## Health IT in Clinical Settings

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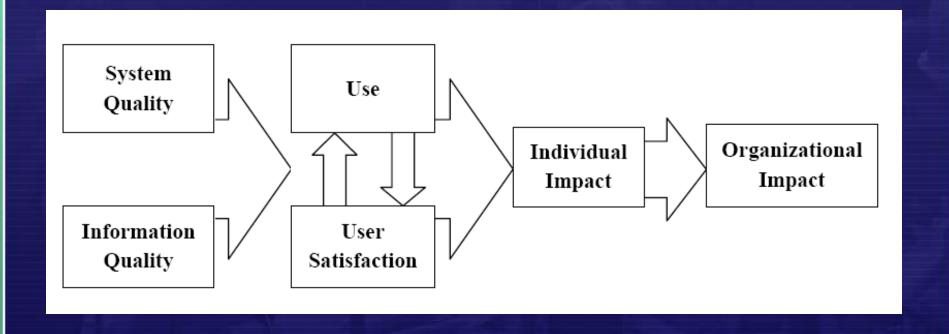
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## IT Decision Making in Hospitals: Key Points

- Depends on local context
- IT is not alone -> Business-IT alignment/integration
- "Know your organization"
- View IT as a tool for something else, not the end goal by itself
- Focus on the real goals (what define "success")

DeLone & McLean (1992)



## **System Quality**

- System performance (response time, reliability)
- Accuracy, error rate
- Flexibility
- Ease of use
- Accessibility

## **Information Quality**

- Accuracy
- Currency, timeliness
- Reliability
- Completeness
- Relevance
- Usefulness

#### Use

- Subjective (e.g. asks a user "How often do you use the system?")
- Objective (e.g. number of orders done electronically)

#### **User Satisfaction**

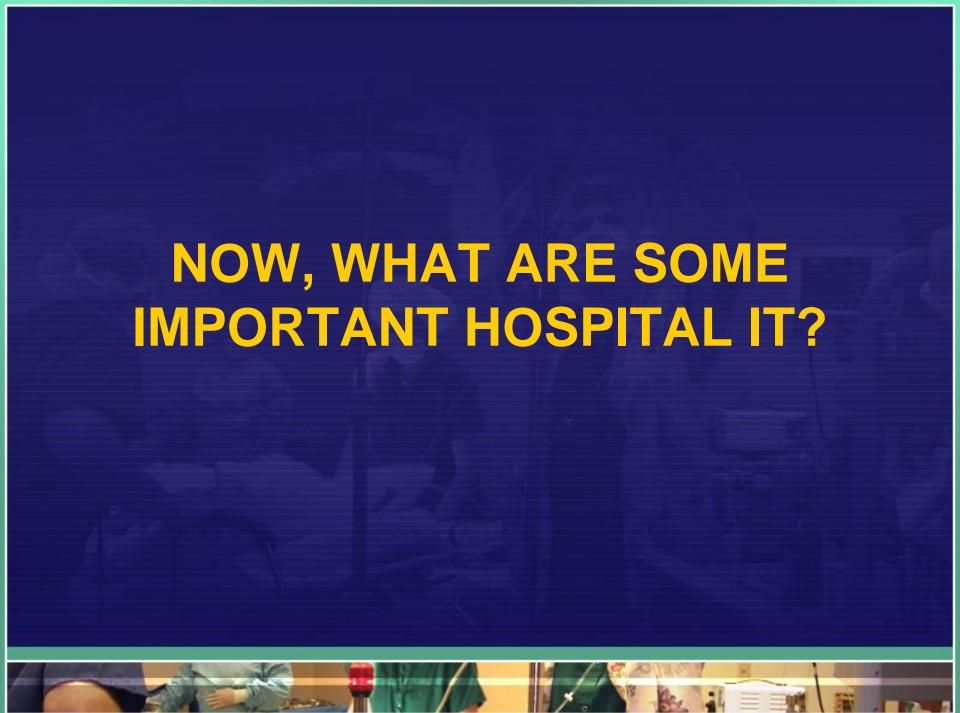
- Satisfaction toward system/information
- Satisfaction toward use

## **Individual Impacts**

- Efficiency/productivity of the user
- Quality of clinical operations/decision-making

#### **Organizational Impacts**

- Faster operations, cost & time savings
- Better quality of care, better aggregate outcomes
- Reputation, increased market share
- Increased service volume or patient retention



## **Examples of Hospital IT**

#### **Enterprise-wide**

- Infrastructural IT (e.g. hardware, OS, network, web, e-mail)
- Office Automation
- MPI, ADT
- EHRs/EMRs/HIS/CIS
- CPOE & CDSSs
- Nursing applications
- Billing, Claims & Reimbursements
- MIS, ERP, CRM, DW, BI

## **Examples of Hospital IT**

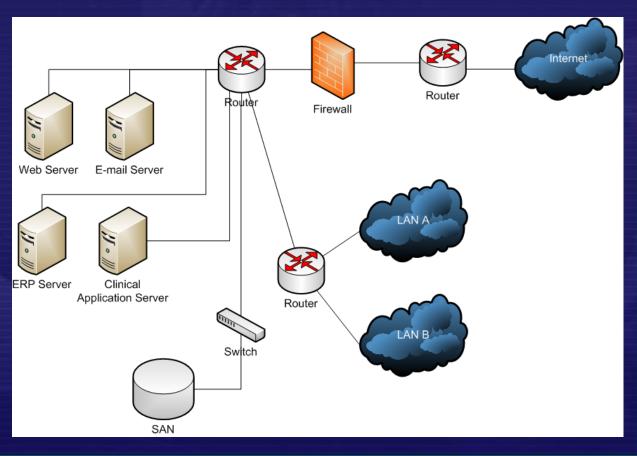
## **Departmental Applications**

- Pharmacy applications
- LIS, PACS, RIS
- Specialized applications (ER, OR, LR, Anesthesia, Critical Care, Dietary Services, Blood Bank)
- Incident management & reporting system
- E-Learning
- Clinical research informatics



