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## Aligning Health IT Implementation with Delivery System Transformation

*Clinical Alerting and Event  
Notifications (ADT Alerting)*

Health IT Learning Cluster  
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# Agenda

1:00–1:10 pm	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  <b>Carolyn Padovano</b> , Health IT Learning Cluster Lead, RTI <b>John Rancourt</b> , Public Health Analyst, ONC
1:10–1:40 pm	<b>Clinical Alerting and Event Notifications (ADT Alerting)</b>  <b>Mark Monterastelli</b> , Entrepreneur-in-Residence, ONC
1:40–1:55 pm	<b>Facilitated State Discussion</b>  <b>Mark Monterastelli</b> , Entrepreneur-in-Residence, ONC
1:55–2:00 pm	<b>Wrap Up and Announcements</b>  <b>Carolyn Padovano</b> , Health IT Learning Cluster Lead, RTI



# CLINICAL ALERTING AND EVENT NOTIFICATIONS (ADT ALERTING)

Mark Monterastelli, Entrepreneur-in-Residence, ONC

# Bad News

## THE REALITY OVERALL SPENDING

\$2.8 Trillion  
(2012)

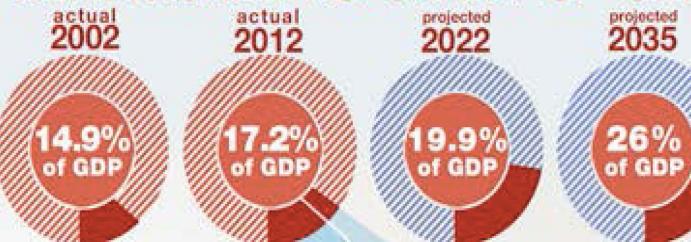
## THE DRIVERS

In the ten-year period between 2002 and 2012 U.S. healthcare spending nearly doubled, climbing from \$1.6 trillion to \$2.8 trillion

Chronic Disease  
**\$2 Trillion**  
\$3 out of every \$4 of U.S. healthcare spending

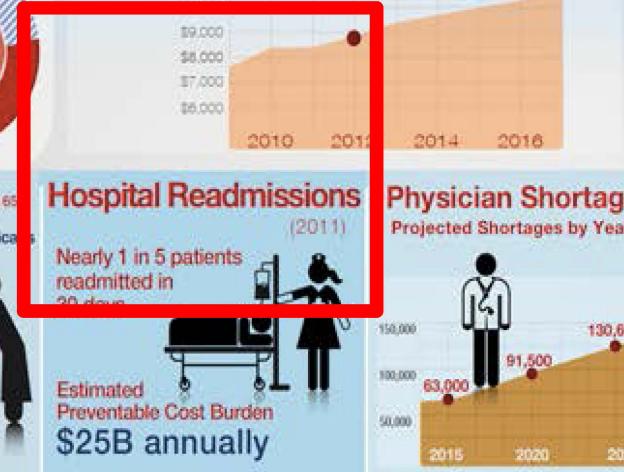


## HEALTHCARE AS SHARE OF GDP



## PER CAPITA SPENDING

\$8,915 (2012)



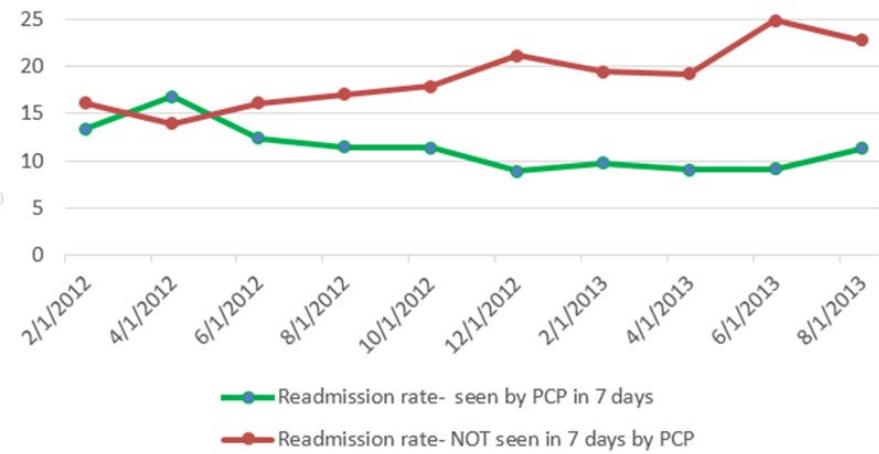
All U.S. Data from California HealthCare Foundation, Congressional Budget Office, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, CMS, AAMC, and NEHI.

