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Topics

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# How Americans Receive Their Medical Benefits

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Our History, Model, and Mission
Kaiser Permanente by the Numbers

- Nation’s largest nonprofit health plan
- Founded in 1945
- Integrated health care delivery System
- 9+ million members
- 17,000+ physicians, 48,000+ nurses
- 175,000+ employees
- 8 Regions Serving 9 states and the District of Columbia
- 37 hospitals and medical centers
- 650+ medical offices
- Pharmacies, Labs, Imaging Centers
- $50+ billion 2012 revenue
Kaiser Permanente was born out of the challenge of providing medical care during the Great Depression and World War II, when most people could not afford to go to the doctor.

- **1933**: Dr. Sidney Garfield establishes a prepayment health plan for workers building an aqueduct in the California desert.

- **1938-45**: Henry Kaiser persuades Dr. Garfield to set up a prepaid group practice plan for workers and their families, first at the Grand Coulee Dam construction site, then during World War II at Kaiser shipyards in California and Washington.

- **1945**: Kaiser health plans are opened to the public in California, Oregon, and Washington.
Innovative Ideas in a Fee-for-Service World

- Prepayment
- Group practice
- Prevention/total health
- Population-based approach
- Clinical information technology

Photo: Sidney Garfield, MD (left): Surgeon, visionary, and trailblazer

Henry Kaiser (right): An entrepreneur who revolutionized ship-building and started global enterprises, including cement, steel, aluminum, and automobiles
Mission: to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve.

Vision: To be a leader in Total Health by making lives better.
Our Blue Sky Vision

Integration and Leveraging
IT functionality enables us to leverage scarce or specialized clinical resources - MDs, RNs and other clinical staff and make our processes more efficient.

Home as the Hub
Focus on patient needs
The home, and other settings, will grow significantly as a locale of choice for some care delivery.

Secure and seamless transitions
‘Warm Handoffs’ - The human skill sets and operational processes to deliver care and service effectively, efficiently, and compassionately.

Customization
Occurs at any level of the members’ journey with KP

Four Core Elements:
- Total health, patient-centered, connected care
- Integrated/coordinated vs independent/fragmented
- Prepaid vs Fee-for-service
- Common, interoperable EHR system vs incompatible/disconnected systems

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Transforming Care through Health Information Technology
Where is the US in the Health IT Adoption?

Doctors with EHRs and Multifunctional Health IT Capacity

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Source: Commonwealth Fund 2012 International Health Policy Survey
U.S. EHR Adoption by Practice Setting, 2011

- 11 physicians or more: 86%
- Health maintenance organizations: 100%
- Solo practitioners: 29%
- 3- to 10 doctor offices: 62%
- Academic health centers: 69%
- Community health centers: 73%

Source: National Center for Health Statistics Data Brief, July 2012
**Kaiser Permanente Health IT:**
- Combination of tools, resources, processes and workflows working together in an integrated environment to deliver high-quality affordable health care
- A program-wide system that integrates the clinical record with population management, patient/consumer interface, telehealth, administrative and consumer support systems

**Kaiser Permanente HealthConnect®**
- The world’s largest and one of the most advanced civilian deployments of an electronic health record
- KP HealthConnect was implemented specifically to transform care and service delivery
- Our greatest benefits are the resulting improvements in quality, effectiveness, efficiency, safety, and support for new health delivery model

“…the right information about the right patient available to the right provider all the time…”
Kaiser Permanente Health IT

- HealthConnect ® Electronic Health Record System
- Member/Patient Portal
- Clinical Decision Support and Population Management
- Interoperability - Standards - Terminology
- Health Information Exchange, CCC, CIMI
- Health IT-enabled Quality Improvement
Kaiser Permanente HealthConnect

Kaiser Permanente typically spends about 5% of our total revenue on information technology. KP HealthConnect (our integrated system for care delivery) is:

- More than just an electronic medical record
- A Program-wide system that integrates the clinical record with appointments, ancillary and specialty services, registration, and billing
- A complete health care business and management system that enhances the quality of patient care
- A personal health record for more than 4 million Kaiser Permanente members (60% of members over 13 with Internet access)

Note: Return on investment was estimated at 8.5 years (but this was a strategic investment, not based on ROI)
Kaiser Permanente HealthConnect

