

Korean Experiences on

Implementation of Electronic Medical Record

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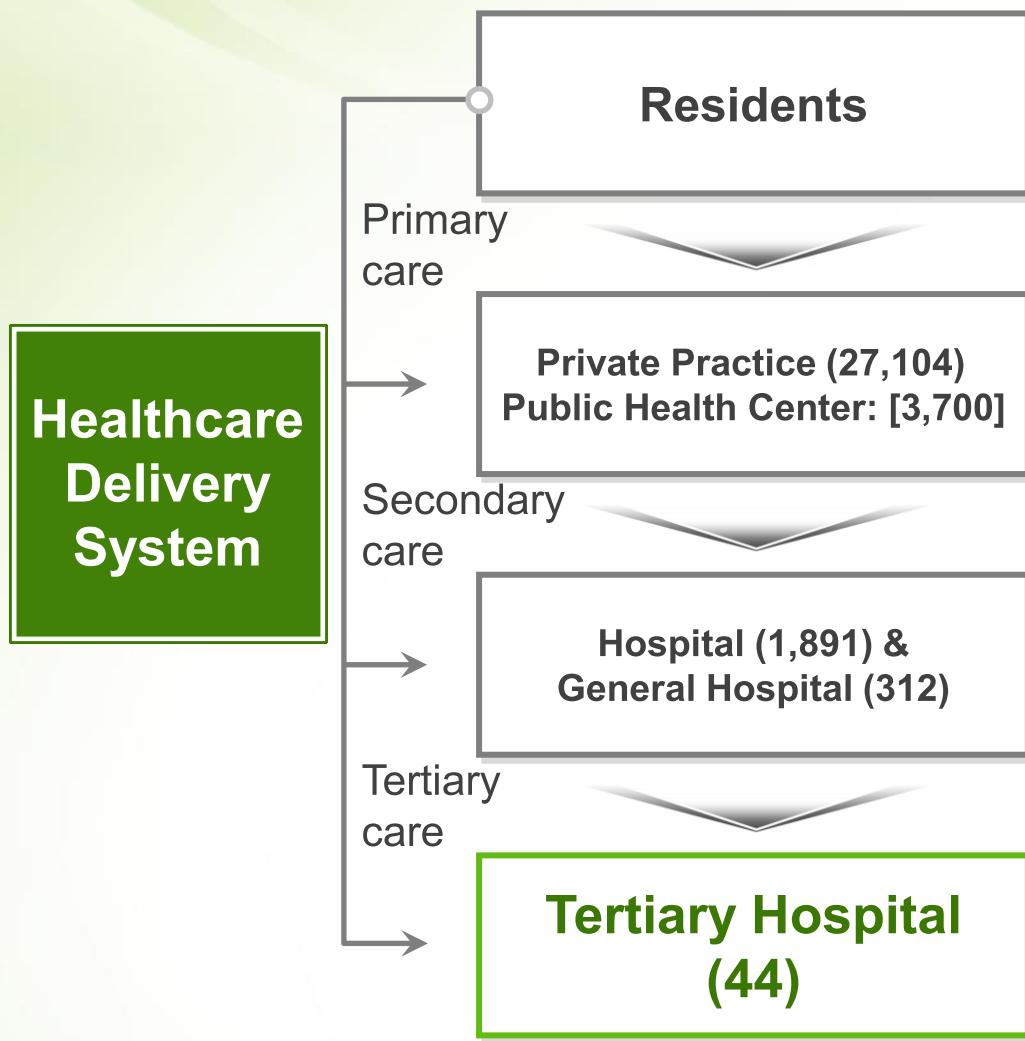
Current Healthcare Environment

❖ Health Facts about Korea (2012)

- GDP per capita: **32,400 US \$**
- Life expectancy: **81.3 yrs (OECD avg. 80.2 yrs, Peru 77 yrs)**
- Infant mortality per 1,000 population: **2.9 (OECD avg. 4.0, Peru 18)**
- Fertility rate per a woman: **1.2 (OECD avg. 1.7, Peru 2.4)**
- Health Expenditure: **7.6% of GDP (OECD avg. 9.5%, Peru 5%)**
 - Public expenditure: **54.5% (OECD avg. 72.3%, Peru 59%)**
 - Per capita spending (PPP): **2,291 US\$ (OECD avg. 3,484, Peru 555)**
- Healthcare Resources
 - **MD 2.1, Nurse 4.8 per 1,000 population (OECD avg. 3.2, 8.8 respectively, Peru 1.1, 1.5)**
 - Hospital beds per 1,000 population: **10.3 (OECD avg. 4.8, Peru 1.5)**
 - CT Scanner 37.1 and MRI 23.5 per 1 million population (OECD avg. 23.7, 13.9)
 - 3,219 Hospitals (public: 13%) / 57 thousand Clinics/ 3,470 Public Health Centers
- Social health insurance since 1980s
- Challenges
 - Increasing healthcare cost
 - Ageing population to need chronic disease management programs & systems
 - Increasing awareness on quality and safety issue

(OECD Health Data, 2014)

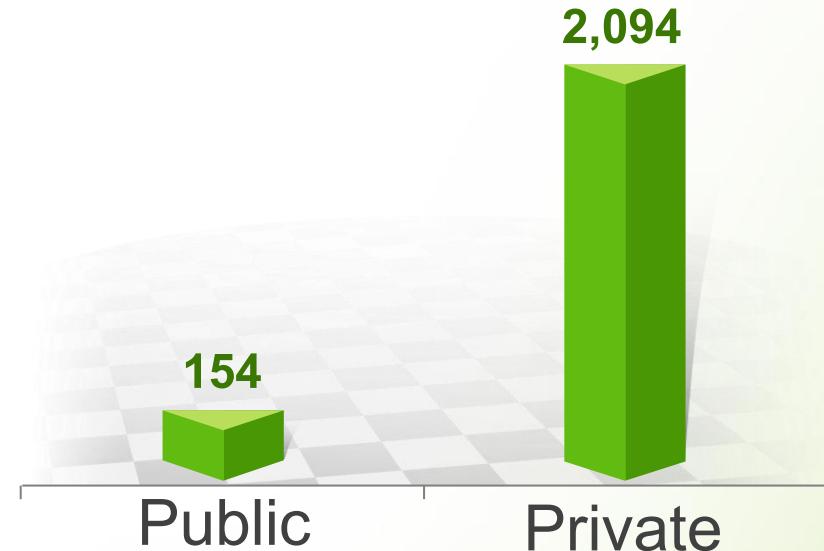
❖ Health Delivery System – Overall Figures



Hospital Beds

- Public Hospitals: 13%
- Private Hospitals: 87%

No. of Public & Private Hospitals



Strengths of the Korean Delivery System

Korea has made **significant progress in a short period of time**,
becoming one of the **most advanced countries in medical systems**

Korea's rapid enhancement in medical qualities

1955~1961
Beneficiary country



Minnesota Program

- Minnesota medical school supported Seoul National University
- Trainings in Korea/US
- Designed curriculum for the medical education in Korea

2011~
Supporting country



Korea Medical Academy

- Managed by the ministry of health & welfare
- Intensive training programs for doctors from foreign countries

Key strengths & enablers

1. Clinical Excellency

- "Ranked # 12 in the number of published papers"

Intensive trainings & active associations

2. Quality and Safety

- Effectively supported surroundings
- "Many hospitals are **JCI accredited**"

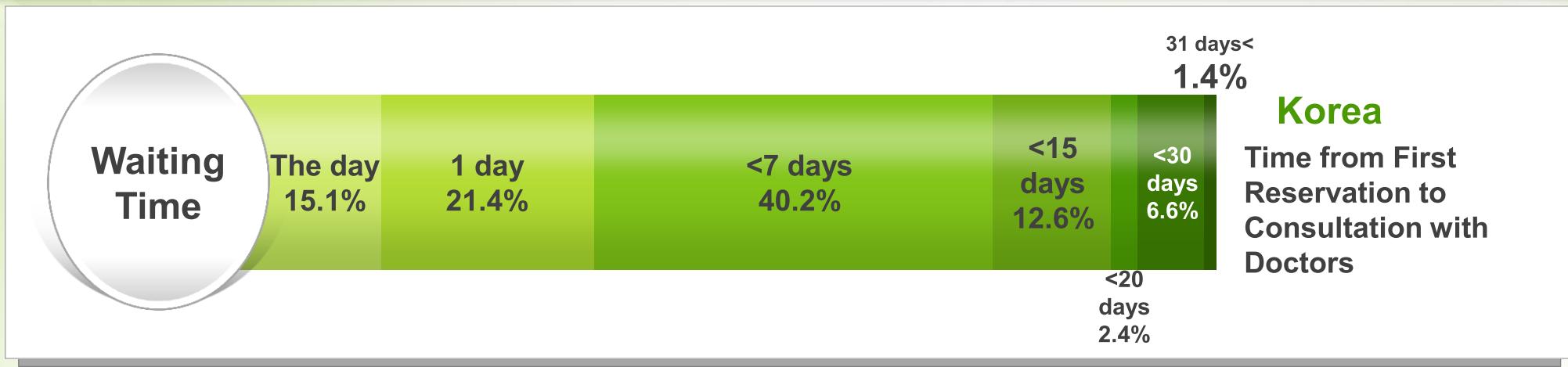
Standardized protocols & optimized layout

3. Efficiency

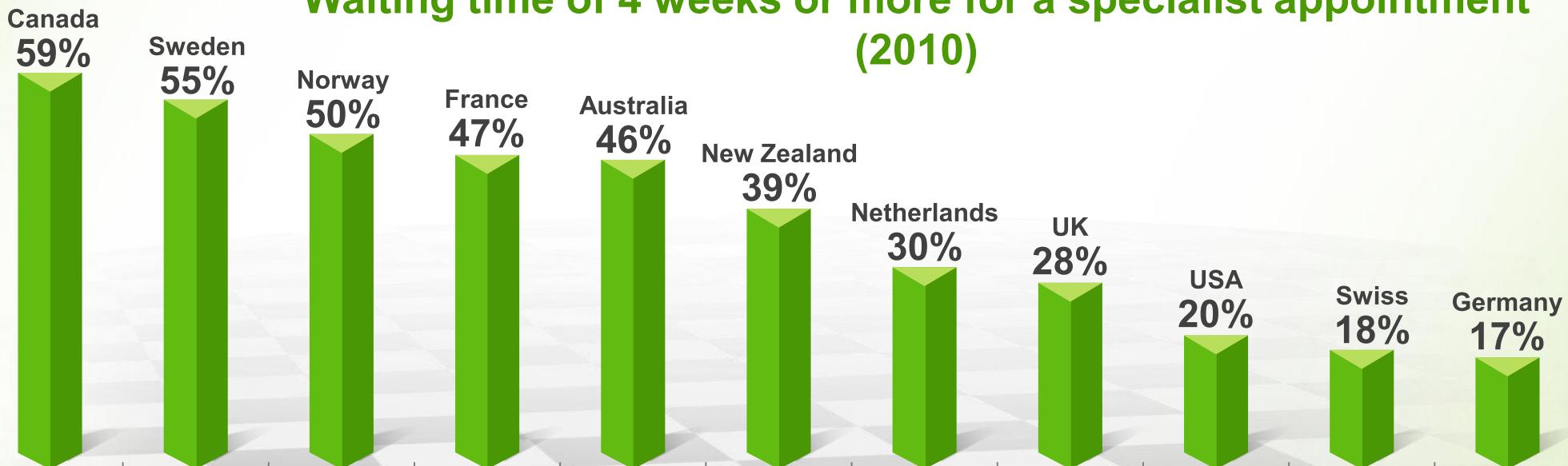
- Efficient operational system
- "The second country holding **HIMSS Analytics Level 7**"