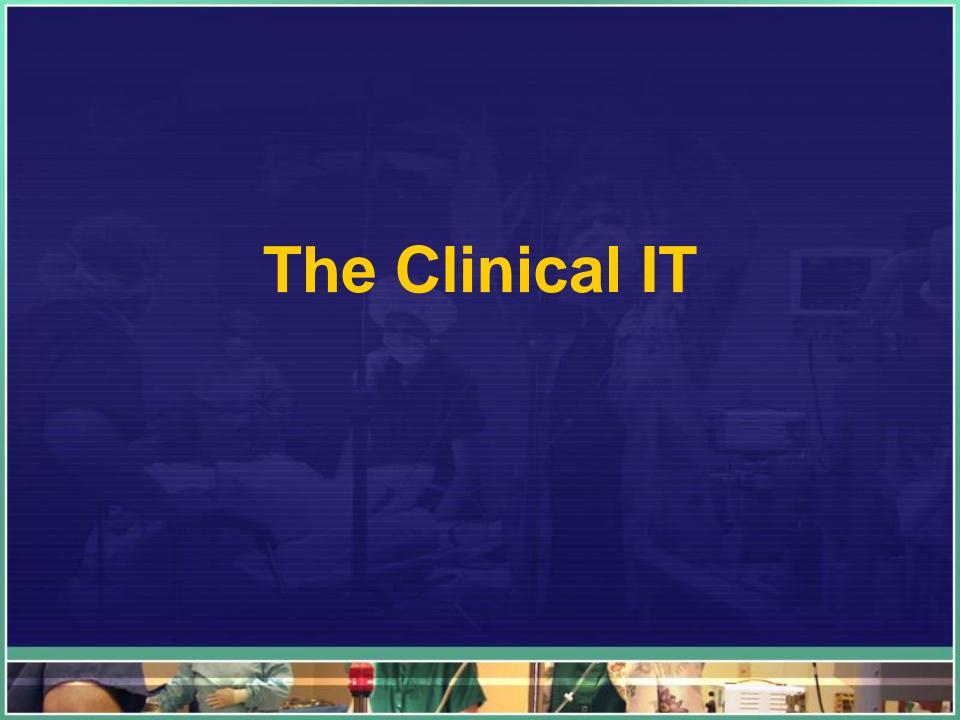
#### Infrastructural IT

- HW/SW Acquisition, installation & maintenance
- System administration
- Network administration
- Security



#### Infrastructural IT

- Expertise
- Insourcing vs. Outsourcing
- Policy & Process Controls
- Best Practices in Design & Management
- Documentation!!!
- Risks
  - Confidentiality/Integrity
  - Outages
  - Redundancy vs. Cost
  - Configuration complexities & patch management
  - Compatibility & Technology Choices



## **Master Patient Index (MPI)**

A hospital's list of all patients

#### Functions

- Registration/identification of patients (HN/MRN)
- Captures/updates patient demographics
- Used in virtually all other hospital service applications

- A large database
- Interface with other systems
- Duplicate resolutions
- Accuracy & currency of patient information
- Language issues

## Admission-Discharge-Transfer (ADT)

#### Functions

- Supports <u>A</u>dmission, <u>D</u>ischarge & <u>T</u>ransfer of patients ("patient management")
- Provides status/location of admitted patients
- Used in assessing bed occupancy
- Linked to billing, claims & reimbursements

- Accuracy & currency of patient status/location
- Handling of exceptions (e.g. patient overflows, escaped patients, home leaves, discharged but not yet departed, missing discharge information)
- Input of important information (diagnoses, D/C summary)
- Links between OPD, IPD, ER & OR

#### **EHRs & HIS**

#### The Challenge - Knowing What It Means

**Electronic Health Records (EHRs)** 

**Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)** 

**Electronic Patient Records (EPRs)** 

Computer-Based Patient Records (CPRs)



Personal Health Records (PHRs)

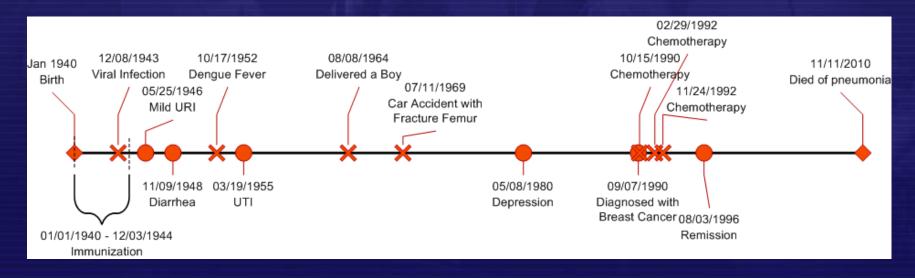
Hospital Information System (HIS)

Clinical Information System (CIS)

#### **EHRs**

#### **Commonly Accepted Definitions**

- Electronic documentation of patient care by providers
- Provider has direct control of information in EHRs
- Synonymous with EMRs, EPRs, CPRs
- Sometimes defined as a patient's longitudinal records over several "episodes of care" & "encounters" (visits)



## **EHR Systems**

Are they just a system that allows electronic documentation of clinical care?



Or do they have other values?

#### **Documented Benefits of Health IT**

- Literature suggests improvement through
  - Guideline adherence (Shiffman et al, 1999;Chaudhry et al, 2006)
  - Better documentation (Shiffman et al, 1999)
  - Practitioner decision making or process of care (Balas et al, 1996; Kaushal et al, 2003; Garg et al, 2005)
  - Medication safety
     (Kaushal et al, 2003; Chaudhry et al, 2006; van Rosse et al, 2009)
  - Patient surveillance & monitoring (Chaudhry et al, 2006)
  - Patient education/reminder (Balas et al, 1996)
  - Cost savings and better financial performance
     (Parente & Dunbar, 2001; Chaudhry et al, 2006; Amarasingham et al, 2009; Borzekowski, 2009)

## Functions that Should Be Part of EHR Systems

- Computerized Medication Order Entry (IOM, 2003; Blumenthal et al, 2006)
- Computerized Laboratory Order Entry (IOM, 2003)
- Computerized Laboratory Results (юм, 2003)
- Physician Notes (IOM, 2003)
- Patient Demographics (Blumenthal et al, 2006)
- Problem Lists (Blumenthal et al, 2006)
- Medication Lists (Blumenthal et al, 2006)
- Discharge Summaries (Blumenthal et al, 2006)
- Diagnostic Test Results (Blumenthal et al, 2006)
- Radiologic Reports (Blumenthal et al, 2006)

