

# **Implementing an Electronic Medical Record in Kenya: *Lessons from Eldoret***

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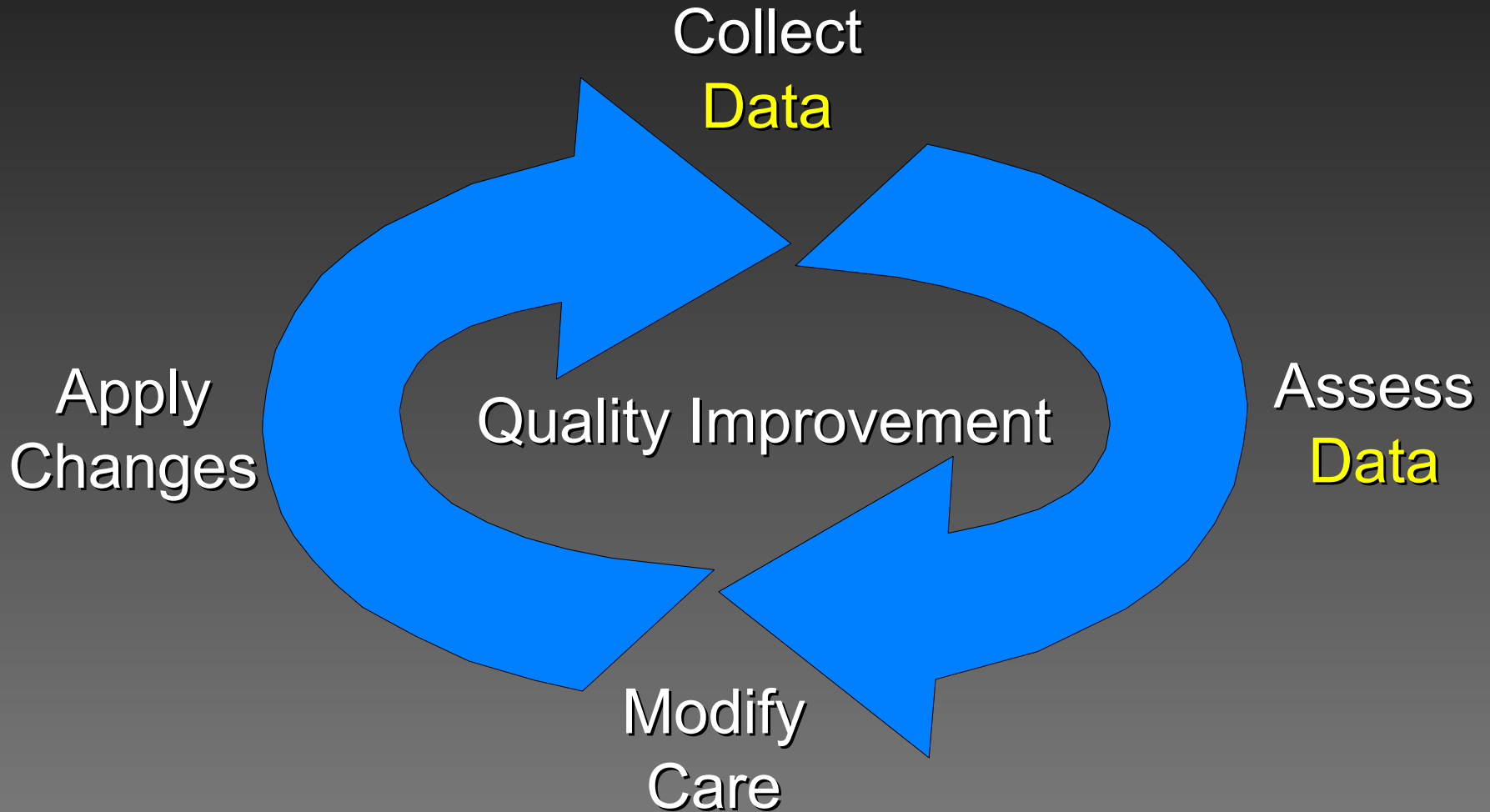
*Moi University Faculty of Health Sciences  
-- Eldoret, Kenya --*

Information is care.

*Don Berwick*

# Continuous quality improvement

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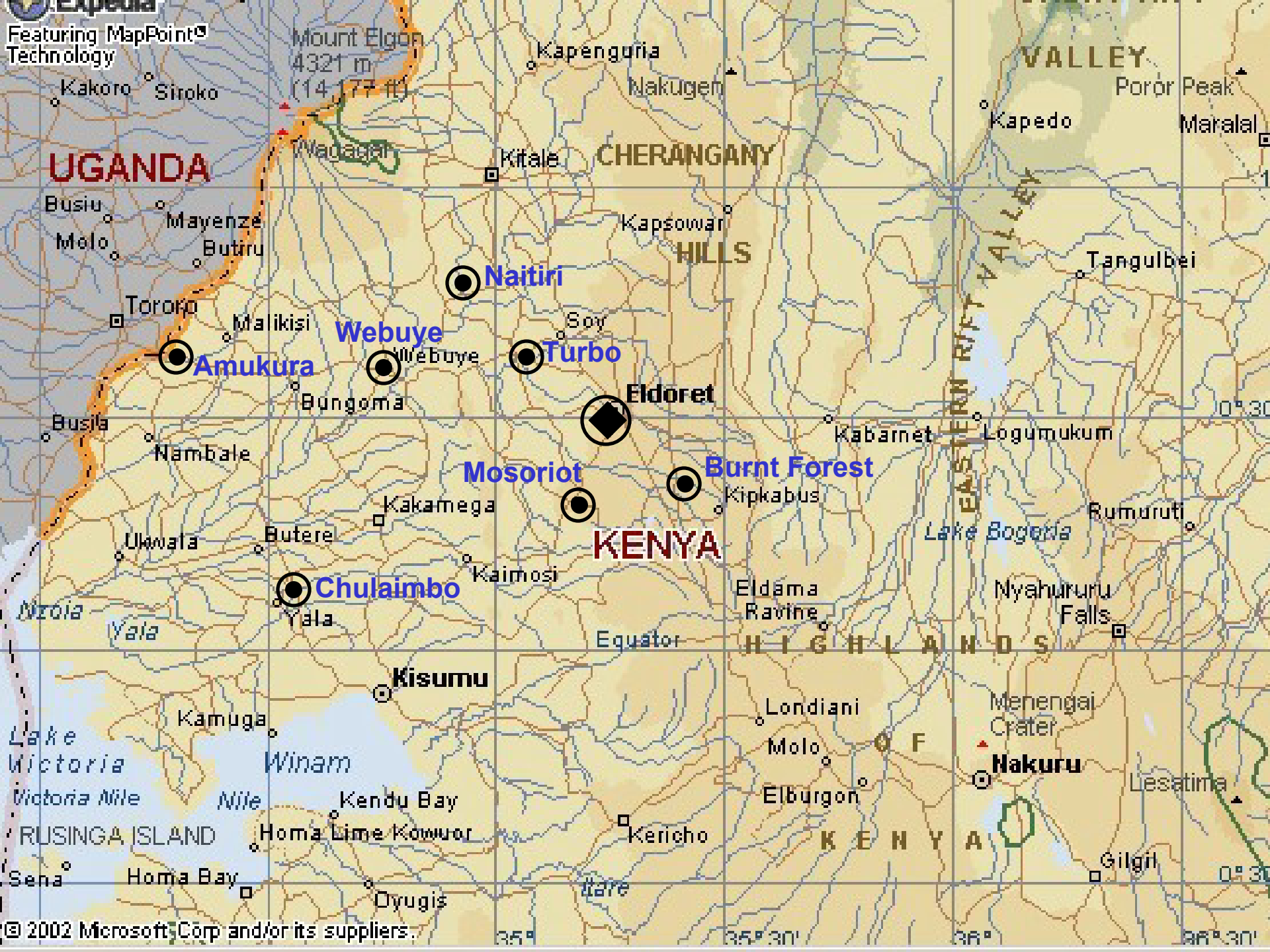