Fully-integrated IT & well-structured organization

• Health Delivery System – Accessibility



Waiting time of 4 weeks or more for a specialist appointment (2010)

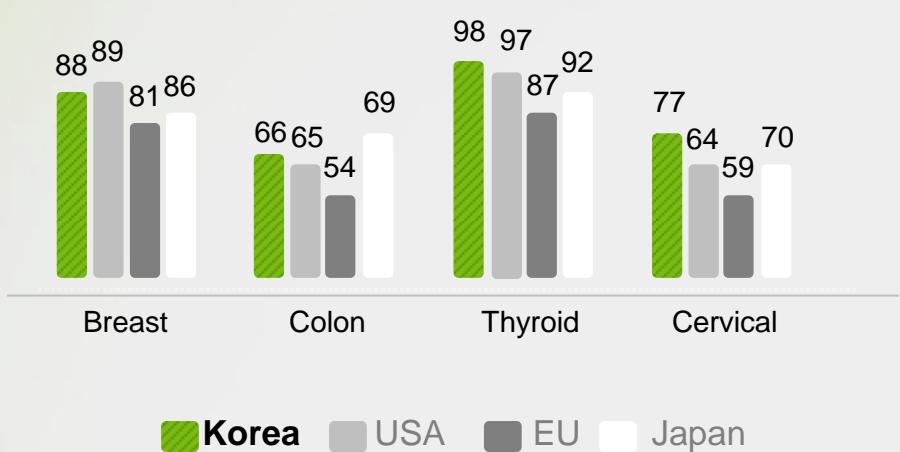


➤ Excellence in Oncology

Korea's **clinical capabilities are excellent in oncology** on the basis of the effective **multi-disciplinary collaboration**

Supporting facts

High 5-year cancer survival rate (%)



- Korea's cancer treatment capabilities are **on par with those of the advanced countries**.

Excellence enabler

Multi-disciplinary Team

Diagnosis

- Primary physician
- Diagnostic radiology
- Clinical/Lab. Pathology

Treatment

- Surgical oncology
- Radiation
- Nursing & Pharmacy

Support

- Nutritional support
- Pain management
- Emotional/Religious
- Hospice cares

Exemplary case

Severance cancer center & SNU cancer center

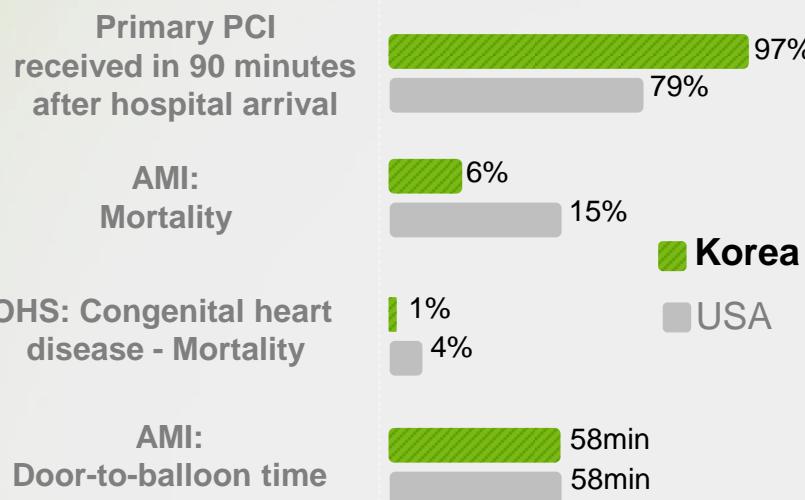
- Patient-centered faculty collaboration
- Active collaboration between front-line medical services /R&D
- “One-stop cancer care system” – from diagnosis to treatment within 5 days

➤ Excellence in Cardiology

Korea's **clinical capabilities are excellent in cardiology in terms of the medical contents, patient safety, and operational efficiency**

Supporting facts

Comparison of the best-class hospital in Korea and US (2011)



- Korea's capabilities in cardiology are **almost on par with those of U.S.** in terms of **time-efficiency and safety**

Excellence enabler

- 1. Well-trained medical staffs**
 - Intensive and systematic training
 - Trainer-Trainee mentoring program
- 2. Excellent combination of advanced skills and up-to-date equipment**
- 3. Close collaboration between cardiologist and cardiac surgeon**

Exemplary case

Severance , Samsung and SNU Cardio Center

- Highly-advanced capabilities in cardiovascular diagnosis due to close collaboration and up-to-date equipment
- Multi-disciplinary team: diagnostic imaging dept., cardiology & cardiothoracic surgeons, and pediatric cardiology composes one team

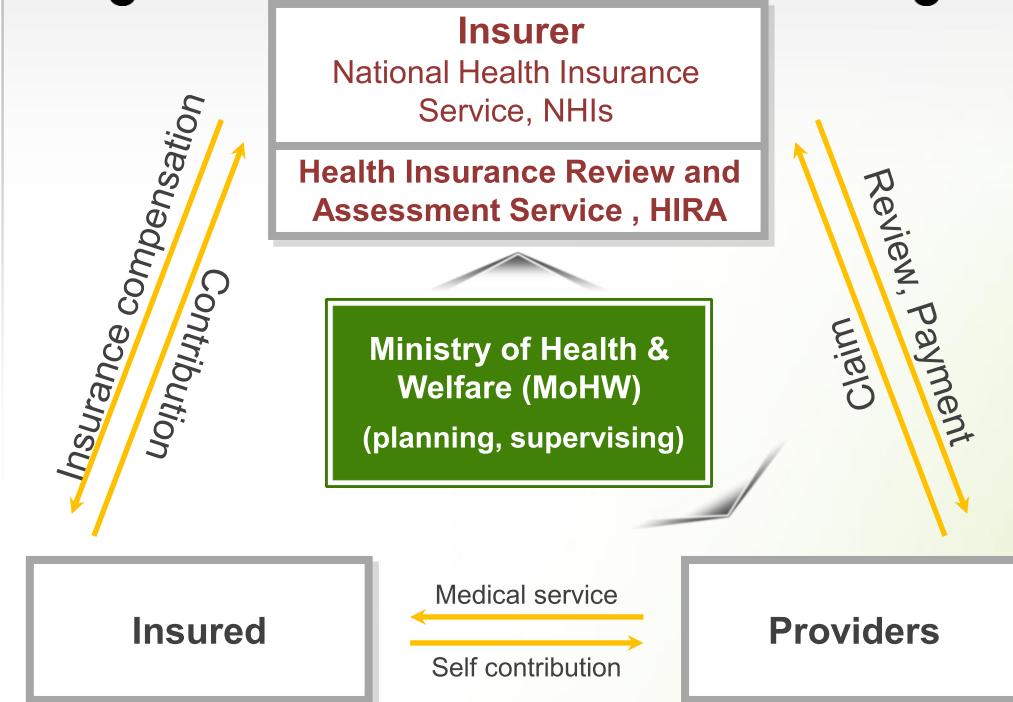
• Health Financing System – History & Governing Bodies

Korean health financing system is the **single payer system**. National Health Insurance Programs are operated by Ministry of Health and Welfare, and two public institutions, **NHIS**(National Health Insurance Service) and **HIRA**(Health Insurance Review & Assessment Service)

History

- 1963. Enacted Medical Insurance act
- 1977. Started Medical Insurance Program for the employees in large companies(500+)
- 1988. Started Local Medical Insurance in rural areas
- 1989. Started Local Medical Insurance in urban areas
- 1999. Enacted National Health Insurance Act.
- 2000. Established the NHIS & HIRA integrating social health insurance institutions

The Single Public Insurer



• Health Financing System – Coverage

Population

- **96.8% of the total population (49.4 million people)**

- Medical Aid for the low income families (3.2% of the total population)
 - ✓ Families living below the minimum standard
 - ✓ Others including patriots, veterans & their family members

Benefit

- Inpatient: 80% or more
- Outpatient: 60%~70%

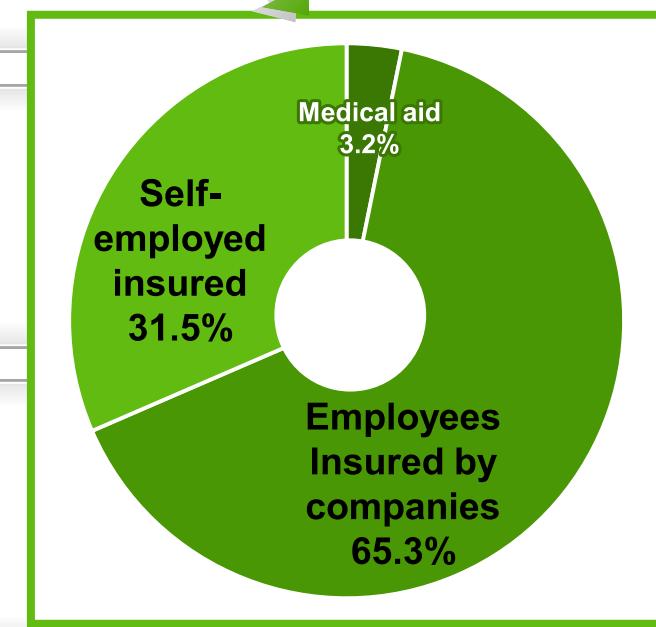
Annual Expenditure

- **50 trillion KRW (45 billion USD)**

- Medical Aid: 5.0 trillion KRW (4 billion USD)

Performance

- Achieved **universal coverage in 1989 (taking 12 Yrs)**
- **Largest national program** involving 83,000 Institutions
(Hospitals: 2,700, Clinics: 59,000, Pharmacy and others: 21,000)
- Processing **1.4 billion claims**



❖ Health Financing System – Key Features

○ Single payer system since 2000

- National Health Insurance Service (NHIS)
- Mandatory participation of both the insured and providers

○ Private dominant provider system

- 93.8% of Health care providers in private sector
- Follows the market mechanism
- No Gatekeeper

○ Benefit Coverage

- Public health Insurance for Basic coverage
- Private Insurance beyond the basic coverage

○ Payment system

- Fee-for-Service based payment system
- DRG for 7 diseases, Per-diem for long-term care and mental hospital

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e-Health Plan of Korean Government