## **EHR Systems/HIS: Issues**

- Functionality & workflow considerations
- Structure & format of data entry
  - Free text vs structured data forms
  - Usability
  - Use of standards & vocabularies (e.g. ICD-10, SNOMED CT)
  - Templates (e.g. standard narratives, order sets)
  - Level of customization per hospital, specialty, location, group, clinician
  - Reduced clinical value due to over-documentation (e.g. medico-legal, HA)
  - Special documents (e.g. operative notes, anesthetic notes)
  - Integration with paper systems (e.g. scanned MRs, legal documents)
- Reliability & contingency/business continuity planning
- Roll-out strategies & change management
- Interfaces

## Computerized (Physician/Provider) Order Entry

## **Functions**

- Physician directly enters medication/lab/diagnostic/imaging orders online
- Nurse & pharmacy process orders accordingly
- Maybe considered part of an EHR/HIS system

## Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)

#### **Values**

- No handwriting!!!
- Structured data entry: Completeness, clarity, fewer mistakes (?)
- No transcription errors!
- Streamlines workflow, increases efficiency

## Computerized (Physician/Provider) Order Entry

#### Issues

- "Physician as a clerk" frustration
- Usability -> Reduced physician productivity?
- Unclear value proposition for physician?
- Complexity of medication data structure
- Integration of medication, lab, diagnostic, imaging &other orders
- Roll-out strategies & change management

Cedars-Sinai Doctors Cling to Pen and Paper Washington Post (March 21, 2005)

"One of the most important lessons learned to date is that the complexity of <u>human change management</u> may be easily underestimated"

Langberg ML (2003) in "Challenges to implementing CPOE: a case study of a work in progress at Cedars-Sinai"

## **Nursing Applications**

#### **Functions**

- Documents nursing assessments, interventions & outcomes
- Facilitates charting & vital sign recording
- Utilizes standards in nursing informatics
- Populates and documents care-planning
- Risk/incident management
- etc.

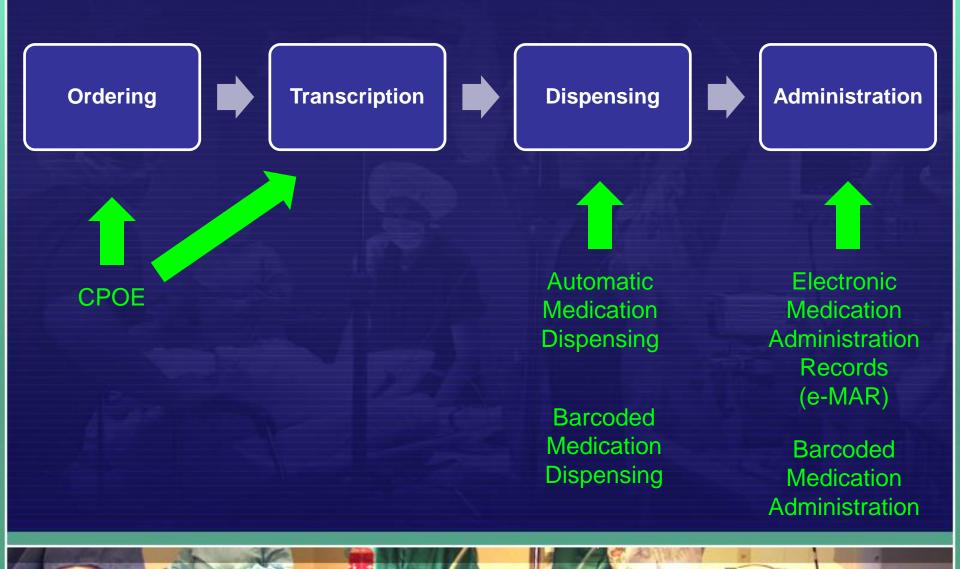
- Minimizing workflow/productivity impacts
- Goal: Better documentation vs. better care?
- Evolving standards in nursing practice
- Change management

## **Pharmacy Applications**

#### **Functions**

- Streamlines workflow from medication orders to dispensing and billing
- Reduces medication errors, improves medication safety
- Improves inventory management

# **Stages of Medication Process & Closed Loop Medication Management**



## **Pharmacy Applications**

- Who enters medication orders into electronic format at which stage?
- Unintended consequences
- "Power shifts"
- Handling exceptions (e.g. countersigns, verbal orders, emergencies, formulary replacements, drug shortages)
- Choosing the right technology for the hospital
- Goal: Workflow facilitation vs. medication safety?

## **Imaging Applications**

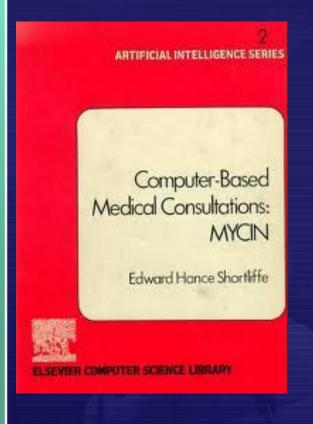
#### **Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS)**

- Captures, archives, and displays electronic images captured from imaging modalities (DICOM format)
- Often refers to radiologic images but sometimes used in other settings as well (e.g. cardiology, endoscopy, pathology, ophthalmology)
- Values: reduces space, costs of films, loss of films, parallel viewing, remote access, image processing & manipulation, referrals

#### Radiology Information System (RIS) or Workflow Management

 Supports workflow of the radiology department, including patient registration, appointments & scheduling, consultations, imaging reports, etc.

## Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDS)



(Shortliffe, 1976)

 The real place where most of the values of health IT can be achieved

#### Expert systems

- Based on artificial intelligence, machine learning, rules, or statistics
- Examples: differential diagnoses, treatment options

## Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDS)

- Alerts & reminders
  - Based on specified logical conditions
  - Examples:
    - Drug-allergy checks
    - Drug-drug interaction checks
    - Reminders for preventive services
    - -Clinical practice guideline integration

## Example of "Reminders"

# facebook.

**HELPING PEOPLE** REMEMBERING BIRTHDAYS SINCE





## More CDS Examples

- Reference information or evidencebased knowledge sources
  - -Drug reference databases
  - -Textbooks & journals
  - -Online literature (e.g. PubMed)
  - -Tools that help users easily access references (e.g. Infobuttons)

#### Infobuttons

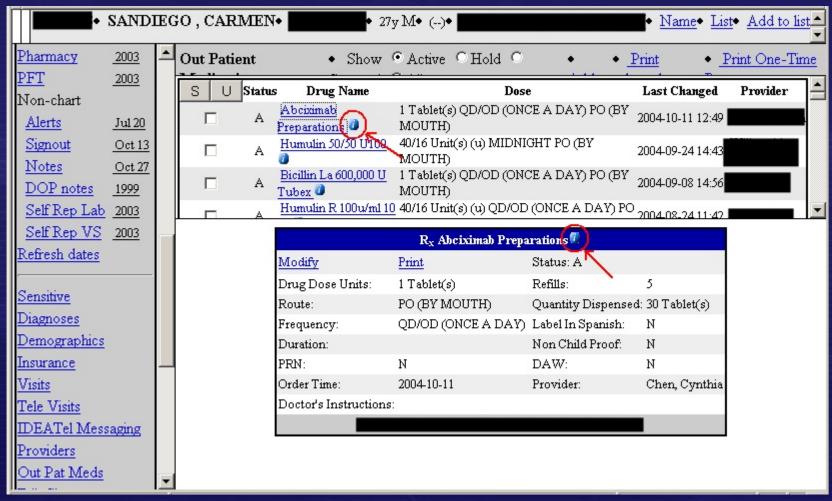


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## Other CDS Examples

- Pre-defined documents
  - Order sets, personalized "favorites"
  - -Templates for clinical notes
  - -Checklists
  - -Forms
- Can be either computer-based or paper-based

## **Order Sets**

Check boxes as applicable									
PREOP WORKUP:									
. EKG if 50 yrs old or greater or if 40-50 yrs old with known cardiac disease, hypertension, diabetes, or									
renal disease, or with history indicative of these.									
Note: No EKG if patient has had another EKG within 6 months with no change in physical status or									
history (copy on chart)									
<ol> <li>Nasal culture for MRSA and Staph aureus</li> </ol>									
CBC with differential									
Basic metabolic panel, prealbumin, transferrin									
5. X PT/PTT									
Sed rate, C-reactive protein (high sensitivity) for joint revision									
7. Z Clean catch urinalysis and urine C&S									
8. Preoperative Joint Class and discharge planning									
Give patient surgical scrub solution and instruct on use									
10.   Initiate Clinical Pathway Guidelines ☐ Total knee arthroplasty ☐ Total hip arthroplasty									
11. Instruct patient to discontinue all NSAIDs and aspirin 7 days prior to surgery date									
DAY OF SURGERY:									
<ol> <li>Type and cross morning of surgery  ☐ Total hip – 2 units blood</li> </ol>									
☐ Total knee – 2 units blood									
☐ Hip revision – 3 units blood									
☐ Knee revision – 2 units blood									

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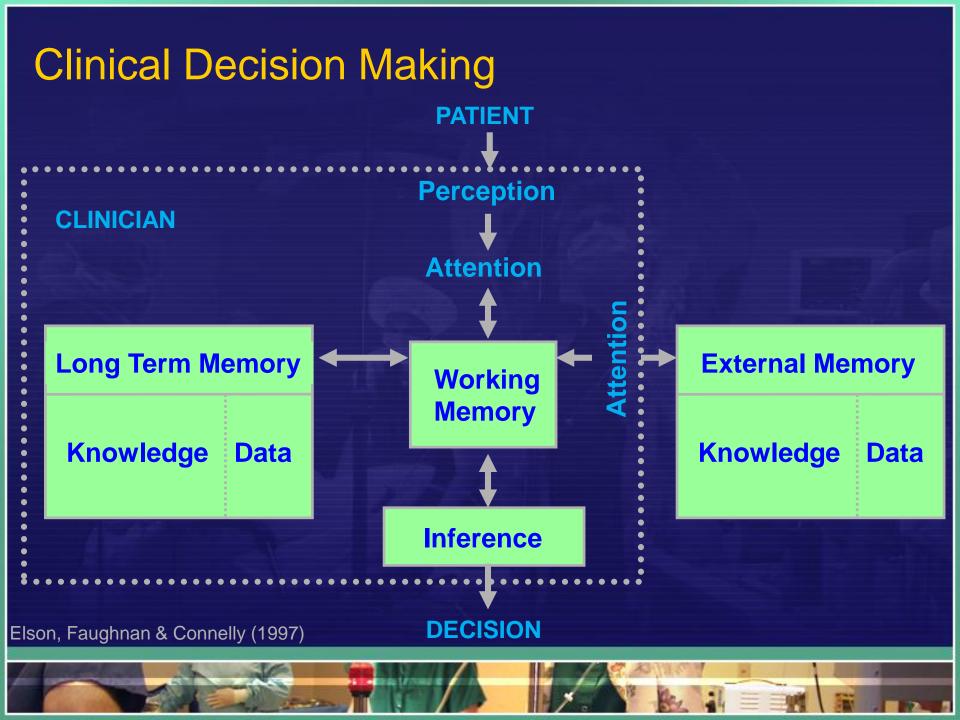
## Other CDS Examples