## Care Coordination

- Care teams are not aware of patient hospitalization or discharge for prompt follow up
- Cumbersome for care teams to exchange the information and monitor conformance
- Care teams span multiple organizations, systems, technical capabilities

# Reduction in Avoidable Readmission

Annualized Readmission Rates



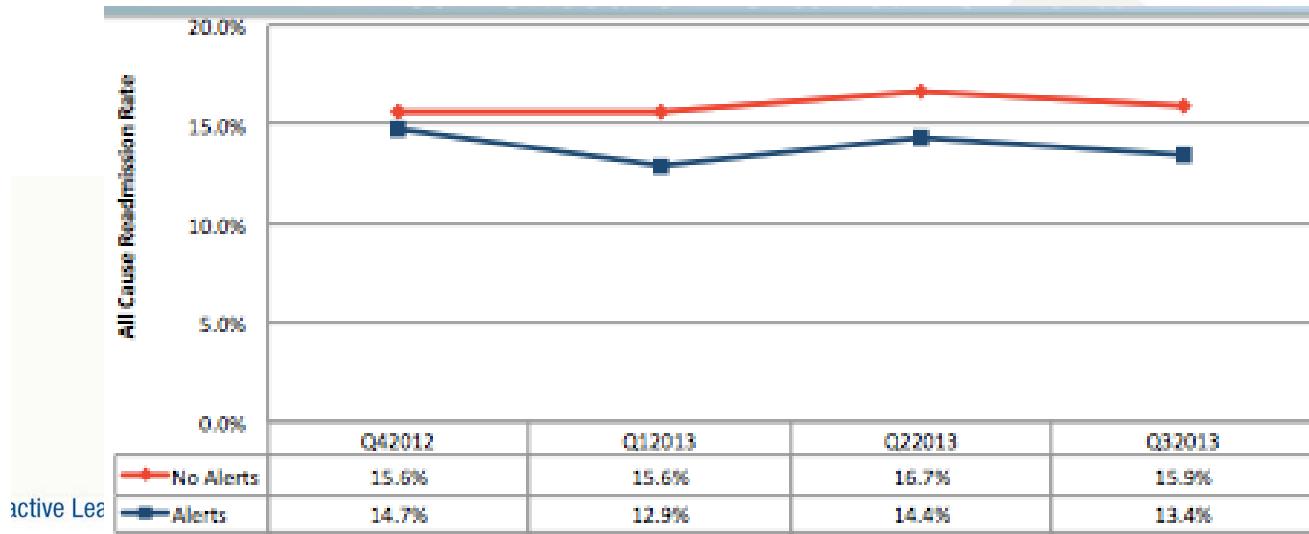
## Discharge Alerting

Maryland Health Information  
Exchange /Johns Hopkins

# 30%

### Reduction in readmissions

A care transitions intervention reduced 30-day hospital readmissions by 30 percent



# States Play a Roll

- No Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) encompasses all patient encounter points
- Organizations adopting accountable care need comprehensive data
- Interoperability (or lack) is expensive



# Event Notifications Overview

## ECA – Event Condition Action

### Key Elements

- Data Connections
- Event Detection or Triggers
- Decision Support Rules
  - Triggers are not notifications
  - Alert fatigue
- Interventions

### Example Event Triggers

Admission  
Transfer  
Discharge  
Observation  
Benefits check  
Lab result requested/received  
Appointment scheduled  
Referral received  
Prescription Filled/Unfilled  
Missed Appointment  
Gap in Care  
Final Radiology Result  
Discharge Summary Available  
Death Notification

# ADT Alerting

- ADT Messages – Admission Discharge Transfer - format defined by HL7 used widely in to integrate healthcare systems together.
- ADT Messages are not designed for alerting but changes in status and location of patients can be inferred from monitoring the messages.

