

# **Strategies and Considerations for Extending EHR Technology to Affiliated Practices/Community Physicians**

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# Agenda

- Ochsner Health System Overview
- Healthcare Trends and Considerations For EHR Rollout
- Key Lessons Learned
- EHR Extension Program Design
- Community Physician Offering
- Successful Implementation Tactics



# OCHSNER HEALTH SYSTEM





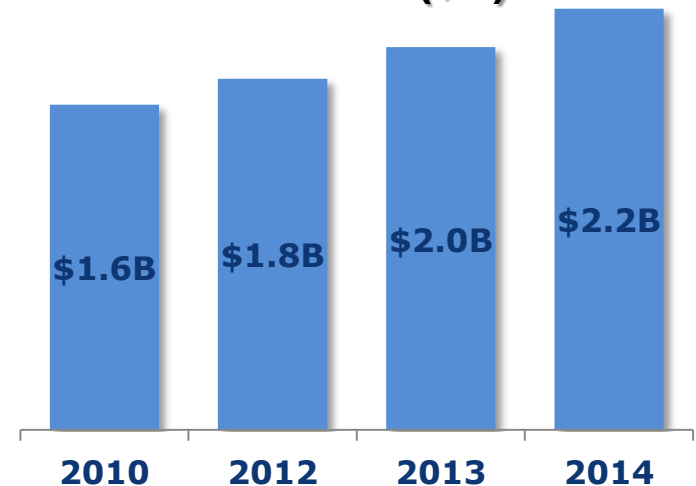
# Ochsner Health System

Our Mission is to Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate

## Largest Health System In Louisiana

- ✓ 9 hospitals
- ✓ 40+ Health Centers
- ✓ 900+ group practice physicians in over 80 subspecialties
- ✓ 1,600 Community Physicians
- ✓ 1,100 physicians in clinical integration
- ✓ 14,000+ employees
- ✓ #1 fitness chain in Louisiana with 20,000-member, state-of-the-art wellness facility
- ✓ 8 of 12 specialties nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report

## Revenue (\$B)



## 2014 Budgeted Patient Activity

- ✓ More than 57,000 discharges
- ✓ More than 1.5 Million clinic visits
- ✓ More than 270,000 ED visits
- ✓ More than 72,000 surgeries
- ✓ More than 6,600 Deliveries





# Proven Quality – Top 1% in U.S.



- #1 Transplant Of Liver**
- #2 Transplant Of Kidney**
- #2 Trauma Care**
- #4 Heart Attack Treatment**
- #6 Overall Surgical Care**
- #9 Gastrointestinal Care**
- #9 Interventional Carotid Care**
- #9 Neurologic Care**

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**Hospital Review**



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# Ochsner's Dual Strategy

## Center of Excellence Strategy

*Being The Place People Want  
To Come To*



## Population Health Strategy

*Focus on Wellness and Effective  
Management of Chronic Disease*



**Fee For Service**

**Global Payments**

# Ochsner is Leading the Transition to Value-Based Healthcare

## *Crossing the Crevasse*

### **Fee for service**

- All about volume
  - More visits
  - Duplicate tests
  - More procedures
  - Complications
  - Readmissions
- Focus on specialists
- The wrong incentives

### **Value-based payment**

- All about quality & cost
  - Transparent data
  - Managing populations
  - Accountable care
  - Clinical variation
  - Reward quality
- Focus on primary care
- Aligned incentives





# Ochsner Risk Populations



## Full risk

- 30,000 Medicare Advantage seniors (Humana)
- 16,000 employees + dependents (self-insured)

## Shared Savings

- 22,000 Medicare (ACO-MSSP)
- 8,500 Medicare Advantage (PHN)
- 47,000 BCBSLA commercial
- 7,500 CIGNA commercial
- 15,000 United commercial

## Total risk

137,500 out of 385,000  
( $>1/3$ )