• e-Health plan – Vision

Vision

- **Anywhere, anytime access to electronic health records (EHR) and decision supports in secure way to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of health care by 2015**

Goals

- - Achieve **widespread adoption of EMRs among hospitals and clinics** to improve quality, safety, and efficiency of care
 - Establish **sharable lifetime EHR system** to improve quality of care and reduce redundancy of care

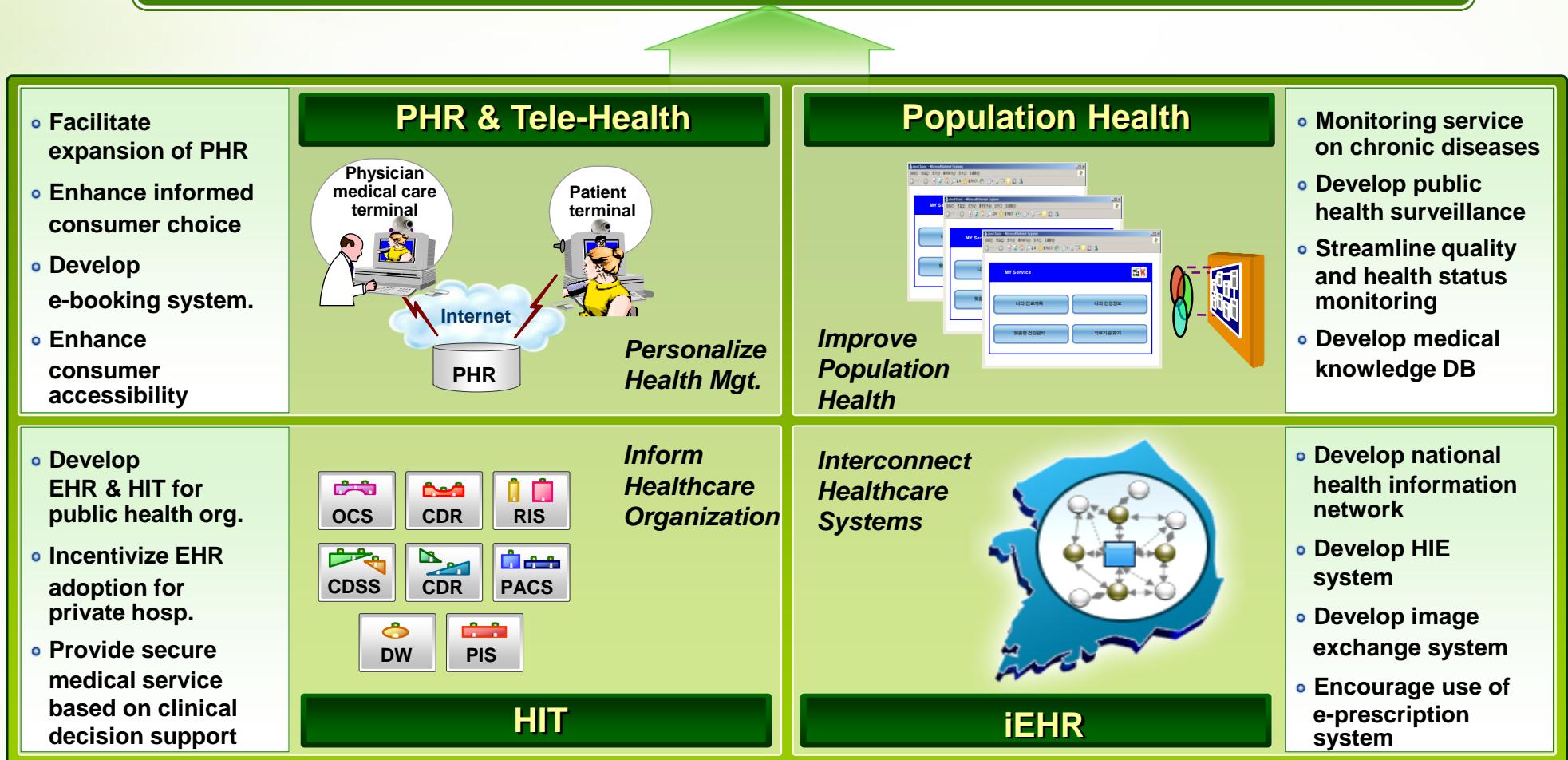
Strategy

- - **Implement EMR and EHR throughout public hospitals and clinics** and demonstrate feasibility and benefits of HIT adoption
 - **Facilitate HIT adoption in private sectors** through various incentives (e.g. pilot projects, fee schedule, technical support)
 - **Ensuring standards for interoperability** and essential reusable technologies for next-generation EMR through R&D activities

e-Health plan – Strategic Direction

Health and Wellness

-Getting the right information to the right place at the right time



e-Health plan – Healthcare Transformation Programs

**Anywhere Anytime Access to EHR and Health Data
to ensure quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare**

Infrastructure

Health Information Standards

Networks

Privacy & Security

National Information Service

Public Health Surveillance
CDC

NHI Information System

Blood Bank System

Public Health Program Supports

Health Information Exchange

HIT adoption in Hospitals and Clinics

Hospital Information System

PHC IT System:
Centralized

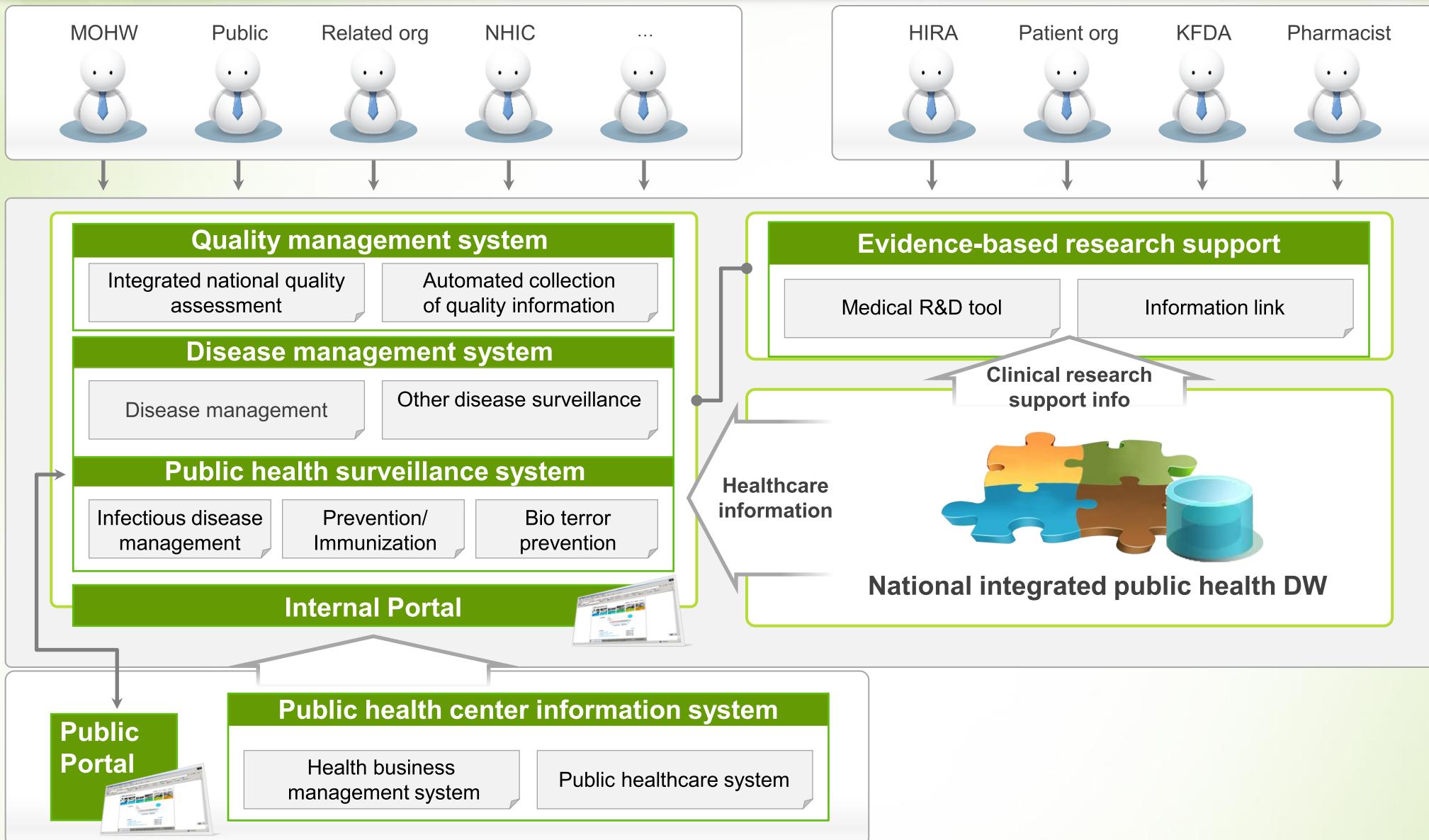
Governance

Law and Policy

Organization and Resource

Funding

e-Health Plan – National Service System



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Information System of Public Health Center

❖ Public Health Center (PHC) – Roles & Responsibilities

1. Regional Responsibility

- Assist socially or economically marginalized groups' (low-income, elderly, disabled) access to healthcare

2. Service Delivery for Disease and Health Management

- Anti-Smoking, Sobriety, Exercise, Nutrition Services
- Oral Health, Mental Health, Rehabilitation, Chronic Disease Management

3. Infectious Disease Management and Control

4. Family Health Services

5. Air Quality, Food Hygiene, etc.

▪ Public health center (PHC) – Fragmented Systems before 2007

Inefficient workflow and low policy effectiveness due to lack of integrated information system

Individual Systems(~ 2007)

Public

- Inefficient communication in public service
- Duplicated care services due to various information systems
- Lack of information of patient's medical treatment history

PHC

- Paper-oriented work (about 60%)
- Unsystematic management due to fragmented system (Development/Operation)
- Inefficient linkage for information exchange in-and-between organizations

Policy-makers

- Inadequate statistical information
- Lack of decision making support tools for policy development

MOHW

County, District

16 Cities & Provinces

234 Counties & Districts

County, District

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PHC

3,500 Health Institutions

HIRA System
(Quality of care)

CDC System,
(Epidemic Mgt)

NHIS System,
NCC System,
etc,

Linkage with related institutions

❖ Public health center (PHC) – Centralized IT systems from 2008

Improved Effectiveness after the Introduction of integrated system

Integrated System(2008~)