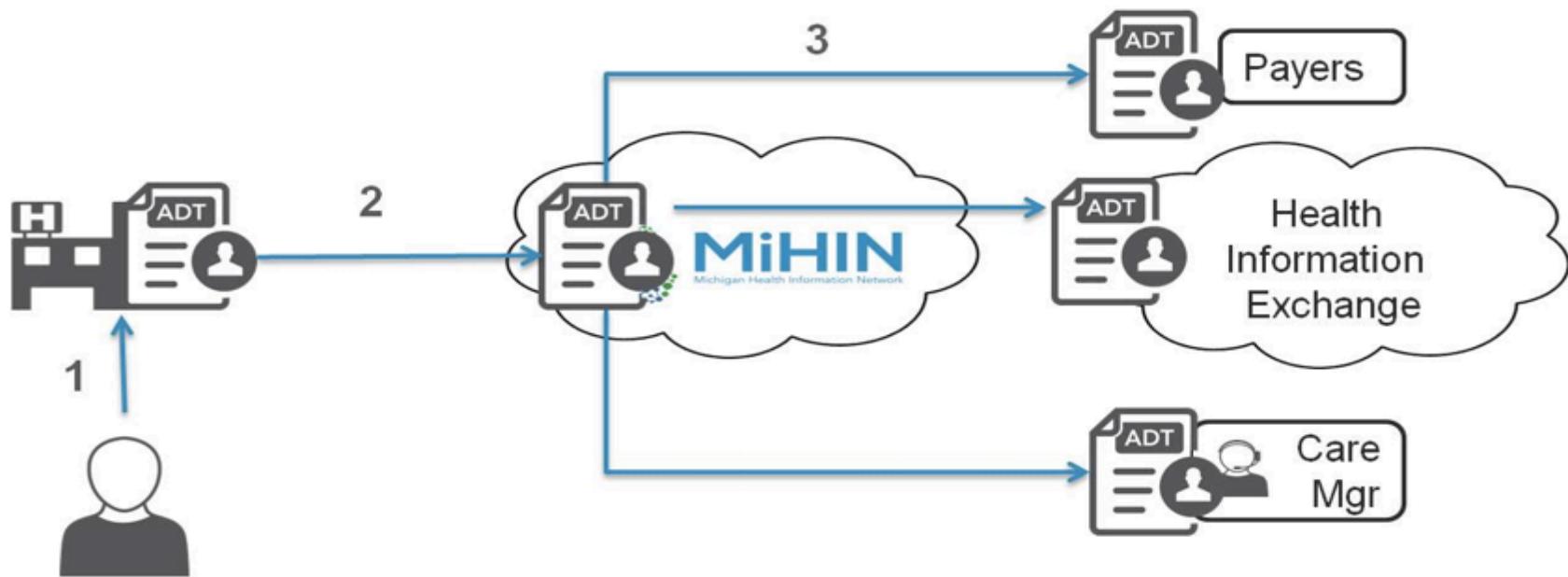
Sample HL7 message:

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PID|0493575^^^2^ID 1|454721||DOE^JOHN^^^^|DOE^JOHN^^^^|19480203|M||B|254 MYSTREET
AVE^^MYTOWN^OH^44123^USA||(216)123-4567||M|NON|400003403~1129086|
NK1|ROE^MARIE^^^^|SPO||(216)123-4567||EC|||||||||||||||||||
PV1||O|168 ~219~C~PMA^^^^^^^^|||277^ALLEN MYLASTNAME^BONNIE^^^^|||||||
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# Sample ADT System – MiHIN

