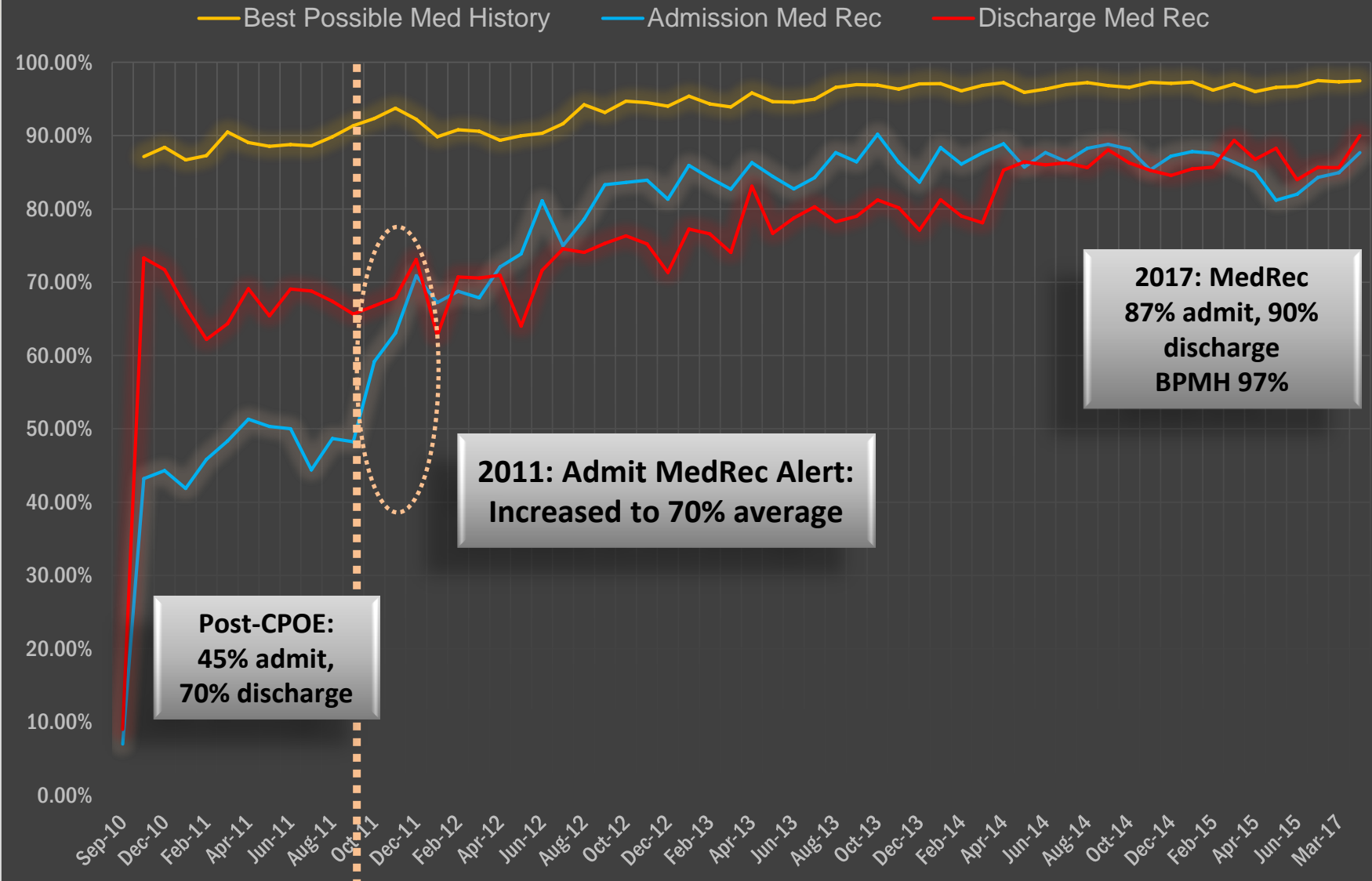
Admission Medication Reconciliation has not been completed for PMREIMER, JAMES

Please perform Admission Medication Reconciliation as follows:

- 1) Select the Orders tab from the left-hand menu of the patient chart
- 2) Click the Reconciliation button, and choose "Admission" from the drop-down list

