

## Tensions between big data versus high quality clinical data: Bridging the gap through clinical intelligence

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## Objectives

- ◆ Describe the tension between the promises of big data and the current state.
- ◆ Recognize that clinical intelligence (CI) is the new business intelligence of health care.
  - ◆ Highlight how CI is linked inextricably to the 'big data discourse'
- ◆ Expose the critical dependency on leadership by nurse informaticians and nurse executives in clinical intelligence.

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Tensions between 'big data' &  
high quality clinical data



## Understanding the Root Causes

- ◆ 3 perspectives that influence 'big data' tensions
  - ◆ Current literature, research findings & authors' experiences

1. Health system structures
2. "State" of industry available ICTs across the health system
3. Health system resources

### HIMSS Analytics Continuity of Care Maturity Model

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| <b>STAGE 7</b> | Knowledge Driven Engagement for a Dynamic, Multi-vendor, Multi-organizational Interconnected Healthcare Delivery Model |
| <b>STAGE 6</b> | Closed Loop Care Coordination Across Care Team Members   |
| <b>STAGE 5</b> | Community Wide Patient Record using Applied Information with Patient Engagement Focus                                  |
| <b>STAGE 4</b> | Care Coordination based on Actionable Data using a Semantic Interoperable Patient Record                               |
| <b>STAGE 3</b> | Normalized Patient Record using Structural Interoperability  |
| <b>STAGE 2</b> | Patient-Centered Clinical Data using Basic System-to-System Exchange   |
| <b>STAGE 1</b> | Basic Peer-to-Peer Data Exchange   |
| <b>STAGE 0</b> | Limited to No E-communication  |

Reference: Hoyt, J. & Bizarno, D. (May 21, 2014:p.8). HIMSS Analytics Continuity of Care Maturity Model: Transforming Health Through Effective Usage of Interoperability and Analytics.

## 1. Health System Structures

| Industrial Revolution   | Information Age (Today)  | Knowledge Age - Our Preferred Future  |
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| Tiered, Bureaucratic Provider Centric Structures<br>Acute Care Driven | Flattened, Programmatic-Provider Centric Structures  | Consumer-Patient-Client Centric Structures  |
| Professional Care Silos<br>Memory based practices                     | Interdisciplinary Teams<br><br>Information Workers<br>Evidenced Based Practice<br>Outcomes Orientation | Interdisciplinary Knowledge Teams<br><br>Knowledge Workers<br>Practice Based Evidence<br>Outcomes Based |
| Paper record based care   | Hybrid electronic-paper based systems.   | Integrated EHR, business & clinical systems.  |

Reference: Kennedy & Remus, 2012

## 2. State of ICTs Across Health System

Disappointing performance of health IT

- ◆ EHR usability – 'love/hate' relationship
  - ◆ Sluggish adoption coupled with choice of systems that are neither interoperable, nor easy to use
  - ◆ Failure of health care providers & institutions to re-engineer care processes
- ◆ Poor EHR software design - vendors & users
  - ◆ Replicating paper processes into a digital format
  - ◆ Interoperability - tactical vs. strategic

References - Kellerman & Jones 2013, HIMSS 2013, Monegan 2012, Murphy 2010; Hendrich, Chow & Skierczynski 2008

## Sidebar on Interoperability\* as our preferred future

**Interoperability** - "...the ability of health information systems to exchange, transform and interpret shared data across multiple systems and devices, and across organizational boundaries" (p.2).

- ◆ Tactical – focuses on ensuring applications are synchronized with our data, or 'talking to each other'
- ◆ Strategic - Builds upon the ability to connect systems & devices with the ability or the delivery mechanisms to provide the '5 rights'

The **right data** type, in the **right amount**, to the **right person**, at the **right time**, in the **right workflow**" (p.7)

\*HIMMS Media (2013). Strategic Interoperability: The Clinical & Business Imperative for Healthcare Organizations.

## Opportunities for Resolution

## 3. Health System Resources

Lack the necessary contemporary perspectives, skills & knowledge **informatics** that position nursing and nurses to:

- ◆ Lead strategic interoperability (IT) discussions:
  - ◆ Support & facilitate eHealth agendas & mandates
    - ◆ i.e., access to quality, safety, efficient and effective health care
  - ◆ Advocate for & be active sponsors for IT patient care quality initiatives
    - ◆ E.g., eMAR projects should be initiated by nursing as a professional practice change, not b/c of CPOE
  - ◆ Be informed IT Project sponsors who can
    - ◆ Support diverse clinician workforce from 'millennials' to baby boomers throughout the IT system lifecycle ensuring proper investments are in place for education, workflow process re-design, engagement & adoption.
    - ◆ Drive system design standards that support 'tactical' interoperability supporting 'big data' where high quality clinical data is achieved.

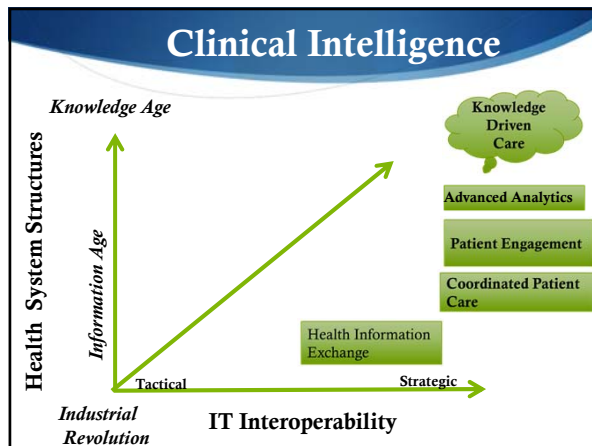
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## Analytics: Big Data or Clinical Intelligence

Ultimate benefit of the time, energy, and cost of an EHR is clinical intelligence (Harrington, 2011)

- ◆ Drive clinical outcomes and operational efficiencies
- ◆ Data quality & management
- ◆ Practice-based evidence & analytics
- ◆ Requires Nursing workforce preparation

Rowe 2014 ; HIMMS Strategic Interoperability Survey 2013; Simpson 2013; Harrington 2012,2011; Remus & Kennedy 2012



Thank you

Questions/Discussion