# Informatics initiative

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- NIH Fogarty Center's ITMI program ('98-'05)
  - informatics training in sub-Saharan Africa
  - focus on educating a small # of African fellows
- Indiana proposal: use informatics to support
  - a model EMR at the Mosoriot Rural Health Center
  - use it to support clinical care and research





Featuring MapPoint® Technology

**UGANDA**

Mount Elgon  
4321 m  
(14,177 ft)

**CHERANGANY**

**VALLEY**

Kakoro  
Siroko  
Busiu  
Melo  
Mayenze  
Butiru

Kitale

Nakugen

Kapedo

Poror Peak

Maralal

**Amukura**

**Naitiri**

**Webuye**

**Turbo**

Eldoret

Kapsowar  
**HILLS**

Tangulbei

Busila  
Nambale

Bungoma

Soy

Kabarnet

Logumukum

0° 30'

**Mosoriot**

**Burnt Forest**

Kipkabus

Kakamega

Butere

Equator

**HIGHLANDS**

Lake Bogoria

Rumuruti

Ukwala  
Yala

**Chulaimbo**

Kaimosi

Eldama Ravine

Nyahururu Falls

**Kisumu**

Londiani

Menengai Crater

Lake Victoria  
Victoria Nile

Kamuga

Winam

**Nakuru**

Lesatima

RUSINGA ISLAND

Kendu Bay  
Homa Lime Kowor

Molo

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Sena  
Homa Bay

Dyugis

Kericho

**KENYA**

Gilgri

0° 30'

# Why Mosoriot?

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- Closest rural health center to Eldoret (25 km)
- Full-service primary care health center
  - adult medicine
  - pediatrics, well child
  - antenatal, family planning, STI
  - 20-bed inpatient unit
- Progressive leaders → interested in an EMR
- Small enough to accomplish our goals









# Conceptualizing the MMRS

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- Understand current care processes, needs
- Identify inefficiencies in care
- Anticipate problems with conversion to EMR
- Get input from Mosoriot personnel
  - approaches to design and implementation
  - likely problems, barriers
  - potential solutions
  - feeling of ownership → buy-in!

*Logbook: visit #, name, visit reason*

*Logbook  
Blue book*

Patient arrives at Mosoriot

Check-in Window

Antenatal Clinic

*Drugs  
Dispensed*

*Test  
Results*

*Logbook  
Blue book*

Pharmacy

Laboratory

Well Child Clinic

*Charges,  
Payments*

Financial Office

Patient leaves Mosoriot

# Conceptualizing the MMRS

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- Design decisions
  - keep it simple, inexpensive → sustainable
  - run on a single microcomputer
  - multiple redundant power sources
  - frequent back-up of data
  - program in MS-Access<sup>®</sup>

# Designing the MMRS

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- Structure
  - registration module

<b>ID</b>	0000786-4
<b>First Name</b>	William
<b>Middle Name</b>	Michael
<b>Last Name</b>	Tierney
<b>Birth Date</b>	7/2/51
<b>Mother's First Name</b>	Joan
<b>Father's First Name</b>	Thomas
<b>Next of kin</b>	Mary
<b>Village</b>	Mosoriot
<b>Sublocation</b>	Kibet
<b>Location</b>	Burnt Forest

**Sex**



**Male**



**Female**

**Back to Main menu**

**Print Label**

**Registration Number**



A close-up photograph of a woman with dark skin and short hair, smiling warmly as she holds a baby. The baby is wrapped in a light-colored, textured blanket and looks directly at the camera. The woman is holding a blue identification card in front of her. In the background, another person in a light-colored uniform is partially visible, and shelves with various boxes and supplies are seen, suggesting a health center or clinic setting.

MOSORIOT Rural Health Centre  
Mary Meringo Shiunira 40111-7  
Langas Village



# Designing the MMRS

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- Structure
  - registration module
  - paper encounter form

## Mosoriot Health Center Encounter Form

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: M F \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Reason for Visit:***

- Antenatal care
- Child under 5
- Family Planning

Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Ancillary Services Used:***

Laboratory:

- HB: \_\_\_\_\_
- Urinalysis
- Stool Exam
- HIV antibody
- X-ray: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Final Diagnosis:***

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Antenatal Care:***

Est. Delivery Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Fetal Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Sugar: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Child Care Under 5 Years:***

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

- DPT given
- Polio given:
- BCG given:
- Measles given
- Mumps given
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Family Planning:***

- Counseling
- Depo-Provera
- Condoms
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Pediatric Notes:***

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Adult Medicine Notes:***

Blood Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Drugs Dispensed:***

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Injections Given:***

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Referral:***

- Admit to Mosoriot inpatient unit
- Eldoret Teaching & Referral Hospital
- Kisumu District Hospital
- Kenyatta national Hospital, Nairobi
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Financial Office:***

Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Ksh: \_\_\_\_\_  Paid

Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Ksh: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Ksh: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Ksh: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Next Visit:***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Designing the MMRS

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- Structure of the MMRS = modular
  - registration module
  - paper encounter form
  - data entry module



# Designing the MMRS

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- Structure
  - registration module
  - paper encounter form
  - data entry program
  - data dictionary

