



Health Information Exchange: What is it and why should I care?

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Health Information Exchange (HIE) ...

“... actually encompasses two related concepts:

- Verb: the **electronic sharing of health-related information** among organizations
- Noun: an **organization that provides services** to enable the electronic sharing of health-related information (HealthIT.gov)

“... refers to the process of reliable and interoperable electronic health-related information sharing conducted in a manner that **protects the confidentiality, privacy and security** of the information.” (AHIMA)

“... is the electronic movement of health-related information **among organizations** according to **nationally recognized standards**.” (US Dept of HHS)

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For more information visit <http://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/health-information-exchange/what-hie>

EHR vs. HIE

	EHR	HIE
Patient Record	Facility or organization-based; MRN is the unique patient ID	Longitudinal view integrating information from 2 or more sources; enterprise master patient index links MRNs from many organizations to one unique identifier
Functionality	Detailed clinical documentation, medico-legal patient record	Primarily view-only – focus on critical patient data (allergies, medications, problems) and summary documentation (discharge summaries, visit notes)
Standards	Structured data entry encouraged; organization-based or modified code sets utilized; free text entry permissible	Essential for “information reconciliation” – HL7 messaging, code sets (ICD-9, SNOMED), continuity of care document (CCD) ...
Change Management	Complete process reengineering – move from paper to automation; entire clinical workflow is reinvented for the better	Not about reengineering! It’s about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring seamless integration points • Expediting information flow • Eliminating the use of outdated communication channels

Why the HIE is accessed?

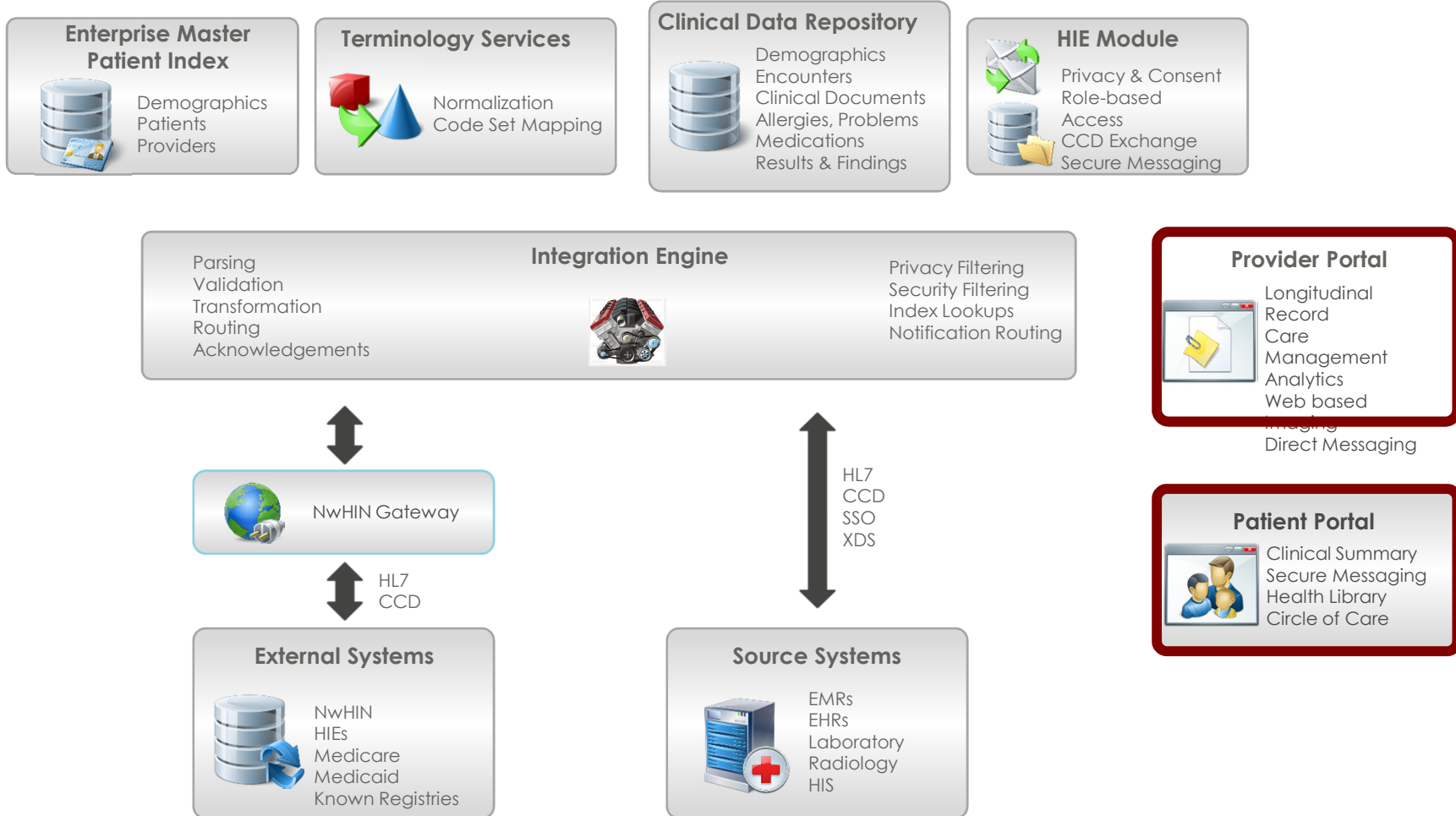
When and why a Provider needs to access the HIE:

- New patient, not seen before
- Infrequent patient
- Complex patient
- Tracking of patient
- Patient ER visits and hospital stays
- EHR is unavailable
- Remote Access

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HIE Components



HIE Implementation Strategy

Core HIE

- **Provider Portal**
- Enterprise Master Index
- Clinical Data Repository
- Integration Engine
- CCD Exchange
- Direct Secure Messaging
- Privacy & Consent

Care Coordination

- **Patient Population Management**
- Chronic Disease Guidelines
- Public Health Reporting
- Analytics

Community Health Record

- **Patient Portal**
- Diagnostic Orders
- ePrescribing
- Referrals
- Innovative Care Models

Benefits

- Helps facilitate coordinated patient care across disparate organizations
- Reduces duplicative treatments
- Avoids adverse patient care events
- Increases efficiency by eliminating unnecessary paperwork
- Improves public health reporting
- Promotes best practice standard patient populations
- Stimulates patient's involvement care



Change Management Strategy

- Have a strategy to effect change – otherwise you never move beyond utilization and curiosity
- Engage the stakeholders
- Identify HIE “touch points” to facilitate clinical workflow integration
- Plan for role-based users – clinicians and support staff derive differing value and benefits
- Establish a clinical governance structure
- Training vs. education
- Develop a communication plan

Challenges

- Data quality issues from source systems
- Information reconciliation – lack of standards
- Consent management -- protecting the patient's right to privacy
- Data sharing among competitors
- Competing priorities
- Ensuring sustainability

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