ADT Alerting System from  
Michigan Health Information Network



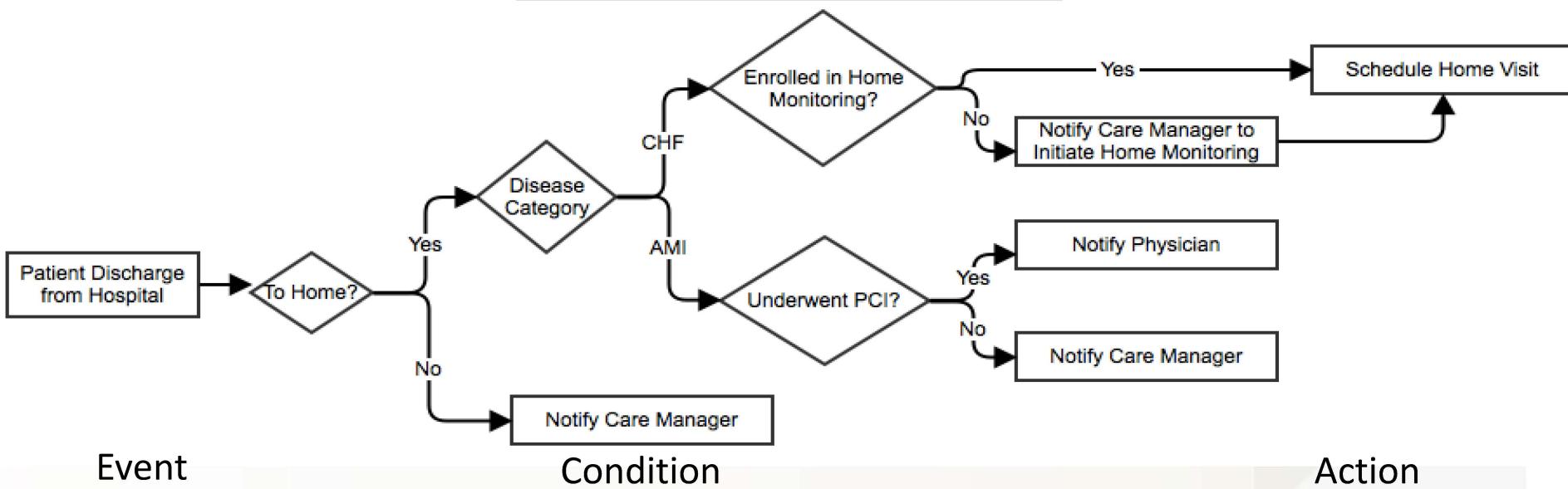
1. Patient event triggers ADT notification at point of care
2. ADT is routed to MiHIN through a Health Information Exchange (HIE)
3. MiHIN routes ADT to organizations with active care relationships to the patient

# Intervention Is The Key

Intervention is the key of a successful event notification system.

A mature event notification system is a type of Clinical Decision Support system.

Cardiology Alerting Decision Tree



# Resources

<https://collaboration.cms.gov/?q=content/aligning-health-it-learning-cluster-webinar-3-clinical-alerting-and-notifications-adt>

## Adopting Accountable Care



### Adopting Accountable Care

An Implementation Guide for Physician Practices

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
November 2014

A resource developed by the ACO Learning Network  
[www.acolearningnetwork.org](http://www.acolearningnetwork.org)

## ADT Alerting Learning Guide



### Improving Hospital Transitions and Care Coordination Using Automated Admission, Discharge and Transfer Alerts

#### A Learning Guide

*Presenting lessons learned by the 17 Beacon Community Awardees of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

May 2013

Putting the I in HealthIT  
[www.HealthIT.gov](http://www.HealthIT.gov)

## State HIE Brightspots



Getting to Impact: Harnessing health information technology to support improved care coordination

December 2012

#### How to Use This Document

The Bright Spots Initiative is designed to help identify and disseminate successful implementation practices and approaches that are worth spreading. For more implementation briefs, visit <http://statehiesources.org/bright-spots/>.

#### Health Information Technology's Role

##### Closed-Loop Referrals

The Referral Process Today  
The Referral Process of Tomorrow – Closed-Loop Referrals

Key Considerations When Getting Started with Closed-Loop Referrals

Early Lessons from a Direct Pioneer – MedMiles

##### Automated Alerts

Unanticipated Transitions  
Automated Alerts for Care Coordination

Key Considerations When Getting Started with Automated Alerts

A Beacon for Automated Alerting – HealthBridge

Monitoring Mental Health in Brooklyn  
Suppressing Superbugs in Indiana

Harnessing Data to Improve System Utilization

"Hotspotting" High-cost Patients in Camden, New Jersey  
Geospatial Mapping in Maryland

##### Themes and Lessons

They are scenarios that many patients, providers, and caregivers know all too well:

A diabetic patient with a history of non-compliance is discharged from the emergency department (ED) with a long list of instructions. There is no communication from the ED to the patient's primary care provider (PCP) to notify the PCP of the patient's ED visit and help her perform a post-discharge check-up. Within 20 days, the patient is admitted to the ED again for hypoglycemia.

