

Value-Based Health Care Delivery: Implications for Providers

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Value-Based Competition in Health Care

- Value-Based Health Care Delivery is an intensive, week-long course on the fundamental principles of value-based competition in health care delivery and examining organizations working to implement those principles in practice
- The graduate-level course will be held at Harvard Business School from **January 7 – 11, 2008**
- The course is open by application to Harvard MBA students, MD students, Health Policy PhD students, and others pursuing health care-related courses of study
- Applications are due by **9am November 1, 2007**. The online application weblink is:
<http://poll.hbs.edu/poll/open/pollTakerOpen.jsp?poll=117808>
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**Immersion Course on Value-Based
Health Care Delivery**
January 7-11, 2008

	Monday, January 7	Tuesday, January 8	Wednesday, January 9	Thursday, January 10	Friday, January 11
8:30-9:30am	Welcome & Course Overview				
9:00-10:30am	Session 1: Introduction to Value-Based Health Care Delivery Case: ThedaCare: System Strategy	Session 3: Integrated Care Delivery Case: The West German Headache Center: Integrated Migraine Care	Session 5: Integrated Primary Care Models Case: Commonwealth Care Alliance	Session 7: Integrated Practice Units Case: MD Anderson Cancer Center: The Head and Neck Center	Session 9: Care Delivery in Resource-Poor Settings Case: Rural HIV Care in Rwanda
10:30-11:00am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00am-12:30pm	Guest: John Toussaint, CEO, ThedaCare Lecture	Guest: Klaus Boettcher, CEO, KKH Lecture	Guest: CEO, Commonwealth Care Alliance Lecture	Guest: Chief Medical Officer, MD Anderson Lecture	Guest: TBA Lecture
12:30-1:30pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:30-3:00pm	Session 2: Medical Conditions/Care Cycles Case: Diabetes Care in Minneapolis	Session 4: Results Measurement Case: In-Vitro Fertilization: Outcomes Measurement	Session 6: Role of Health Plans and Employers Case: Aetna: Health Plan Strategy	Session 8: Integrated Care Delivery Case: Cardiovascular Care at Brigham and Women's Hospital: Shapiro Center	Session 10: Provider Growth Strategy Case: Cleveland Clinic: Growth Strategy
3:00-3:15pm	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
3:15-4:45pm	Guest: TBA Lecture	Guest: Dr. James Goldfarb, Cleveland Clinic Lecture	Guests: Senior Management, Aetna Lecture	Guests: Brigham and Women's Leadership Lecture	Guest: Toby Cosgrove, CEO, Cleveland Clinic Lecture
4:45-5:00pm	<p>• The course schedule can be found at: http://www.hbs.edu/rhc/health_care_course.html</p>			Break	Course Wrap-Up
5:00-6:30pm				Guest Lecture on Health Policy & Medicare Reimbursement (Tentative)	

Proposals for Reform

- Single Payer System
- Consumer-Driven Health Care
- Pay for Performance
- Electronic Medical Records
- Integrated Payer-Provider Systems