ID	TERM NAME	ReferenceTerm	TERM TYPE	SYSTEM	ICD10	TERM DESCRIPTIONS	Default
101	ABDOMINAL X-RAY	ABDOMINAL X-RAY	TEST	RADIOLOGY		radiograph of the abdomen	
514	ABNORMAL	ABNORMAL	DIAGNOSIS	TEST RESULT		non-specific abnormality on a test	0
186	ABORTION	ABORTION	DIAGNOSIS	OB-GYN	006	loss of a fetus, either by miscarriage or extirpation	0
187	ABORTION, INCOMPLETE	ABORTION, INCOMPLETE	DIAGNOSIS	OB-GYN	006	miscarriage with incomplete evacuation of the uterus	0
138	ABSCESS	ABSCESS	DIAGNOSIS	INFECTION	L02.9	loculated (closed space) infection of skin or other tissue	0
84	ACCIDENT NOS	ACCIDENTS NOS	DIAGNOSIS	TRAUMA		non-purposeful trauma not specified elsewhere	
360	ACTIFED	ACTIFED	DRUG	DECONGESTANT		nasal decongestant	40
469	ACTIFED SYRUP	ACTIFED	DRUG	DECONGESTANT		nasal decongestant	40
406	ADALAT TABLETS	ADALAT	DRUG	ANTIHYPERTENSIVE		drug for hypertension	40
346	ADRENALINE INJECTION	ADRENALINE INJECTION	DRUG	ANTIALLERGY		used for severe allergies with anaphylaxis	0
308	AFB SMEAR SPUTUM	SPUTUM FOR AFB	TEST	INFECTION		ZN stain for tuberculosis	70
104	AIDS	AIDS	DIAGNOSIS	INFECTION	B24	HIV positive with an AIDS-defining infection	
721	ALBUMIN POS	PROTEIN POS	TEST	TEST RESULT		presence of protein on dipstick exam	0
720	ALBUMIN POSITIVE	PROTEIN POS	TEST	TEST RESULT		presence of protein on dipstick exam	0
650	ALC	ALC	DIAGNOSIS	LABORATORY		Total lymphocyte count	0
251	ALDOMET	ALDOMET	DRUG	ANTIHYPERTENSIVE		centrally acting alpha blocker	40
462	ALLERGIC RASH	ALLERGIC RASH	DIAGNOSIS	DERMATOLOGY		rash as a result of a cutaneous allergy	0
372	ALLERGIC REACTION	ALLERGY NOS	DIAGNOSIS	IMMUNOLOGY	T78.4	unspecified allergic reaction	0
369	ALLERGIC RHINITIS	RHINITIS, ALLERGIC	DIAGNOSIS	INFECTION	J30.4	inflammation of the nasal passage due to infection	0
142	ALLERGY NOS	ALLERGY NOS	DIAGNOSIS	IMMUNOLOGY	T78.4	unspecified allergic reaction	0
347	AMINOPHYLINE INJECTION	AMINOPHYLINE INJECTION	DRUG	BRONCHODILATOR		injection used for severe asthma	0
241	AMODIAQUIN	AMODIAQUIN	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		antimalarial	40
315	AMODIAQUIN SYRUP	AMODIAQUIN	DRUG	ANTIMALARIAL		antimalarial medication	0
124	AMOEBIASIS	AMOEBIASIS	DIAGNOSIS	INFECTION	A06.9	intestinal infection with amoebae	0
723	AMORPHOUS PHOS CRYSTALS	AMORPHOUS PHOS CRYSTALS	TEST	TEST RESULT		non-specific phosphate crystals on urinalysis	0
722	AMORPHOUS PHOSPHATE CRYSTALS	AMORPHOUS PHOS CRYSTALS	TEST	TEST RESULT		non-specific phosphate crystals on urinalysis	0
265	AMOXICILLIN	AMOXICILLIN	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		penicillin-based antibiotic used in upper respiratory tract	40
264	AMOXYL	AMOXICILLIN	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		penicillin-based antibiotic used in upper respiratory tract	40
352	AMOXYL SYRUP	AMOXICILLIN	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		oral antibiotic in syrup form	0
269	AMPICILLIN	AMPICILLIN	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		penicillin-based antibiotic used in upper respiratory tract	40
293	AMPICILLIN INJECTION	AMPICILLIN INJECTION	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		injectable broader spectrum penicillin-based antibiotic	40
294	AMPICLOX	AMPICLOX	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		combination antibiotic of Ampicillin 500mg + Cloxacillin	40
333	AMPICLOX NEONATAL DROPS	AMPICLOX	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		antibiotic drops for neonates	0
335	AMPICLOX SUSPENSION	AMPICLOX	DRUG	ANTIBIOTIC		Combination of Ampicillin and Cloxacillin in suspension	0
3	ANABEMIA NOS	ANABEMIA NOS	DIAGNOSIS	HEMATOLOGY	D64.9	anemia not specified by other terms	
1	ANEMIA BLOOD LOSS	ANEMIA BLOOD LOSS	DIAGNOSIS	HEMATOLOGY	D50.0	anemia (low red blood count) due to bleeding-(CHF)	
2	ANEMIA HEMOLYSIS	ANEMIA HEMOLYSIS	DIAGNOSIS	HEMATOLOGY	D58.9	anemia (low red blood count) due to cell lysis	
603	ANKLE REFLEX	ANKLE REFLEX	DIAGNOSIS	NEUROLOGY		abnormalities of the ankle reflex	0
336	ANNUSOL SUPPOSITORIES	ANNUSOL SUPPOSITORIES	DRUG	ANTIINFLAMMATORY		rectal preparation for the treatment of hemorrhoids	

# Designing the MMRS

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- Structure
  - registration module
  - paper encounter form
  - data entry program
  - data dictionary
  - report module



### Data entry

**Add New  
Registration**

**Registration for an  
existing patient**

**Enter data from the  
Encounter Form**

**Edit existing  
Encounter Form**

### Reports

**Diagnosis distribution**

**Immunization  
Summary**

**Clinic Distribution**

**Activity Report**

**Clinic Distribution By  
Date**

**Next Visits**

**Backup**

**EXIT**

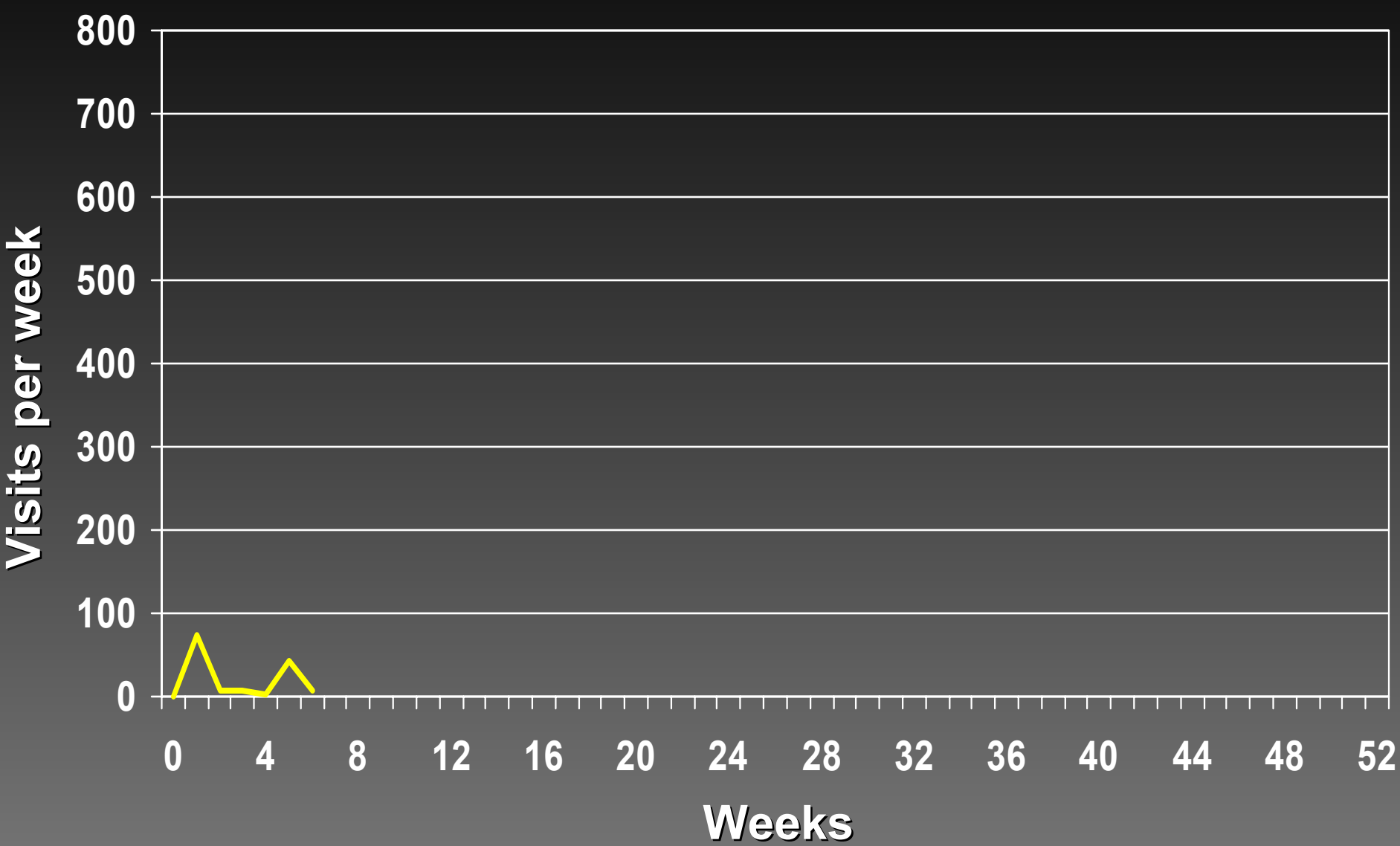
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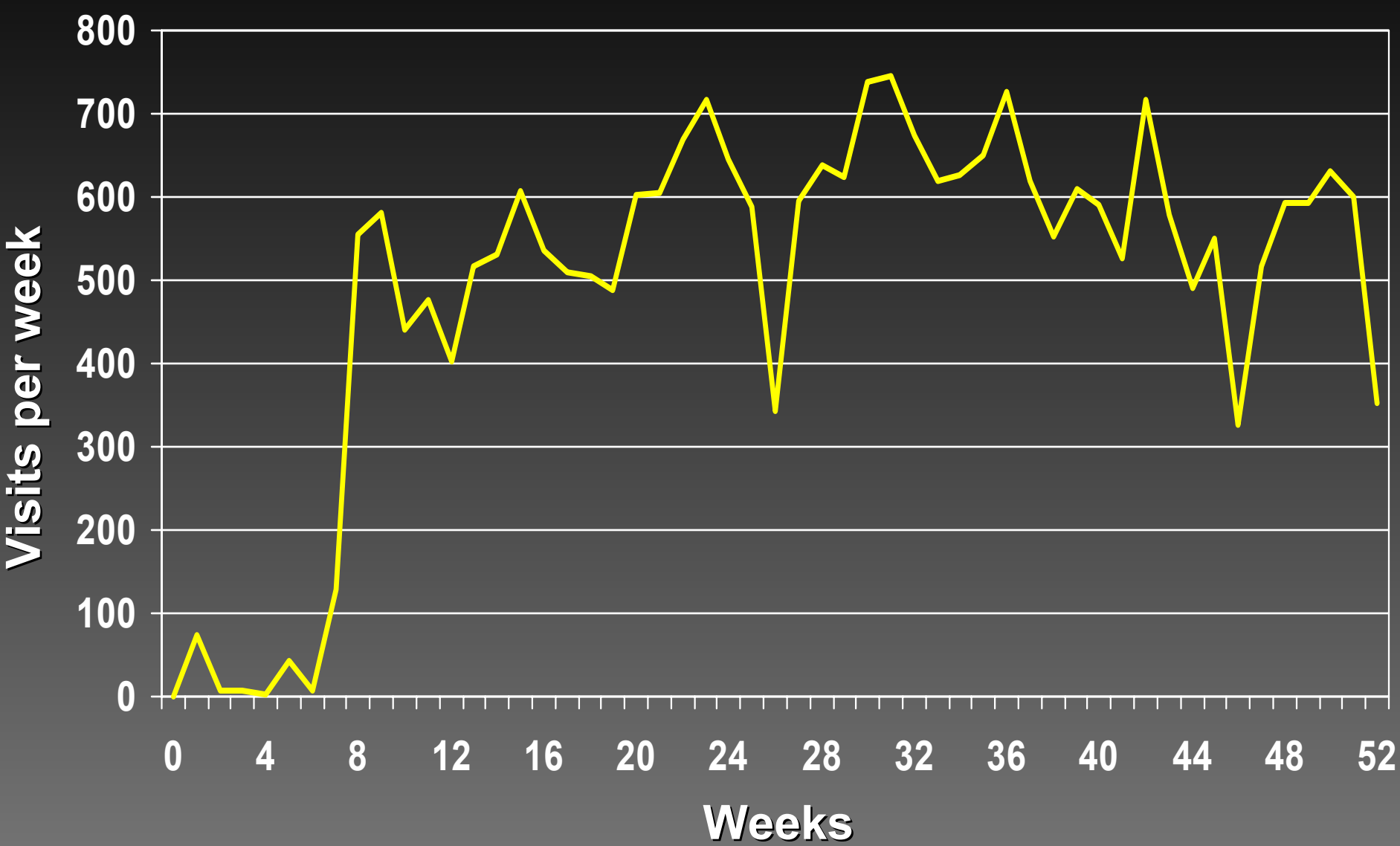


