

NCVHS 60th Anniversary

Toward Enhanced Information
Capacities for Health
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What An Exciting Time

- Health Care Reform and Stimulus Legislation Accelerate Change
- Unprecedented Opportunity to Improve Health Care and Health in the U.S.
- The Future Depends on Robust Health Information Capacities



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- The Future Relies on Data That Are:
 - Easy to Generate
 - Used at the front Lines of Care
 - Easy to Reuse, Manipulate and Link
 - Secure and Private
 - Generated from New and Existing Sources



Health Information Capacities

- Public Sector has led Health Information Efforts for Years
- HIPAA (1996) marked Renewed Emphasis on Health Information
- ARRA (2009) Elevated the Focus again
- NCVHS Supports that Focus



Health Information Capacities

Support Broad Array of Uses and Purposes

- Population health improvement
- Access to Affordable and Efficient Quality Health Care
- Clinician Care Delivery
- Care Coordination
- Empowered and Engaged Patients and Consumers
- Building patient trust



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Support Broad Array of Uses and Purposes

- Patient Safety
- Payment Policy
- Health Insurance Operations
- Elimination of Health Disparities
- Monitoring Population Health
- Health Services Research
- Clinical Research







Key Health Information Goals

- **Accessibility and Availability of Information**
 - **Public Health and Health Care Integration**
 - **Share Common Information Sources**
 - **Inclusion of Information on Environment, Housing, Education, Nutrition, Economic and other Influences**
 - **Timeliness**
 - **Geographic Specificity**



Key Health Information Goals

Standardization

-  Ensure Efficient, Secure, Safe and Effective Health Information Exchange
-  Create a Common and Evolving National Pathway for Improved Information Capacities
-  Incorporate Data, Formats, Policies and Operating Rules
-  Support Key Initiatives like Meaningful Use, Certification of HIT and Improved Information Content and Reporting



Key Health Information Requirements

■ Privacy, Confidentiality, Security

■ Required Dependencies for Primary and Secondary Uses

- Appropriate Uses of Information
- Meeting Personal Expectations of Trust
- A Practical Consent Mechanism
- A Data Stewardship Mentality
- Enforceable Governance over Entities Exchanging Health Information



The Way Forward

- The Path is Cleared (legislation etc.)
- Considerable Urgency Exists
- Federal Leadership is Necessary
- New Approaches must be Explored
- Research, Demonstrations and Investments are Important
- Data Resources- a must



Summary

- Opportunities Abound to Make a Real Difference
- Health Information is a prominent Factor in Future Enhancement of Health Care and Health
- NCVHS is Prepared and Enthusiastic to Enter its next 60 Years assisting HHS to make a Better US Health System and Improve Overall Population Health.



Thank You