OK

# MEDREC: NYGH MEDICINE PROGRAM



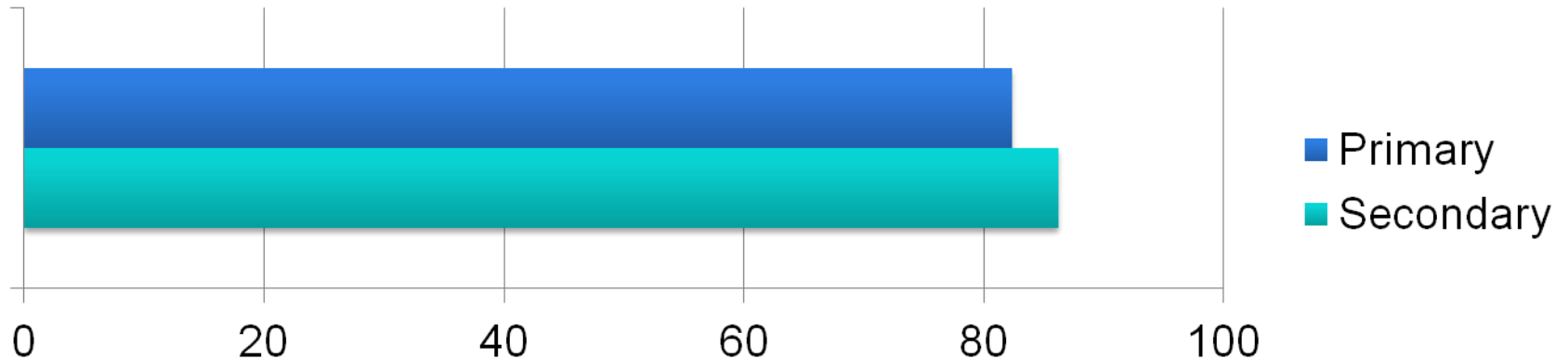
# Overall Clinician Satisfaction

Primary	Secondary	<i>p</i>	OR (95% CI)
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In general, how satisfied are you overall with the CPOE system you are currently working with?

28/34 (82%)	25/29 (86%)	.677	.75 (.19 – 2.95)
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(Satisfied + Very Satisfied responses)



# Summary of eCare Clinical Benefits

- **100%** clinician adoption
- MedRec improved from **8%** to **90%**, with significant reduction in pharmacist interventions for duplicate meds and omitted medications
- Medication turnaround time improved by **83%** (291→50 mins), with prevention of **11,000** patient mismatch errors and reduction in reported medication adverse events
- Appropriate prophylaxis against VTE increased from **50%** of inpatients to **>97%** of inpatients (with help of alerts), with a corresponding **39%** reduction in VTE
- Order set usage for patient admission to hospital increased from **36.5%** (paper) to **>97%** (CPOE), even though use not mandatory
- Mortality from pneumonia and COPD exacerbation was reduced by **45%** using CPOE vs paper orders, and by **56%** using CPOE with a correctly-matched evidence-based order set

# eCare ROI Calculation

Canadian cost of adverse nosocomial events:

- Cost per medication error: \$402 to \$632 (median **\$517 CDN**)
- Cost per nosocomial adverse drug event: **\$4,028 CDN**
- Cost per case of nosocomial VTE: **\$24,411** to **\$36,047 CDN**
- Cost per case of nosocomial *C. difficile*: **\$1,029,169** to **\$2,933,760 CDN**

*In Acute Care – CPSI July 2012*

Nosocomial Events	Costs (\$CDN) Dec 2015
Medication Errors	\$20,428
Adverse Drug Events	\$31,062,119
Discrepancy in Orders	
VTE prevention	\$1,029,169
Prevented recurrences of <i>C.difficile</i>	\$293,376
<b>TOTAL COST AVERTED</b>	<b>\$38,115,113</b>

Cost of 31 lives saved per year from pneumonia and COPD exacerbation alone:  
**PRICELESS**

→ **Net savings over 5 years: \$1.2 million**

# What is the “Secret Sauce”?

## Local Clinicians and Informaticians

Positive OR negative outcomes are possible  
using the same vendor software:

- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh 2005: **increased mortality**
- North York General Hospital 2010-2015: **decreased mortality**

To obtain clinical and financial benefits  
from implementing advanced HIS, we need:

- **Engagement of clinicians**, in partnership with **informaticians**
- Careful review and **redesign** of clinical workflows and content for clinical transformation – *“Make it easy to do the right thing”*
- System adoption → ownership → **stewardship**