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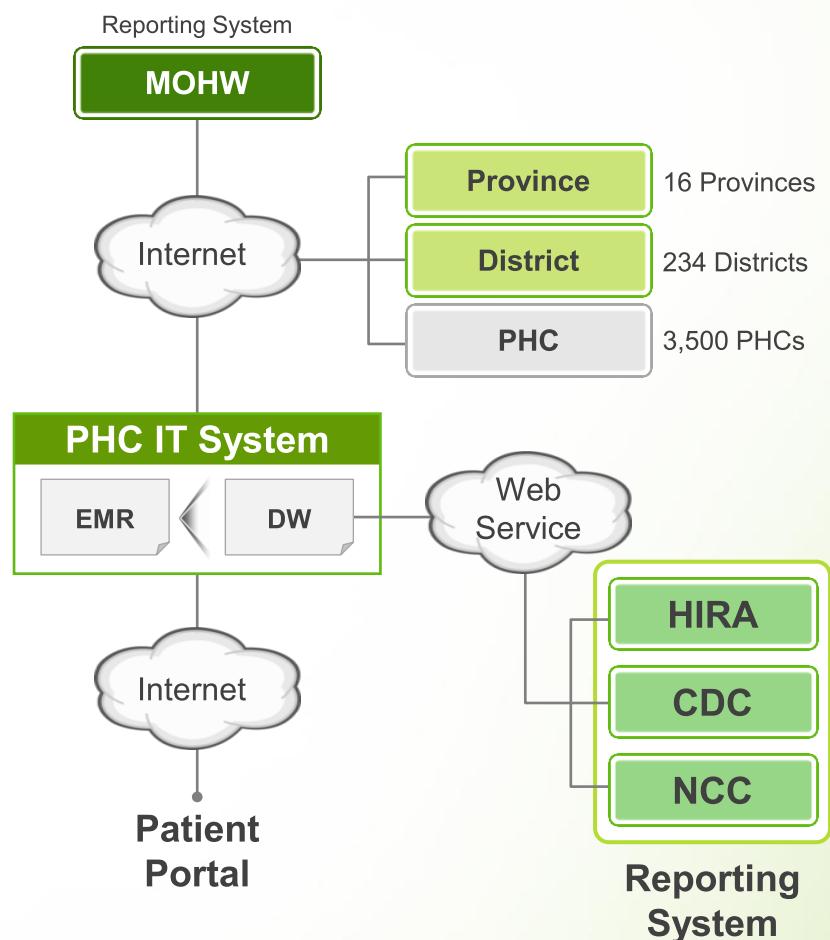
- Improved accessibility to health information and patient's medical history through the **public portal site**
- Exchange health information to prevent overtreatment or duplicated treatment
- Improved searching of medical treatment history (continuity of care)

PHC

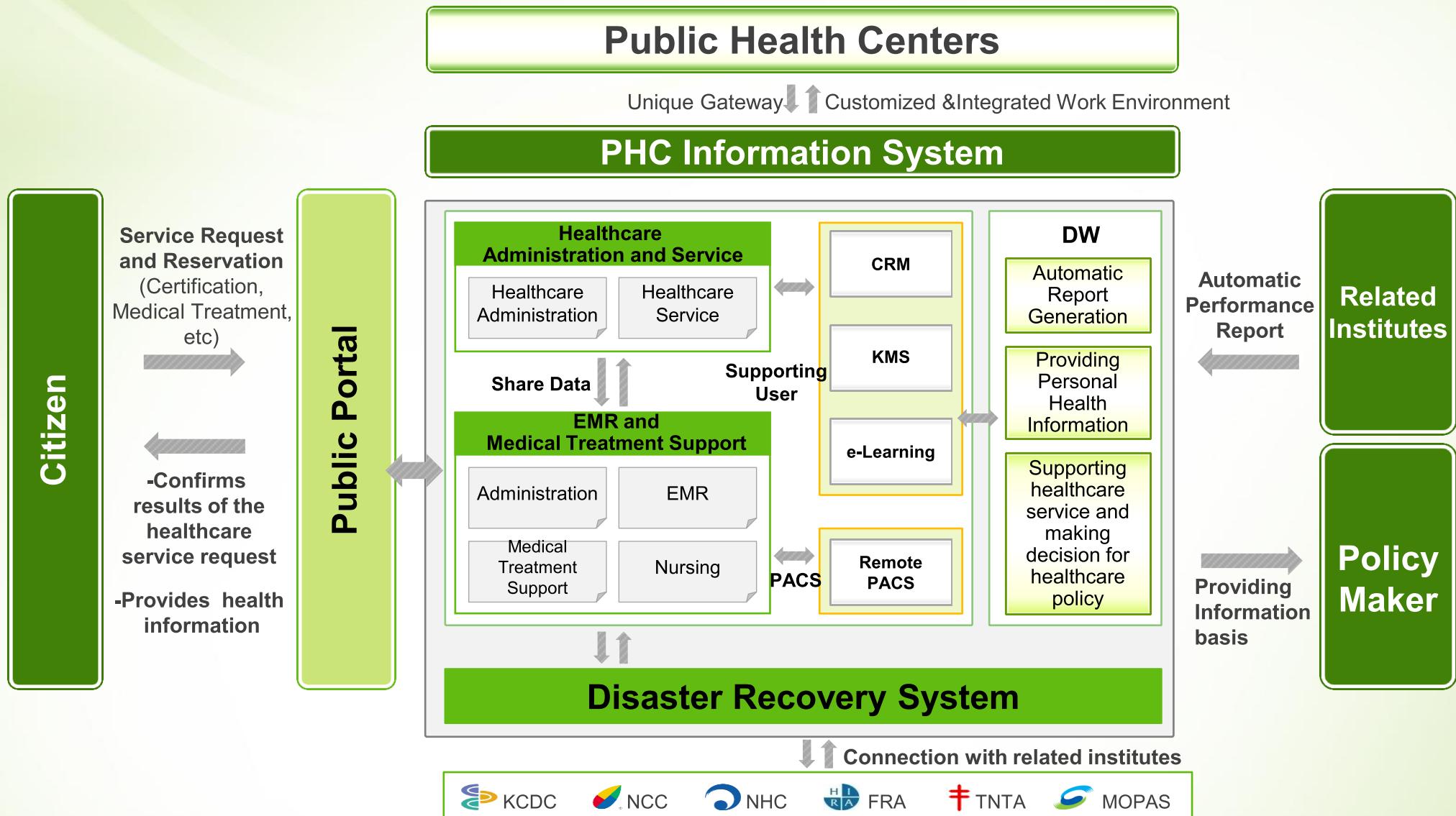
- 100% computerization and office automation in PHCs
- Ensured service quality by maintaining the Integrated System
- Linkage with other institutions to improve efficiency of workflow

Policy-makers

- Automated record/statistics reporting for policy making and decision making
- Elevated healthcare services in rural areas



PHC system – Overall System Architecture



▪ PHC system – Detailed Functions

○ Healthcare Administration and Service

▪ Healthcare Administration

Certification	Rural Healthcare
Public Health Doctor	Health Clinic

▪ Healthcare Service

Elderly Care	Rehabilitation	Oriental Medicine
Chronic Disease	Visiting Health	Medical Examination
Mental Health	Oral Health	Mother and Child Health
Infection	Amendment Health	Nutrition
Examination Agency	Examination Claim	Common Business

○ Standardized Electronic Medical Record System

▪ Administration

Code	Outpatient	Hospitalization
Administration	Insurance Claim	

▪ EMR

Medical Record	Doctor Document	Prescription	Statistics
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▪ Nursing

Nursing Management	Nursing Record
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▪ Medical Treatment Support

Clinical Pathology	Pharmacy	Physical Therapy	Stock	PACS
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• PHC system – Operation & Benefits

- Customer

- ✓ Total about 3,700 Centers

- Public Health Medical Center, Public Health Center, Public Health Sub Center, Primary Health Care Post

- Current Condition Operation(2013)

- Health Service**

- Ca. 11,870,000 Beneficiaries(26,880,000 cases)

- Care Service**

- Ca. 2,540,000 Beneficiaries(11,700,000 cases)

- Issue Certificates**

- 4,800,000 times (Health examination result, etc

- Staffing

- ✓ Operation Team : 22 engineers

- ✓ System Maintenance, Self-development, Improvement of function

- Expected Results

- ✓ Selecting and supporting a clinician

- prevent medical malpractice

- ✓ Various statistical data and gathered data in a single system

- helpful for scientific policy establishment

- ✓ With Promoting the advancement of health and medical service and medical information

- national competitiveness is enhanced

- Return of Investment(ROI)

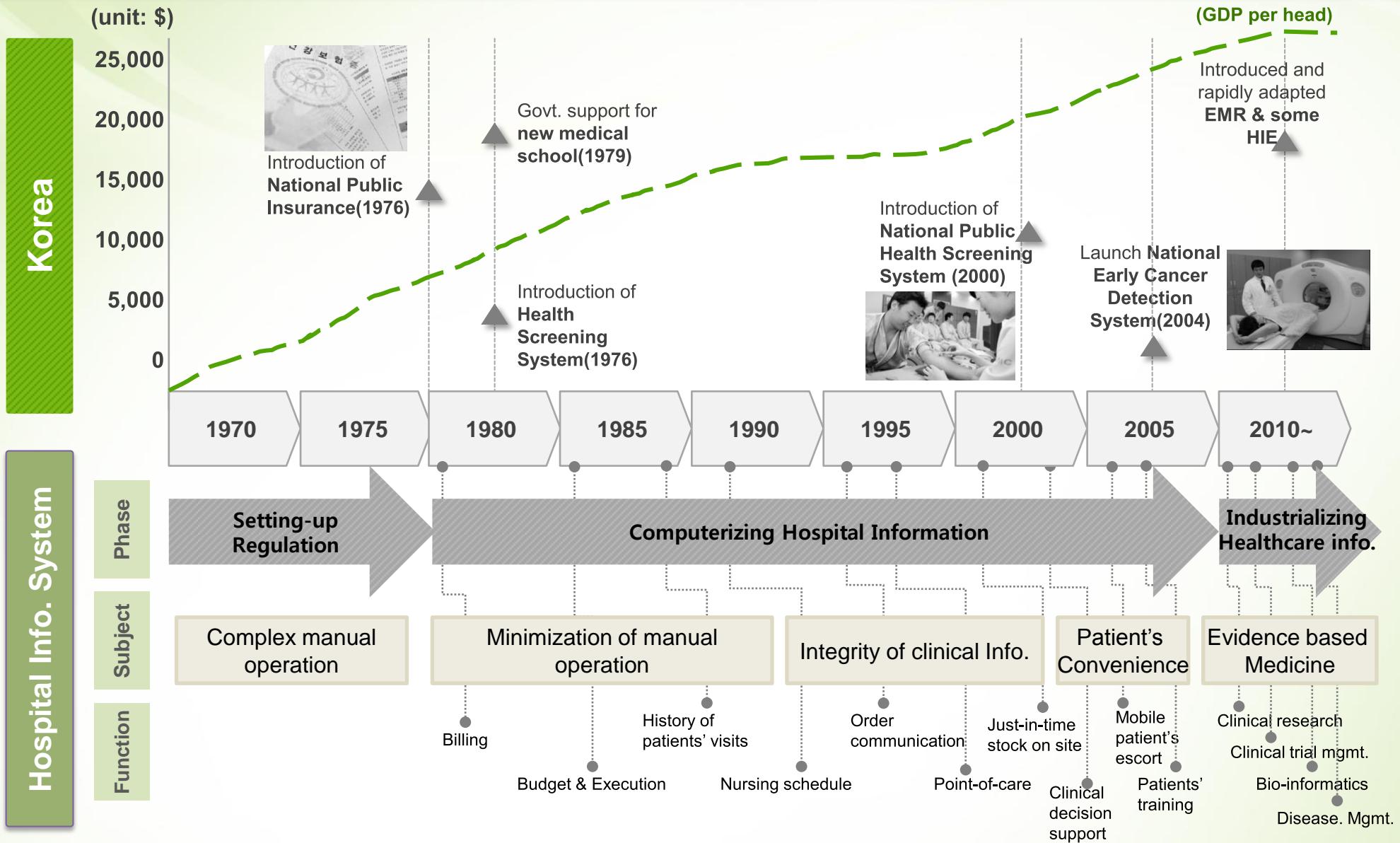
(unit : \$)

