

Operational Recovery in Healthcare Using Virtual Technologies

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Overview/Background

CareTech Solutions is an Information Technology and Web Products & Services provider for US hospitals and health systems.

- Founded in 1998
- Located in Troy, MI
- Over 1,000 employees

CareTech delivers products and services to more than 120 healthcare organizations across the United States.













What CareTech Offers Healthcare

Infrastructure & Application Services

- Infrastructure Hosting
- Operational Recovery Services
- Desktop Services
- Network and System Management
- Application Management
- Security
- Capacity Planning, Release Upgrades, & System Backup
- Cabling/ Wireless Network
- Data management

Service Desk Services

- Level 1, 2, & 3 Problem Escalation Services
- Incident Management
- Proactive Infrastructure Monitoring
- Application Performance Monitoring
- End-User Experience Monitoring
- Service-Level Agreement Reporting

Total IT Services

Web Services

- Inter, Intra and Extranet Design & Development
- Content Management System
- Turnkey Modules; i.e. Online bill payment, Interactive Registration, & Online Prescription Refill
- Web Hosting

Document Management Services

- Web-based Document Imaging System
- Secured Document Storage
- Indexing to Manage, Retrieve & Distributes Digital Documents
- HIM Consulting



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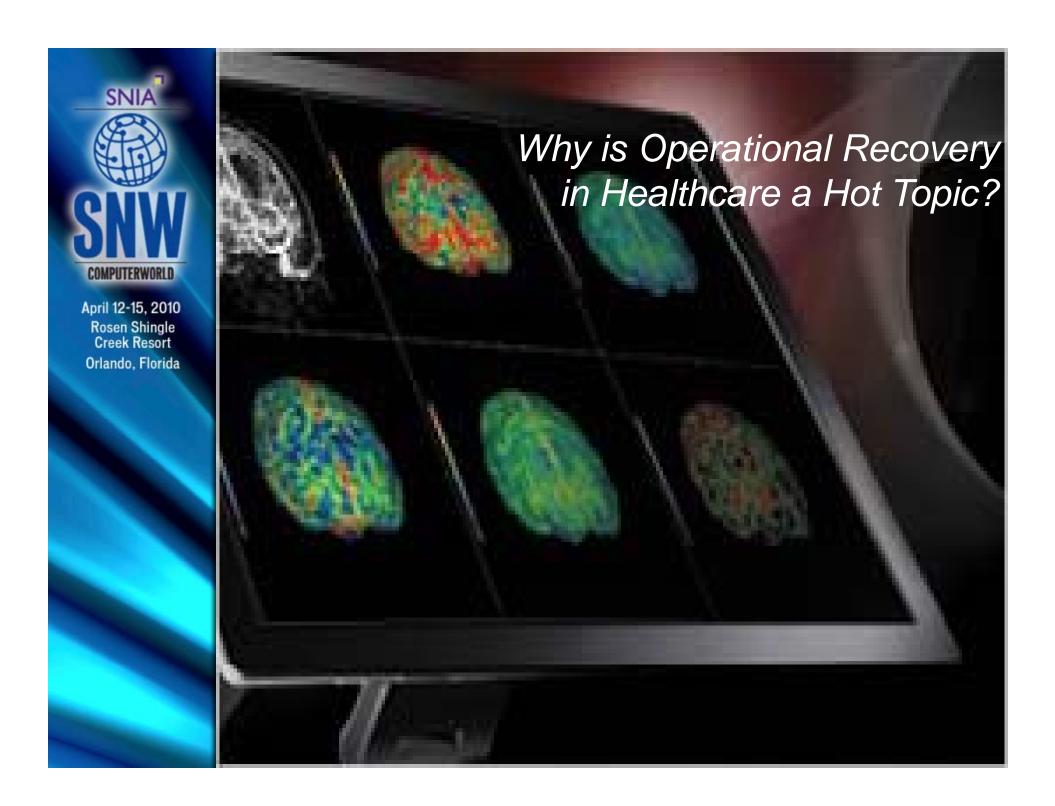
2008 & 2009 Best in KLAS Award for Extensive IT Outsourcing

Overall Perfomance Scores

Rank	Extensive IT Outsourcing Firm	Performance Score
1	CareTech Solutions	90.3
2	Dell Perot Systems	74.3
	Extensive IT Outsourcing Average	66.6
3	Siemens	66.5
4	Eclipsys	54.9
5	ACS	47.1



KLAS helps healthcare providers make informed technology decisions by reporting accurate, honest and impartial vendor performance. Like J.D. Power, KLAS rates products and services based on customer satisfaction - specifically for healthcare. CareTech Solutions is the 2008 and 2009 Best in KLAS award recipient in the IT Outsourcing (Extensive) segment, as ranked by healthcare executives and professionals in the Top 20 Best in KLAS Awards report.