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  - add check-out computer linked to main MMRS
  - close a gate, preventing patient back exits
  - have Mosoriot employee direct patients



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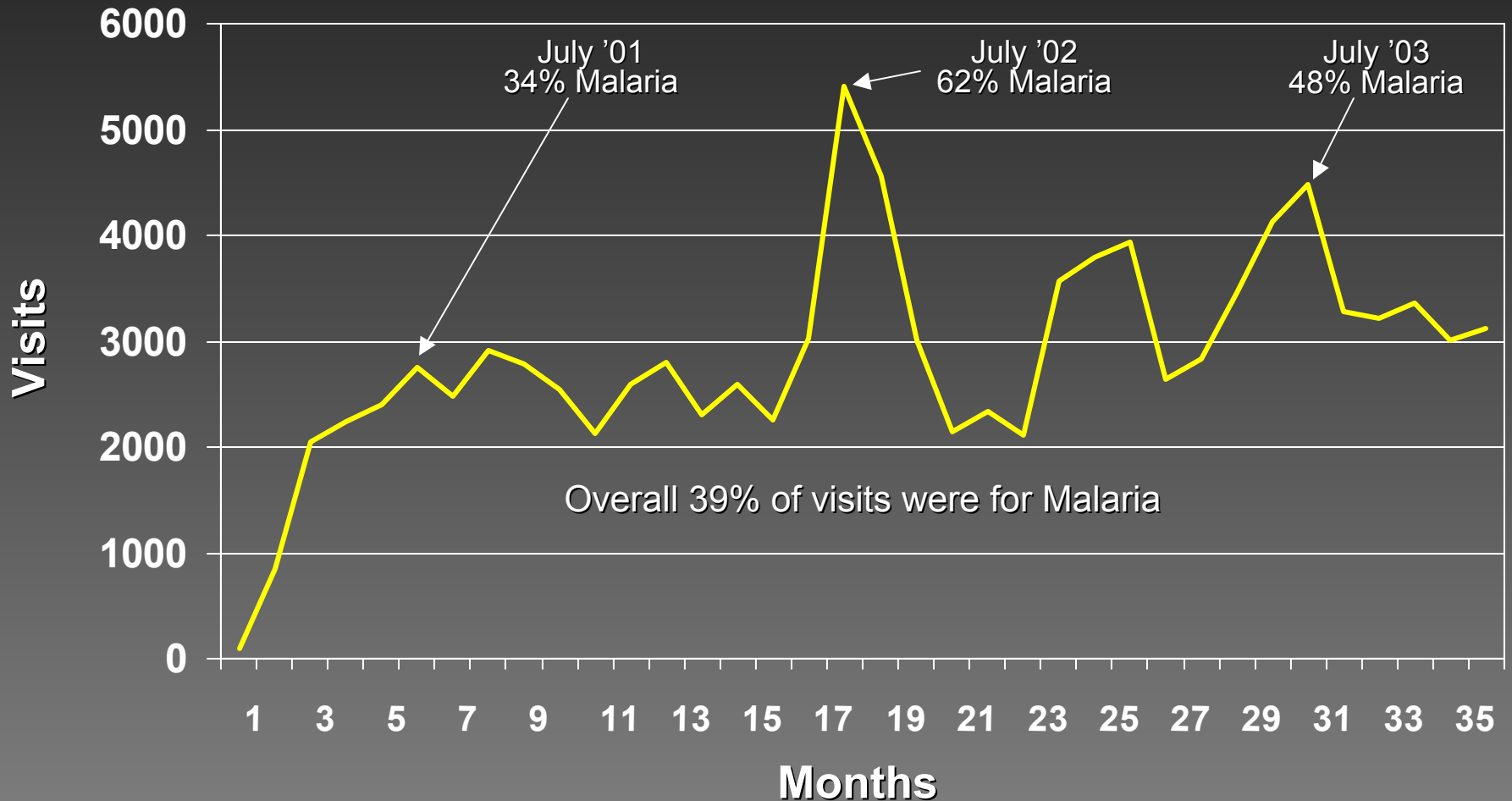
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- July 2001 → paper system discontinued
- February 2004 → 103,910 visit records entered for more than 50,000 individual patients