The Paradox of U.S. Health Care

The United States has a **private system** with **intense competition**

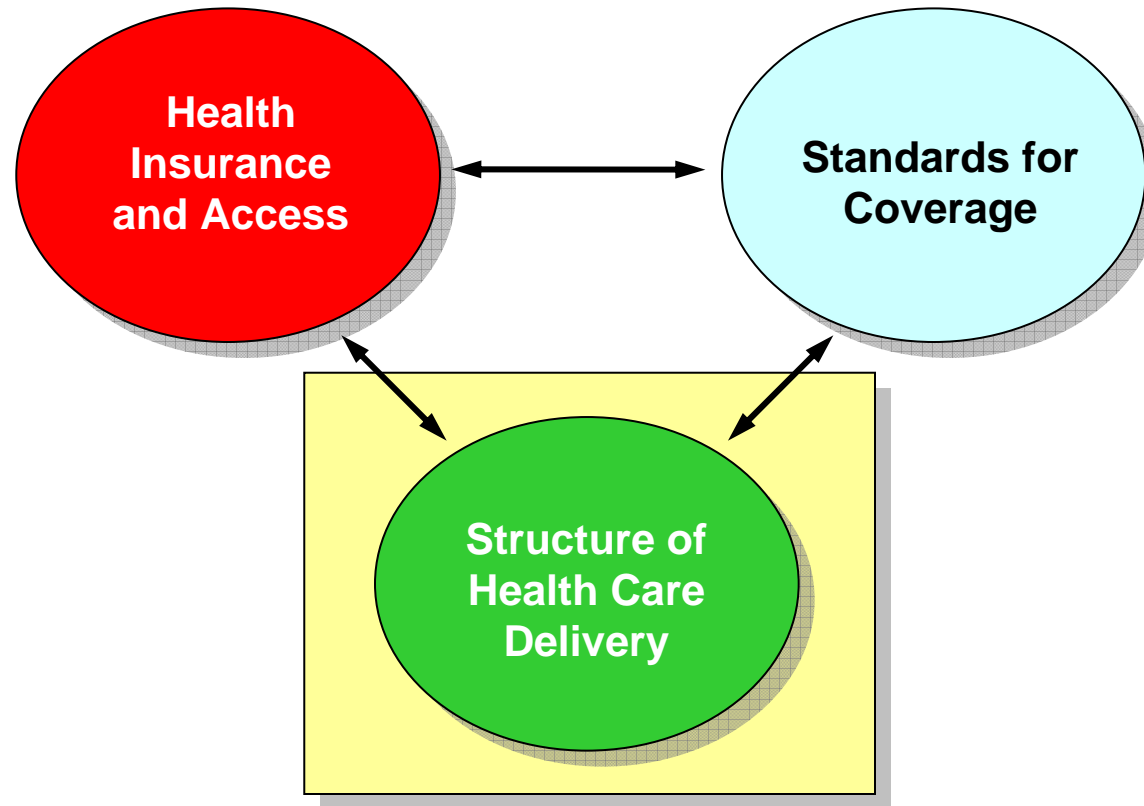
But

- Costs are **high** and **rising**
- Services are **restricted** and often **fall well short** of recommended care
- In other services, there is **overuse** of care
- Standards of care often **lag** and fail to follow accepted benchmarks
- **Diagnosis errors** are common
- Preventable **treatment errors** are common
- Huge **quality** and **cost differences** persist across **providers**
- Huge **quality** and **cost differences** persist across **geographic areas**
- Best practices are **slow** to spread
- Innovation is **resisted**



- Competition is **not** working
- How is this state of affairs possible?

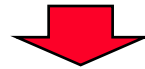
Issues in Health Care Reform



Redefining Health Care

- Universal insurance **is not enough**
- The core issue in health care is the **value of health care delivered**

Value: Patient outcomes per dollar spent



- How to design a health care system that **dramatically improves value**
 - Ownership of entities is secondary
- How to create a **dynamic system** that keeps rapidly improving

Creating a Value-Based Health Care System

- Significant improvement in value will require **fundamental restructuring of health care delivery**, not incremental improvements

Today, 21st century medical technology is delivered with 19th century organization structures, management practices, and pricing models

- TQM, process improvements, and safety initiatives are beneficial but **not sufficient**

Creating a Value-Based Health Care System

- Competition is a powerful force to encourage **restructuring** of care and **continuous improvement** in value

Zero-Sum Competition in U.S. Health Care

Bad Competition

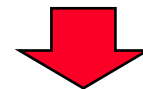
- Competition to **shift costs** or **capture a bigger share of revenue**
- Competition to **increase bargaining power**
- Competition to **capture patients** and **restrict choice**
- Competition to **restrict services** in order to maximize revenue per visit or reduce costs



Zero or Negative Sum

Good Competition

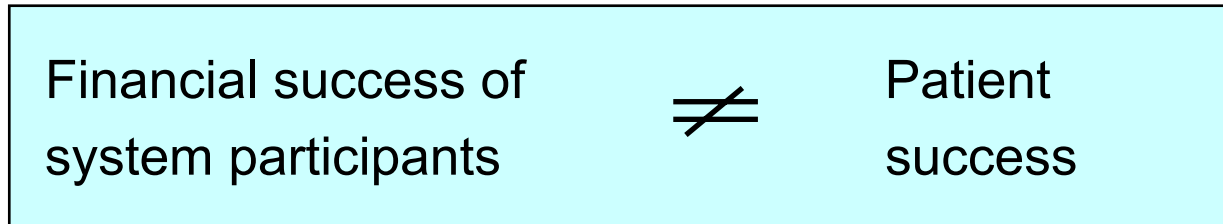
- Competition to **increase value for patients**



Positive Sum

Creating a Value-Based Health Care System

- Today's **competition** in health care is often **not aligned with value**



- Creating **competition on value** is the central challenge in health care reform

Principles of Value-Based Competition

1. The goal should be **value for patients**, not just lowering costs
 - This will require going **beyond cost containment** and **administrative savings**

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2. The best way to **contain costs** is to drive **improvement in quality**