Linking across patient episodes, providers, settings

KP Health Connect
- Secure Web-Based
- Universal Access
- Real Time
- Linked to Delivery System
- Electronic Ordering
- Digital Imaging
- Secure Messaging

KP.org and My Health Manager

Decision Support Tools
- Disease registries
- Risk stratification
- Identification of subgroups needing care
- Patient management tools
- Targeted panel lists
- Inreach - Prompts, reminders for clinicians
- Outreach - Letters and automated telephone outreach to members
- Monitoring and process improvement measures and reports

System Modules
- Labs
- Inpatient
- Outpatient
- Emergency
- Pharmacy
- Imaging
- Immunization
- Membership
- Financial & Benefits
kp.org and myHealthManager

Health Services More Accessible
- Appointment Manager
- Renew prescription orders
- Access to lab results
- Special conditions (i.e., allergies, medications)
- Email with providers
- Access to medical record information (problem lists, medical history, immunizations, tests, etc)
- Download health record (“Blue Button”)
- Tools to select providers, locate services
- 24x7 Call Center

Wellness and Engagement
- Health encyclopedia online
- Health Calculator
- Tools for self-evaluation of health conditions
- Announcements
- Educational programs
- Healthy Living educational modules
KP App - Anytime, Anywhere Access

53% of U.S. adult cell phone owners have smartphones.

One in three cell phone owners have used their phone to look for health information.

The KP app can help you:
- locate facilities
- access medical records
- refill prescriptions
- make appointments
- email caregivers
- view test results

Pew 2012 Mobile Health Survey
Clinical Decision Support and Population Management Tools

• Access to library of KP knowledge and best practices at the point of care
• Tools and templates that facilitate the delivery of evidence-based medicine
• Dynamic decision-support tools that enhance quality and patient safety
  – Drug-Drug Interactions Alerts
  – Drug Allergy Alerts
  – Best Practice Alerts
  – Health Maintenance Reminders
  – Alternative Order and Medication Alerts
• Proactive alert and notification system
Panel Support Features

- Tools to support the systematic analysis and management of all patients assigned to a provider using national guidelines.
- Effective in managing and improving the health of predefined population and sub-population groups, the short- and long-term quality of services, and the improvement of service coordination and continuity of care.
Population Management and Panel Support Tools

- Tools include interactive, real-time graphic display of ‘vital signs’ of a provider’s panel
- Comparative analysis of results
- Different levels of specificity of indicators
Panel Support Tools for Specialists

Renal Population Management System: E-Consult Generator

Stage 3 CKD
GFR: 35 7/9/2008 Cr: 2 C-G: 54
GFR: 35 5/2/2008 Cr: 2
GFR: 46 1/23/2008 Cr: 1.6
GFR: 53 9/7/2007 Cr: 1.4

Latest UP: 5700 1/24/2008
24hr Pr:
U Pr/Cr: 5.7 1/24/2008
U Pr/Cr: 2.8 9/9/2007
MARAT
UA PROT
Hgb: 11.8 7/9/2008
K: 4.3 7/9/2008
Ca: Phos Albumin PTH
HgbA1c: 8.4 1/24/2008

CRNRY ATHRSCL NATVE VSSL 6/19/2003
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New Comment

Refer
Screen most Screen full Screen Bone Screen Anemia Screen Cr Screen Upr
Screen lipid Kidney Class High BP High HgbA1c Start Lisinopril Adjust Lisinopril Stop Lisinopril

Log the E-Consult
Filename for emails: P:\projects\econsult

Dr. Alan Lau
Dr. Aurora Tomita
Dr. Brian Lee

Dear Dr. YAP, GARY G,

This patient’s estimated GFR of 35 puts him at stage 3 chronic kidney disease. Based on GFR and proteinuria, estimated 2 year risk of ESRD is 37%.

Last Blood Pressure: 185/94 8/20/2008

We examined the renal-related parameters for this patient including demographics, medications, labs and the problem list. Based on this we recommend the following:

Recommend referral of this patient to Nephrology.