# Mosoriot Visits by Month

## February 2001 to February 2004

[103,913 total visits]



# MMRS data (2 years)

Clinic Site at Mosoriot	# Visits
Adult Medicine Clinic	22,103
Children Under 5 Clinic	11,946
Paediatric Clinic ( $\geq 5$ )	10,257
Antenatal Clinic	6,242
Family Planning Clinic	5,732
STI Clinic	395
Inpatient Ward	146

# MMRS data (2 years)

Diagnoses	# Visits	Drugs	# Visits
Malaria	17,495	Paracetamol	24,944
URI	8,479	Fansidar	11,550
Septic wound	1,329	Quinine, injected	8,769
Gastroenteritis	964	Penicillin, injected	8,058
Tonsillitis	938	Quinine, oral	7,851
Wound (unspec.)	791	Penicillin, oral	4,753
Myalgia	700	Amoxicillin	4,725
Amebiasis	629	Depoprovera	4,443
Laceration	618	Piriton	3,766
Worms (unspec.)	544	Brufen	3,323

# MMRS data (2 years)

	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
<b>Drug Charges</b>	4,260,398	692,691 (17%)
<b>Test Charges</b>	1,011,727	424,630 (42%)
<b>Total Charges</b>	5,272,605	1,117,580 (21%)

# Effects on patients and clinicians

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- Patient time (minutes per visit)
  - waiting: 21 → 13 minutes
  - with provider: 12 → 5 minutes
  - registering: 1.8 → 2.5 minutes
  - total time per visit: 42 → 32 minutes
- Clinician time (% of workday)
  - with patients: 33% → 16%
  - with other staff: 23% → 8%
  - personal activities: 15% → 46%
  - searching for information: 7% → 3%

# Evolving the MMRS

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- Add visit check-in to registration screen
- Use tabs rather than screen scrolling

Reg. No.

Visit Number

Name:

Age:

Sex:  M  F

Date:

Time:

**REASON FOR VISIT**

Antenatal care     Pediatrics  
 CWC                     Adult Medicine  
 Family Planning     STI

**Problem**

Problem
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

Add another encounter form

Back to Main Menu

Next Visit Date:

Clinic Referred to

- Vital Signs
- FP
- Ancillary Services
- AntenatalClinic
- CWC
- Final Diagnosis
- Drugs/Injections
- Items Billed
- Referrals

**Antenatal Care**

LMP	<input type="text"/>
Est. Delivery Date	<input type="text"/>
Fundal Height	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Gestation	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Fetal Movement	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Parity	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Fetal Heart	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Tetanus	



# Evolving the MMRS

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- Add visit check-in to registration screen
- Use tabs rather than screen scrolling
- Add fields requested by MMRS staff to encounter form and data entry screens

## Mosoriot Rural Health Centre Encounter Form

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Reg. No.: \_\_\_\_--\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_ Yrs. \_\_\_\_ Months.  
 SEX:  M  F  
 Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Level of Education \_\_\_\_\_

**Visit Episode:**  New  
 Revisit

**Reasons for Visit:**

Antenatal care  C W C  
 Family Planning  Paediatrics  
 Adult Medicine  Injury

**Prior care sought**

None  Self medication  
 Traditional healer  Private pharmacy  
 Community health worker  
 Private clinic  Other Hospital

**Vital Signs:**

Systolic BP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diastolic BP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pulse: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Kg.  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ cm  
 Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ °C

**Family Planning:**

Counselling  
 Method used: \_\_\_\_\_

**OB/Family Planning Notes:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other services \_\_\_\_\_

**Antenatal Care:**

LMP: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Est. Delivery Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Fundal Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Cm  
 Gestation: \_\_\_\_\_ Wks

Foetal Movement: YES | NO  
 Parity \_\_\_\_\_ Fetal heart beat \_\_\_\_\_  
 TT1  TT2

**Child Welfare Clinic:**

Head circumference \_\_\_\_\_ cm

Immunization	0	1	2	3
DPT given				
Polio given:				
Measles given:				
Hepatitis B				
Hepatitis A:				
BCG: given:				
Scar (Present?)	Y	N		

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Notes:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Ancillary Services Used:**

**Laboratory Results**

HB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Urinalysis \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stool Exam \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blood Sugar \_\_\_\_\_  
 VDRL \_\_\_\_\_  
 HIV – antibody \_\_\_\_\_  
 Malaria Smear \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pregnancy Test \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pap smear \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brucella Test \_\_\_\_\_  
 HVS Test \_\_\_\_\_  
 Widal Test \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sputum for AAFB \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blood Grouping \_\_\_\_\_  
 X-ray: 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
           2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Respiratory Disease**

**Symptoms:**

Cough  Chest pain  
 Fever  Sputum  
 Short of breath  Sore throat  
 Nasal discharge

**Tobacco use**

smoking  sniffing  
 chewing  none

**Fuel for cooking**

firewood  charcoal  
 paraffin  gas  
 Electricity  other

**Signs**

Dull percussion  
 Bronchial breath sounds  
 Wheeze  Rhonchi  Crackles

Peak expiratory flow \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Diagnosis:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Treatment:**

**Drugs/Injections & Other:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Referral:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Office:**

	Paid
Item: _____ Ksh: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item: _____ Ksh: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item: _____ Ksh: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item: _____ Ksh: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item: _____ Ksh: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Next Visit:**

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Reason for next visit/clinic to visit \_\_\_\_\_

# Evolving the MMRS

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- Add visit check-in to registration screen
- Use tabs rather than screen scrolling
- Add fields requested by MMRS staff to encounter form and data entry screens
- Add fields specific to prospective studies
  - outcomes of acute respiratory infections
  - epidemiology of injuries

So what?

# Administrative uses of MMRS data

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- From 2 weeks → 1 hour to produce monthly MOH reports (#1 among rural health centers)
- Document drug use → order refills earlier
- Quantify amount of free care provided → increased funding from the Kenyan MOH
- MOH advisory committee recommended that the MMRS be used in all rural health centers

# Clinical uses of MMRS data

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- Noted a village with too few children being vaccinated → nurse sent to intervene: vaccinate, educate
- Noted a village with too many STIs → nurse sent to intervene: treat, educate
- Noted many dog bites in one area → rabid dog found biting dogs, humans → destroyed

# New challenge: HIV/AIDS

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- New needs
  - greater number of clinics
    - Mosoriot
    - Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital
    - adults and pediatrics
  - much more detailed data required
    - focus on a specific disease
    - data for both treatment and prevention
    - more data required by funding agencies (MTCT-Plus, PEPFAR, etc.)

# New challenge: HIV module

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- New needs
- New approaches
  - central database not located at either clinic
  - paper encounter forms entered daily then returned to clinic → permanent paper record



# HIV module

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- Intensive initial and follow-up data on all patients visiting HIV clinics
  - chief complaint
  - exposure risks (patient, spouse)
  - past history, review of systems
  - physical examination
  - tests performed (with results)
  - problem list
  - drugs prescribed
  - subsequent appointments

Date of encounter (YOU MUST ENTER DATE)

11/1/2002

M T R H CLINIC

ID 1

Doctor

Previous Appointment

Next Appointment

Back to Your New Date

Back to Main Menu

Exit

Is the patient an adult or a child?

