

# Securing Physician and Patient Portals for HIPAA Compliance

HIPAA Summit VIII

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# Agenda

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- Identity and Access Management Technology and HIPAA Requirements
  - Bob Tahmaseb, Principal Systems Engineer, RSA Security, Inc.
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  - David Young, IT Program Director, Geisinger Health System
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# RSA Security

- Over two decades experience in information security
- Leader in industry research and standards
- Over 14,000 customers worldwide including leading healthcare organizations such as:
  - Atlantic Health Systems
  - Baylor Health Care System
  - Bay Health Medical
  - Blue Cross Blue Shield
  - Boston Medical
  - Cigna
  - Geisinger Health System
  - HCA
  - Kaiser Foundation
  - Oxford Health Plans Inc
  - PacifiCare Health Systems
  - Partners Healthcare System
  - Providence Health System
  - Scripps Health
  - Sisters of Mercy Health System
  - Trinity Health
  - UPMC Health System

# Definition of Identity and Access Management

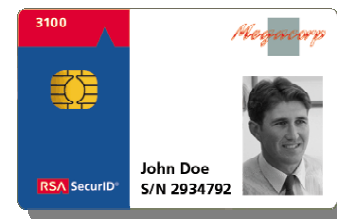
The people, processes and technologies dedicated to creating, managing and revoking digital identities, as well as developing and enforcing policies governing authentication and access to information systems both inside and outside the enterprise.

- **Authentication**
- **Access control**
- **Audit**

# Authentication

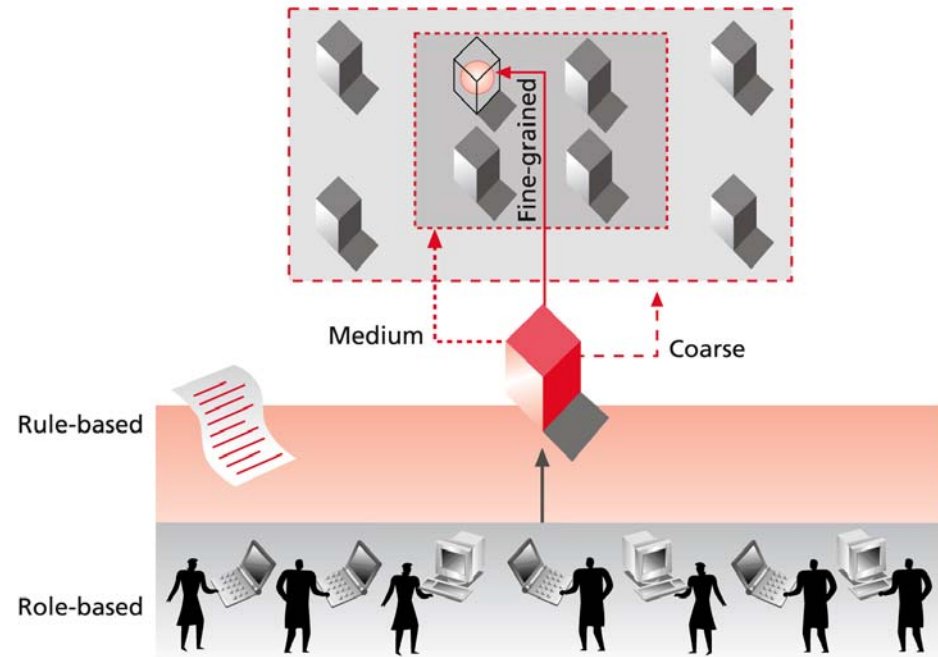
- Levels of authentication
  - Single factor versus multi-factor
- Diverse environments
  - On-site clinical versus on-site office
  - Web access for patients/members
  - Remote and web access for professionals
- Selection criteria
  - Strategic fit for users
  - Strategic fit in corporate/system
  - Total cost of ownership

