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Today's Discussion

- Brief Background on New York's Health IT Strategy
- Five Major Policy Implications


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Brief Background

- Health IT plays an important role in the Governor's progress to transform health care
 - Executive-level Office of Health IT Transformation
 - \$160 M Investment-to-date
 - Public-private Partnership and Statewide Collaborative Process
 - Privacy and Security
 - Consumer Advocacy Coalition
 - Financial Sustainability and Incentives
 - Health Information Evaluation Consortium


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New York's Statewide Health IT Strategy -- Policy Implications

1. Health IT must serve as a substrate or underpinning to many other transformative programs and policies with respect to quality, safety, efficiency, affordability and outcomes
 - Health IT by itself will not result in value
 - Sustainable and scalable transformative value will not be realized without health IT


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Key Pieces to Transforming Health Care – Health IT is an Essential Enabler

1. Guarantee affordable health insurance coverage
- ✓ 2. Implement major quality and safety improvements
- ✓ 3. Work toward a more organized delivery system that emphasizes primary and preventive care and is patient-centered
- ✓ 4. Increase transparency and reporting on quality and costs
- ✓ 5. Reward performance for quality and efficiency
- ✓ 6. Expand the use of interoperable information technology
- ✓ 7. Encourage public-private collaboration to achieve simplification, more effective change

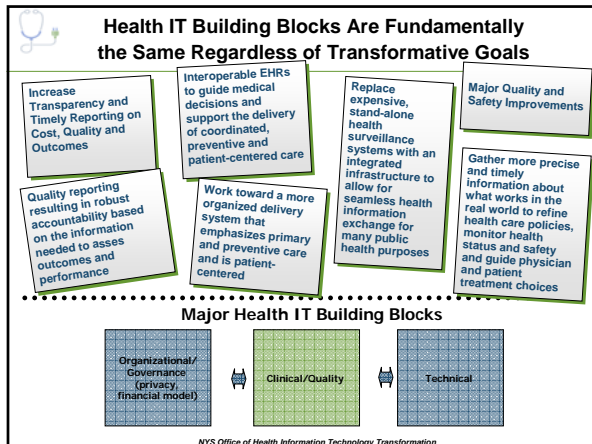
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2. Health IT building blocks are fundamentally the same regardless of transformative goal and must streamline and coordinate

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3. Major health IT building blocks – organizational, clinical/quality, technical – must co-evolve and advance together in order to realize value

- An environment must be created and substantial efforts made for clinicians to realize up front and consistent value of vastly improved availability and use of health information
- Trust must be established and is achieved through governance and policy

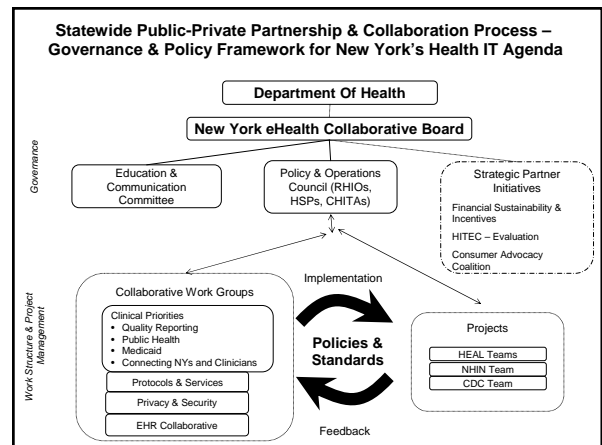
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4. Clinical, quality and public health priorities must drive health IT adoption and common actions among public and private health care sectors

- Medicaid
- Immunization
- Public Health HIE and Reporting

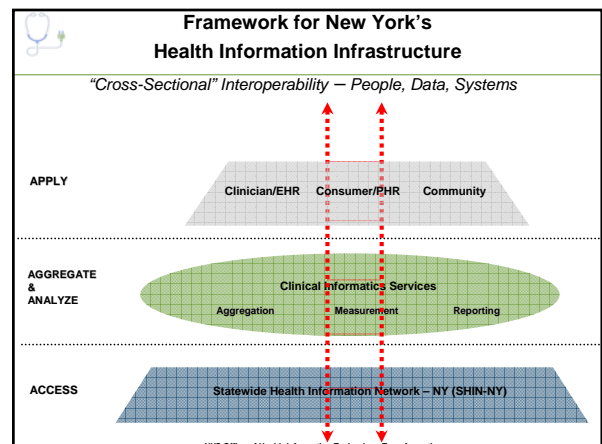
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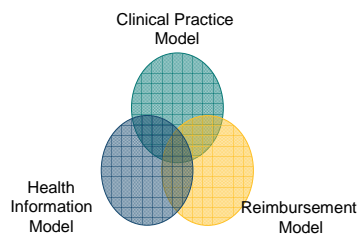
5. With respect to the technical building block, "**Cross-sectional Interoperability**" is necessary to drive policy alignment, value realization for clinicians and sustainable transformation

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Critical Policy Alignment Requires Cross-Sectional Interoperability



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