# Vision for improvement: Institute of Medicine Sept. 2012 report

- Real-time access to knowledge
- Digital capture of the care experience
- Incentives aligned for value
- Full transparency
- Engaged, empowered patients
- Leadership-instilled culture of learning
- Continuous learning and system improvement



# Multiple factors making change difficult ...

- Fragmented system of healthcare leading to:
  - Over-utilization and waste
  - Gaps in care due to miscommunication
- Rising complexity of modern healthcare
- Economic uncertainty for physicians due to changing payment models
- Unsustainable cost increases year-over-year

Issues are compounded as most providers lack the resources and/or infrastructure to handle these issues



# Uncoordinated & highly complex ...

- Fragmented system of care
  - Low levels of coordination of care / poor efficiency
  - Poor quality of care / outcomes below potential
- Rising complexities
  - Physicians in private practice interact with as many as 229 other physicians in 117 different practices just for their Medicare patient population (IOM, Sept. 2012)



# Key Questions

- How does aligning physicians fit into a population strategy and why is it so important?
- What are the needs of physicians and what solutions does a system have to help them?
- What is clinical integration and how does it function?
- What are the benefits for both independent physicians and system?
- What progress has our system made to date and what are our future plans?
- What incentive structures are effective?



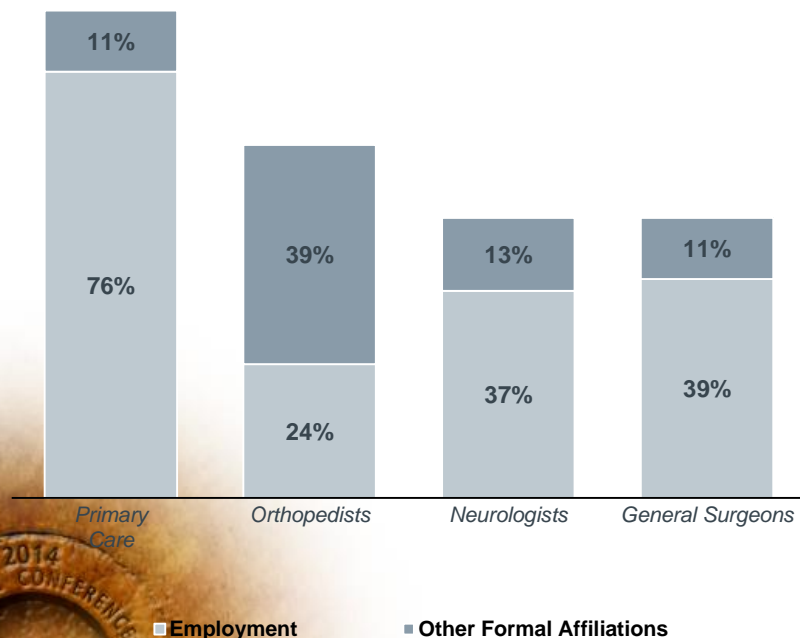


# National Trends in Physician Alignment

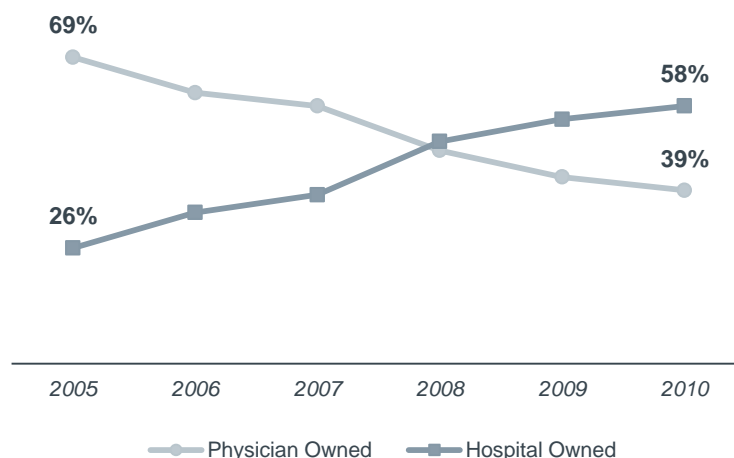
**Physician employment, medical group ownership continue to rise**

