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Initiatives in Healthcare Quality and HIT

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Core Values and Principles

- Improve the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare for all Americans
- Evidence through Research, Evaluation and Demonstration
- Convene Key Stakeholders
- Inform Policy



Portfolio Goals

- Patients will receive appropriate care for prevention and treatment
- Patients will report a positive experience with healthcare
- Patients will be able to routinely access reports of quality and safety for their providers and practices.



Where have we been?

- Transforming Healthcare Quality through IT
- State and Regional Demonstrations
- AHRQ's National Resource Center for Health IT

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Key Topics

Background information and the latest evidence on key topics from the field of health IT.

- » [Computerized Provider Order Entry](#)
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AHRQ National Resource Center for Health Information Technology

From the Field: Sharing Experience and Findings From AHRQ-Funded Projects

- [New profile of a project using telemedicine to connect child care centers and elementary schools to physician offices](#)
- [Funding opportunity for public and non-profit providers to participate in a nationwide broadband network dedicated to health care](#)
- [Updated Lessons from the Field](#)



Highlights

AHRQ Conference on Health Care Data Collection and Reporting

Conference proceedings from an AHRQ-sponsored event held in late 2006 on performance data collection and reporting requirements is now available for download.

[Read More](#)

Model Contract Presentation

AHRQ hosted a Web conference on March 15, 2007, related to the Connecting for Health Common Framework's Model Contract. Now available: download the presentation and view the recorded session.

[Read More](#)

[Annual Conference](#)

Featured Tools

The Privacy & Security Project

An integral part of AHRQ's work on policy challenges is the Privacy and Security Solutions for Interoperable Health Information Exchange contract with RTI International. Click on the link below for information on the contract and links to RTI's HISPC initiative, including specific State activities.

[Read More](#)

Ambulatory EHR Time & Motion Tool

Partners Healthcare has developed a tool to help health IT implementers accurately capture time and motion study data to evaluate the impact of health IT on workflow. Also featured are two AHRQ-funded time-motion studies of health information technology implementations.

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KNOWLEDGE LIBRARY



Access over 6,000 resources in the areas of Organizational Strategy, Technology, Value of Health IT, Laws and Standards, Organizations, and Operations.

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Initiatives for Change

The latest on how health IT is transforming everyday clinical care.

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Upcoming Events

- 03/28 [National Conference on Small Numbers](#)
- 03/28 [A National Web conference on the Socio-technical Aspects of Health IT](#)



Privacy and Security



Health Information Privacy and Security Collaboration

- \$17.4 million dollar contract
- 33 states and Puerto Rico
- Final report this summer
- National meeting in March
- Additional regional meetings and TA



Where else have we been?

- E-prescribing
 - Medicare Modernization Act Pilots
- TV Pilot for PBS
- Questions Are The Answer





What are we learning?