# **EHR the Canadian Way: Challenges and Advantages**

# Are we making progress?

United States **EMR Adoption Model<sup>SM</sup>**

Canada **EMR Adoption Model<sup>SM</sup>**

STAGE	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	STAGE	2017 Q1	2017 Q2
7	5.0%	5.3%	7	0.2%	0.3%
6	31.9%	32.4%	6	1.2%	1.1%
5	34.3%	34.1%	5	3.9%	3.9%
4	10.0%	9.8%	4	1.4%	1.6%
3	13.3%	13.1%	3	30.6%	30.6%
2	1.9%	1.9%	2	29.6%	29.5%
1	1.6%	1.6%	1	15.6%	15.5%
0	1.9%	1.8%	0	17.6%	17.5%
N:5,479		N:5,478	N:643		N:644

- Progression to HIMSS EMRAM Stage 4 and above is associated with improved care: quality, safety and value
  - Amarasingham R et al. Arch Intern Med 2009 169(2):108-14
  - 2006 HIMSS EMR Sophistication Correlates to Hospital Quality Data
  - 2012 HIMSS Analytics Report: Quality and Safety
- US has **12x** the proportion of sites at HIMSS Stage 4 and above vs Canada (81.6% vs 6.9%)

# Canadian Challenges

- Funding
- No central program of financial bonuses/penalties
- No clinically-focused maturity models in use
- Insufficient regulatory enforcement of terminology standards
- American Hospital Information System vendors:
  - Architected to meet American regulatory requirements, clinical workflows
  - Vendor clinical content focused on American standards, units of measure
  - Custom work required to accommodate / integrate Canadian provincial standards, systems, regulatory requirements, reporting
- Disparate constellation of primary care / long-term care systems, certification requirements differ from hospital sector
- Many healthcare organizations independently managed/operated (only some co-ordinated regional health systems, developing cross-sector “ACO’s”)

# Canadian Advantages

- Healthcare System Integration:
  - Regional Health Authorities, Cross-Continuum Management / Care
  - Centralized Health Information Systems are developing
- Publicly Funded Healthcare System:
  - Organizations co-operate rather than compete

→ Open for Sharing



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# CPOE TOOLKIT: BY THE NUMBERS

[www.cpoe-toolkit.ca](http://www.cpoe-toolkit.ca)

**57**

member  
organizations



**6**

contributing  
organizations

**7**

Canadian  
provinces



**525**

active  
users



**1,544**

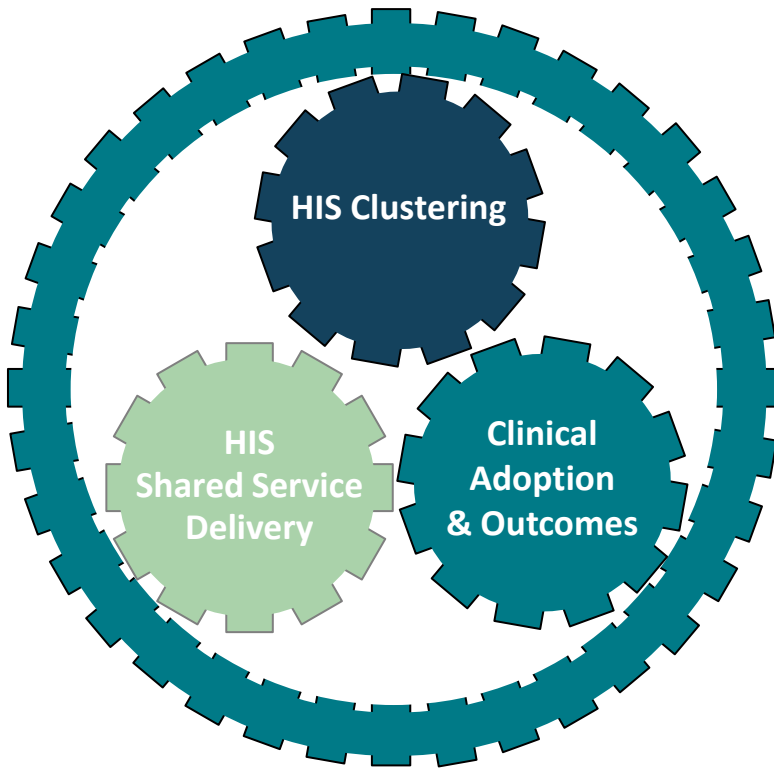
evidence-based order  
sets

# Ontario HIS Benefits and Adoption Team (HISBAT)

- Led by North York General Hospital (HIMSS 6) and Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences (HIMSS 7), both Davies Enterprise Award winners
- Peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, mentorship of HIS project teams through on-site visits
- Provided at no cost to Ontario hospitals
- First 9 months – 50+ hospitals assisted