## Hospitals Employing or Affiliating with Physicians

*n=46 Hospitals and Health Systems*



## Medical Group Ownership



**44.8%**

Physicians currently  
employed or under  
contract

**70%**

Hospitals reporting  
increase in physician  
employment requests

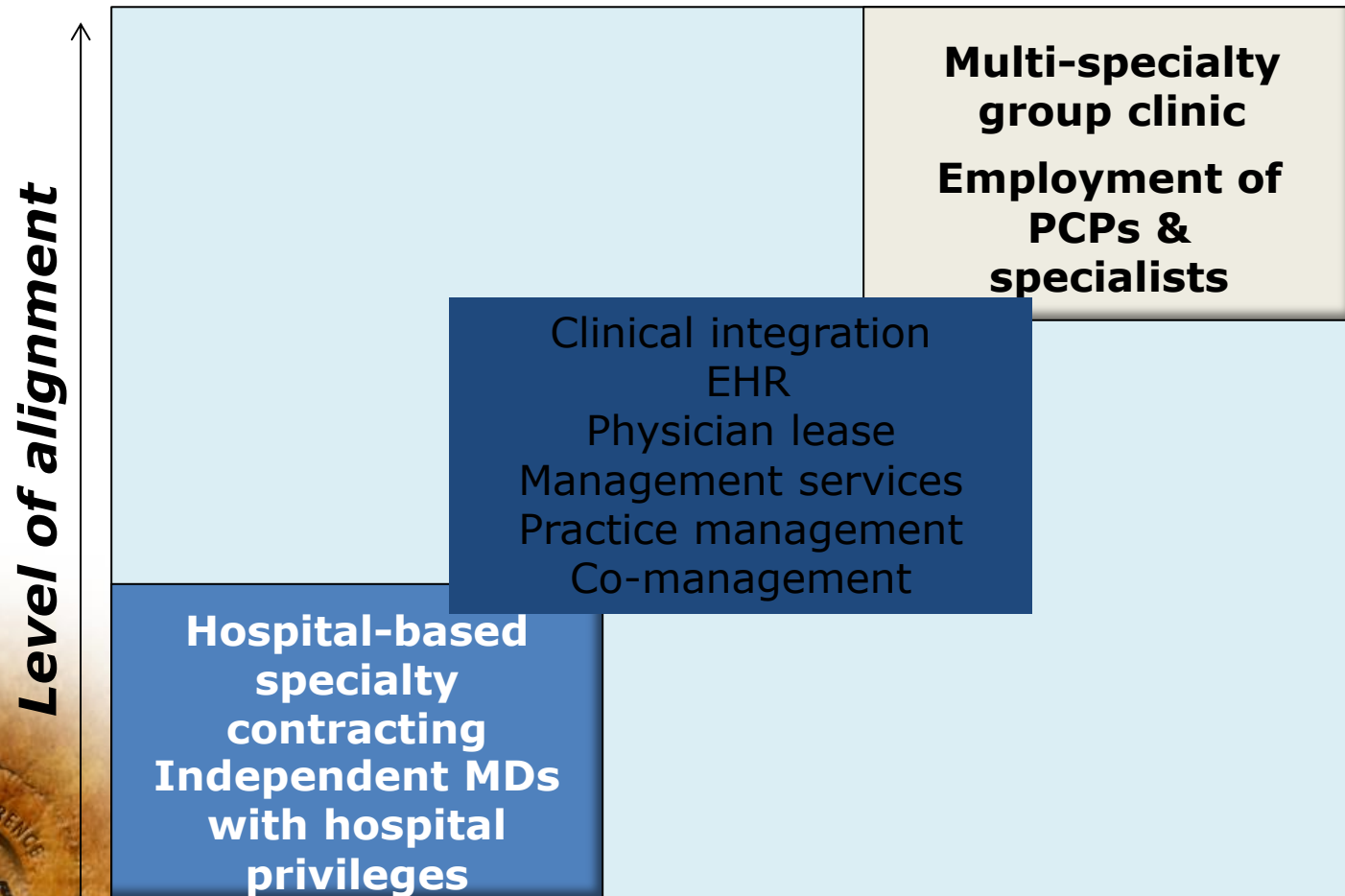
A flock of birds is flying in a V-formation against a blue sky with soft, white clouds. The birds are silhouetted against the sky, and their wings are spread out, creating a sense of movement and direction. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**It's About Aligning Around  
Value...**