Because We Don't Want Our Healthcare Technology to Fail - *Ever*





Orlando, Florida

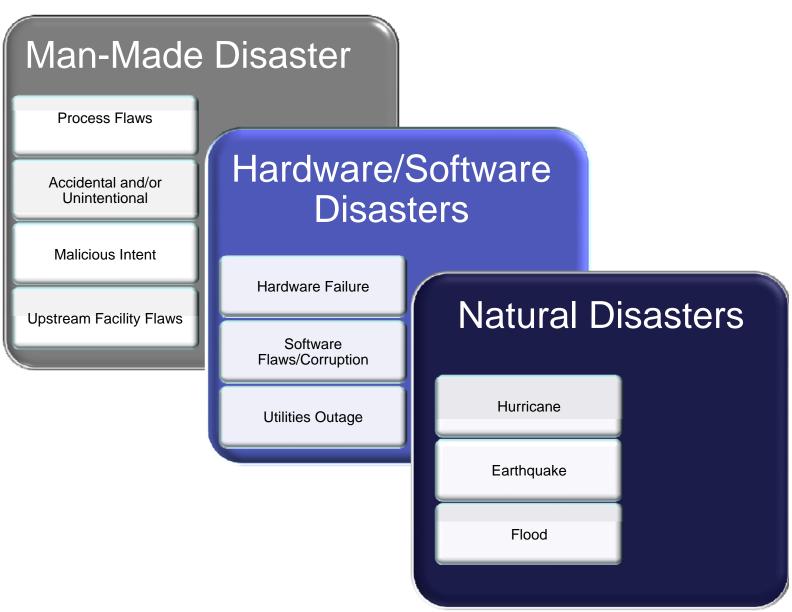
Operational Recovery Can Help Healthcare Address Major Concerns

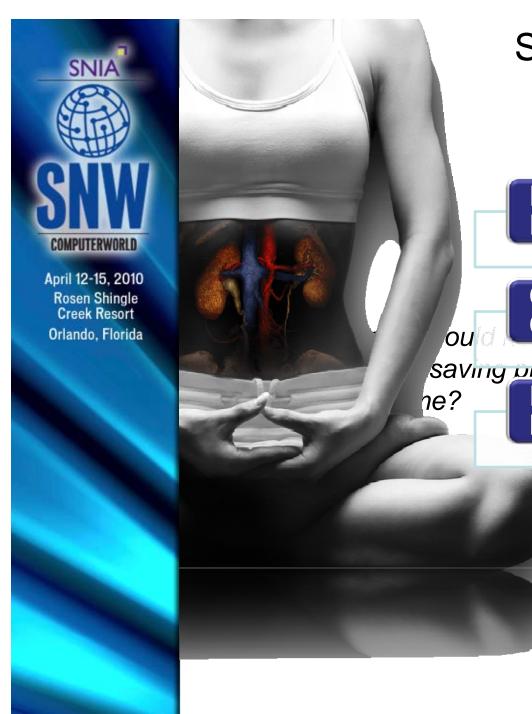
- Patient Safety is at the forefront of critical issues
- The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA),
 HITECH Act, compels healthcare organizations to implement new technologies
- Regulatory pressures are being felt in healthcare
- The financial impact of downtime can be crippling

Technology in healthcare is the foundation of clinical workflow. Without a solid foundation, the workflow is not sustainable and will compromise patient care.



Healthcare Technology is Not Exempt from Disaster The Usual Suspects:





Systems Must Be Reliable

Patient Safety – the Most Critical Factor

Clinician/Employee Confidence in Clinical Technology

saving procedure - due to system or

Reputation of the Hospital/Healthcare Organization



Regulatory Pressures

In 2009, the ARRA's HITECH act included billions of dollars in Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments to providers and hospitals for the "Meaningful Use" of certified health IT products.