IT Performance Evaluation (2009)	Total	12.2 million
	Budget Reduction	5.4 million
	Cost Efficiency	6.8 million

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EMR System for Hospitals

Hospital EMR – Evolution of Hospital Information System (HIS)



Hospital EMR – Adoption Rate

Adoption rate of EMR

	All	Exclude Dentist	Europe (exclude dentist)
Total	92.1%	95.7%	
Hospitals	95.4%	96.4%	93.9%
Clinics	91.9%	95.7%	84.0%

Adoption rate of hospital grade

	All	Exclude Dentist
Tertiary hospitals	100%	100%
General hospitals	98.9%	98.9%
Hospitals	94.6%	95.8%
Clinics	91.9%	95.7%

Hospital EMR – Utilization Ratio of Health Information



■ Available/
daily used

■ Available/
scarcely used

■ Available/ not used

■ Not Available

■ Do not know

▪ Hospital EMR – Regional Public Hospitals (Medium size)

- **Establishment & Management**

- Regional Medical Hospital Establishment and Management Act
- Investment from local governments
- Supervised by the MOHW

- **Major Function**

- Health promotion of local residents
- Local residence treatment and care
- Prevention-oriented disease management
- Preventing & curing contagious diseases
- Free medical services for essential health and medical aid program
- Performing public health policy
- Monitoring public health status
- Training medical staffs, technicians, and local people

- **Regional Distribution(35 Hospitals)**

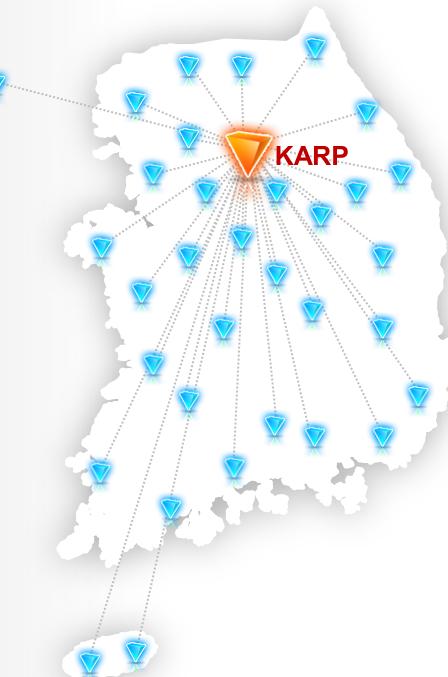
- Less 300 beds: 27 hospitals , Over 300: 8 hospitals

- **Resources**

- No. of Beds: 8,000 (General 6,500 / Special 1,500)
- No. of Employees: 7,000 (Doctors 800 / Nurses 2,800)

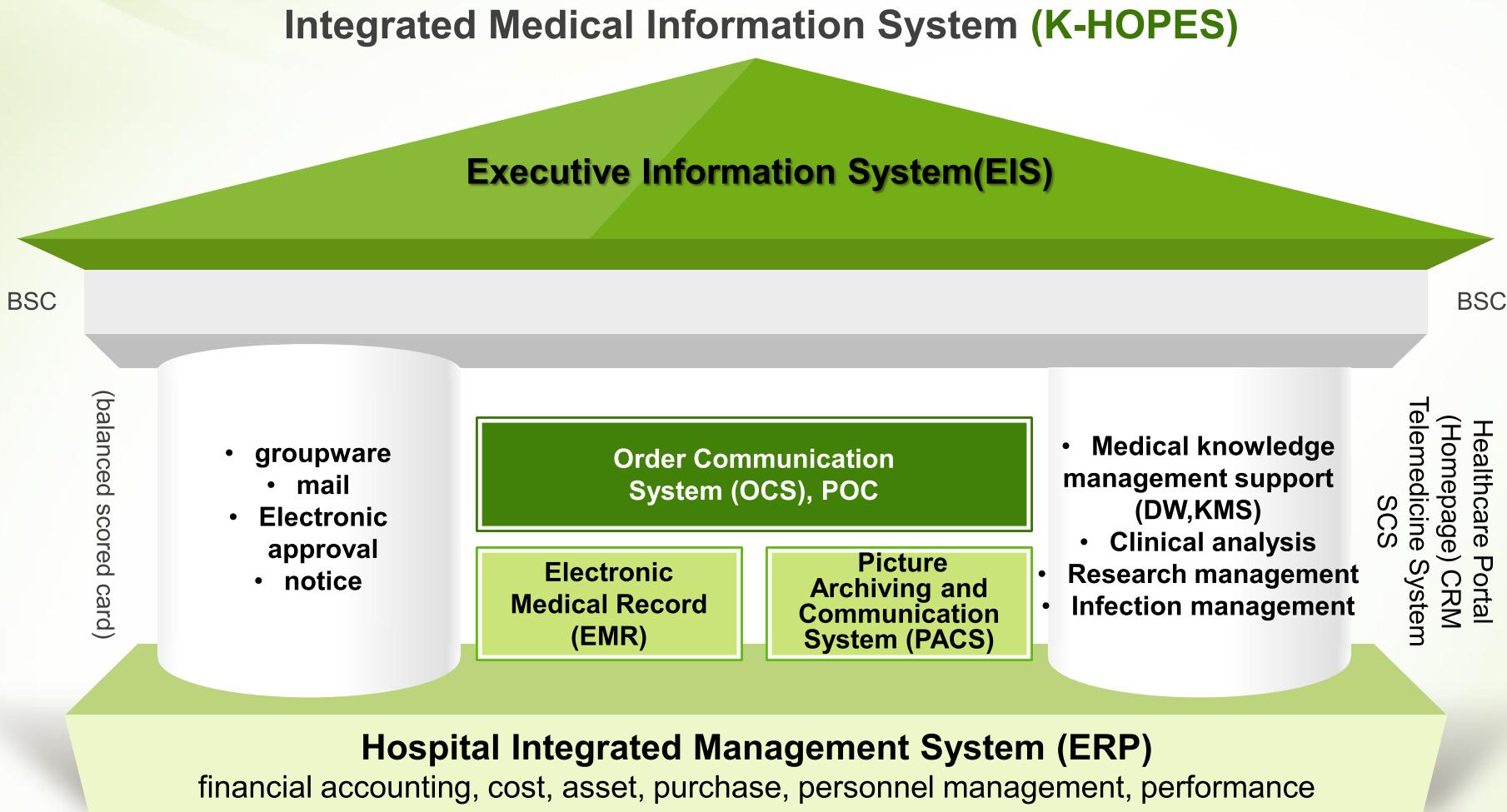
- **Performance**

- Total patients: 6.9 Mil. (Inpatient: 2.7 Mil, Outpatient: 4.2 Mil.)



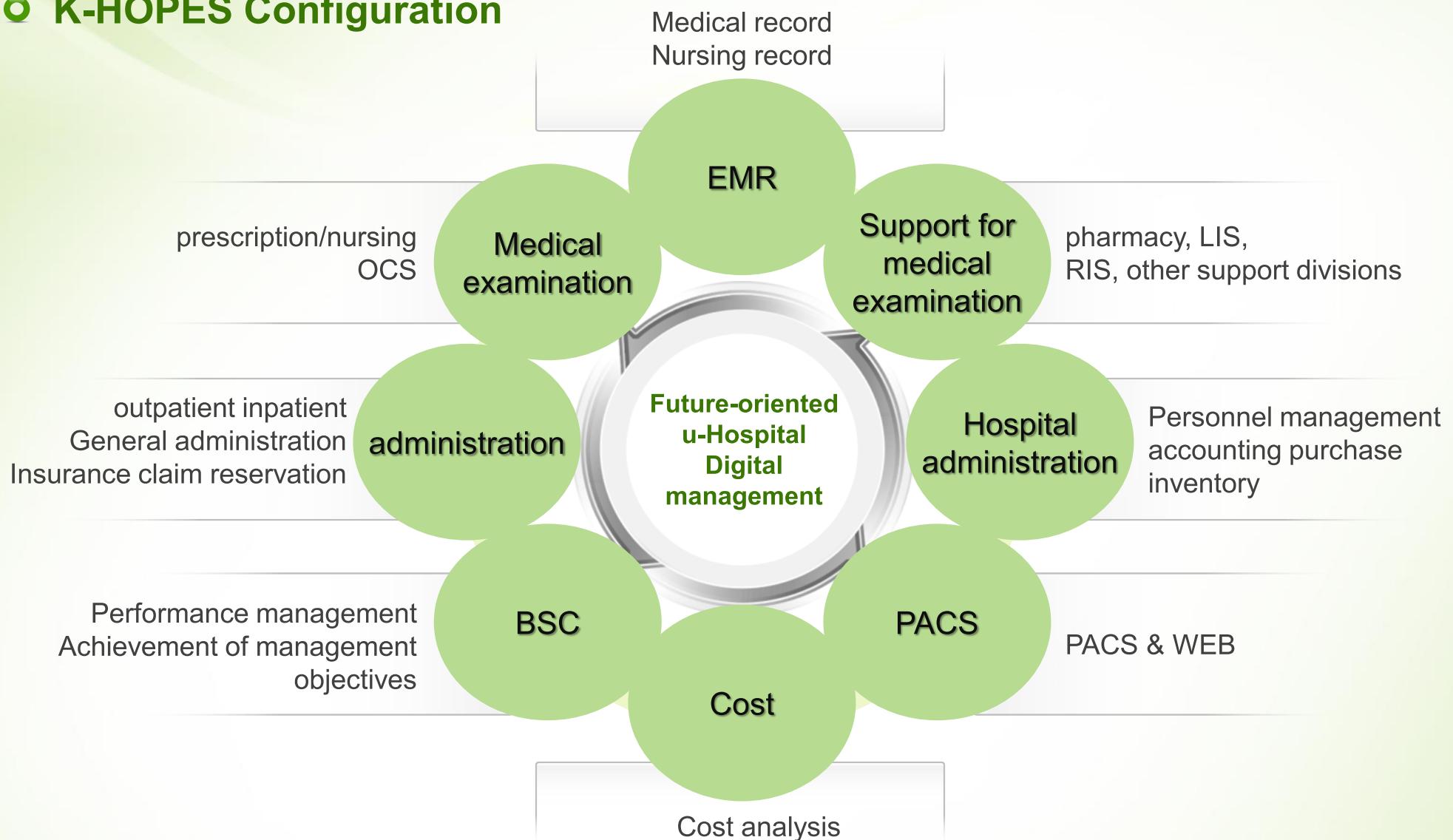
Regional Public Hospital EMR - Integrated Medical Information System (K-HOPES)

