

The health information infrastructure in America today

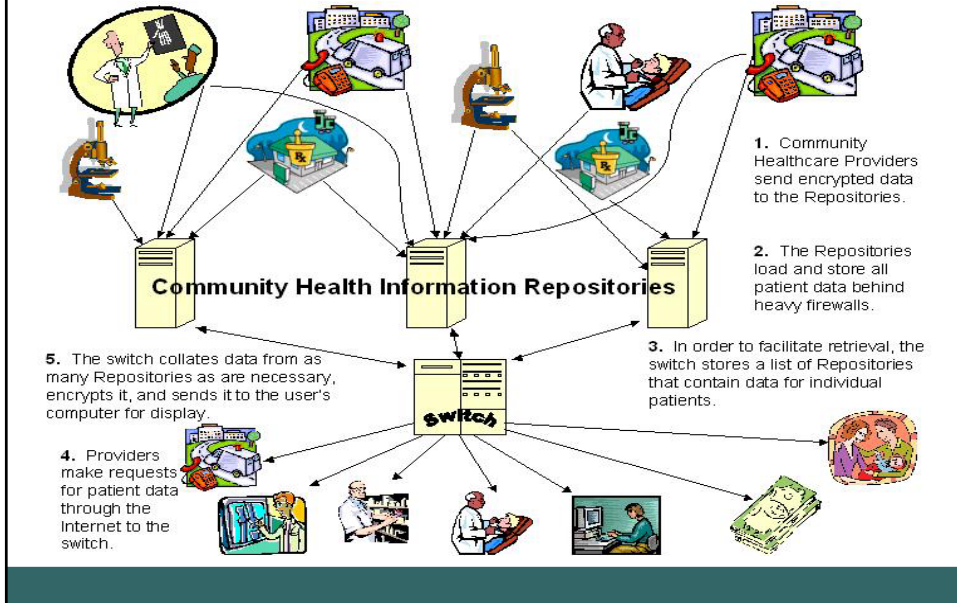


The Challenge:

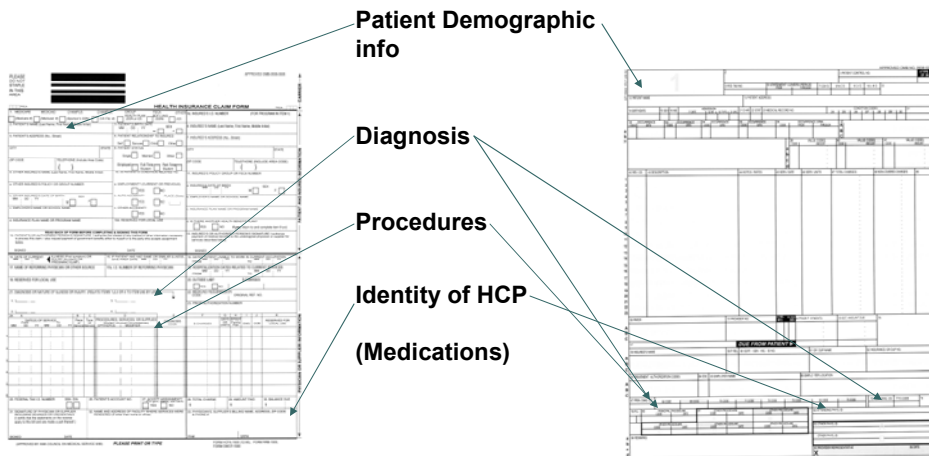
Healthcare data is usually stored on “islands” of information, and whether those islands are made of bits and bytes, or paper, the island’s data is only available to its inhabitants.



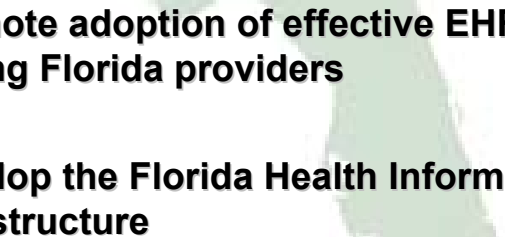
A health information infrastructure schematic:



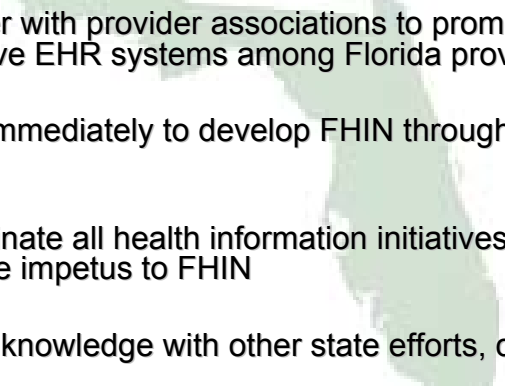
In the environment of low EHR penetration rates, what information is available to be shared?



Recommended Strategic Framework

- **Promote adoption of effective EHR systems among Florida providers**
 - **Develop the Florida Health Information Network infrastructure**
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Recommended Actions

- Partner with provider associations to promote adoption of effective EHR systems among Florida providers
 - Start immediately to develop FHIN through incremental steps
 - Coordinate all health information initiatives of the state to provide impetus to FHIN
 - Share knowledge with other state efforts, coordinate work efforts
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Recommended Actions

- Develop a diversity of funding sources
- Follow a public information plan to set up a “pull” strategy in the state, and to facilitate national funding sources
- Form strategic partnerships with key parties in the healthcare community
- Promote Florida representation on national HIT boards

Zeno of Elea (Greece, circa 450 B.C.) on Building the Florida Health Information Infrastructure



Zeno's Paradox: When running a race, the runner must first traverse half the distance. Then, he must cover half of the remaining distance. Yet again, he must cover half of that remaining distance . . . and so on forever. Therefore, it is impossible to finish the course.

In plain English: There are a hundred reasons why it will not work. Let's get going and handle them one at a time.



Let's get them off that island –
they've been stuck there way
too long!