# Ontario HIS Renewal Strategy



Ontario's approach to HIS renewal focuses on accelerating maturity in three key areas that are all critical to success:

- **HIS Clustering**
- **HIS Service Delivery**
- **Clinical Adoption & Outcomes**

Implementation will be supported by key policy enablers:

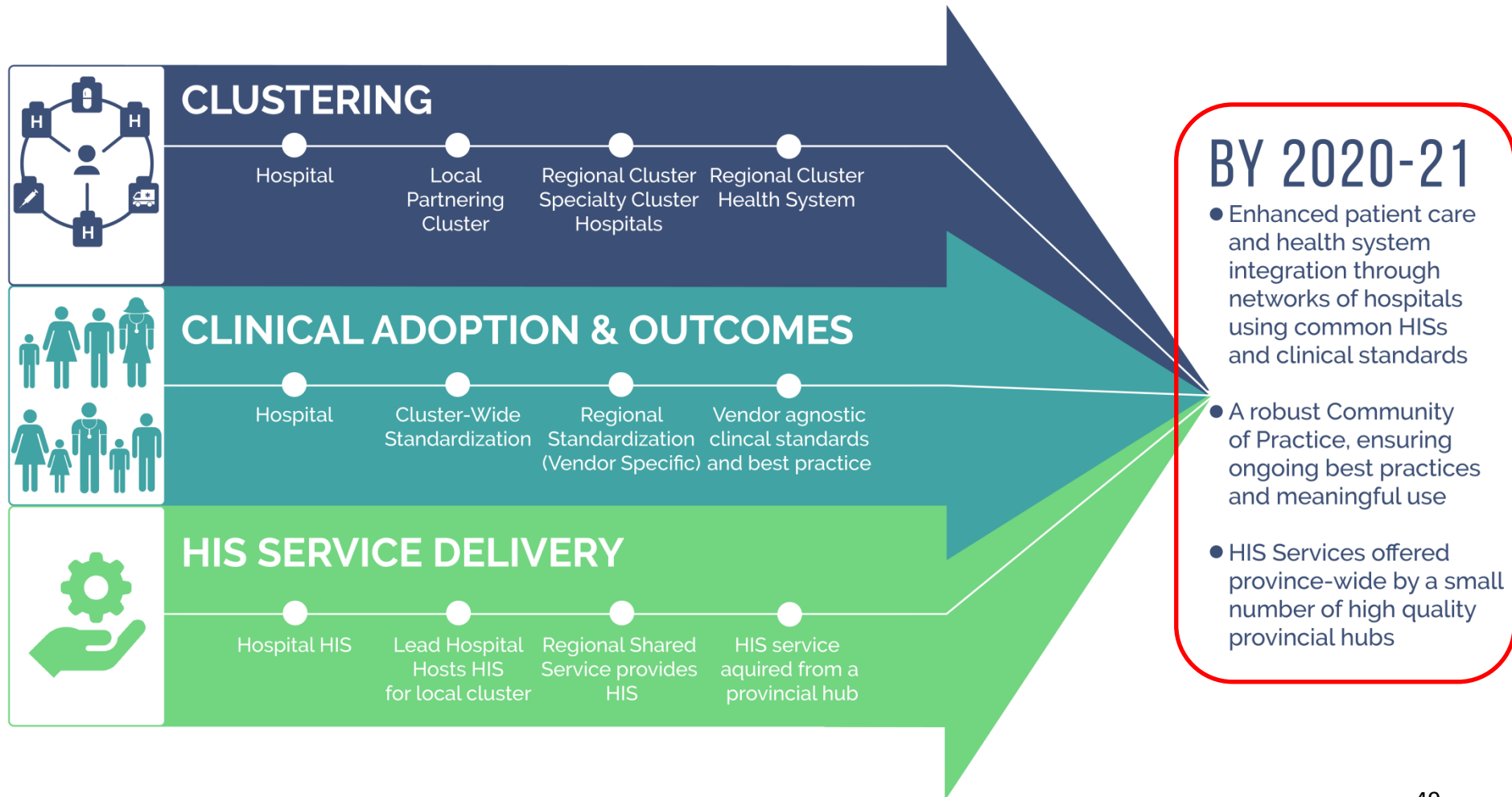
- **Funding**
- **Procurement**

## **HIS Renewal Panel Recommendations:**

Significantly changing the landscape of HIS procurement, funding, and partnerships

# HIS Renewal Maturity Path

- Optimizing the benefits from HIS investments will depend on advancing maturity in the three key areas in tandem.