Thank you. Sincerely, Dr. Brian Lee for the Nephrology Division.
Standards and Interoperability

• KP has always been at the forefront of development, adoption and use of health IT standards
• Currently actively engaged in most national and international SDOs including ISO, HL7, ASTM, DICOM, X12, NCPDP, NQF, others
• Applied across entire spectrum of programs and services (clinical, labs, pharmacy, imaging, administrative, research, etc)
• Developed Convergent Medical Terminology (CMT) tool to cross-reference multiple clinical terminologies
• Engaged in additional multi-lateral efforts to advance interoperability
  – Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI)
  – Care Connectivity Consortium (CCC)
What is Interoperability?

‘Technical’ Interoperability
The ability of two or more systems to reliably exchange information so that it is human readable by the receiver.

Technical interoperability describes the actual, physical puzzle pieces and their ability to be linked.

‘Semantic’ Interoperability
The ability of information shared by systems to be understood... so that non-numeric data can be processed by the receiving system.

Semantic interoperability describes the image printed on the puzzle and the picture’s ability to convey information to people.

‘Process’ Interoperability
Focuses on methods for the optimal integration of computer systems into actual work settings.

Process interoperability describes the methods and strategies used by those assembling the puzzle, perhaps grouping pieces with straight sides, grouping pieces by color, etc.
Our Vision of Interoperability

With an industry-leading, at-scale connected system, Kaiser Permanente is seeking to define transformational connections across our enterprise, with our members and the nation.

Connecting Kaiser Permanente
“a modern health care system”
- KP HealthConnect
- Integrated ancillary systems
- Infrastructure foundation

Connecting The World
“a global impact”
- Personal data
- International standards
- Clinical Medical Terminology

Connecting The Nation
“a national system”
- Care Connectivity Consortium
- Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record
- Social Security Administration

Connecting Members & Customers
“Patient-Centered Focus”
- KP.org
- Telehealth
- Mobile Applications

Connecting Our Communities
“community partnership”
- Safety net sponsorship
- Regional/local exchanges
Kaiser Permanente Opens Access to CMT to Support HHS Health IT Goals

What is CMT?

- CMT stands for Convergent Medical Terminology. It is a set of clinician- and patient friendly terminology, linked to US and international interoperability standards, and related vocabulary development tools and utilities. It was developed by Kaiser Permanente over many years for use within its health-IT systems. CMT includes more than 75,000 concepts.
- CMT can be incorporated in the underlying architecture of health-IT systems to support data flow between health care providers, as it is in Kaiser Permanente today. It provides uniform concept definitions so that systems used for labs, vaccines, observations, and other medical data can communicate with each other in a common language, making data transferable between systems and among care teams.
- CMT allows care teams to interact with health information technology systems by providing more familiar names and descriptions so that they can coordinate with each other in an easy to understand way.
- Because CMT links to U.S. national standard vocabularies and code sets, such as SNOMED CT and ICD-9-CM, health data created using CMT’s clinician-friendly language can be translated as needed to standards required for quality measurement, statistical reporting, and health care reimbursement.
Standards and Interoperability
Drivers and Challenges

**DRIVERS**

- HIPAA
- Meaningful Use
- Health Reform
  - Insurance Reform: Health Insurance Exchanges
  - Care Delivery Reform: Care Coordination, Seamless Transitions of Care
  - Payment Reform: Performance/outcomes based bundled payments

**CHALLENGES**

- Rigidness vs flexibility
- Required vs situational
- Benefits vs Risks
- Multiplicity of disjointed requirements
HITECH EHR Incentive Program (Meaningful Use)

- MU serves as a great impetus to further improve health care quality, service and safety
- Financial incentives are resulting in significant increase in national health care system's adoption of EHRs
- KP actively prepared for MU, reached out to regulators to offer perspectives, and is exceeding requirements into areas beyond MU
- Because Kaiser Permanente has invested heavily in health IT over many years, we are well-positioned to meet meaningful use objectives -- but not without hard work and dedication
- Like other health care providers, we have to look at our technologies with fresh eyes and examine ways to make it more meaningful
- We are now focusing on achieving full compliance with the next MU milestone (Stage 2)
- We believe that this work and the investment in HIT is important and will change the way each and every person receives health care in the future
As HIE evolves, the interoperability framework standards advance for reliable exchange and data integration across the nation.