Hospitals must achieve "Meaningful Use" criteria of Electronic Health Records (EHR) to qualify for incentive payments or eventually risk being penalized for not meeting the criteria.

Sec. 495.338 (j) HIT implementation advance planning document (IAPD) must contain a statement illustrating certain requirements including system failure and Disaster Recovery procedures.*



The Joint Commission, formerly the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), is a private sector US-based not-for-profit organization.

A majority of state governments recognize Joint Commission accreditation as a condition of licensure and the receipt of Medicaid reimbursement.

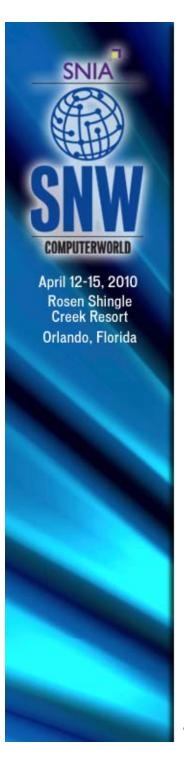
Under **Standard IM.2.30 (IM.01.01.03**)** hospitals must ensure that continuity of information is maintained.**



Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was enacted by US Congress in 1996.

Provisions address the security and privacy of health data and encourages widespread use of electronic data interchange within the US health system.

HIPAA has mandated a **Contingency Plan** with 5 implementation specifications including required data back-up plans and Disaster Recovery Plans.***



Estimated Financial Costs of Down Time in Healthcare

500 Bed Hospital

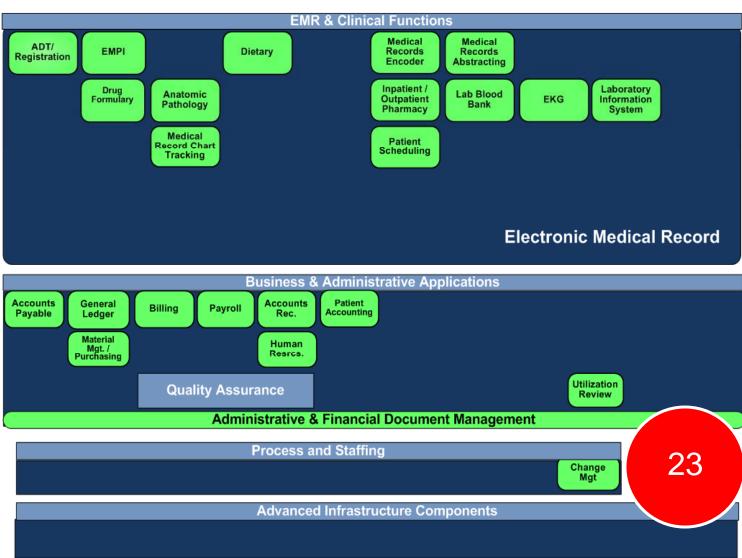
- 1 minute = \$264
- 1 hour = \$15,840
- 1% unavailability annually = \$1.4M