Application architecture



Regional Public Hospital EMR - Integrated Medical Information System (K-HOPES)

K-HOPES Configuration



Regional Public Hospital EMR – Integrated Medical Information System (K-HOPES)

Stable low-cost system

- Functionally integrated with OCS/PACS of the association which guarantees stable operation
- Minimize additional cost of integrating public medical information system by applying standard codes and standard forms

HL7 and changeable terms

- Based on standard terms and forms, and possible to be adjusted to the real situation of the hospital
- Provide flexible system structure and can be applied to university hospitals

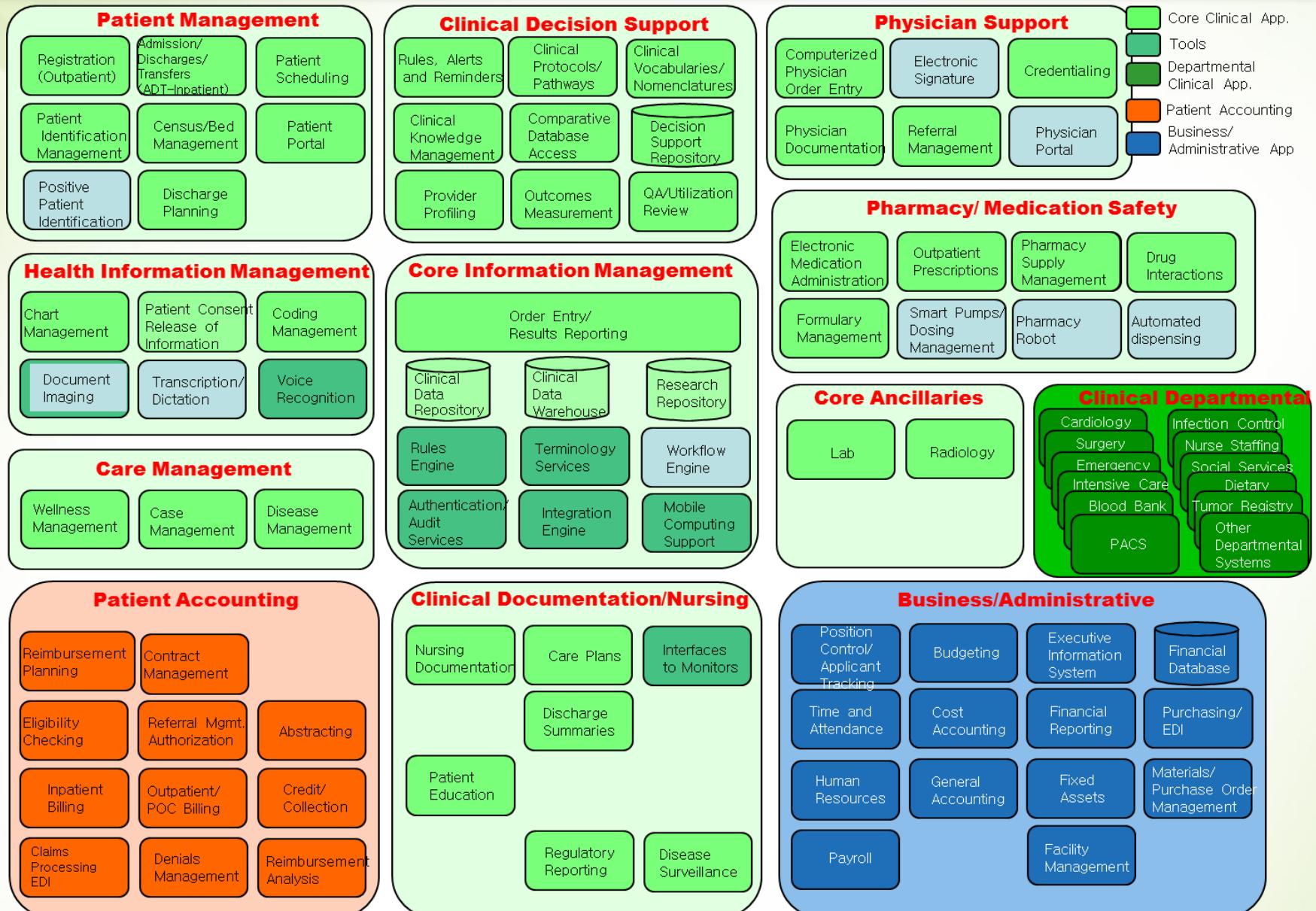
Realization of 4-LESS /ubiquity

- Aim at true digital hospitals by realizing Slipless, Filmless, Paperless, Chartless
- Raise the level of medical examination by medical information services available anytime and anywhere
- Comprehensive management of local residents' health through home care services, telemedicine and medical interpretation

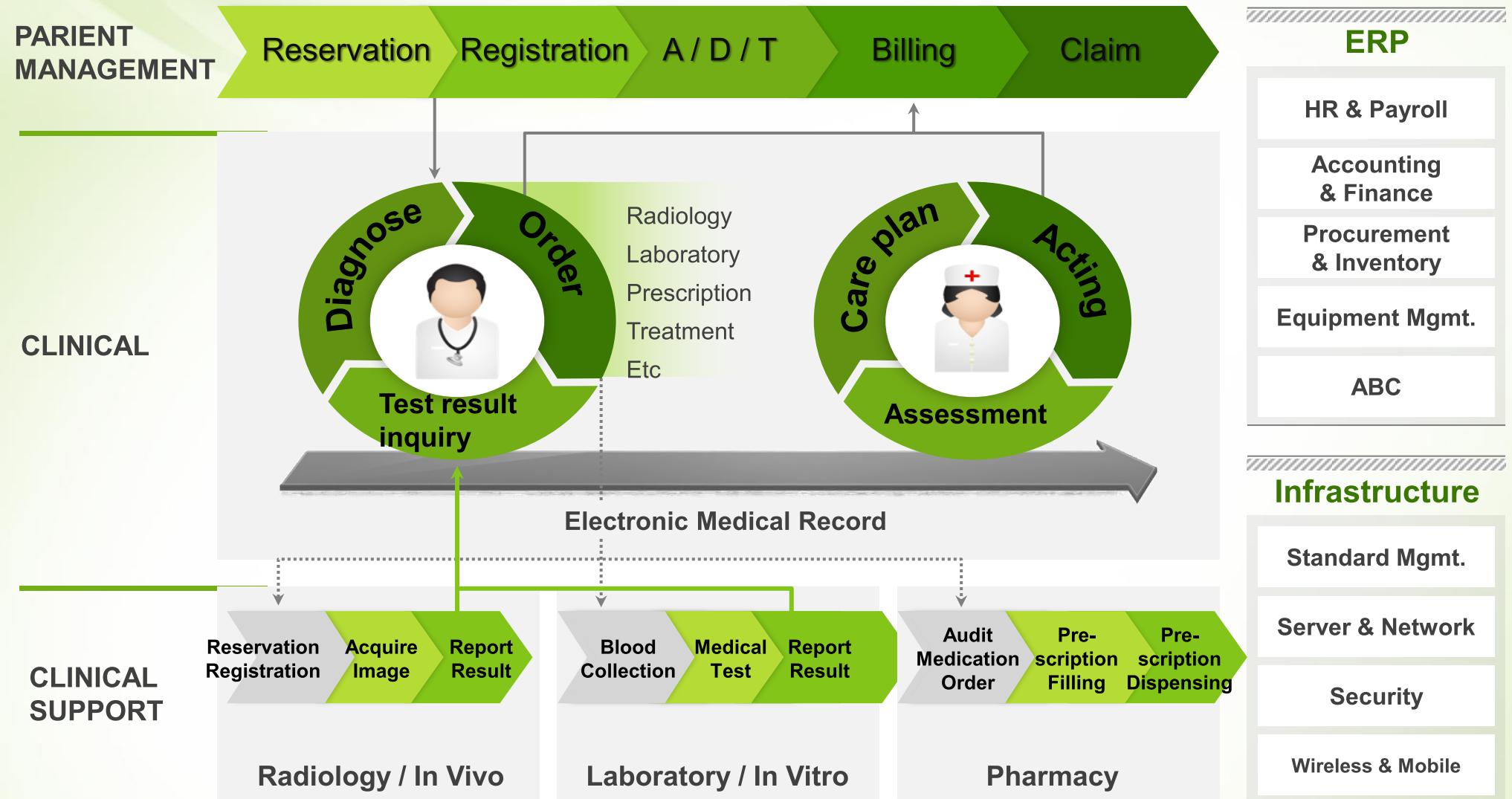
Maximized operational efficiency

- Help computation system play a pivotal role in the operation in order to maintain consistent operational system
- No need to have storage space of film, chart, etc.
- Easy storage and search of medical information

Hospital EMR – Overall Functionalities



Hospital EMR – Hospital Information System Model



Hospital EMR – Patient Management System



ADT

Insurance Claim

Billing

Other Admin.
Process

Admission/ Discharge/Transit (ADT)

- Patient basic information management
- Outpatient reservation
- Admission registration
- DSC(Day Surgery Center) reception
- Emergency reception
- Certificate and receipt issuance

Insurance Claim

- Fee management
- Pre-billing review
- Consolidated billing review
- Follow-up control & management
- Integrated account-receivable management

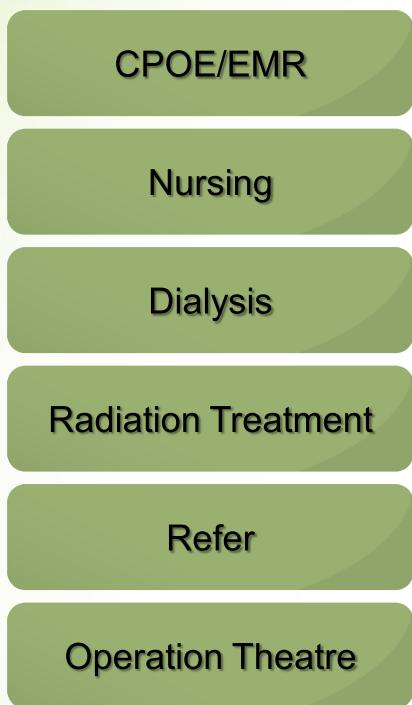
Billing

- Outpatient billing
- Inpatient billing
- DSC billing
- Emergency billing
- Home-nursing billing
- Account receivable management
- Profit management

Other Administration Process

- Volunteer/work
- Community services and agencies
- VOC

Hospital EMR – Clinical Systems(CS)



Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE)/EMR

- Doctor prescription
- Patient management
- Medical data management
- Electronic chart

Nursing

- Inpatient nursing
- Outpatient nursing
- Emergency nursing
- Surgery nursing, etc.