*Passwords*



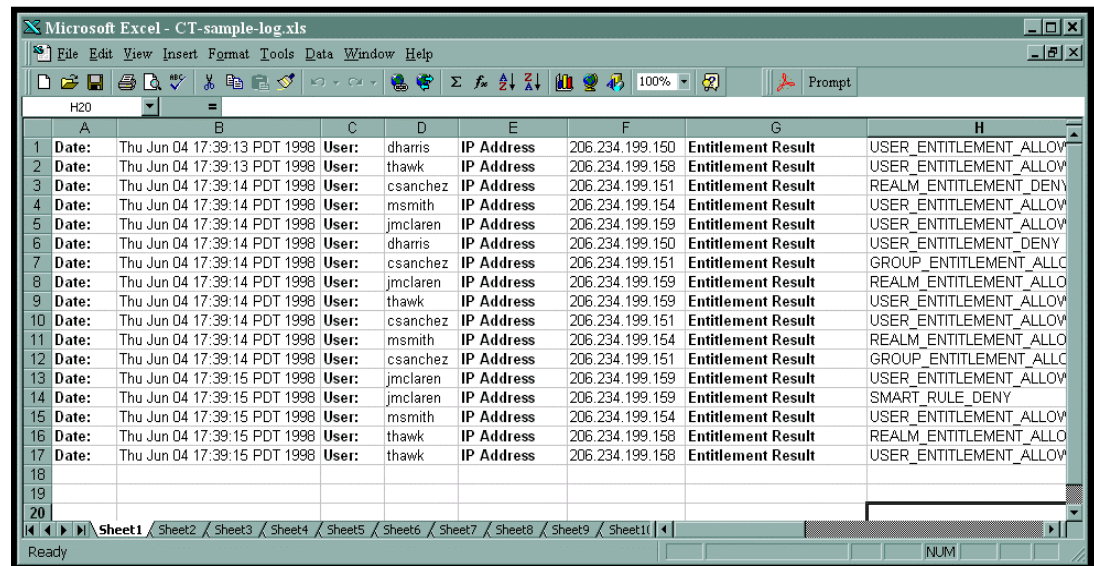
# Access Control

- Levels of access control
  - Resources
  - Actions
- Rule-based
  - Static and dynamic rules
- Role-based
  - Group users with similar access rights
  - Inheritance
  - Exceptions and exclusions
- Administration



# Audit Controls

- Tracking and monitoring user access
  - User activity
  - Access privileges
- Level of detail
  - Type of event
  - Date and time
  - User ID
  - Function or command
- Storing and protection



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "CT-sample-log.xls". The spreadsheet contains a log of user activities. The columns are labeled A through H. The data rows show the following information:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Date:	Thu Jun 04 17:39:13 PDT 1998	User:	dharris	IP Address	206.234.199.150	Entitlement Result	USER_ENTITLEMENT_ALLOW
2	Date:	Thu Jun 04 17:39:13 PDT 1998	User:	thawk	IP Address	206.234.199.158	Entitlement Result	USER_ENTITLEMENT_ALLOW
3	Date:	Thu Jun 04 17:39:14 PDT 1998	User:	csanchez	IP Address	206.234.199.151	Entitlement Result	REALM_ENTITLEMENT_DENY
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# Meeting the HIPAA Requirements

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Best practice</b>
<b>HIPAA Privacy Minimum Necessary</b>	Role-based access control
<b>HIPAA Security Authentication</b>	Strong authentication for remote access; possibly for internal access for some applications
<b>HIPAA Security Access Control</b>	Centralized user management and fine-grained access control
<b>HIPAA Security Audit Controls</b>	Logging and reporting mechanisms

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# Securing Physician & Patient Portals for HIPAA Compliance

## Case Study

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- The Setting - Geisinger Health System
- The Challenge
- I&AM Planning & Deployment
- Our Patient Portal – “MyChart”
- Our Provider Portal – “GeisingerConnect”
- Portal Security Features
- Portal Status & Customer Feedback

# Geisinger Health System

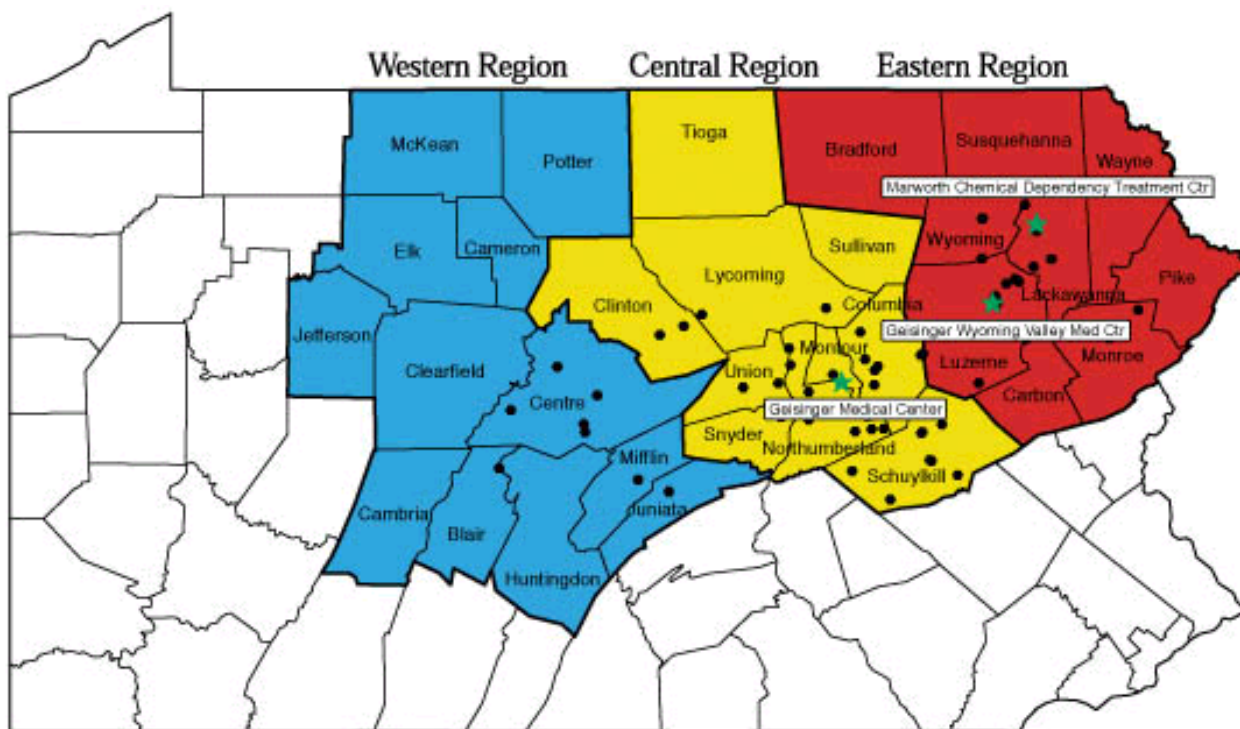
*Heal. Teach. Discover. Serve.*

- Geisinger Health System, founded in 1915, serves a 31-county, largely rural area of north-central Pennsylvania.
- An integrated, healthcare delivery network
  - 52 clinic sites (42 Primary Care)
  - 2 inpatient facilities
  - 600+ employed physicians
  - 1,500,000 outpatient visits/year
  - Nearly 300,000 covered lives
  - 9,500 employees



