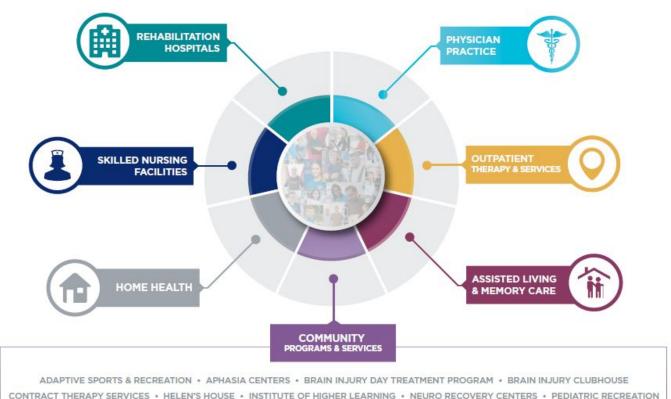


Integrating Data from Multiple EMRs to Enhance a Learning Health System

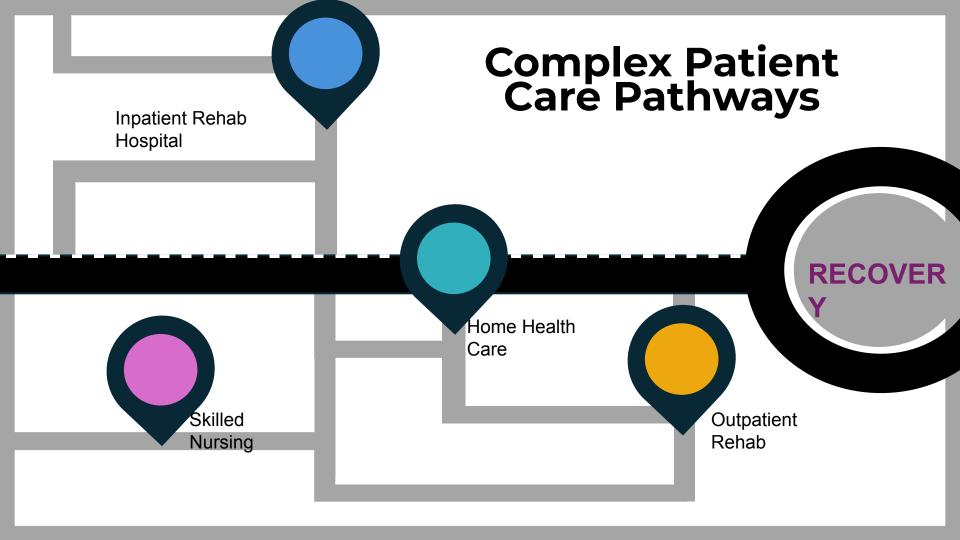
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Disparate EMRs



IRF & Physician Practice EMR(s)



Skilled Nursing & Assisted Living EMR



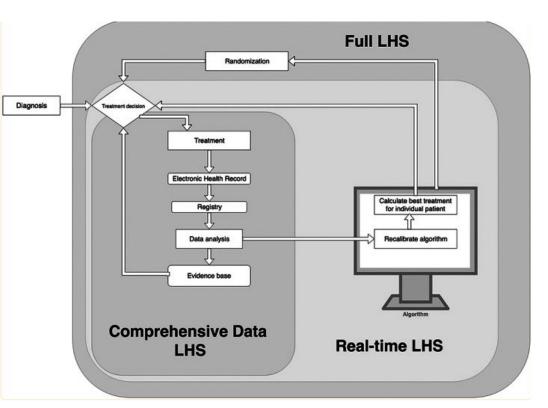
Home Health Care EMR



Outpatient EMR

"...Establishing infrastructure for digital data capture is central to LHS implementation and therefore, researchers and health systems leaders may want to prioritize this aspect of implementation for advancing LHS transformation." (Somerville et al. 2023)

LHS Models

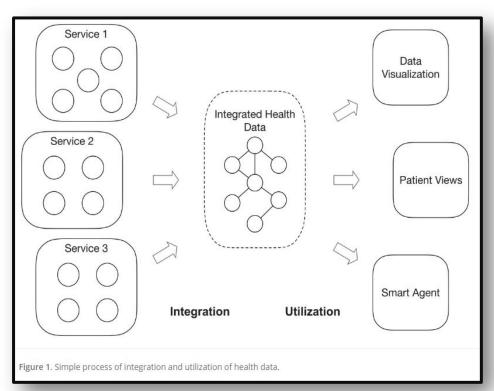


- Comprehensive Data LHS:
 Continuous stream of systematically captured clinical data that can be analyzed
- Real-time LHS: Provides real-time feedback at point of care
- Full LHS: Typical trial methodologies should be embedded in clinical care

LHS models rely on a foundationally robust data infrastructure!