 MTCT-Plus Patient
  Disclosed to Husband

Psychiatric

Problems

Drugs

Tests

Plan

Next Visit

Registration

Initial Visit

INITIAL VISIT PEDS

Chief Complaint

ROS

Vitals

General Exam

HEENT

Chest

Heart

Abdomen

Extremities

Musculoskel

Neur

ID 1

 Married Number of wives  Number Of Children 
 Divorced/Separated Age of first child 
 Spouse dead Age of last child 
 Suspicion of HIV as cause of death

 Sexual partner or co-wife suspected to have HIV or have died of HIV

 Spouse(s) aware of patient's HIV status

 Patient aware of spouse's HIV status

 Patient has Sex partners outside marriage

 Spouse suspected of sex partner(s) outside marriage

 Sexually active in the last 6 months Number of different partners 
 Always using condoms

 Ever on HIV therapy

Date of encounter (YOU MUST ENTER DATE)

11/1/2002

M T R H CLINIC

ID 1

Doctor [dropdown]

Previous Appointment

Next Appointment

Back to Your New Date

Back to Main Menu

Exit

Is the patient an adult or a child? [dropdown]

MTCT-Plus Patient

Disclosed to Husband

- Registration
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- INITIAL VISIT PEDS
- Chief Complaint
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- Vitals
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- HEENT
- Chest
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- Abdomen
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- Musculoskel
- Neur

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Next Visit

Drugs (Enter Your data in this Form)

Rx Date	Drug	Strength	Freq	Sig	DC	DC Date	Drugs Stopped-Toxici
11/1/2002					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Compliance with meds

- 1 Poor
- 2 Fair
- 3 Good
- 4 Excellent

Record: [navigation icons] 1 of 1

Drugs CUM

Rx Date	Drug	Strength	Freq	Sig	DC	DC Date	Drugs Stopped-Toxici
					<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Record: [navigation icons] 1 of 1

OtherDrugs

Rx Date	Other Drugs	Strength	Freq
11/1/2002			

OtherDrugs CUM

Rx Date	Other Drugs	Strength	Freq

Record: [navigation icons] 1 of 2 (Filtered)

# HIV module

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- Intensive initial and follow-up data on all patients visiting HIV clinics
- Computer-generated summary with reminders

**AMPATH Guide Adult Summary as of: 09/06/2004**

**Personal History:**

for initial visit      Age: **43 Yrs 8 Months**  
 Initial AMPATH Visit **26/11/2002**

AMPATH ID **00366**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Benefit Category: **MTCT-Plus**

Care Site: **MTRH**  
 Number Of Children **4**

**Medical History:**

DECREASING CD4 COUNT      05/05/2004  
 DIARRHEA      26/11/2002

**Drug History**

ARV treatment before AMPATH?  
 Yes None Or Not Indicated

Initial AMPATH ARV regimen?  
**03/09/2003 Lamivudine Stavudine Nevirapine**

Current AMPATH ARV regimen?  
**Lamivudine Stavudine Nevirapine**

Anti TB Drugs?

Current AMPATH OI regimen?  
**05/05/2004 Cotrimoxazole**

Other drugs prescribed on last visit?  
**None**

Adherence Perfect [Last Visit]?: **Perfect**

	Initial Result	Last Three Results		
WEIGHT	26/11/2002 58	06/04/2004 75	07/04/2004 75	05/05/2004 74
SAO2	26/11/2002 98	06/04/2004 96	07/04/2004 95	05/05/2004 92
HEMOGLOBIN	12/09/2002 <b>12.1</b>	22/05/2003 <b>12.3</b>		
WHITE BLOOD CELLS	12/09/2002 5700	22/05/2003 5200		
CD4	12/09/2002 54	26/07/2003 175	07/04/2004 170	
CHEST X-RAY	26/11/2002 NAD			
ALC	12/09/2002 2200			
PLATELETS	12/09/2002 355000	22/05/2003 353000		
SGPT	26/11/2002 40.9	07/04/2004 14		

**Clinical Reminders:**

# HIV module

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- Intensive initial and follow-up data on all patients visiting HIV clinics
- Computer-generated summary with reminders
- In the first 33 months, 4950 patients were enrolled and made more than 30,000 visits

# Patients and ART by site (N=4950)

Site	Adults	On ART	Children	On ART	Total
Moi Hospital	2532	63%	549	19%	3081
Mosoriot	878	51%	130	15%	1008
Turbo	320	56%	29	21%	349
Burnt Forest	187	52%	0	--	187
Webuye	137	40%	1	0%	138
Chulaimbo	96	34%	13	8%	109
Amakura	47	45%	2	0%	49
Naitiri	28	39%	1	0%	29



# HIV clinic data

Demographics	Moi Hospital (urban)	Mosoriot (rural)
Age (years $\pm$ SD)	36 ( $\pm$ 9)	36 ( $\pm$ 8)
Female	65%	68%
Married	83%	81%
Wives (n) 1	73%	79%
2	26%	21%
$\geq$ 3	1%	0%
Children (n)	3.7 ( $\pm$ 2.9)	3.7 ( $\pm$ 2.3)

# HIV clinic data

<b>HIV Exposure Hx, Risk Factors</b>	<b>Moi Hosp</b>	<b>Mosoriot</b>
Spouse aware of patient's HIV status	38%	20%
Patient aware of spouse's HIV status	25%	11%
Spouse known HIV-positive	6%	4%
Spouse deceased	21%	30%
Sexual encounters during last 6 months	37%	33%
Extramarital sexual relations	17%	19%
Sexual partners (average)	1.1	1.3
Suspect spouse of extramarital sex	30%	32%
Condom use	4%	3%

# HIV clinic data

<b>Symptoms on Initial Visit</b>	
Weight loss	59%
Fatigue	56%
Fever	39%
Chills	31%
Arthralgia	21%
Chest pain	18%
Diarrhea	16%
Exertional dyspnea	12%

# HIV clinic data

<b>Findings on Initial Physical Exam</b>	
Weight (average)	57 kg
Rash	17%
Oral candidiasis (thrush)	13%
Temporal muscle wasting	10%
Lymphadenopathy	10%
Abnormal breath sounds	7%
Kaposi's sarcoma	7%
Splenomegaly	7%
Hepatomegaly	4%