# Geisinger Service Region

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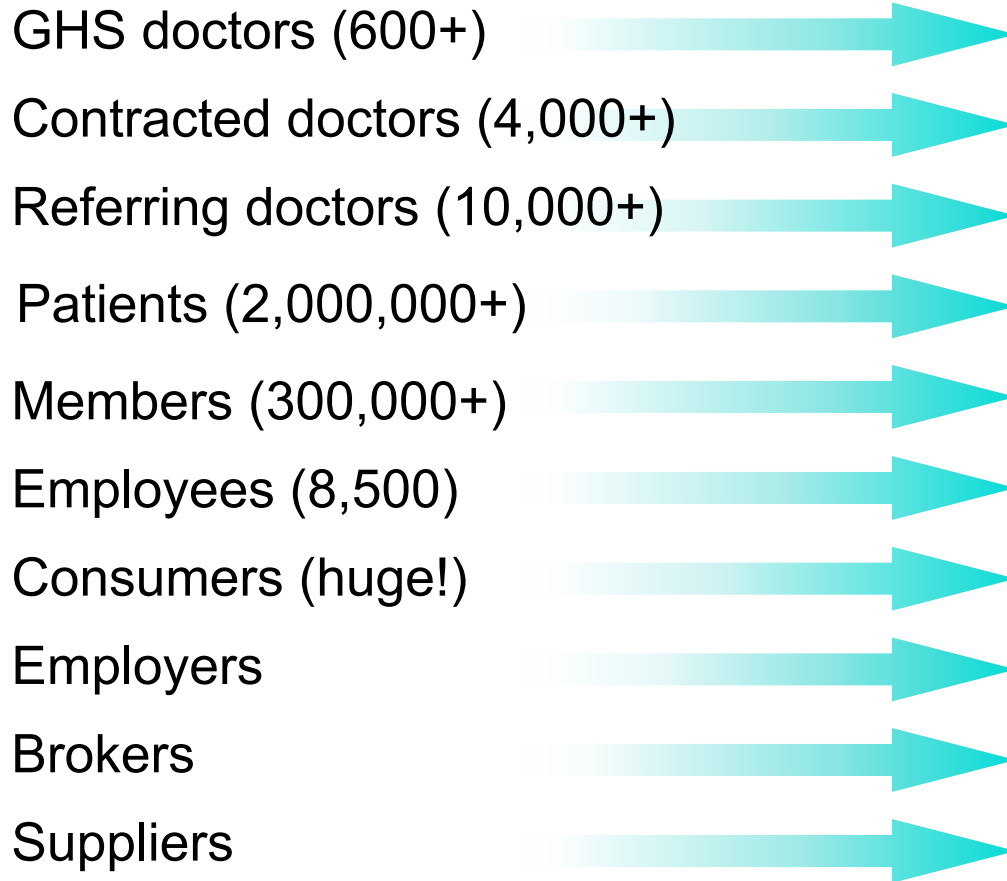


# Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Status

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- All 600 physicians use the EMR (EpicCare) to:
  - View all results and records
  - Enter all orders
  - Document patient encounters
- All providers view results online
- Integrated appointment scheduling (Epic Cadence®)
- Implementation began 1997

# The Challenge



# The Beginning: eAccess Task Force

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- Purpose to scope out how entities access Geisinger's electronic information in secure and confidential manner.
  - Formed Summer 2000
- Membership
  - Internal Audits, HIPAA officer, Information Security, Medical Records, IT Web, Desktop Services, Networks



# eAccess Task Force

## Outcomes

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- Devised remote access policy
  - Identified 8 means of access
  - Identified 6 different role types
  - Mapped the acceptable means of access to each role type
  - Included the encryption and authentication requirements
- Recommendation to purchase I&AM software
- Recommendation to utilize RSA SecurID® tokens for stronger two-factor authentication, where required.
- Recommendation on use of 128-bit SSL server certificates

# Requirements of I&AM System

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- Need an effective solution to manage ALL access to secured web resources
- Ensure the “right” people are seeing the “right” information at the “right” time
- Enforce HIPAA Compliance for electronic PHI
- Integrate web security into existing infrastructure
- Single Sign-On (SSO)
- Flexible Security Administration