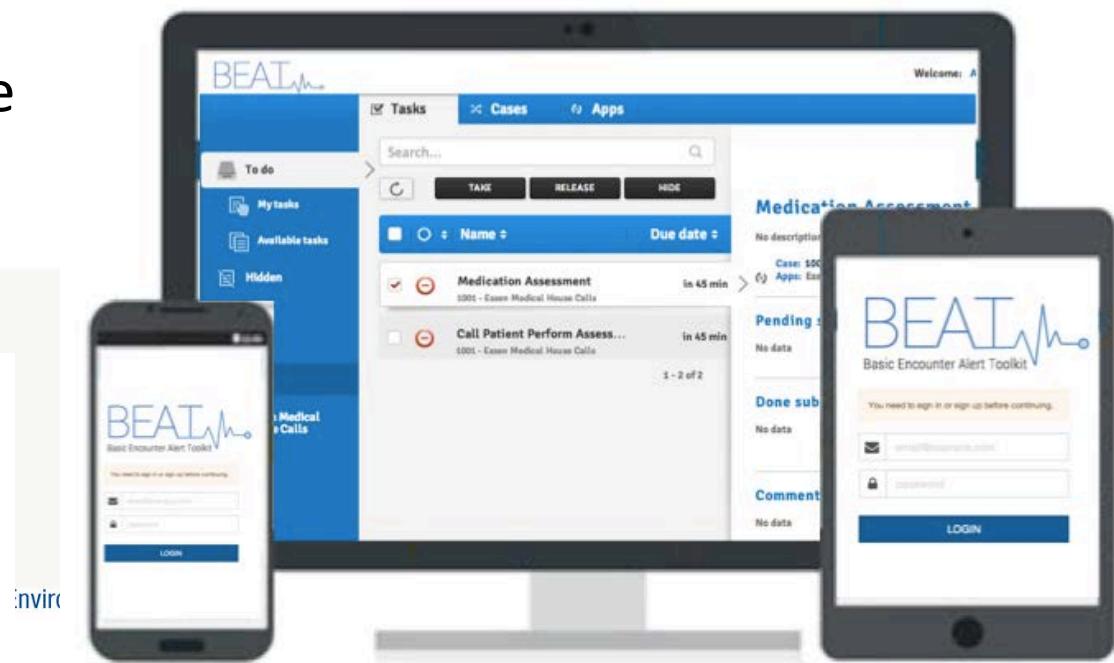
A 47 year old seizure patient is referred to a neurologist by her PCP; however, little information about the patient accompanies the paper referral form. During the visit, the patient is unable to recall complex details of her medications and dosages, and as a result the neurologist must make care decisions without a complete picture of her patient.

These scenarios illustrate the lack of consistent, coordinated, and timely information exchange between providers. Often communication breakdowns occur during care transitions, i.e., the movement of a patient from one health care provider or setting to another. Indeed, almost half of health care-related communication errors occur during such handoffs between care providers. Today, providers practicing in different care settings have limited options to communicate with one another in a standardized, efficient way and to handoff critical patient information that will help improve care quality and lower health care costs. Unfortunately, current practices have led to some staggering statistics:

- Increased adverse events. According to a recent study, poor care coordination increases the chance that a patient will suffer from a medication error or other health care mistake by 140 percent.<sup>4</sup> Communication failures between providers contribute to nearly 70 percent of medical errors and adverse events in health care.<sup>5</sup>
- Billions in wasteful spending. Nearly one in five Medicare patients discharged from a hospital is readmitted within 30 days, at a cost of over \$26 billion every year.<sup>6</sup> Many hospital

# Basic Encounter Alerting Toolkit

- Open source toolkit developed and piloted by ONC
- Provides Decision Support services and creates Integrated Delivery Networks
- Transitioned to commercial partners
- Support Available through HIT Resource Center



# States Examples

- Maryland -Encounter Notification Service
  - ✧ Expanding to other regions
- Rhode Island - Current Care
  - ✧ Tracking patient satisfaction changes
- Michigan
  - ✧ Subsidized by BCBS
- Maine
  - ✧ Using as basis for analytics service

<http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/maines-hie-launches-analytics-business>

# Discussion Points

- Who has currently deployed an ADT alerting system in their region (or is planning to)?
- Who has been asked by Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to provide ADT alerts?

# Wrap-Up

Let us know if you have any questions!

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