

# **Community Clinical Data Exchange – By the Numbers**

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# WE ATTEMPTED TO QUANTIFY THE FINANCIAL VALUE OF CCDE

## *Questions we set out to answer*

- What are the quantifiable economics for community clinical data exchange (CCDE)?
- How do these economics impact success of CCDE?

## *Major activities*

- Interviewed major healthcare system constituents
- Reviewed academic literature
- Estimated costs and benefits
- Built financial model to value CCDE



# WE ESTIMATED VALUE BASED ON TANGIBLE ELEMENTS OF COSTS AND BENEFITS

## Costs

**Implementation-**  
Initial startup costs  
(year 1) for defined  
community

### Cost drivers

- Hardware
- Software
- Development
- Installation
- Training

**Support-**  
Annualized costs  
for maintenance of  
CCDE from years  
2-5 (assumes a 5-  
year life cycle)

- Maintenance contracts for hardware/software
- Application support
- Ongoing help desk/systems administrator

## Benefits

**Web enablement-**  
Benefits to  
individual  
constituent of  
bringing own  
information online

### Benefit drivers

- Lab savings
- Radiology savings
- Staff savings
- Fewer readmissions

**Network benefits-**  
Benefits to  
individual  
constituent of  
different health care  
constituents joining  
the network

- Fewer medical errors
- Enhanced lab revenue from proper coding
- Test duplication avoidance
- Staff savings

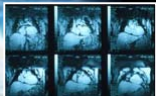


# THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS AND INFORMATION ELEMENTS WERE INCLUDED IN OUR COMMUNITY\*



## Hospital

- Patient demographic information
- Admission, discharge, transfer notes
- Laboratory results
- Radiology results
- Other diagnostic tests (e.g., EKG, cardiac cath, PFTs)
- Hospital medication lists
- Bedside chart information (vital signs, nursing notes)
- Daily physician notes



## Imaging Center

- Transcribed reports
- Voice transcriptions
- Images (X-ray, CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Nuc Med)



## Laboratory

- Test results



## Patient

- None



## PBM

- Formulary lists
- Medication list



## Physician Group

- Patient demographic information
- Transcribed notes that have been digitized
- Patient insurance information (more likely to come directly from payor)
- Billing information

\* Payors excluded due to existing more advanced solutions for payor/ provider information sharing and likely limited provider participation due to payor involvement. Pharmacies excluded given more efficient information sharing via PBMs

# WE MODELED 3 HYPOTHETICAL COMMUNITIES

	Constituent type	Total number in community	Penetration	
			Low*	High**
<b>Large</b>	• Major hospital	10	3	7
	• Diagnostic imaging center	5	2	4
	• Independent laboratory	3	1	2
	• PBMs	5	1	3
	• Major physician groups	5	1	3
	• Physicians	5,000	750	1,750
<b>Medium</b>	• Major hospital	6	2	4
	• Diagnostic imaging center	2	1	2
	• Independent laboratory	1	1	1
	• PBMs	5	1	3
	• Major physician groups	2	1	2
	• Physicians	1,000	150	350
<b>Small***</b>	• Major hospital	1	1	1
	• Diagnostic imaging center	1	1	1
	• Independent laboratory	1	0	1
	• PBMs	5	0	3
	• Major physician groups	0	1	0
	• Physicians	200	30	70

\* Low penetration is ~33% institution participation and 15% physician usage adoption

\*\* High penetration is ~66% institution participation and 35% physician usage adoption

\*\*\* Given low numbers in community, penetration percentages for institution participation not applicable

# NET VALUE INCREASED WITH COMMUNITY SIZE AND PENETRATION

\$U.S. annual

		Penetration		Value	
		Low		High	
Large	Costs*	\$1,000,000		Costs*	\$2,200,000
	Benefits	\$1,300,000		Benefits	\$7,900,000
	Net	\$300,000		Net	\$5,700,000
Medium	Costs*	\$800,000		Costs*	\$1,400,000
	Benefits	\$900,000		Benefits	\$2,600,000
	Net	\$100,000		Net	\$1,200,000
Small	Costs*	\$490,000		Costs*	\$780,000
	Benefits	\$180,000		Benefits	\$600,000
	Net	(\$310,000)		Net	(\$180,000)

Community size

\* Includes annual support costs and amortized implementation costs over 5 years

# VALUE WAS MODEST FOR EACH CONSTITUENT AND FIRST MOVER DISADVANTAGE EXISTED FOR ALL CONSTITUENTS

\$U.S. annual

LARGE COMMUNITY,  
HIGH PENETRATION

Most likely organizers	Costs <sup>1,2</sup>	Per constituent			Total for all constituents		
		Intrinsic benefits of providing data	Network benefits	Total individual benefits	Number of constituents	Total costs	Total benefits
Hospital	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$110,000	\$290,000	7	\$840,000	\$2,000,000
Imaging center	\$110,000	\$44,000	\$(15,000)	\$29,000	4	\$440,000	\$120,000
Laboratory	\$110,000	\$70,000	\$170,000	\$240,000	2	\$220,000	\$480,000
Physician group	\$120,000	\$90,000	\$280,000	\$370,000	3	\$360,000	\$1,100,000
Other physicians	\$40	\$0	\$2400	\$2400	1,750	\$70,000	\$4,200,000
PBM	\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	3	\$330,000	\$0
						~\$2,200,000	~\$7,900,000

First-mover disadvantage

Benefits fragmented

<sup>1</sup> Costs are determined by individual site costs plus central costs distributed among participating constituents

<sup>2</sup> Central costs are \$280,000 for 1st year and \$150,000 annual support costs. For 1 constituent alone on the network, annual costs would run \$290,000, which includes all central costs amortized over 5 years and costs for individual site

# SUMMARY

- **Quantifiable economic value meaningful when sizable network in place**
- **Substantial first-mover disadvantage**
- **Hospitals most likely organizers of CCDE**
- **Quantifiable quality and service benefits could substantially increase value**
- **Organizational challenges remain**