Solution:  ClearTrust®

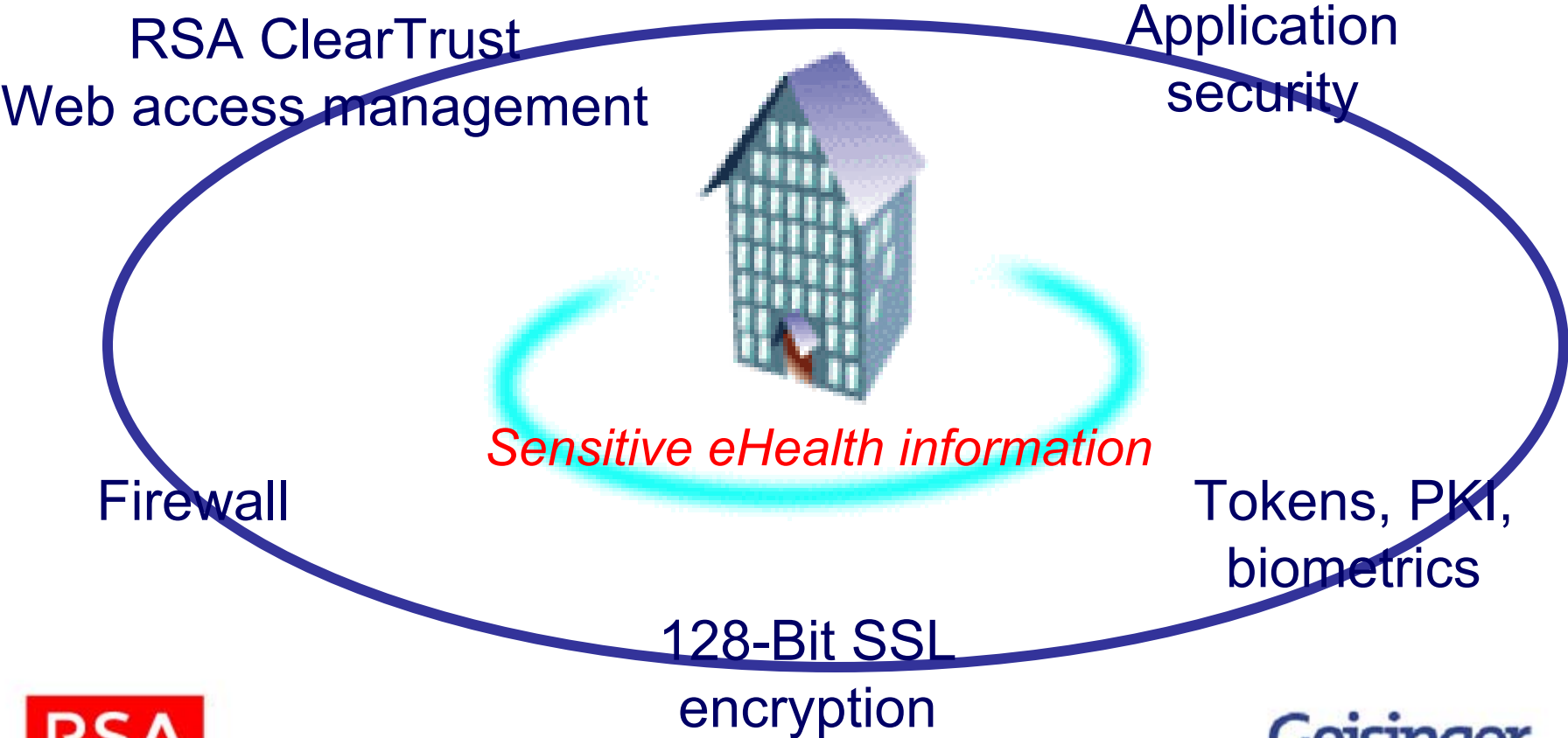


# Why RSA ClearTrust?

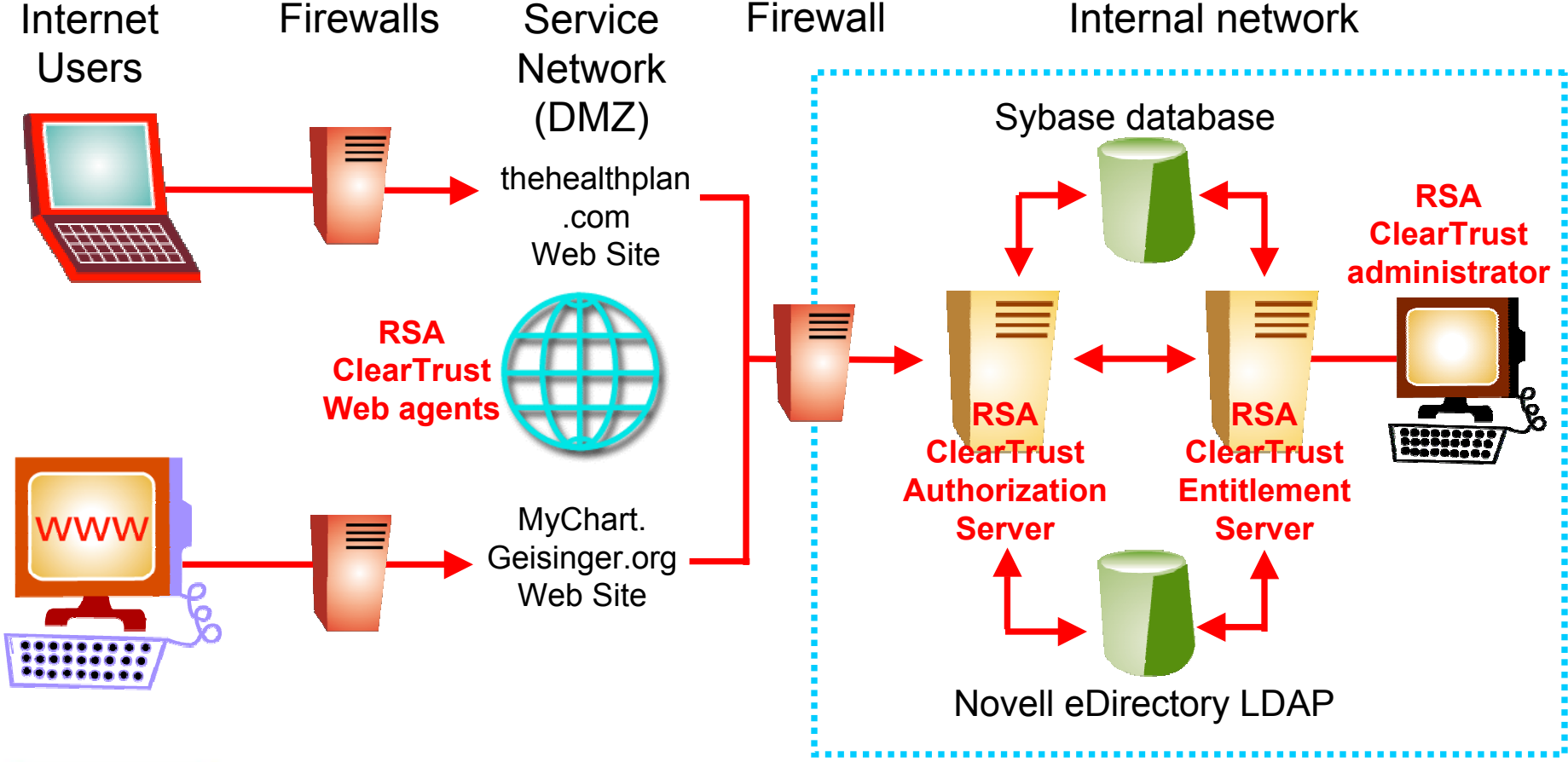
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- Open Architecture – wide support for all platforms + Java
- Full Feature Set
  - Smart Rules: allow/deny access based on user properties & roles
  - Strong support for multiple authentication types and access control
  - Browser friendly, zero footprint
- Integration capabilities with our existing web infrastructure
- Performance and scalability
- Single Sign-On (SSO)
- Future Product Vision

# Enhanced Security Model



# RSA ClearTrust Deployment



# Geisinger Patient Portal

- “MyChart” Portal for Patients
  - Access into a selected “view” of Electronic Medical Record (EMR)
  - Secure Patient-Physician Internet messaging
  - Rx refill requests
  - Appointment request
  - Pediatric proxy access
  - Caregiver access
  - Free service to patients



**MyChart®** is a module of the EpicCare® EMR,  
provided by Epic Systems Corporation.



# MyChart – Welcome Screen



Alerts

Proxy

Views

Messaging

Appointments

Administration

The screenshot shows the MyChart welcome screen for a user named Berwick C Test. The page has a blue header with the Geisinger Health System logo and the text "Welcome to MyChart Your on-line health management tool". Below the header, there is a yellow navigation bar with the date "January 23, 2004", the user name "Welcome, Berwick C Test", and links for "Help", "Back", "Home", and "LogOut".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Change View:** Includes a link for "View Other Records".
- My Health Record:** A list of links including "Health Summary", "Medications", "Labs", "Health Reminders", "Recent Visits", "Immunizations", "Allergies", "Current Health Issues", "Past Medical History", and "Referrals".
- Secure Messaging:** Includes links for "Read Messages", "Sent Messages", "Request Medical Advice", "Request Rx Renewal", "Request A Referral", and "Customer Service".
- Appointments:** Includes links for "My Appointments" and "Request A New Appt".
- Administration:** Includes links for "Administrative Information", "Personal Preferences", "Change Password", "Change your Challenge Question and Answer", "Change Address", and "Terms and Conditions".

An "Alerts!!!" box is visible, containing two messages:

- "You have overdue or upcoming health reminder(s)! Please click [here](#) for details."
- "You have 3 new [messages](#)."

On the right side of the page, there is a yellow sidebar with several links: "MyChart Feedback", "Notice of Privacy Practices", "Physician Office Info", "Health Information", "Community Events", "Geisinger's Clinical Trials", "Terms and Conditions", and "Health Privacy Statement".

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a section titled "Community Health Resource Library - Health Information at Your Fingertips" with a "Full Story ..." link and a "Back to the previous page..." link.