**One Patient  
One Team  
One Network**

# The Landscape of Alignment Options

**Integration**



**Autonomy**

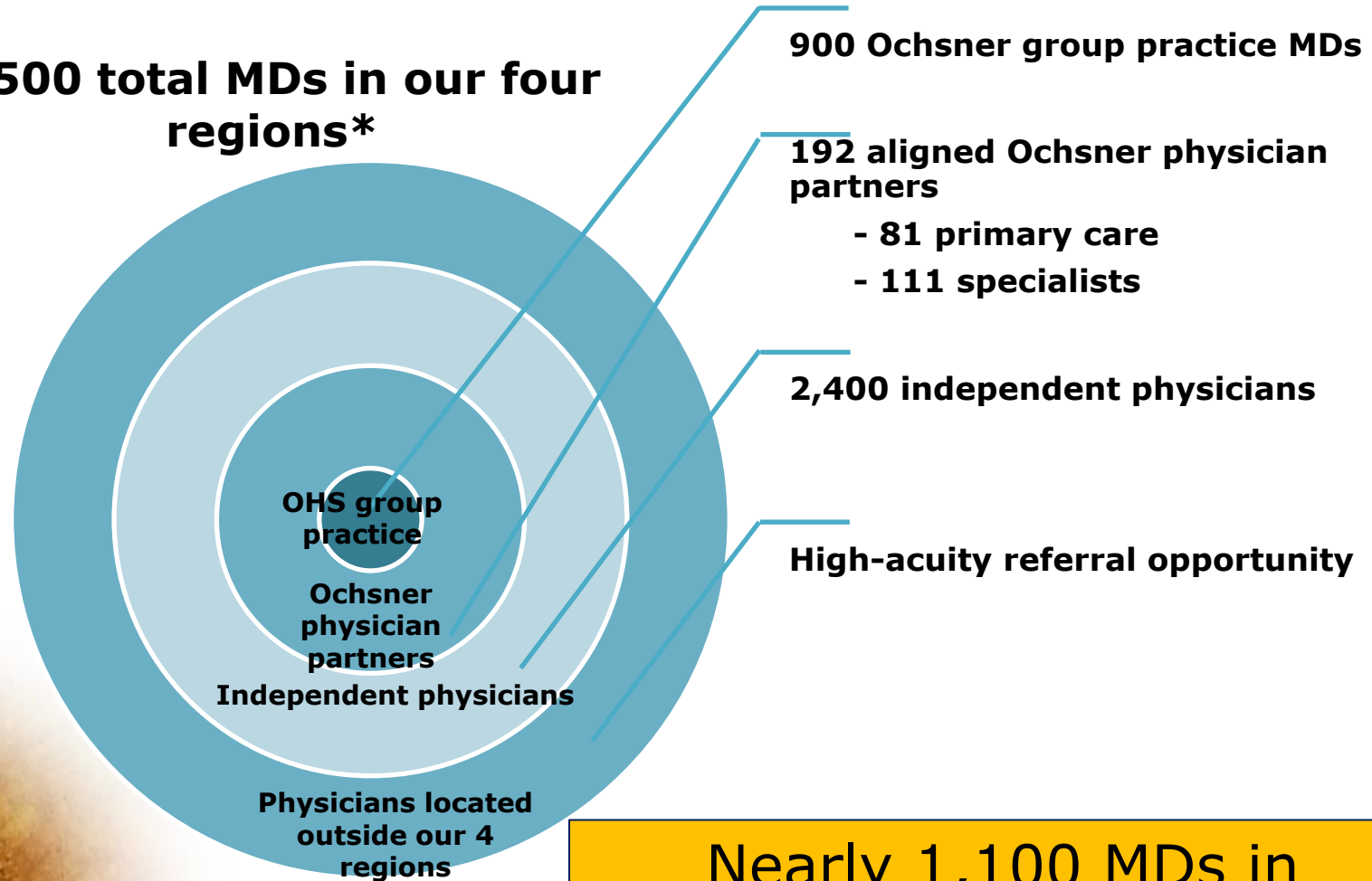
**Degree of difficulty**

**Accountability**



# Our Current Physician Landscape

**3,500 total MDs in our four regions\***

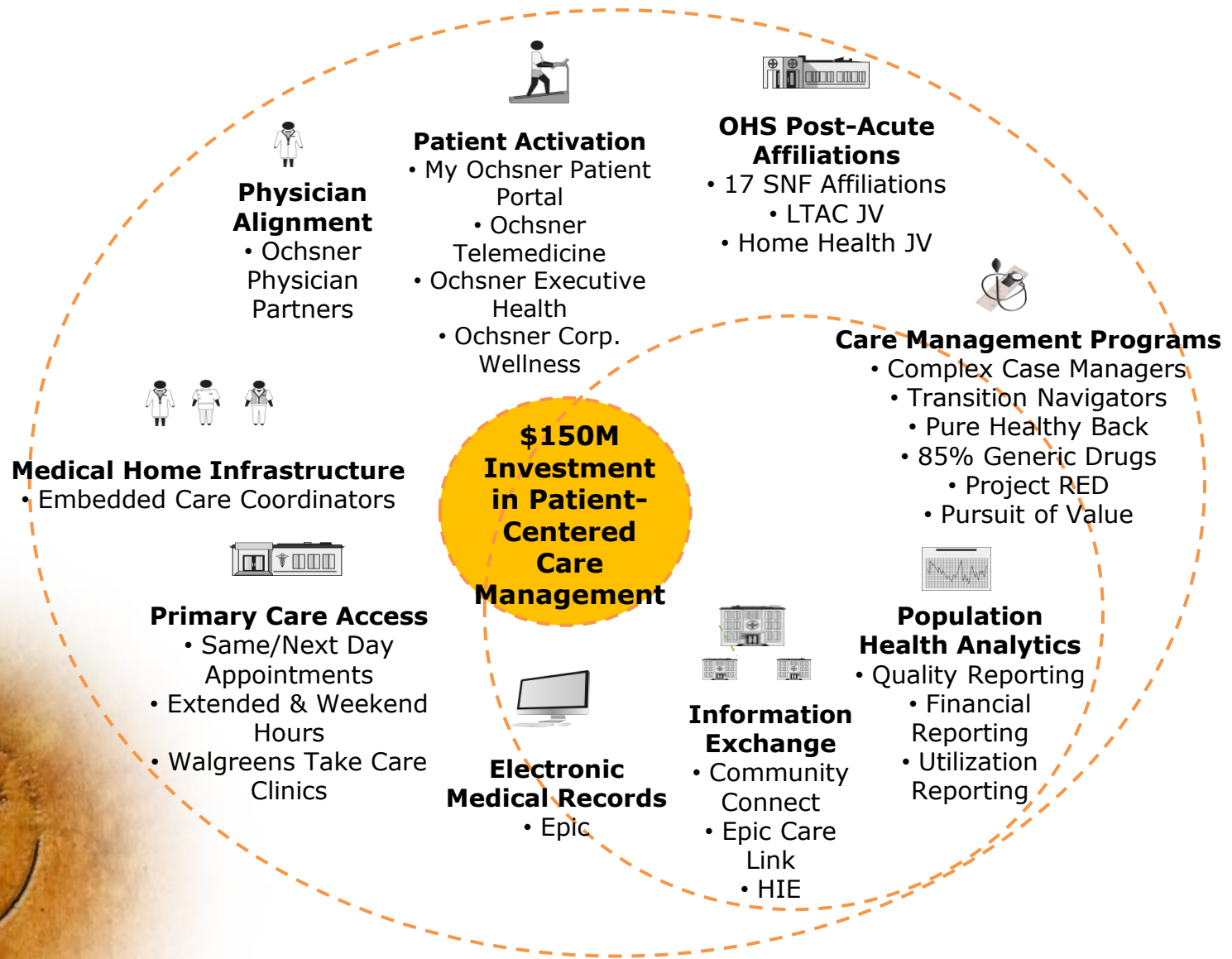


**Nearly 1,100 MDs in clinical integration network**

**\* Includes 900 physicians employed by other hospitals**



# Ochsner Infrastructure Investment ready to Deliver Value under Healthcare Reform





# IT Elements for Population Management

- Enterprise data warehouse
- EHR platform
- Population registry
- Population analytics
- Predictive modeling
- Interoperability across the continuum of care



# Ochsner IT Platforms for Population Management

IT platform	OHS group practice (900 MDs)	OPP groups (195 MDs)	Other (2,400 MDs)
EHR	Live 12/11 (900 MDs)	N/A	N/A
EHR Community Connect	N/A	Live 12/11 (48 MDs)	TBD
Other EHR	N/A	Non group (115 MDs on 24 EHR platforms)	Unknown
No EHR		(32 MD)	Unknown
EHR access	N/A	Live (407 MDs in 85 practices)	Live (407 MDs in 85 practices)
Patient registry	Live 8/13 (900 MDs)	Go live 4/14	
Patient analytics	Go live 3/14 (900 MDs)	Go live 7/14	

# Considerations in EHR Rollout

- Physician leadership and engagement
  - Autonomy, lack understanding, willingness to change, cost
- Information technology
  - Competition for resources across platforms
- Care coordination / patient experience
  - Office support, current workflows
- Quality / efficiency performance
  - Branding, on-going support, ownership