1,400 Bed IDN

- 1 minute = \$1,000
- 1 hour = \$60,000
- 1% unavailability annually = \$10M

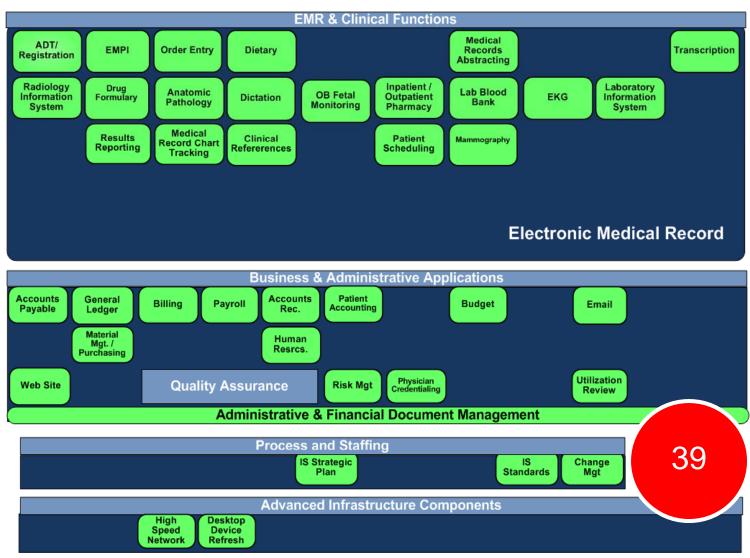


Rear View Mirror: Technology Landscape in the 1980's





The 1990's Put Healthcare Technology on the Map



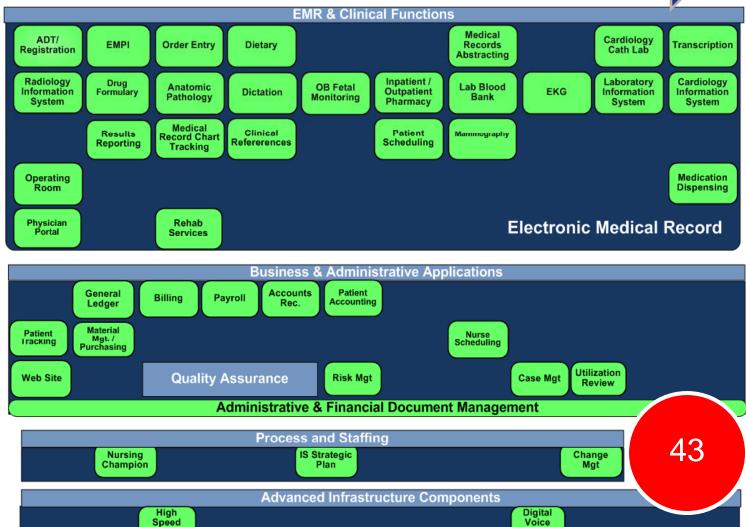


2000-2004

Network

Healthcare Experiences a Technology Explosion: 2000 - Present

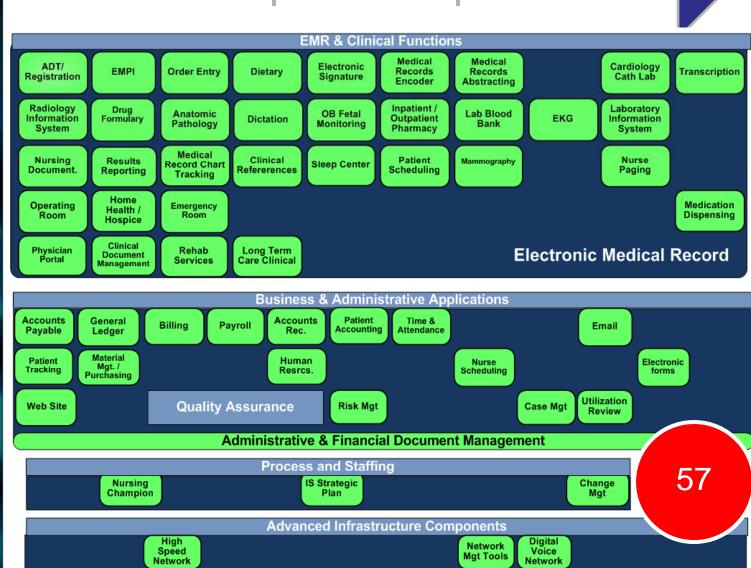
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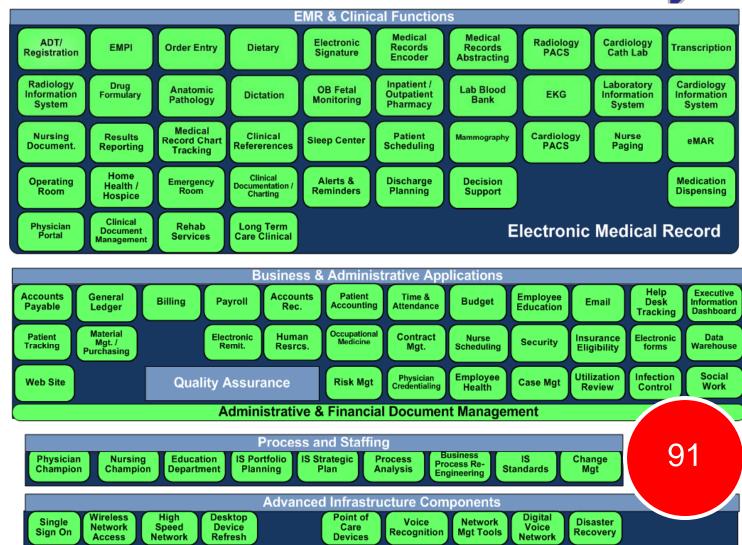
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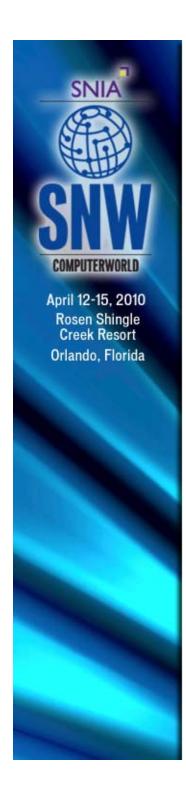