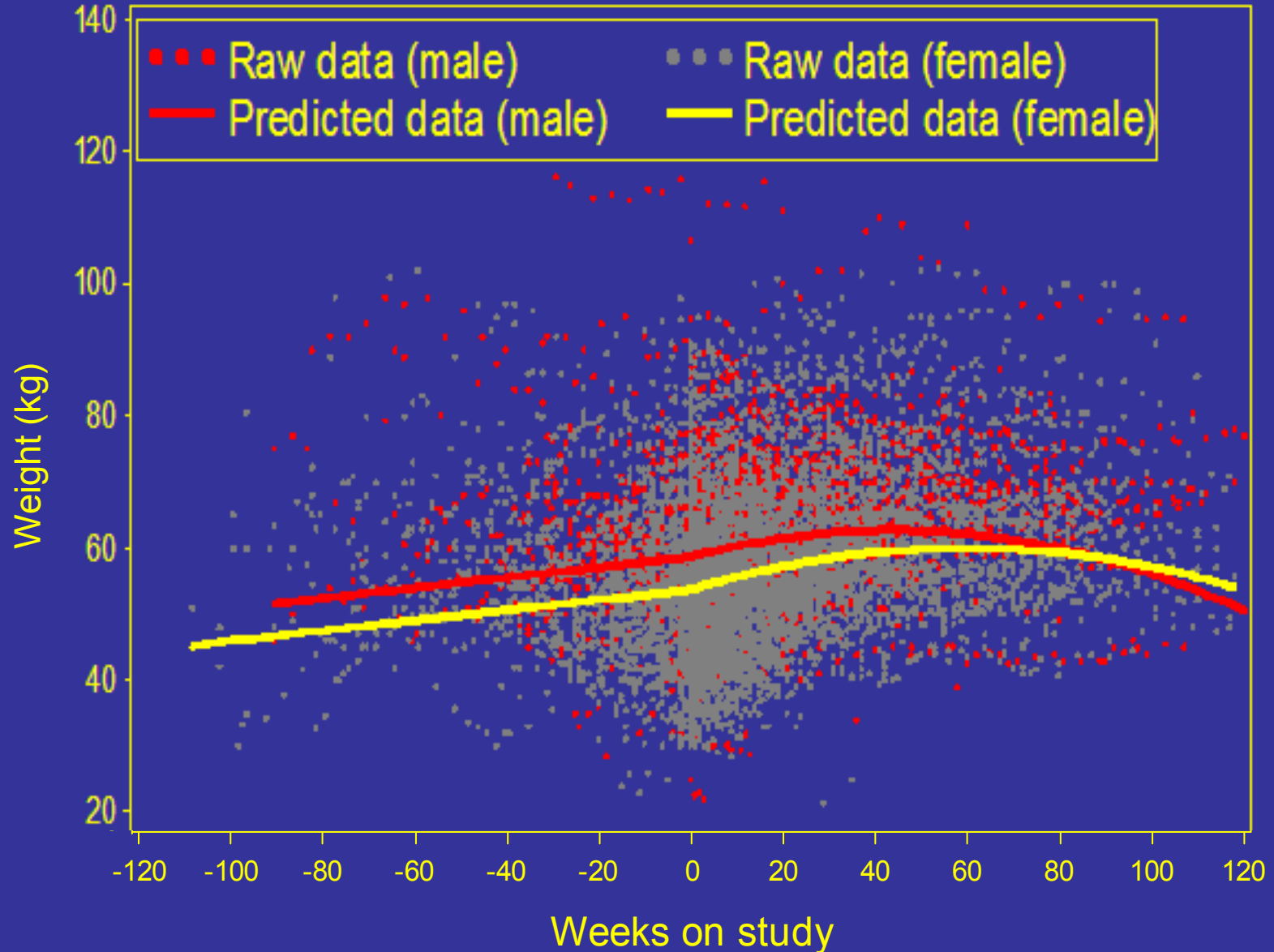
# HIV clinic data

<b>Initial Laboratory Test Results</b>	
CD4 count (average)	215
CD4 count (ART patients)	117
Total lymphocyte count	1694
Hemoglobin	10.5
White blood cell count	4800
Platelet count	245,000
Alanine aminotransferase (IU)	26
Pneumonia on chest x-ray	18%

# HIV clinic data

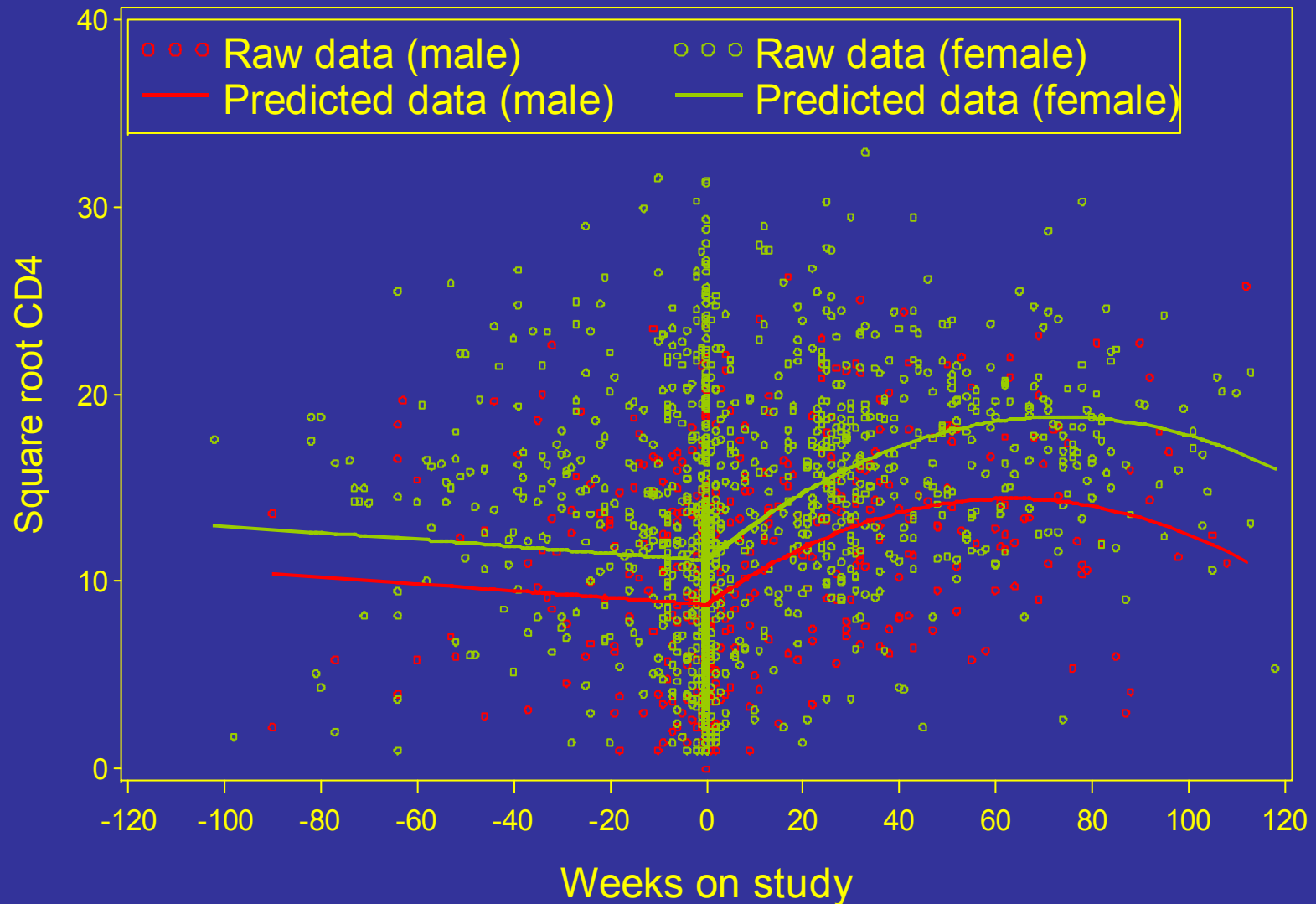
Initial Drug Therapy	Moi Hosp (N=790)	Mosoriot (N=294)
Lamivudine	40%	23%
Stavudine	39%	23%
Nevirapine	37%	22%
Efavirenz	4%	1%
<i>ARV adherence <math>\geq</math> 95%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>88%</i>
Isoniazid	48%	54%
Trimethoprim-sulfa	48%	45%
Metronidazole	14%	10%
Fluconazole	9%	17%