Dialysis

- Blood dialysis
- Peritoneum dialysis

Radiation Treatment

- Prescription management
- Reception/operation management
- Image management statistics

Refer

- In-referral management
- Out-referral management

Operation Theatre

- Operation schedule
- Anesthesia management
- Operative notes

Hospital EMR – Clinical Support System

Clinical Support

Radiology & In Vivo

Laboratory & In Vivo

Pharmacy

Health Promotion

Medical Record Management

Nutrition

Radiology & In Vivo

- Reservation/reception
- Examination information
- Clinical document mgmt.
- Result mgmt.
- Statistics mgmt.

Radiology, In Vivo, Endoscope, etc

Laboratory & In Vitro

- Reception for blood collection
- Examination info.
- Result mgmt.
- Statistics mgmt.
- Equipment mgmt.

Laboratory, In Vitro, Pathology, etc

Pharmacy

- Pharmacy information
- General prescription
- Special prescription
- Medicine inventory management
- Consultation

Health Promotion

- Reservation/billing
- Health check-up
- Patient flow control
- Consultation result
- Health evaluation report

Medical Record Management

- Information analysis/statistics
- Incomplete record management

Nutrition

- Meal service management
- Nutrition consultation management

Hospital EMR – Hospital Administration System(HAM)



HR & Payroll

- HR & Payroll mgmt.
- Other HR parts
- Family healthcare
- Welfare healthcare

Accounting/Finance

- Invoice mgmt.
- Pended record mgmt.
- Tax mgmt.
- Asset mgmt.
- Banking
- Budget mgmt.
- Fixed asset

Procurement & Inventory Mgmt.

- Purchasing order & claims mgmt.
- Construction mgmt.
- Order mgmt.
- Material receipt mgmt.
- Delivery mgmt.
- Payment mgmt.
- Stock mgmt.
- Integrated medicine procurement mgmt.

Equipment Mgmt.

- Resource and material mgmt. planning
- Equipment repair mgmt.
- Medical equipment utilization mgmt.
- Parts mgmt.
- History mgmt.
- Work mgmt.
- Medical equipment inspection

ABC (Activity-based Costing)

- ABC work processing
- Basic info. Generation
- Profit generation
- Cost generation
- Basic statistics
- Statistics/total verification
- Search profit info.

EIS

- Patient statistics
- Treatment statistics
- Treatment record
- Medical record
- HR status
- Management statistics
- Department statistics

Hospital EMR – Medical Equipment Integration

Laboratory



Lab order & results

Clinical Device



Image data of ophthalmology, Neurology and Urology, etc.

Patient Management System

Clinical Management System

HL7, XML
data of ECG,
ICU, SpO₂,
CMS

Automatic Tablet Counter

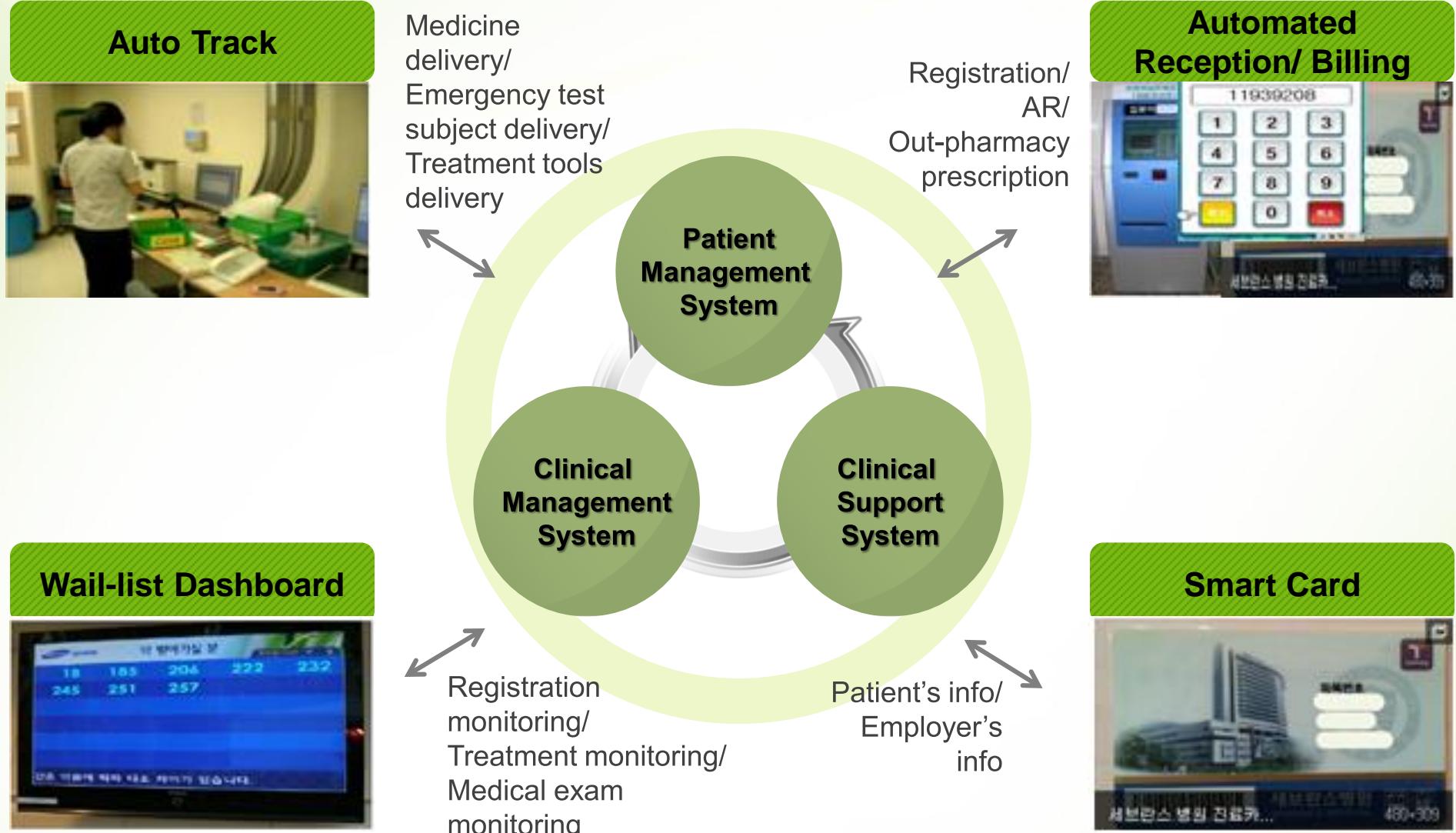


Medication order info

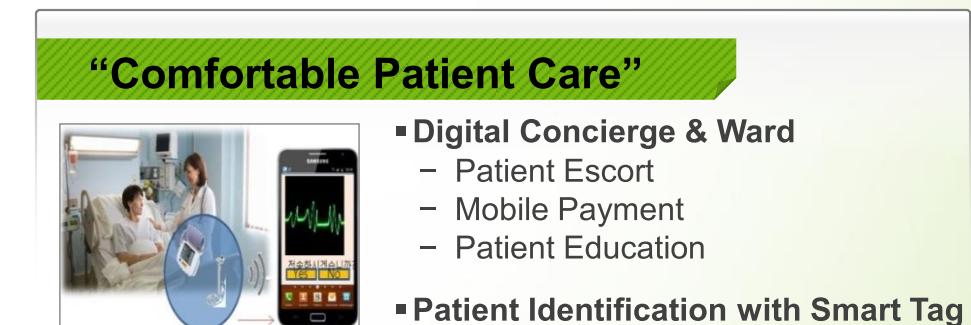
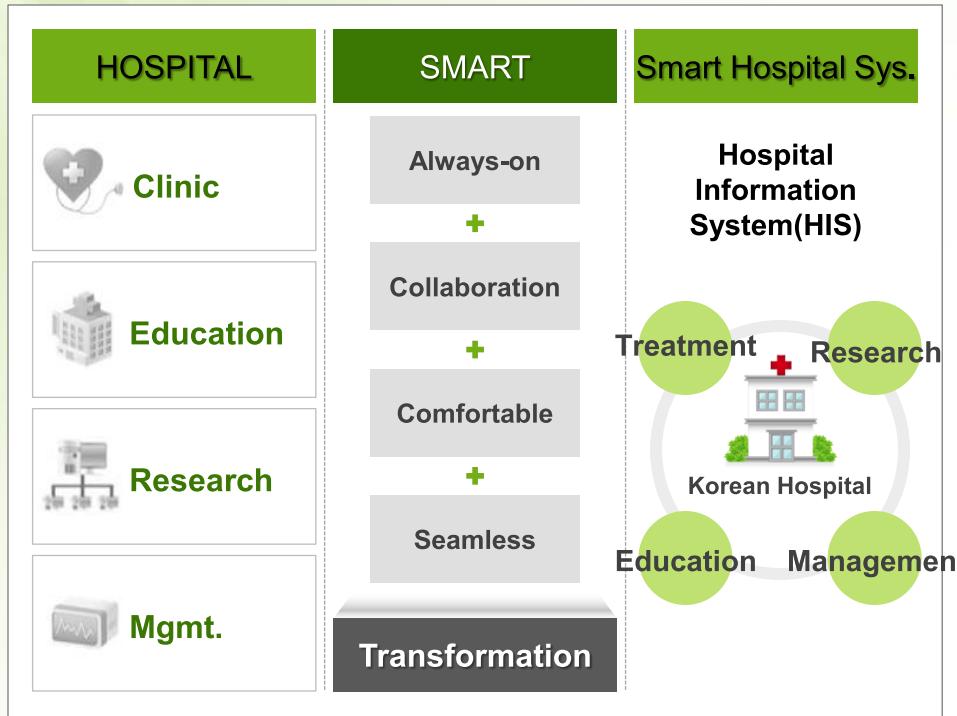
ECG, Patient Monitor, SpO₂