No EMR
- MDs, RNs
- Fax
- Paper Records
- Non-interoperable medical records sent via fax or email

EHR
- Patients
- Hospitals, MOBs
- MDs, RNs
- Electronic records contained within various health care sites and organizations

Direct Email
- Direct Email
- Health Plans
- Directed push using secure email transport over the Internet

Exchange Interoperability
- Semantic
- Technical
- Process
- Advanced interoperability components using national eHealth standards
Care Connectivity Consortium (CCC)

- Five founding organizations
- Enhance the capabilities of current HIE technologies
- Allow for secure and effective sharing between data exchange networks and health record systems
- Offer these solutions to the broader HIE community
CCC Background

Innovation:
Value Added Services Development
(augment eHealth Exchange standards)

March 2011
- Formed CCC Health Information Exchange network

February 2012
- Signed Participant Trust Agreement to enable network exchanges
  - Live on CCC Health Information Exchange network, using national standards

August 2012
- Expanded content: added lab results, immunizations, & vital signs

December 2012
- Completed initial development of patient matching & consent management services
What’s not working today….

The eHealth Exchange provides a foundation for interoperability – however challenges exist for patient matching and consent management.

**Patient Information**
- **NAME**: Jane Doe
- **DOB**: 05/05/1973
- **GENDER**: Female
- **ADDRESS**: 1721 E Glider LN Murray, UT 84020
- **CONSENT**: YES

**Patient Information**
- **NAME**: Jane Doe
- **DOB**: 05/05/1973
- **GENDER**: Female
- **ADDRESS**: 1721 E Glider LN Murray, UT 84020
- **CONSENT**: NOT ON FILE

**50% Matching Failure Rate**

False Negatives (No Match)
- No consent on file?
- Multiple Matches?

* Estimated Based on Industry Studies and CCC Organization experience to date (2013)
The CCC will offer Value Added Services to augment the foundation of trusted data exchange technology on the eHealth Exchange network.

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<td>Improved HIE workflows</td>
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<td>Innovation Incubator</td>
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The diagram illustrates the CCC Value Added Services, integrating with eHealth and connecting to Federal Partners and 40+ Providers.
Next Steps

Leverage CCC’s development and incubation of new services for the exchange.

Leverage Healthway’s robust onboarding and associated services to help minimize costs and improve efficiencies.

CCC value-added services provided to eHealth Exchange participants via Healthway.

CCC will continue to develop new capabilities in a Learning Lab environment for consideration and adoption by eHealth Exchange participants.

Value added services through Healthway.

CCC innovation & development projects.

Ubiquitous advanced interoperability.
Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI)

CIMI is an international collaboration dedicated to providing a common information modeling format to represent health information content for interoperability.

- Shared repository of detailed clinical information models
- Using a single formalism
- Based on a common set of base data types
- Formal bindings of the models to standard coded terminologies
- Repository is open and models are free for use at no cost

Mission

Improve the interoperability of healthcare systems through shared implementable clinical information models.

Common formats would enable the integration, analysis, and interoperability across healthcare disciplines and institutions.

- Messages
- Services
- Decision logic (queries of EHR data)
- EHR data storage
- Clinical trials data (clinical research)
- Normalization of data for secondary use
- Creation of data entry screens
- Natural Language Processing
Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI)

- CEN 13606
- openEHR Foundation
- US Veterans Administration
- US Department of Defense
- Intermountain Healthcare
- Mayo Clinic
- HL7
  - Version 3 RIM, message templates
  - TermInfo
  - CDA plus Templates
  - Detailed Clinical Models
  - greenCDA
- Tolven
- NIH/NCI – Common Data Elements, CaBIG
- CDISC SHARE
Health-IT Enabled Quality Improvement
Examples of Quality Improvement

- We have reduced mortality from sepsis infections by 40%.
- Our Healthy Bones program has reduced broken bones for our senior patients by nearly one-third.
- The death rate for our HIV patients is half the national average, due to our highly effective HIV team care programs.
Examples of Quality Improvement

- HIT-Enabled Diabetes Care $^1$
  - 44% lower failure rate of metformin treatment for type 2 diabetes

- HIT-Enabled Cholesterol Management $^2$
  - 40% more very high risk patients achieve national cholesterol guidelines

- HIT-Enabled Screening $^3$
  - Best breast cancer screening rates in US
  - Best HIV/AIDS screening rates in US