# Change in Weight: 1000 on ART





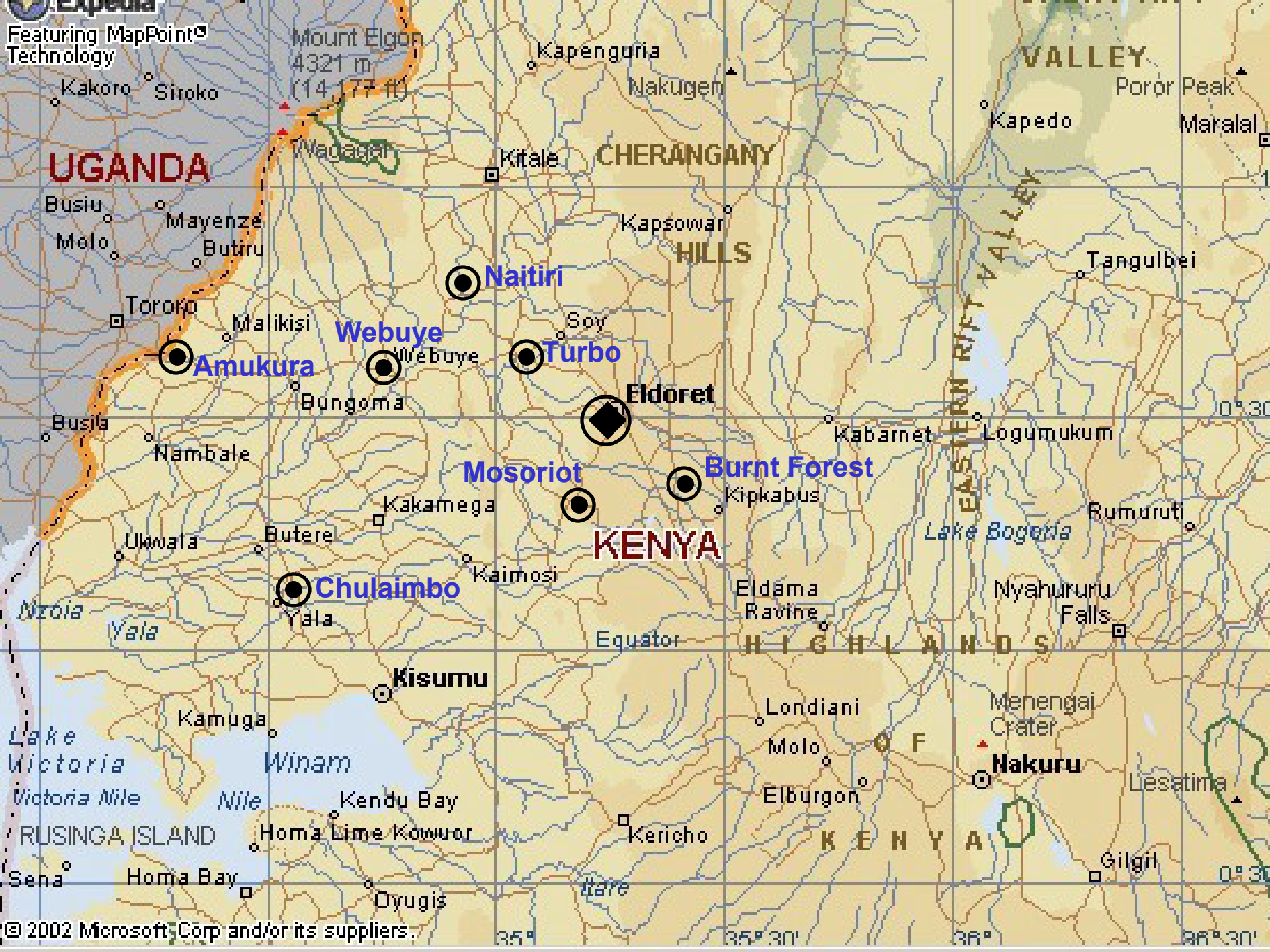
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# Next steps

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- Enter data in HIV clinics using wireless tablet computers → flowsheets, care prompts
- Extend the AMRS to community-based health workers on hand-held devices
- Extend the AMRS to HIV clinics in other sub-Saharan Africa countries
  - software downloaded by clinics in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe

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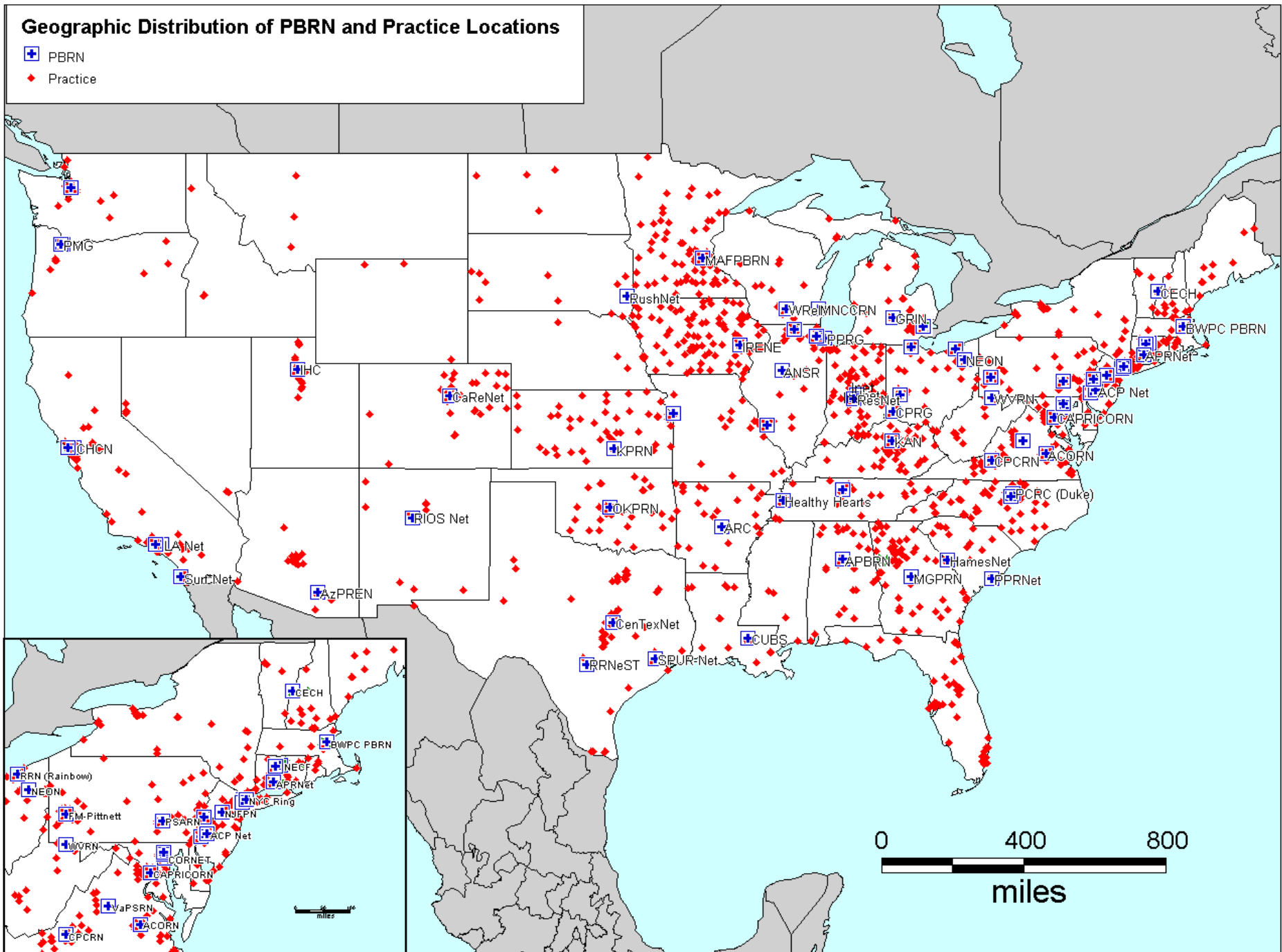
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- Ultimate goal → international network of HIV clinics to
  - enhance coordination of HIV/AIDS care
  - perform collaborative research on cost-effective treatment of HIV/AIDS and assess outcomes and prevention efforts

# Geographic Distribution of PBRN and Practice Locations

- ⊕ PBRN
- ◆ Practice





# Lessons learned

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- Clinical information systems are possible in even the most resource-constrained places
- Collaboration with established informatics programs is a must
- Primary goals → sustainability of the EMR, independence of the developing country
- Start small and build to **serve local needs**
- Anticipate challenges and prepare for them
- Maintain hope and enthusiasm

Hope does not lie in a way out,  
but in a way through.

*Robert Frost*