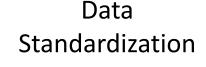
Health Data Integration

- Integration is "health data from heterogeneous or distributed sources processed by a certain approach to act as they come from one source in a seamless way" (Peng & Bai, 2020)
- Discovering, moving, and combining data from multiple sources to drive insights and power machine learning and advanced analytics (Google Cloud)



Key Components of Data Infrastructure

Data Integration



Data Security

Data Management



Ensuring data consistency across different EMRs



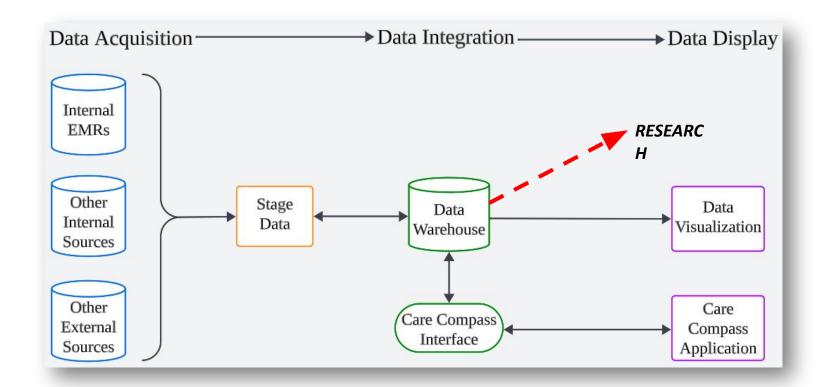


Protecting sensitive patient information

Efficient storage, retrieval, processing and analysis of integrated data

from various
EMR (and other)
data systems

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Key Challenges in Data Integration

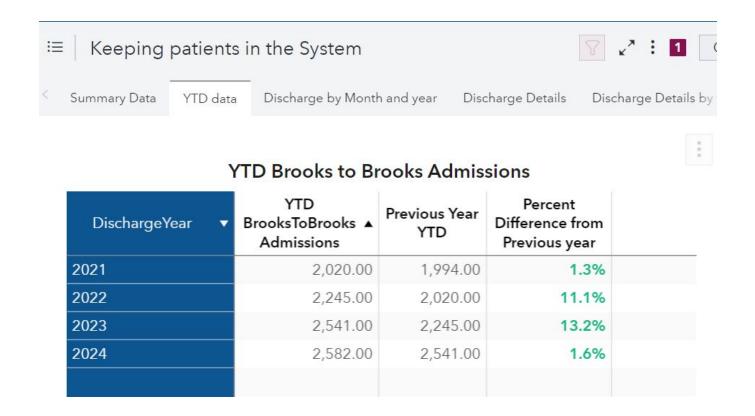
- Data Silos & Interoperability
- Data Transformation & Standardization
- Data Quality and Integrity
- Data Privacy and Security
- Cost and Complexity
- Data Governance and Change Management

New challenges arise when integrating data for research rather than operational purposes

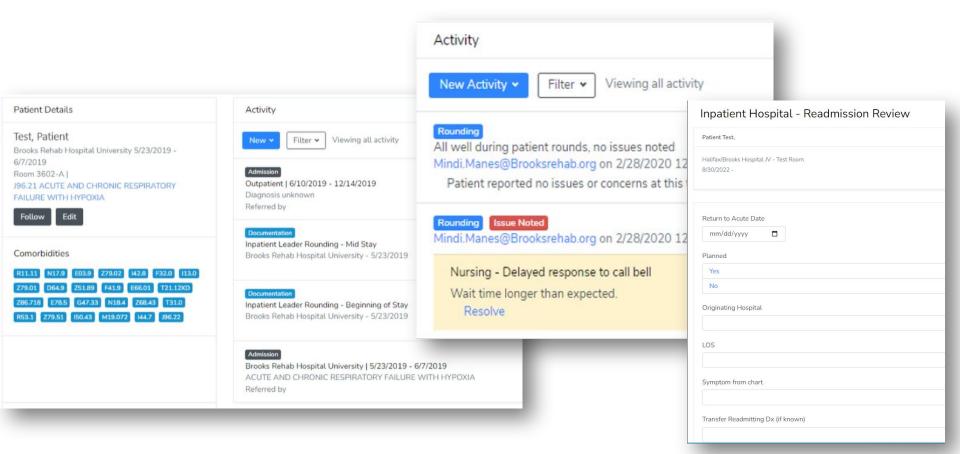
Solutions: Data Silos & Interoperability