- HIT-Enabled Cardiac Care $^4$
  - 24% lower probability of death from heart attack
  - 62% lower probability of serious heart attacks doing permanent damage
  - 90% lower mortality from second heart attacks
  - 89% lower all-cause cardiac mortality

- HIT-Enabled Patient Satisfaction $^5$
  - Higher patient involvement in care
  - Over 800% more scheduled e-visits
  - Almost 600% more secure messaging with doctors
  - 24% fewer office visits

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Innovations and Telehealth/Telemedicine @ Kaiser Permanente
Kaiser Permanente Innovation Ecosystem

- Innovation Consultancy
- Innovation Learning Network
- 8 Research Institutes & Fdn
- Garfield Innovation Center
- National Facilities Services: Strategy Planning & Design
- Kaiser Permanente Simulation
- Innovation Learning
- KP Ventures & Corporate Development
- Innovation Fund, Challenge & Awards
- Innovation Lab
- Innovate Community: Ideabook, Intranet
- Innovation Retreat & Innovation Hunters
- Clinical Advisors
- Innovation Tech Research & Services
- Center for Total Health
- INNOVATORS

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Sidney R. Garfield Health Care Innovation Center

- 37,000 sq. ft. simulated care delivery environment for testing new ideas and designs
  - Located in San Leandro near Oakland Airport
  - Funded internally by Kaiser Permanente
  - Opened 2006

- Space includes:
  - Inpatient clinical mockups
    - Full sized med/surgery unit & patient rooms
    - Labor, delivery, recovery & postpartum setting
    - Operating room
    - ED treatment bay
  - Outpatient clinical mock ups
  - Home health environment
  - IAT technology laboratory
  - Open prototyping area
  - Learning & conference space
Telehealth/Telemedicine @ Kaiser Permanente

**Vision**
- Telehealth is an integral part of the way Kaiser Permanente delivers comprehensive, high-quality, accessible, convenient, and affordable health care to its health plan members

**Goals**
- Expand the geographical and operational boundaries of health care by leveraging technology to connect health plan members and health care providers with each other
- To provide remote health care, educational, and administrative services to members wherever they may be

**Principles**
1. **Member-centric.** Telehealth recognizes members’ needs, preferences, desires, and the importance of member participation in care decisions and activities.
2. **Evidence-based best practice.** Telehealth programs are based upon proven benefits in quality of care, service, affordability, and/or professional satisfaction.
3. **Right technology.** Telehealth technology should be robust, reliable, affordable, secure, and appropriate to the abilities, constraints, and preferences of its users.
4. **Right people.** Telehealth is a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach that must have the full commitment of participating health care providers.
5. **Right process.** There should be providers tasked with monitoring and acting upon telehealth data, as well as coordinating member care.
6. **Broad scope.** Telehealth is appropriate for both management of illness and promotion of health and wellness.
7. **Holistic care.** Telehealth should be integrated into conventional clinical practice as part of a comprehensive approach to health care.
8. **Legacy integration.** Telehealth technology should be integrated with Kaiser Permanente’s electronic health information systems.
Telehealth/Telemedicine @ Kaiser Permanente

• Recognized national leader in telehealth adoption/implementation
• All hospitals and most medical clinics, imaging labs built with telehealth/telemedicine capabilities
• HealthConnect® EHR supports telemedicine applications
• In 2011, implemented over 50 telehealth/telemedicine projects that provided 250,000+ visits/encounters
• Focus in two areas: management of chronic illness and delivery of specialty services
  • Chronic patients → 5-10% of members → 60% of total costs
• Personalized, patient-centered, meaningful integrated approach to the utilization of information and communication technologies to support health and health care services
• Involves multiple types of technologies and different modes of communication and interaction
• Tailored to the patient, the environment, the condition
• Requires care redesign, pathway/workflow reengineering, patient education, training of clinicians/workforce and system interoperability
• Involves:
  – EHR, patient portal, low-level asynchronous communication, interactive teleconsultation (Patient-Provider and Provider-Provider), biometric monitoring, auto-upload, proactive communication
  – Support for wired, wireless, home-based, mobile platforms
Opportunities and Challenges Ahead

- Patient/Provider ID Management
- Provenance of Data
- Consent Management
- Genomics
- Cybersecurity
- Big Data
- Health Reform
- Trust
- Semantic Interoperability
- Scalability
- Innovations; mHealth; Cloud
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