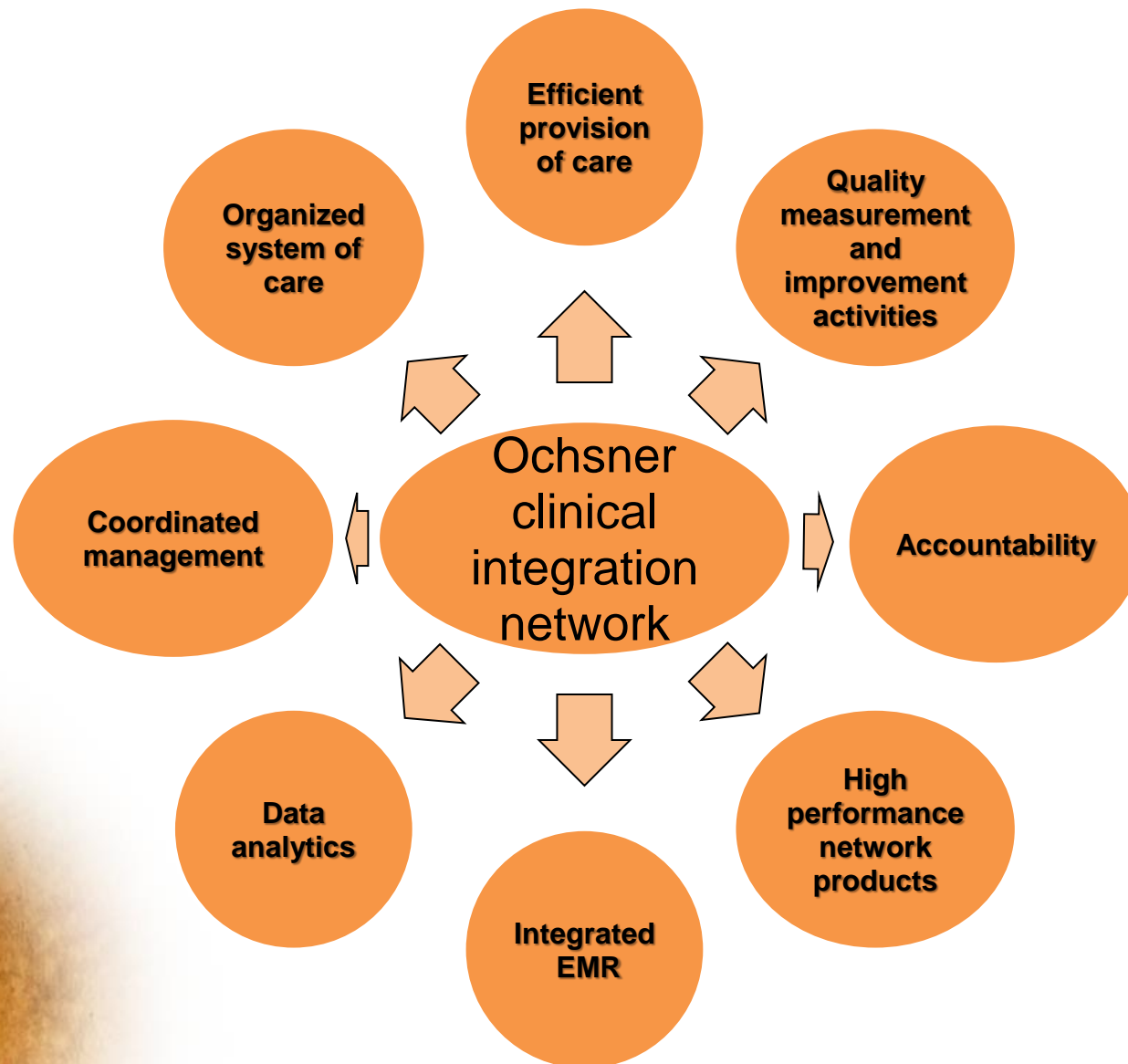


# Value-based Incentive Structures

- Physician leadership and engagement
  - Committees, POV, website
- Information technology
  - High-speed internet, EHR, registry (carrots)
- Care coordination / patient experience
  - Practice coordinator, performance improvement
- Quality / efficiency performance
  - HEDIS, hospital quality metrics



# Our Network Future ...





# Key Lessons Learned

- The transformation to population management is evolutionary
- Prioritize IT investments to insure effective use of limited capital and resources
- Don't forget practice level operational workflows; build systems around the physician
- Work in conjunction with physician leadership to create optimal conditions for change
- Plan for interoperability (break down silos)



# Where Do You Start?

- Develop short and long term system strategy for population management
- Identify target populations for value-based management (self-insured, commercial insurance)
- Work with payers to receive reports and/or claims data (P4P)
- Develop practice level resources to begin the journey



# The Path to the Future

- First, understand we have to change and lead by example
- Build stronger collaboration – hospitals, physicians, post-acute care, insurers, and ACOs
- Embrace population management and global payments by creating entities together to manage populations of people
- Be proactive to change incentives internally and with insurers and physicians
- Fight fragmentation of the delivery system and build strong connectivity with information systems – don't build islands of data



# Execution: Program Design

- Define Offering: Technology, Implementation Services, Support, & MSO Opportunities (ex. Rev Cycle)
  - Clearly define scope of implementation & support
- Governance & Operational Structure to support practices
  - Application & operational support
  - Policies & procedures (ex. Registration – shared database)
  - Service level agreements
- Sales & Marketing Strategy
  - Rules of engagement
  - Establish clear expectations & requirements for program inclusion