# MyChart - Lab Results

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Geisinger's MyChart - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "C:\Documents and Settings\jmwalker\Desktop\TEPR\MyChart Demo\labs.htm". The page header includes the Geisinger Health System logo and the text "My Chart DEMO Your on-line health management tool". Below the header, there is a yellow banner with the date "March 13, 2002-Welcome, John Doe Test" and links for "Contact Us", "Back Home", "Help", and "LogOut".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- My Health Record** (with a "MORE" link):
  - [Health Summary](#)
  - [Medications](#)
  - [Labs](#)
  - [Health Reminders](#)
  - [Recent Visits](#)
  - [Past Medical History](#)
- Secure Messaging** (with a "MORE" link):
  - [Read Messages](#)
  - [Sent Messages](#)
  - [Request Medical Advice](#)
  - [Request Rx Renewal](#)
  - [Request A Referral](#)
  - [Customer Service](#)
- Appointments** (with a "MORE" link):
  - [My Appointments](#)
  - [Request A New Appt](#)
- Labs**:

This page displays results of some of your lab tests along with the authorizing physician and the status of the results. This list includes only certain commonly performed tests.  
**NOTE: Results only become available in MyChart after your provider has reviewed them.**

Date	Test	Authorizing Provider	Status
10/28/1997	<a href="#">CREATININE</a>	Test West, M.D.	<a href="#">Final result</a>
09/26/1997	<a href="#">GLUCOSE</a>	test,wyoming M.D.	<a href="#">Final result</a>
09/08/1997	<a href="#">HDL</a>	Test West, M.D.	<a href="#">Final result</a>
09/08/1997	<a href="#">LDL (DIRECT MEASURE)</a>	Test West, M.D.	<a href="#">Final result</a>
09/08/1997	<a href="#">TRIGLYCERIDES</a>	Test West, M.D.	<a href="#">Final result</a>
09/08/1997	<a href="#">PSA</a>	Test West, M.D.	<a href="#">Final result</a>

[Back](#) to the previous page...

Lab Tests

Results



# MyChart - Secure Messaging

PCP or  
last seen  
Physicians

Geisinger's MyChart - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address C:\Documents and Settings\jmwalker\Desktop\TEPR\MyChart Demo\requestmedadvice.htm

My Health Record MORE

- Health Summary
- Medications
- Labs
- Health Reminders
- Recent Visits
- Past Medical History

Medical Advice

Request Medical Advice allows you to send any questions of a **non-urgent** nature that you may have to the clinic. **Remember: MyChart should NOT be used for urgent medical problems.** To send a request, simply fill out the fields on this screen and press the Send button.

From: John Doe Test (E1774265)

Send to the office of: Roy A. Gill, M.D. (Rheumatology Danville (Rhumf?))

Respond by:

- Electronic messaging
- Home Phone (123-456-7890)
- Work Phone (098-765-4321)
- Other (specify here)

Subject:

Question: (Maximum 500 characters)

Send [x]

Done Internet

Patient's  
Communication  
Preference

# MyChart Registration Process - Today

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- Step 1 – Patient visits their physician office
  - Patient signs access request form
  - Patient given one-time use activation code
- Step 2 – Activate MyChart account on Geisinger.org
  - Identify themselves
  - Choose a UserID, Password, and Challenge Q/A
  - Accept the MyChart Terms & Conditions
- Step 3 – Login to MyChart with UserID and Password

# Patient Registration

## “Tell us who you are”

Geisinger's MyChart - Signup Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <https://www.geisinger.org/patients/pportal/registration.cfm?REGISTER=YES>

**Geisinger Health System** Welcome to **MyChart** Your on-line health management tool

07-Oct-02 09:58 AM [Home](#) [Support](#)

**New Member Sign Up:**

**Step 1: Identify Yourself** Step 1 of 3

**Personal Information**

First Name  \* Middle Initial  Last Name  \*

Social Security Number  -  -  \* (11-22-3333) Date of Birth  /  /  \* (mm/dd/yyyy) Zip Code of Residence  \*

**MyChart Access Code**

Please enter your MyChart Access Code below as it appears on the form that your doctor's office has given you.

MyChart Access Code  -  -  -  -  \* (DKUD-MDJDU-MJDJH-EJSMD-1987D)

**Please Note:** For your protection, you will have only three (3) attempts to enter your correct patient information and access code before the system locks you out.

Personal  
Info

One-time  
use access  
code

# Patient Registration

## “Choose your User ID & Password”

Geisinger's MyChart - Signup Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Geisinger Health System Welcome to MyChart Your on-line health management tool

07-Oct-02 10:16 AM Home Support

New User Sign Up:

**Step 2: Create your User ID & Password.** Step 2 of 3

**User ID**

Your User ID is very Important!

User ID **CHOOSE A SECURE USER ID AND PASSWORD**  
Please enter a User ID that you would like to use for future logins.

User ID must be atleast 3 characters and no more than 18 characters long and can be any combination of letters or numbers. No sepcial characters are allowed.

**Password**

Password Passwords must be five (5) to eight (8) characters long and any combination of letters (A to Z) and numbers (0-9) and must contain at least one (1) number.  
[General rules for selecting a Secure password:](#)

Reconfirm Password

**Challenge Question**

Select a Question of Your Choice  
What is your pet's name?

Answer:

The Challenge question is used as a security measure in case you forget your password.  
If you forget your password, your answer to the challenge question will be used to help verify that you are who you say you are.  
Choose your question from the dropdown box.