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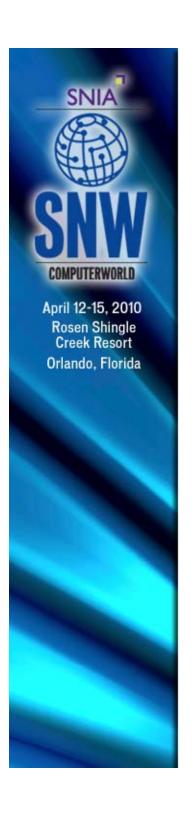
2008-2010





Ever Increasing Systems Implementations

Area	1980s – 1990s	Current
Applications	20-30 Applications	Up to 1,000 Applications
Access Devices	Terminals	PCs, Hand-Held Devices, Thin Clients, Smart Phones
Technology	Mainframe	Bar Coding, RFID, Medical Device Interfaces, Servers, Virtualization
Networks	LAN, Terminal Servers	Wireless Networks, 100mbps/ Gbps , WAN
End Users	20-30% end user access	95-100% end user access
System Availability	8 hours M-F	24 x 7 access needed
Education	Limited	Training Department, Real Time
Key Applications	Billing, Registration	EMR, Revenue Cycle, ERP, QA, EHR
Internet	None	Intranet, Internet, Self-Service, Portals
Application Functions	Billing, Registration, Lab	Registration, Billing, HR, Decision Support, Results Reporting, Charting, Order Entry, Ad-Hoc Reporting, Lab, Pharmacy, PACS, RIS, Med Dispensing, QA
I.S. Workflow	Ad-hoc, manual	Business process re-engineering, Project Management methodology
Disaster Recovery	Backup and restore by I.T.	Downtime procedures, redundant servers, off-site processing, high availability



2000-2004

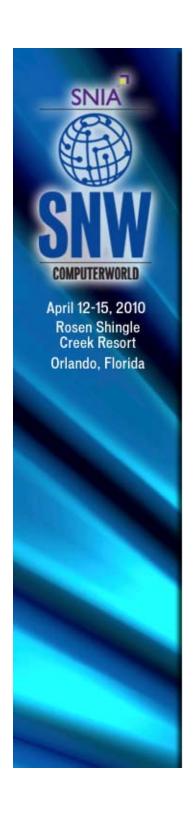
Healthcare Experiences an IT Explosion

Operational Recovery: Healthcare 2000 - 2004

High
bandwidth
communication
required to
support
replication and
delivery

Data
restoration
was handled at
the time of
failure

Discrete platforms for each customer





Pasitive Results...

How Did That Work Out?

Testable

2000-2004

Shortcomings...