# Execution: Program Design

- Subsidization Strategy
  - Align incentive to requirements of practice
- Capital & Operating Budget
  - Tracking mechanism to record, track & collect billable activities (claims/remits, billable services)
- Legal Components
  - Satisfy legal, medical affairs, compliance requirements





# Community Physician Offering

## 1. Technology

- Applications (EHR/PM)
- Hardware
- Connectivity
- Orders / Results Interfaces
- Electronic Claims / Remits

## 2. Implementation Services

- Pre-implementation practice readiness assessment
- Practice build out
- Defining roles
- Pre-defined workflows & application build (“Ochsner Model”)
- Chart abstraction
- Training: mitigate risks of lost productivity
- Go-live support



# Community Physician Offering

## 3. Support

- Define standard support/SLAs & additional capabilities and related fees
- Revenue Cycle Advisory Services – mitigate possibilities of negative PR
- Prioritization of enhancement requests

## 4. MSO Opportunities

- Credentialing
- Revenue cycle
- Customer service
- Patient access (ex. Scheduling)



# Successful Implementation Tactics

## Sales & Marketing

### Goals

1. Establish Affiliate recruiting process to advertise the PM/EHR solution
2. Maintain ability to support initial and ongoing communications with Affiliate
3. Establish expectations of offering & practice responsibilities
  - Physician led: key focus is on EHR, major problems are often in area of revenue cycle
  - Leverage "Model" & use specialty focused content as competitive advantage of your solution
  - Identify practices which may not be "ideal" users, which may require alternative implementation and/or support services



# Successful Implementation Tactics

## Practice Readiness Assessment

### Goals

1. Prepare the practice on what to expect
2. Equip the implementation team with insight into possible challenges
3. Establish baseline measures to monitor practice performance
  - Identify risk areas: practice management, revenue cycle, technology skills, staff
  - Establish baseline metrics: access & revenue cycle measures
  - Observe & document workflows: what they do and why
  - Identify any changes to Ochsner Model (content & workflows)
  - Establish implementation timeline & expectations when time off not permitted



# Successful Implementation Tactics

## **Define a standard EHR/PM “Model”**

### Goals

1. Standard design by specialty
2. Workflows & application design driven by best practices
3. Enable efficient and effective implementation & maintenance
4. Ensures focus on enterprise-wide quality metrics (ex. MU & Core Measures)
  - Scheduling
  - Clinical workflows & specialty focused clinical content
  - Revenue cycle: work queues for claims processing, A/R & denial management, self-pay follow up
  - Reporting



# Successful Implementation Tactics

## Cumulative Learning Training Program

### Goals

1. Drive physician adoption to EHR and new workflows
2. Maintain physician productivity throughout implementation process
  - Online learning complimented by limited medical record abstraction
  - Synchronize formal training and go-live
    - In practice setting
    - Workflows and application
  - Use physician preceptor at go-live model if possible
  - 2 weeks of onsite support





# Successful Implementation Tactics

## Revenue Cycle Considerations

- Cash flow challenges have major PR ripple effect throughout community practices
- Majority of implementation focus is on EHR, however cash flow creates the most risk
- Consider offering RCM solution to community practices
- Consider offering 3<sup>rd</sup> party RCM solution to manage billing on the EHR/PM platform
- Absolutely include Revenue Cycle Advisory services, preferably at a cost
- Informatics: include overview of reporting into the implementation process, analysis with baseline measures



# Successful Implementation Tactics

## Operational Considerations

1. Separate Implementation Teams & Support Teams
2. Formal transition from Implementation to Support 2 weeks after go-live
3. Don't leave practices hanging out there ...
  - Monitor performance metrics
  - Pro-actively walk practice through reports, implications and how to remediate issues 30, 60 & 90 days post go-live
  - On-going remedial training capabilities
  - Training program for upgrades
  - Clearly defined SLAs and escalation path for practice managers



# Questions?



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