Continue

Select  
User ID

Select  
Password

Select  
Challenge  
Q&A

# MyChart Registration - Tomorrow

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- Step 1 – Visit Geisinger.org and signup for Basic Portal (no PHI)
  - Identify yourself
  - Choose UserID, Password, and Challenge Q/A
  - Accepts T&Cs and then has immediate access to a Basic Patient portal
- Step 2 – Request MyChart Access online
  - From Basic Patient portal, request enrollment to MyChart
  - MyChart activation code is US mailed to patient's home address on file
- Step 3 – Activate MyChart for Enhanced Portal (w/PHI) features
  - With activation code, logs into Basic Portal and activates MyChart
  - User accepts MyChart T&Cs and then can access their EMR via MyChart
  - Behind the scenes SSO between Basic and Enhanced Portal

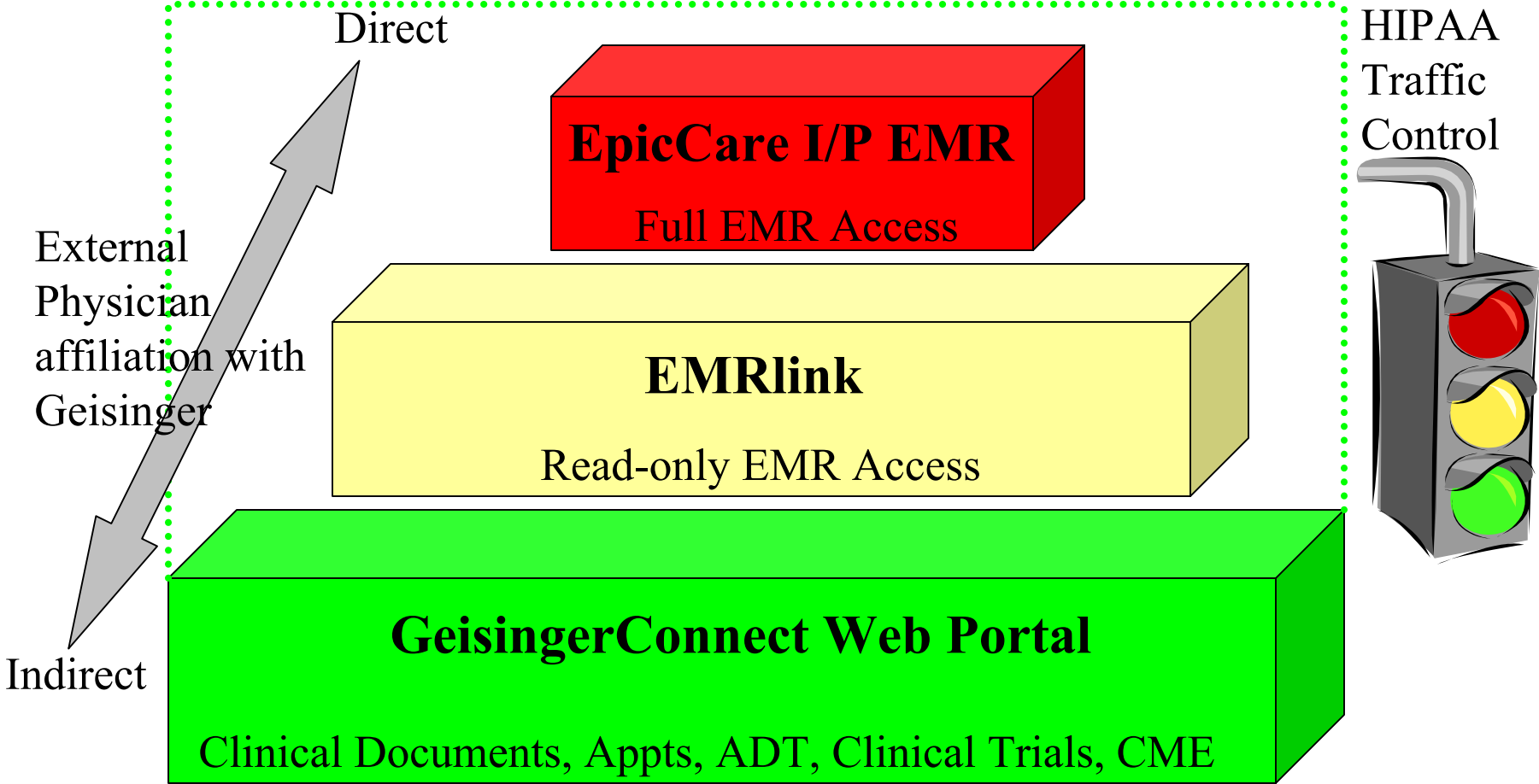
# Geisinger Affiliated Physician Portal

- “GeisingerConnect” features include:
  - Patient admissions & discharges with alerts
  - Insurance Information & discharge summaries
  - Outpatient office visits with clinic progress notes reporting
  - In/Outpatient transcribed documents
  - Access for Physicians and their office staff
  - EMRlink: temporary read-only access to their patients EMR
  - For our Open-Staff physicians, full access to EpicCare In-Patient EMR
  - SSO between systems handled by RSA ClearTrust
  - Two-factor authentication, where required, uses RSA SecurID tokens

**GeisingerConnect** has been developed exclusively by Geisinger for use by its external, physician partners.



# GeisingerConnect Model



# Geisinger Connect – Patient List

Referral  
Form

EMR  
Access

Patients - Geisinger Connect - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: https://connect.geisinger.org/gconnect/portal/patients.cfm

**Geisinger Connect**  
Your Partner in Patient Care

HOME PATIENTS APPT REQ EMRLINK MY PREFS

Print Feedback Logout Help

VIEWING: ALL PARTNERS > ALL PATIENTS > LAST (90) DAYS Patient Search: LastName or MRN Search