Still One-to-One Relationship Mostly Dedicated Hardware

Replication – Still a Challenge

Diversity in Hardware = Restore Challenge Not Supportable
Across All
Aspects of the
Application Stack

High RTO & RPO

Performance - **Sub Par**

Inflexible to Scale

Not Sustainable Long-Term





Operational Recovery: Healthcare 2005-2007

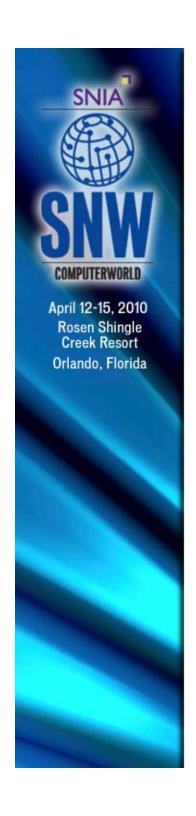
WAN-based Replication

Delta change replication for data sets

Thin client delivery

Storage level replication

Virtualization becoming accepted for product platforms



Reduced WAN bandwidth required

Positive Results...

How Did That Work Out?

Reduced RPO & RTO

2005-2007

Shortcomings...

Up to 50% FTE increase to keep DR host platforms in sync with production – difficult and time consuming

Difficult to test

SAN replication tools expensive - usually required "like for like" replication storage

Not all datasets could be protected at the block level

Not sustainable long-term

Operational Recovery: Healthcare 2008-Present

Fully leveraged DR platform

Scalable on-demand

Thin Client delivery

Quick replication (snapshot) for testing/predeclaration testing



Lower Cost

That Works!

Flexible Testing Options

Parallel Recovery Efforts

Positive Results...

Scalable to user demands

Shortcomings...

Long-Term Use of DR Solution

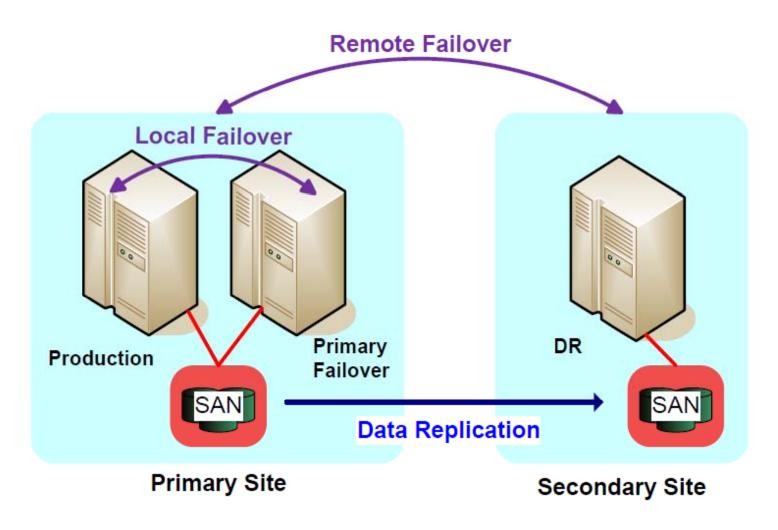


April 12-15, 2010 Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Orlando, Florida Why are virtual technologies essential to Operational Recovery in healthcare?

Because of the increased reliance on systems & the growing need for uptime.

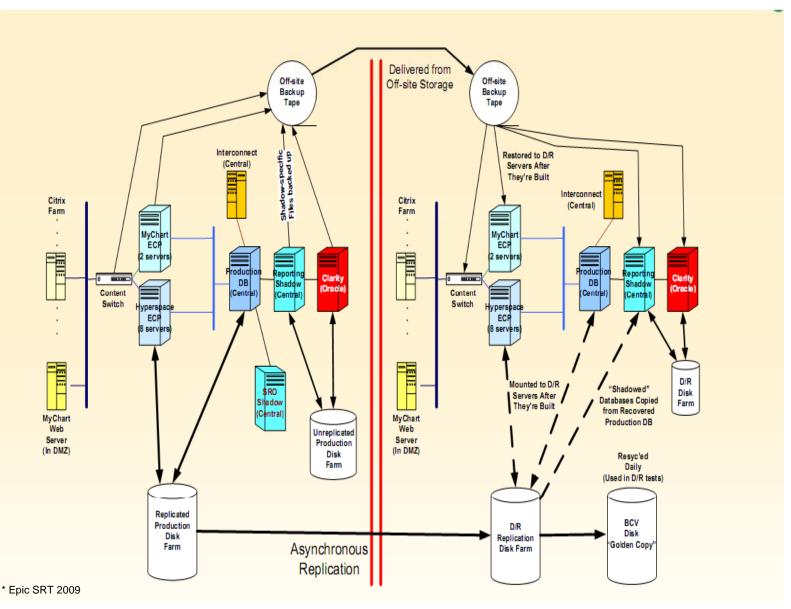


Vendors Make it Sound Simple – But Not This Simple!