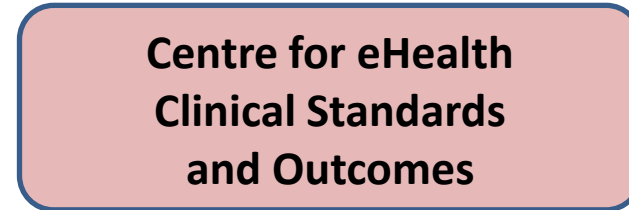


# Provincial Schematic – Clinical Standardization

## CLINICAL QUALITY STANDARDS



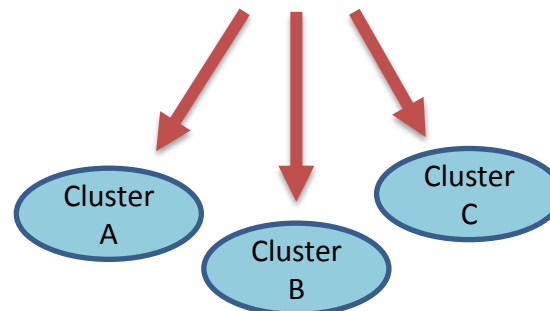
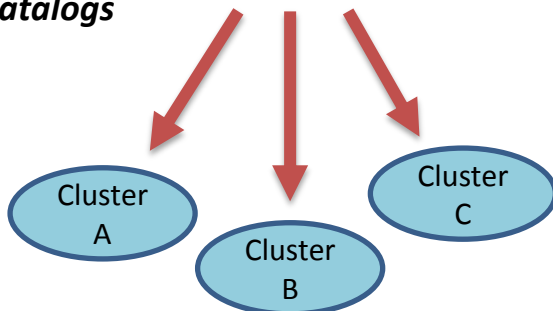
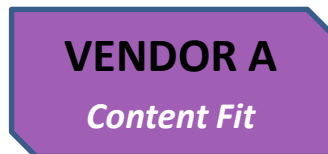
## KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION



PROTOTYPE TEMPLATES  
PROTOTYPE ORDER SETS  
SUGGESTED WORKFLOWS/POLICIES  
REQUIRED TERMINOLOGIES

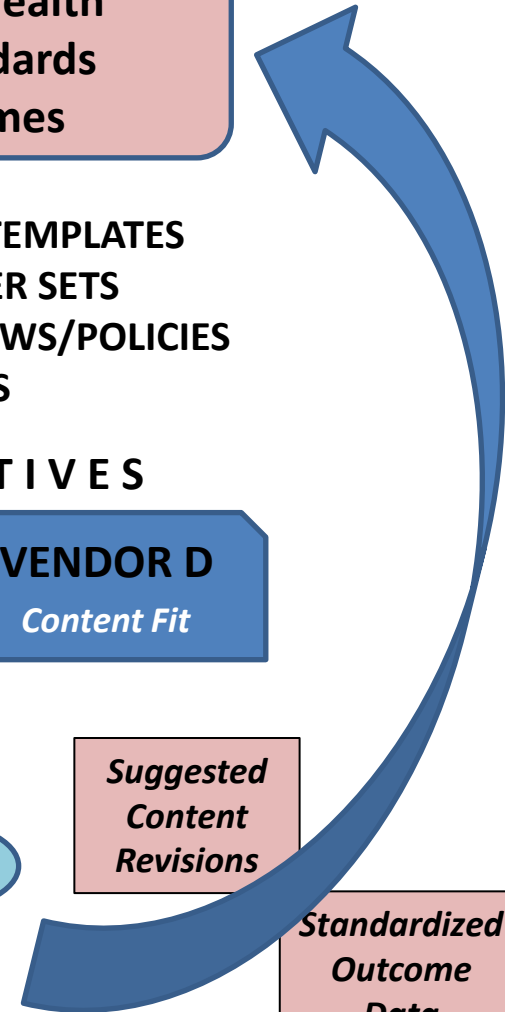
## PROVINCIAL VENDOR COLLABORATIVES

*Standardized  
terminologies,  
documentation  
elements,  
order catalogs*



*Suggested  
Content  
Revisions*

*Standardized  
Outcome  
Data*





# Success: the Canadian Way



## Share globally:

- Lessons learned
- Best Practices
- Clinical Content
- Standards
- Patient data  
(cross-continuum)

## Act locally:

Clinicians

+

Informaticians

+

Vendors





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**THANK YOU!**

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