Show Encounters for:  
All Partners  
All Patients  
Last (90) Days

Refresh View

Save As Default View

Patients sorted by: Visit Date LAST UPDATED: 1/26/2004 11:00:30

Patient Name	Age	Gen	Visit Date	Visit Type	Department
Ford, Sally	37	F	11/30/03	Office Visit	Rheumatology F7
Williams, Chris	4	M	11/28/03	Inpatient (I)	GWV-PED
Johnson, Elizabeth	15	F	11/28/03	Inpatient (D)	GWV-PED
Gates, Bill	48	M	11/27/03	Inpatient (I)	GWV-MED
Trump, Donald	70	M	11/27/03	Inpatient (I)	GWV-HRT
Brown, Alex	26	M	11/27/03	Inpatient (I)	GMC-CVM
Jones, Madison	23 mths	F	11/24/03	Inpatient (I)	GMC-PHS
West, Brandi	59	F	11/17/03	Inpatient (D)	GWV-MED

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Geisinger Health System

Patient List



# Geisinger Portals: Security was Job 1

1. \* Role-Based Access: For Patients, Physicians, Employees, Members, Office Staff, Medical Students, and others
2. \* Two-factor Authentication with UserID/Password and RSA SecurID hardware tokens
3. \* User and administrator activity audit logging
4. \* Intrusion detection with event triggers
5. \* Session and inactivity timeouts
6. \* Password expiration periods
7. \* Strong password formulation and enforcement rules
8. \* Self-service utilizing a challenge question and answer for forgotten passwords
9. \* Uniform policy management and enforcement across all web servers and user roles.
10. Out-of-band process for first time registrants
11. 128-Bit Secure Socket Layer (SSL) Encryption
12. HTTPS-based Secure Messaging with “You’ve got mail” alerts



\* RSA ClearTrust supported security features



# Role-based Access: Implementation

The screenshot shows the RSA ClearTrust administration console. The main heading is "Smart Rules - 1. Select Application Resource". Below this, there are three steps: "1. Select Application", "2. Manage Smart Rules", and "3. Add Smart Rule". The current step is "1. Select Application".

The page lists resources for the "Health Plan Portal" application. A filter dropdown is set to "All". The table below shows the resources:

Resource	Type	Smart Rules	Server	Description
Health Plan Portal	Application	Smart Rules		Portions on The Health Plan Portal only For Employees
/employees/*	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1	
/employees/*	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1secure	
/ghplogon/index_logon_ptr.cfm	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1secure	
/ghplogon/index_logon_ptr.cfm	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1	
/members/*	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1	
/members/*	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1secure	
/providers/*	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1	
/providers/*	URL	Smart Rules	ghpiisw2k1secure	

Annotations in the image include:

- A red box labeled "Web Resources" pointing to the table of resources.
- A red box labeled "Web Server" pointing to the "Server" column in the table.

The RSA Security logo is visible in the bottom left corner.

# Role-based Access: Smart Rules

The screenshot shows the RSA ClearTrust administration console. The main heading is "Smart Rules - 2. Manage Smart Rules". Below this, there are three tabs: "1. Select Application", "2. Manage Smart Rules" (which is active), and "3. Add Smart Rule". The page content includes the text "Manage existing Smart Rules or add new Smart Rules to control access to this application." and a breadcrumb path: "Add New > Smart Rules for Resource: /members/\* in Application: Health Plan Portal". A table lists the smart rules:

Smart Rule	Access	Edit	Remove
HEALTH_PLAN_MEMBER is true	Allow	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEALTH_PLAN_EMPLOYEE is true	Allow	Edit	<input type="checkbox"/>

Annotations with red boxes and arrows point to the "Add New" button, the breadcrumb path, the table, and the "Remove" column header.

Web Resource

User Properties

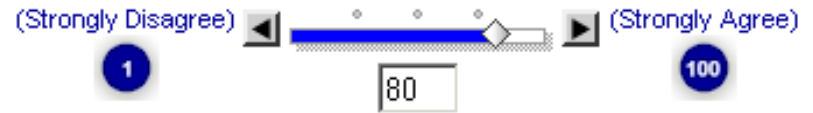
Smart Rules

# Current Portal Status

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- 25,000+ users are provisioned by RSA ClearTrust
  - 9,500 employees
  - 10,000 patients (projected to be 85,000 by September 2004)
    - less than 1% of all patients
    - 10-20 new registrations/day
    - Generating ~15 helpdesk call per week
  - 500 external physician and office staff users
  - 3,000 Health Plan members (100 new registrations/month)
- Six secured portals and two domains protected by RSA ClearTrust
- 50% of those patients given activation codes follow through and register on the site
- 1 FTE dedicated to RSA ClearTrust development/ support

# Customer Feedback



- “Other things equal, I would prefer to go to a doctor who provides MyChart.” 85
- “I would recommend MyChart to a friend.” 91
- “I can manage my health better by using MyChart.” 75
- “I am worried about someone seeing my MyChart information without my permission.” 29
- “It is easy to find the information I need using MyChart.” 85
- “I feel comfortable using a computer and the internet.” 91
- “I would like to have more of my lab results available online.” 92
- “I am likely to use MyChart in the future.” 92
- From one physician’s office using GeisingerConnect: “This will save us a 100 phone calls per day to Geisinger!”

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