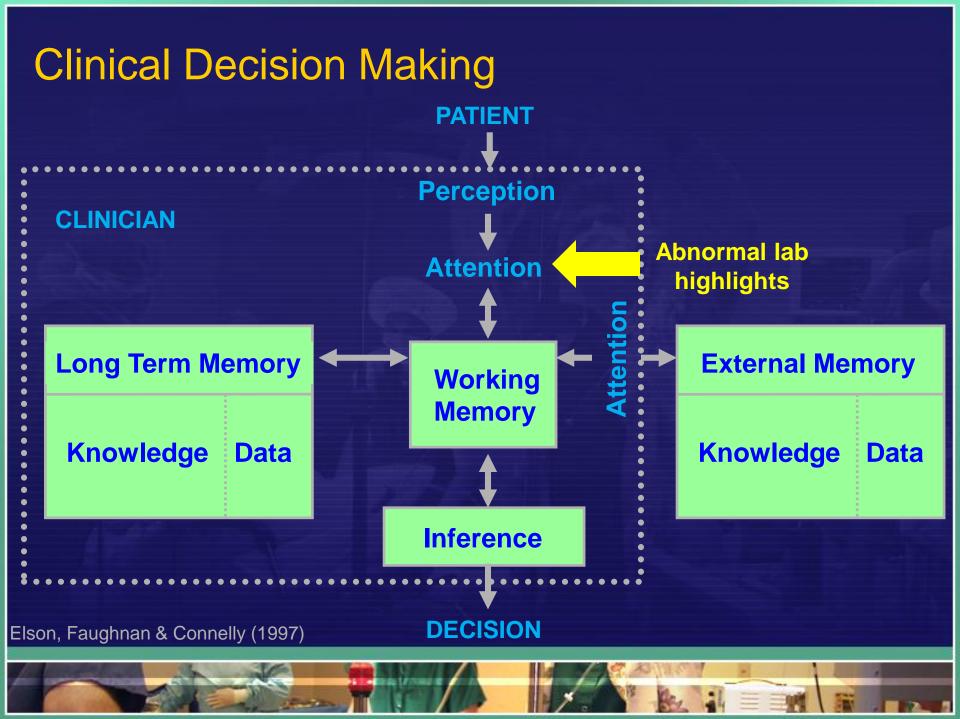
- Simple UI designed to help clinical decision making
  - Abnormal lab highlights
  - -Graphs/visualizations for lab results
  - -Filters & sorting functions