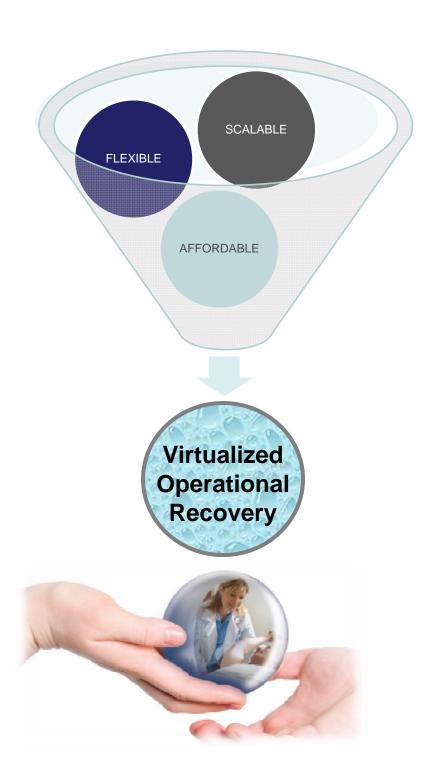


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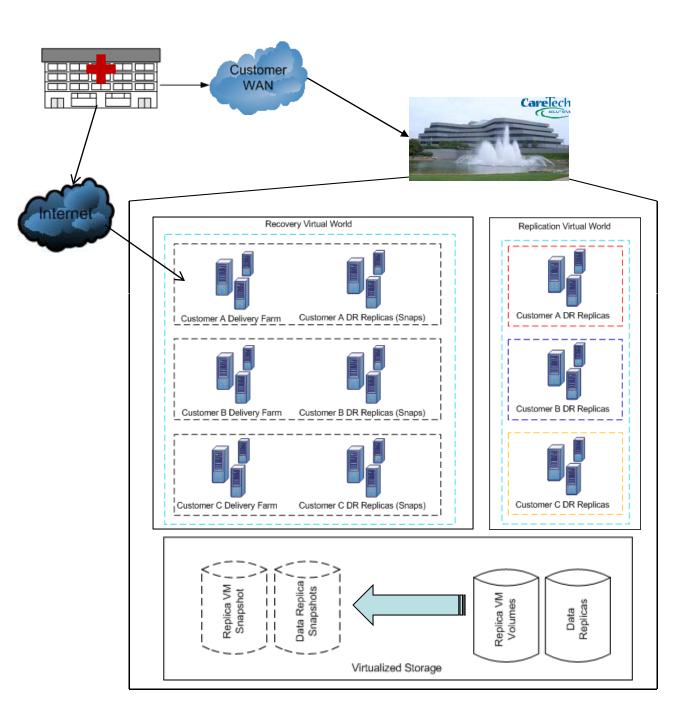
It Looks More Like This... For Each Critical Application













Broad Range of Hardware Platforms

 Our solution allows us to deliver services without consideration of what the source platforms are

System Interdependencies Create Many Recovery Complexities

 Flexibility in our recovery architecture allows us to recover one or more systems as necessary to accommodate customer requirements

Challenging Testing Requirements

 Storage / VM snapshots allow us to recover systems for testing or validation without disruption of the replication process

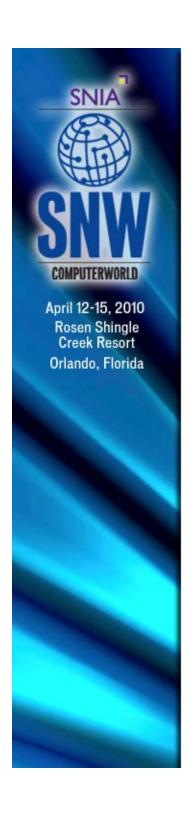
Physical Limitations

 Limitations removed both from storage location & type because storage is managed in a single virtual pool, generating a single storage image

Distributed Data Locations

- Virtual Tape Libraries
- WAN acceleration
- De-duplication





Any Questions?

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