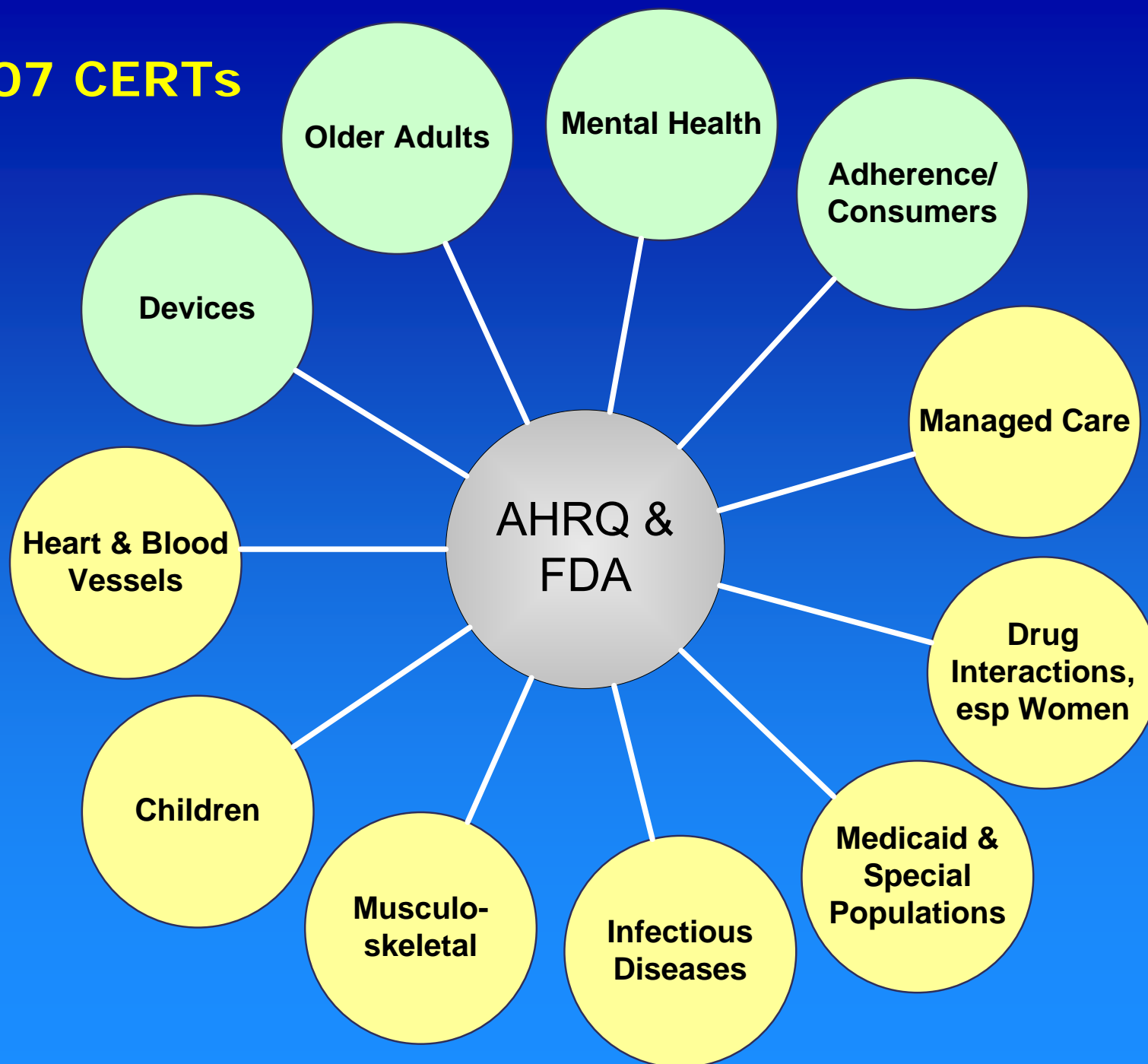
- One part IT, one part culture, one part workflow
- Privacy and security are foundational
- Be a healthy skeptic of technology, but ignore it at your peril
- It's about the quality (stupid)



Where are we now?

- Ambulatory Safety and Quality
 - Patient Centered Care
 - IQHIT
 - Enabling Quality Measurement
- AHRQ NRC
- Centers for Research and Education in Therapeutics (CERTs)

2007 CERTs





Where are we now?

- ACTION
- Practice Based Research Networks
- Dissertation and Training Awards
- Innovations Exchange
- National Guidelines Clearinghouse and National Quality Measures Clearinghouse



Where are we now?

- American Health Information Community
 - Workgroups
 - Demonstrations for Breakthroughs
 - State work AHIMA
- HITSP, CCHIT, NHINs, State eHealth
- Federal Partners
 - DoD, VHA, CMS, FDA, NIH, ONC, HRSA, HIS, SAMHSA



Quality Measurement and HIT

- The “Quality Enterprise”: AQA, HQA, QASC
- Providers Healthcare Data Collection Conference
- AHIC Quality Workgroup
- RFI on Health Data Stewardship



Where will we go?

- AHRQ Annual Meeting
- September 26-28, 2007 Bethesda MD
- Value Exchanges
- Personalized Medicine: Network of Networks
- CDS and Medicaid



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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

— Margaret Mead

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