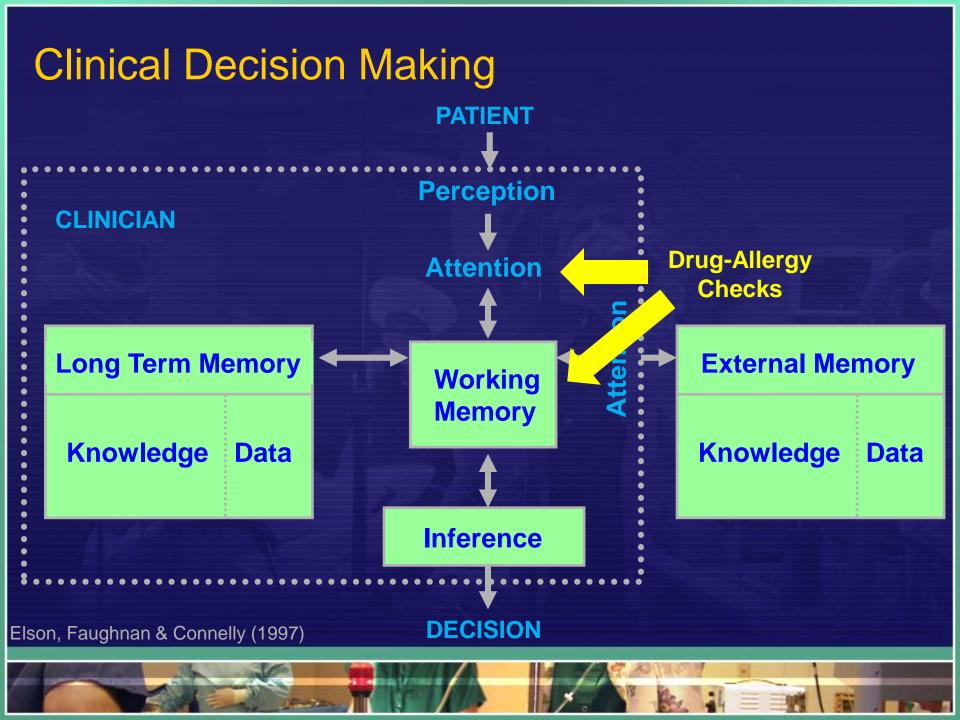
## Abnormal Lab Highlights

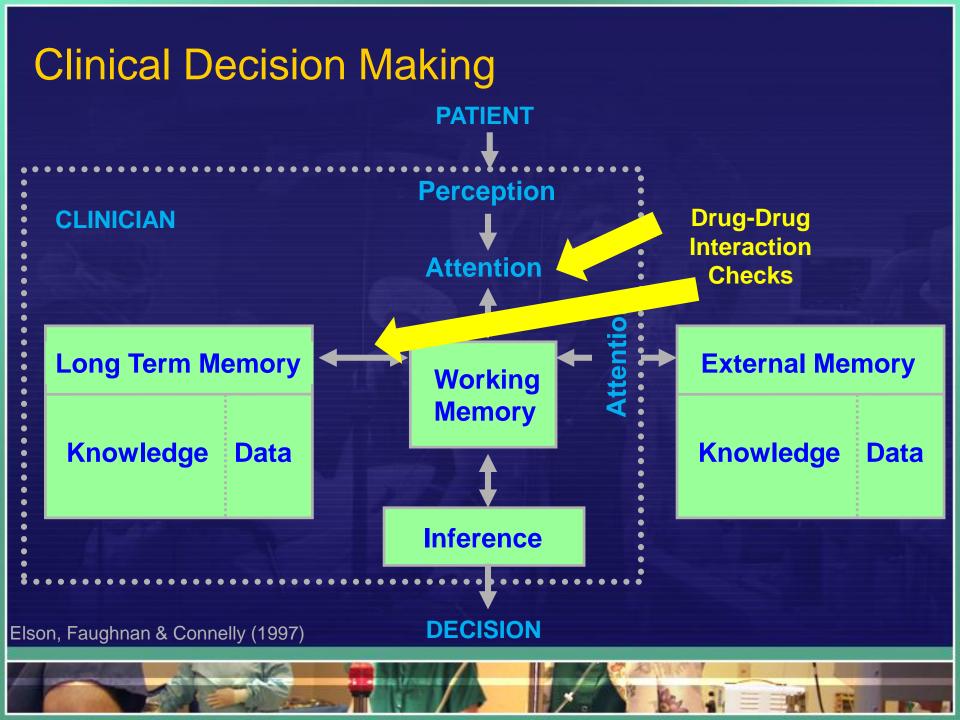
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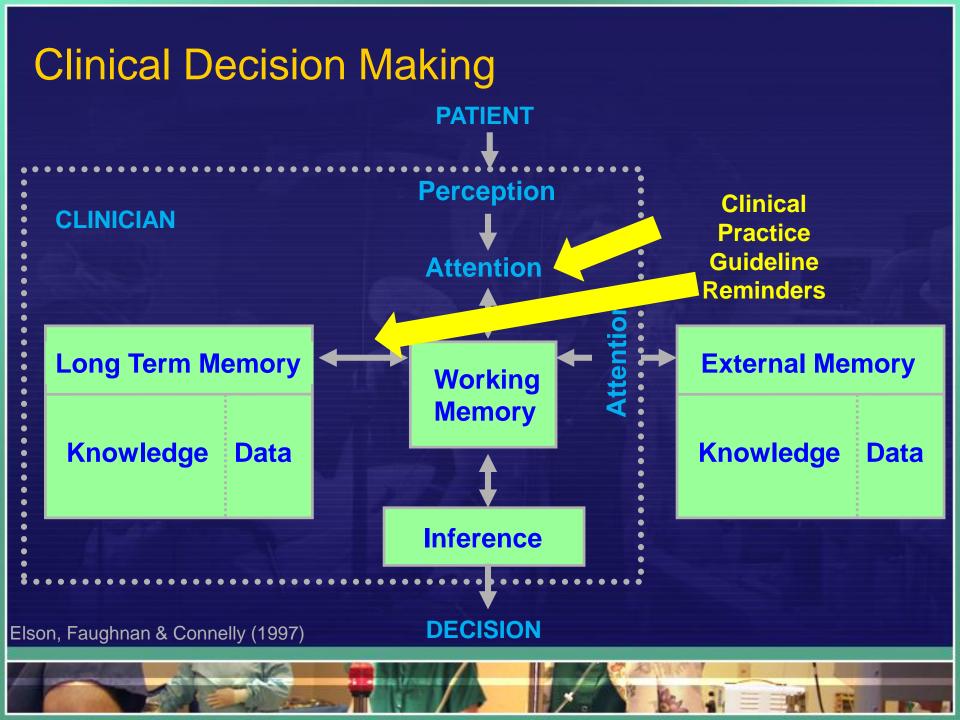
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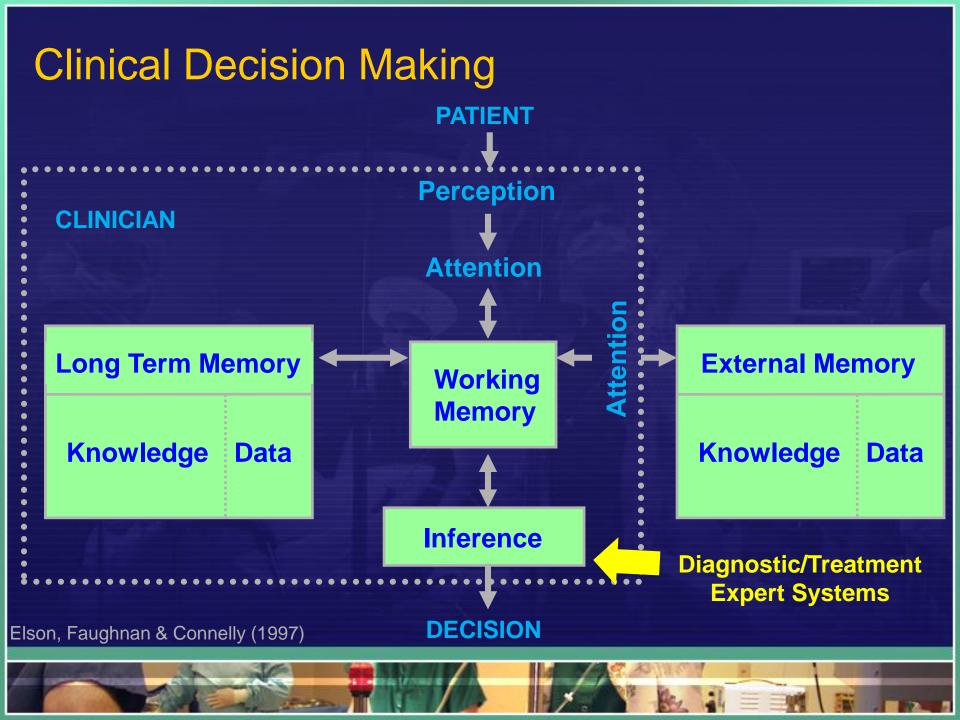






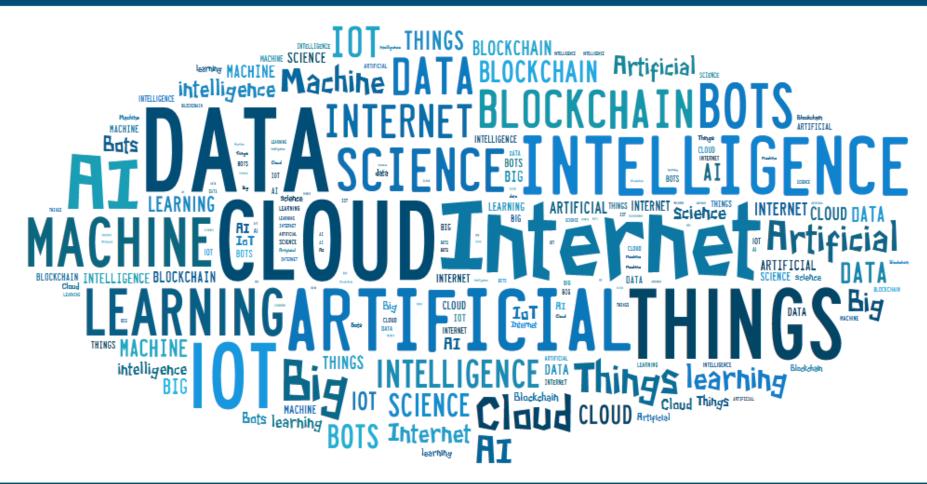






What words come to mind when you hear...