Hospital EMR – Facility Integration



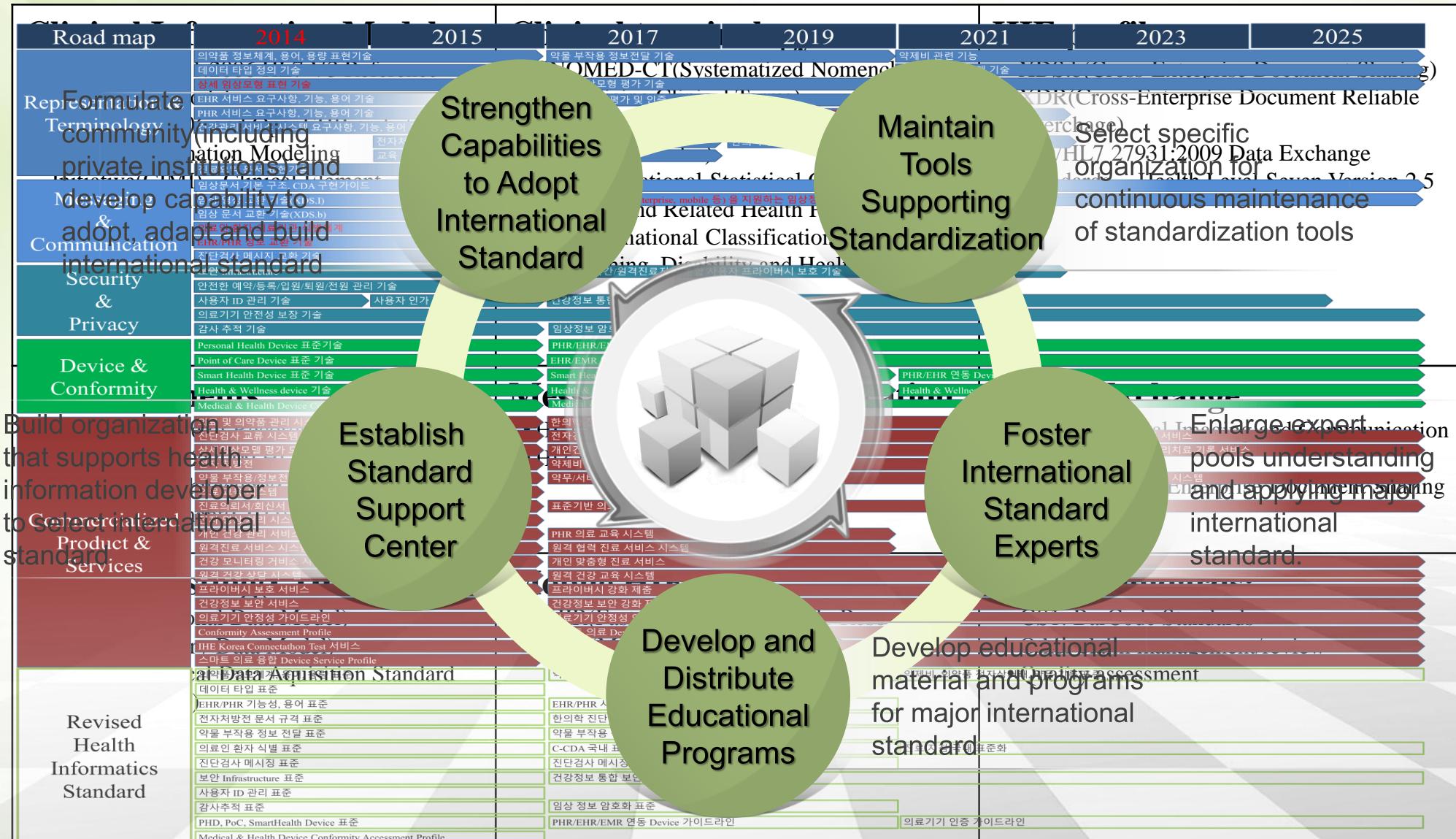
Hospital EMR – Smart Hospital as a Trend



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Lessons Learned from Korean Experiences

Lessons learned – Standardization for Health IT



Lessons Learned – Technical & Financial Supports

Support EMR Implementation of Hospitals and clinics

Needs for supporting EMR adoption

- Increase the synergy of EMR projects
 - Private hospitals participation rate = 90%
- Poor level of voluntary EMR introduction
 - No direct benefit for the EMR investment to physicians and hospitals
 - Lack of capability to manage EMR projects

Direct/indirect supports by government

- Financial support
 - Selected 20~30% hospitals every year(matching fund)
- Technology & policy support
 - Provision of standardized hospital info system:
expected savings is 10% of total expenditure
 - EMR certification system: functionalities assurance
 - consulting services
- Support pilot project of private hospitals cluster

Public/Private Health Information Sharing



Health information sharing upon consumer consent by assuring interoperability

Lessons learned – Customer Focus

Consumer Survey

Need for lifetime EHR

- Necessary or definitely necessary : 86.1%

Expected benefit of lifetime EHR

- Accurate Dx & Tx : 34.5%
- Avoid redundant tests : 33.0%

Information to be provided

- Disease of patients : 40.8%
- Disease prevention & health promotion : 26.2%

Consumer Empowerment through lifetime EHR

Consumer Ignorance

- Dx/Rx information
- Customized health information

Informed Consumer

- Ensuring consumer right to know
- Improving self-care

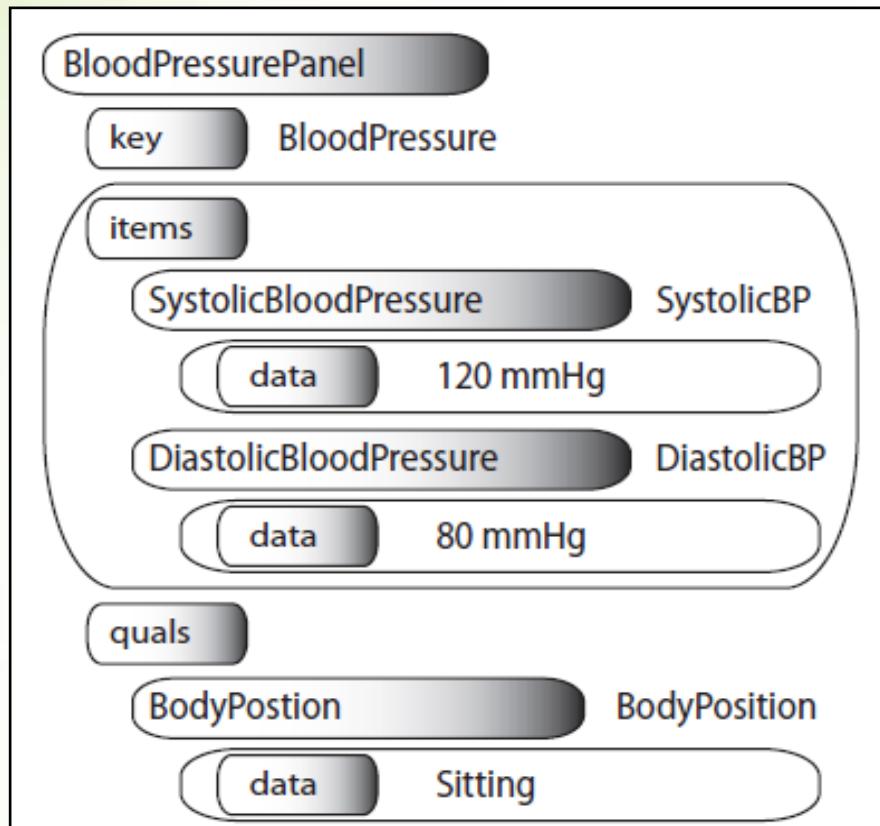
- Ensuring consumer rights
- Reducing healthcare cost
- Improving health

- Health care quality
- Finding doctors/hospitals

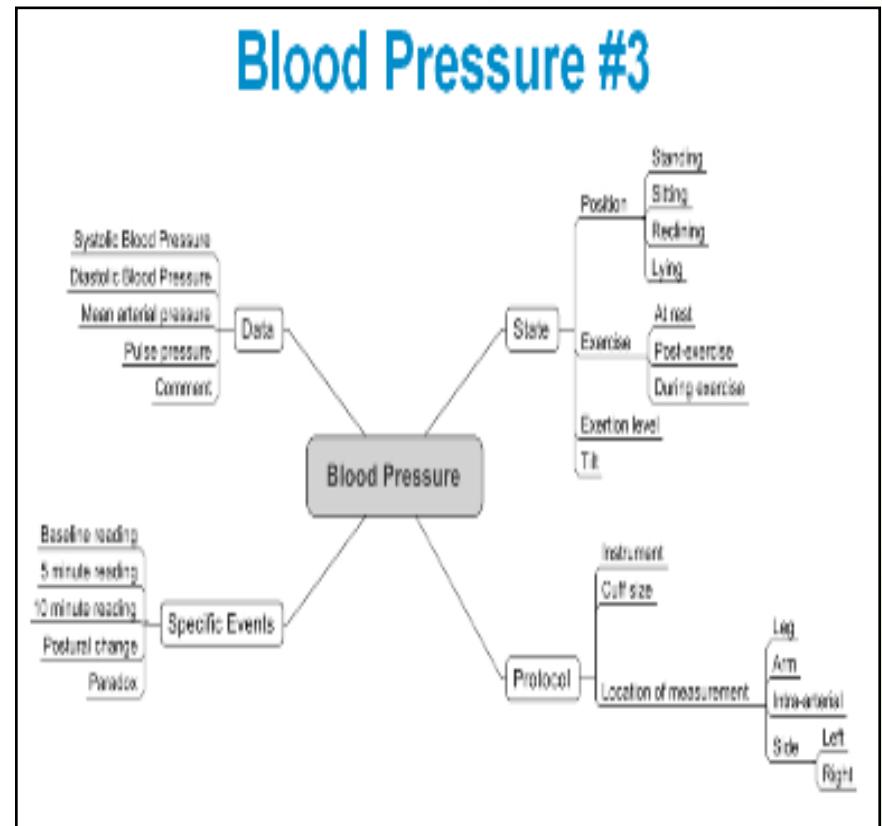
- Consumer right to choose
- Ensuring the convenience of healthcare service use

Lessons Learned – Data Modeling and Structured Data Entry

Clinical Element Model (CEM)



openEHR archetype



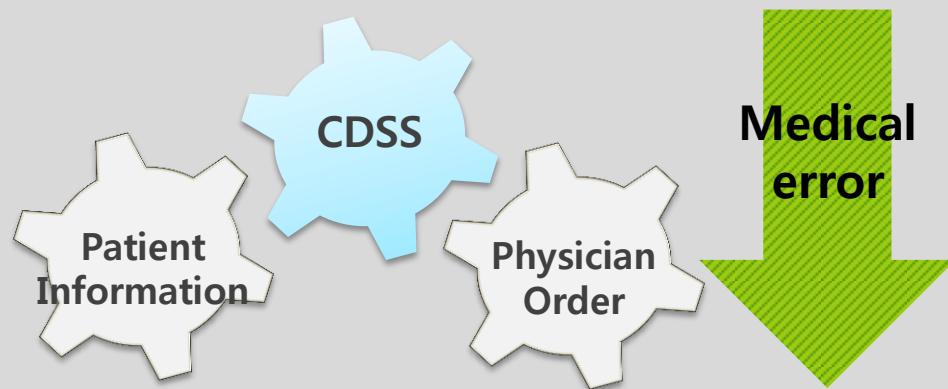
▪ Lessons Learned – Clinical Decision Supports

Decision Making without Decision Support



- Hard to build knowledge base
- Lack of good and inexpensive applications for CDSS implementation
- Lack of awareness on CDSS

Wide-spread Adoption of Clinical Decision Support System(CDSS)



- **National Knowledge repository**
 - rules, guidelines, Drug DB
- **Open source CDSS environments**
 - engine, editor, repository
- **Value demonstration**



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