- Enterprise Master Patient Index (EMPI)
 - Algorithm for matching records across systems
- Centralized Data Warehouse (CDW)
 - SQL relational database following a star schema storage format
 - Data transformation and normalization
 - Robust
 - Scalable and flexible
 - Data projections for analytics and reporting

Patient Services Tracking



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Solutions: Data Standardization



Backend Data Transformation

- Normalize, formatting, organizational structure, granularity
- Industry standards



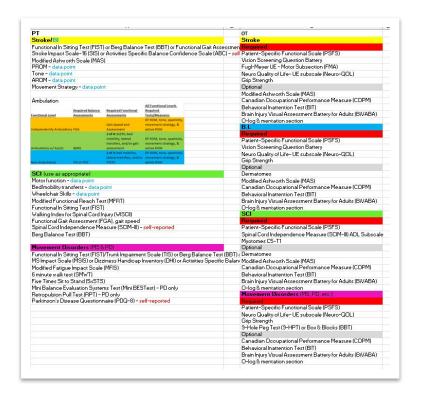
Front End Data Transformation

- Modification of front end of EMRs
- Add discrete fields, where possible
- Additional data collectors

Standardizing Outcomes Across the System

Phase 1

- Completed December 2023
- Systematic review of outcome measures collected across all EMRs
- Considerable variability in what and how outcomes data are collected in the different systems



Standardizing Outcomes Across the System

Phase 2

- Completed July 2024
- Identify required & recommended outcome measures
- Programmatic approach (Stroke, BI, SCI)
- Buy-in from leadership from all service lines



Psychometric properties

 Reliable, valid, normative data, minimal clinical differences, etc



System of Care

Can track patient progress across the system



Reasonable

 Can be performed in all settings with minimal time/resources required



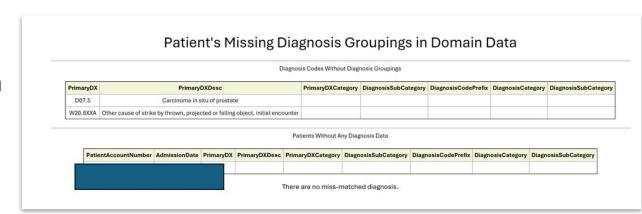
Informative

 Informs clinical practice and helps us learn how to improve care for our patients

Required for ALL patients			Q.	
Gait Speed: 6-meter walk test (6MWT)	V	V	~	•
Cardiorespiratory: 2-minute walk test (2MWT)	~	~	~	•
Balance/Falls: BERG balance assessment	~	~	~	V

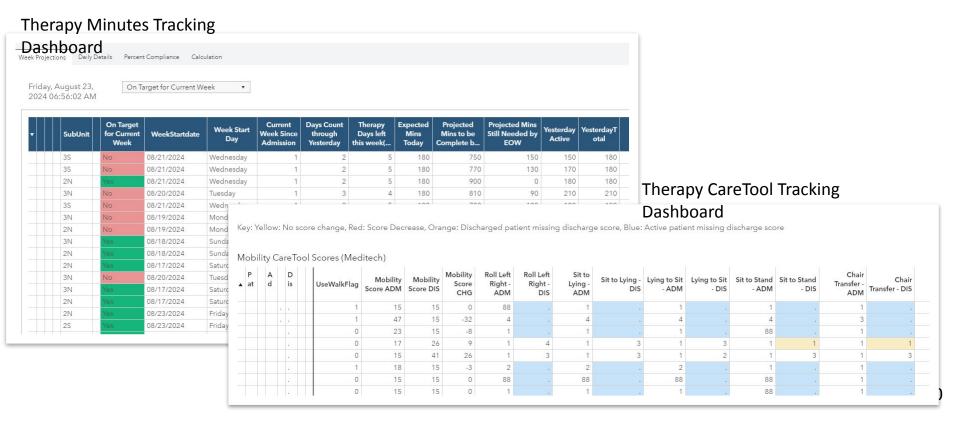
Solutions: Data Quality and Integrity

- Clinical and operational SMEs participate in data reviews to ensure accuracy
- Automated alert emails for missing data collection
- Proactive, real-time documentation "auditing"



Patient Account	Patient Name	Patient Room	Date of Fall	Number of	floor	Facility
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			22AUG2024	1	FLOOR 4	Univ

Proactive Data Quality



Next Steps – Research focus

- Establish data use agreements (DUA) and standardized operating procedures to cover all LHS-related data sharing activities
- Continue with standardized outcomes initiative Phase 3: EMR build and data integration into CDW
- Complete a systematic data review of health equity/SDOH data
- Develop a dedicated data warehouse specifically designed for research-specific purposes
 - Common data model (CDM) structural format

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