## Digital Health Transformation



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## An Era of Smart Machines

## Google DeepMind's 'AlphaGo' Program Defeats Human Go Champion For The First Time Ever

BY AVANEESH PANDEY 🔰 ON 01/28/16 AT 5:50 AM





Google DeepMind

http://www.ibtimes.com/google-deepminds-alphago-program-defeats-human-go-champion-first-time-ever-2283700 http://deepmind.com/ http://socialmediab2b.com

## Rise of the Machines?



## Digitizing Healthcare



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## Smart Phones, Dumb People?

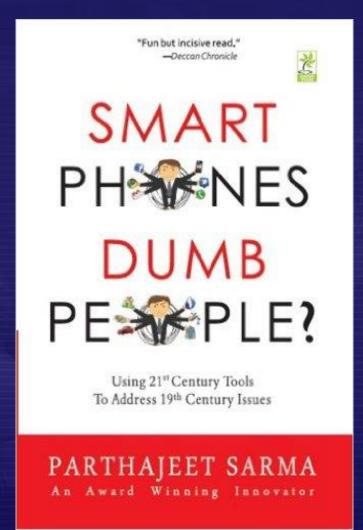


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## Smart Hospital, Dumb Doctors?

## "Teenage Sex" of IT

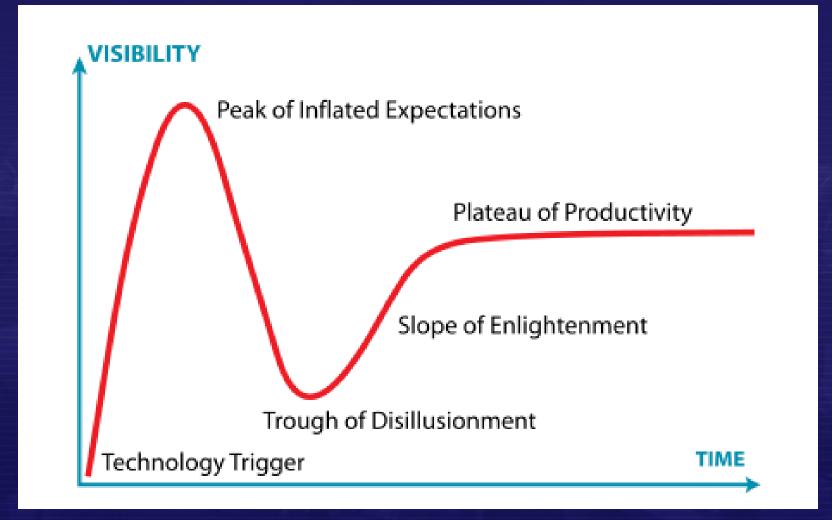
"Big data is like teenage sex:
everyone talks about it,
nobody really knows how to do it,
everyone thinks everyone else is doing it,
so everyone claims they are doing it..."

-- Dan Ariely @danariely (2013)

Substitute "Big data" with "AI", "Blockchain", "IoT" of your choice.

-- Nawanan Theera-Ampornpunt (2018)

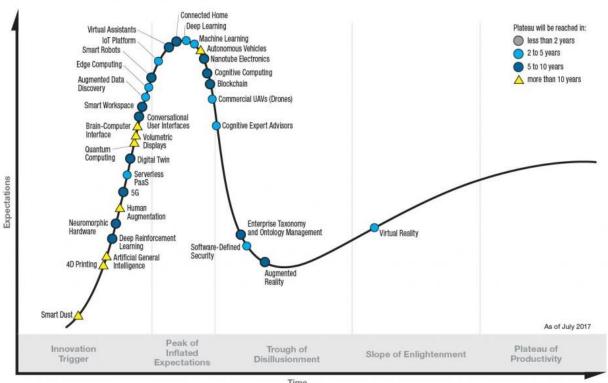
## Hype vs. Hope



Jeremy Kemp via http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hype\_cycle http://www.gartner.com/technology/research/methodologies/hype-cycle.jsp

## Gartner Hype Cycle 2017

### Gartner Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2017



Time

### gartner.com/SmarterWithGartner

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## "Smart" Machines?

## Ethiopian Airlines crash investigators reach 'conclusion' using black box

data



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https://www.standardmedi a.co.ke/article/200131867 9/ethiopian-airlines-crashinvestigators-reachconclusion



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## A Real-Life Personal Story of My Failure (as a Doctor and as a Son) in Misdiagnosing My Mom

Would Al Help?

## Why Clinical Judgment Is Still Necessary?

- Nothing is certain in medicine & health care
- Large variations exist in patient presentations, clinical course, underlying genetic codes, patient & provider behaviors, biological responses & social contexts

## Why Clinical Judgment Is Still Necessary?

- Most diseases are not diagnosed by diagnostic criteria, but by patterns of clinical presentation and perceived likelihood of different diseases given available information (differential diagnoses)
- Human is good at pattern recognition, while machine is good at logic & computations

## Why Clinical Judgment Is Still Necessary?

- Machines are (at best) as good as the input data
  - Not everything can be digitized or digitally acquired
  - Not everything digitized is accurate ("Garbage In, Garbage Out")
- Experience, context & human touch matters

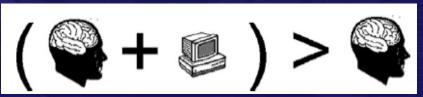
## Proper Roles of CDS

- CDSS as a replacement or supplement of clinicians?
  - The demise of the "Greek Oracle" model (Miller & Masarie, 1990)

The "Greek Oracle" Model Wrong Assumption



The "Fundamental Theorem" Model
Correct Assumption



## Digitization ≠ Digital Transformation

## Being Smart #1: Stop Your "Drooling Reflex"!!

# Being Smart #2: Focus on Information & Process Improvement, Not Technology



## Why Aren't We Talk About These Words?



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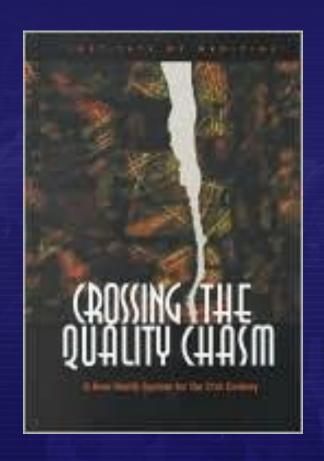
## The Goal of Health Care

The answer is already obvious...

## "Health" "Care"

## High Quality Care

- Safe
- Timely
- Effective
- Patient-Centered
- Efficient
- Equitable



Institute of Medicine, Committee on Quality of Health Care in America. Crossing the quality chasm: a new health system for the 21st century. Washington, DC: National Academy Press; 2001. 337 p.

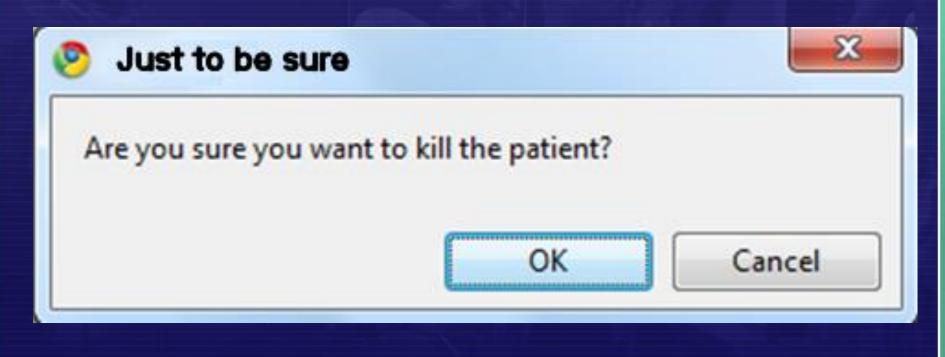
## Health IT

Health
Information 
Value-Add
Technology 
Means/Tools

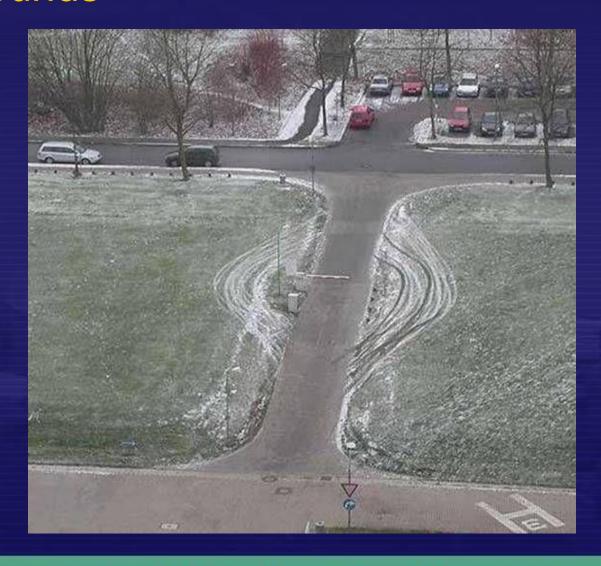
## Unintended Consequences of Health IT

## Some risks

Alert fatigue



## Workarounds



## Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSSs)

## **Issues**

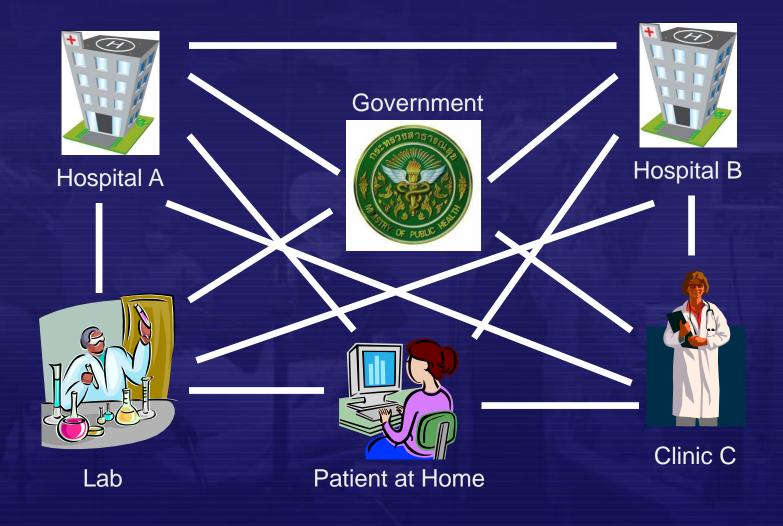
- Choosing the right CDSS strategies
- Expertise required for proper CDSS design & implementation
- Integration into the point of care with minimal productivity/ workflow impacts
- Everybody agreeing on the "rules" to be enforced
- Maintenance of the knowledge base
- Evaluation of effectiveness

## "Ten Commandmends" for Effective CDSSs

- Speed is Everything
- Anticipate Needs and Deliver in Real Time
- Fit into the User's Workflow
- Little Things (like Usability) Can Make a Big Difference
- Recognize that Physicians Will Strongly Resist Stopping
- Changing Direction Is Easier than Stopping
- Simple Interventions Work Best
- Ask for Additional Information Only When You Really Need It
- Monitor Impact, Get Feedback, and Respond
- Manage and Maintain Your Knowledge-based Systems
   (Bates et al., 2003)

## **4 Quadrants of Health IT** Strategic **Business** HIE Intelligence **PHRs CDSS Social** CPOE **Media** Administrative Clinical VMI **EHRs PACS ERP** LIS **ADT** Word MPI ocessor **Operational**

## **Health Information Exchange**





## YouTube: TEDxMahidolU Nawanan



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuoDaJAqQ6c

## **Take-Away Messages**

- Health IT in clinical settings comes in various forms
- Local contexts are important considerations
- Clinical IT is a very complex environment
- Health IT has much potential to improve quality & efficiency of care
- But it is also risky...
  - Costs
  - Change resistance
  - Poor design
  - Alert fatigue
  - Workarounds and unintended consequences
  - Use of wrong technology to fix the wrong process for the wrong goal
- We need to have an informatician's mind (not just a technologist's mind) to help us navigate through the complexities

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