- Prevention
- Early detection
- Right diagnosis
- Early treatment
- Right treatment to the right patients
- Treatment earlier in the causal chain of disease
- Fewer mistakes and repeats in treatment
- Fewer delays in the care delivery process
- Less invasive treatment methods
- Faster recovery
- More complete recovery
- Less disability
- Fewer relapses or acute episodes
- Slower disease progression
- Less need for long term care



- Better health is **inherently less expensive** than poor health

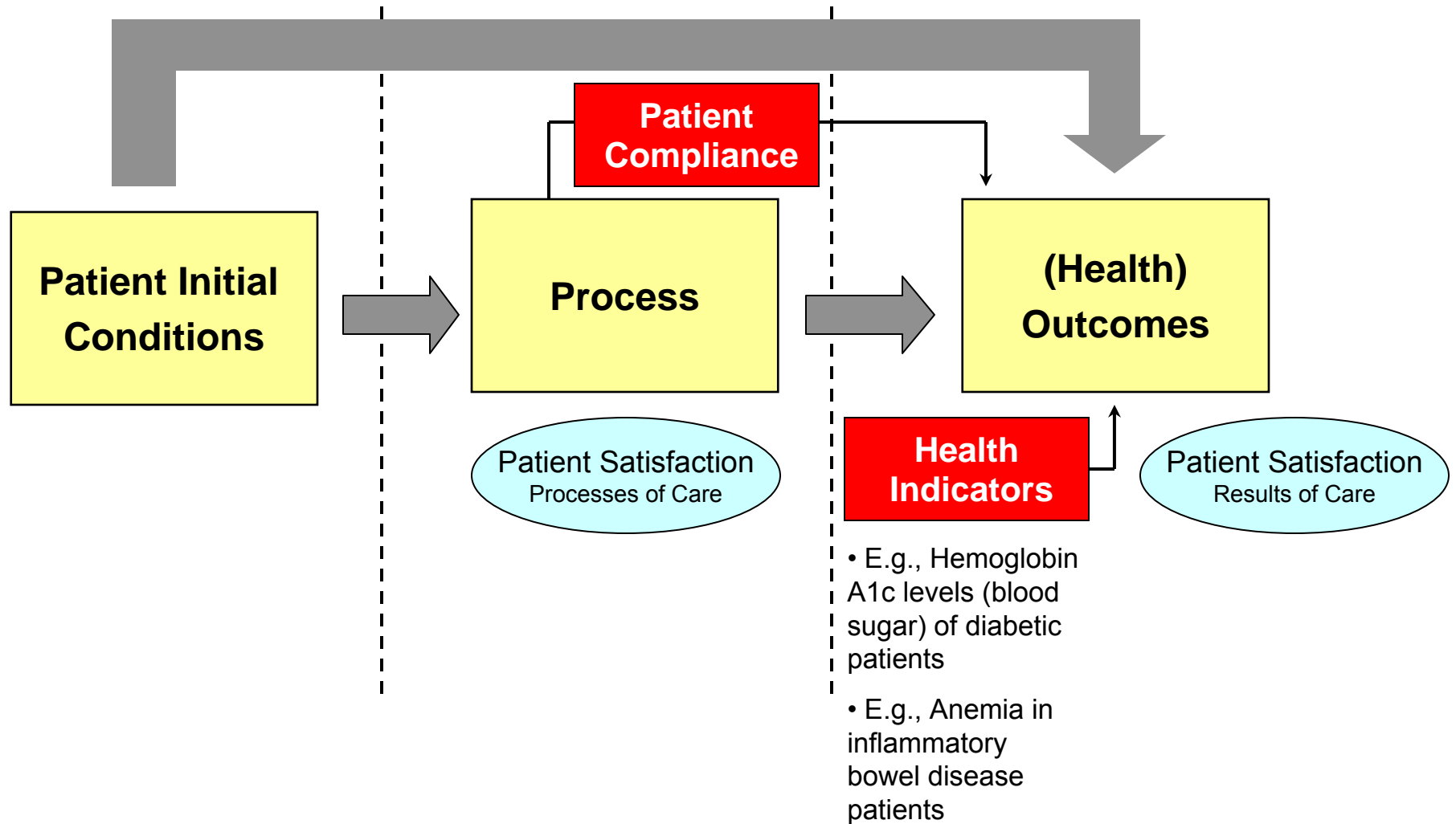
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- Results vs. process compliance

Measuring Results



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- Results vs. supply control
- Results vs. process compliance
- Get patients to excellent providers vs. “lift all boats” or “pay for performance”
- Expand the proportion of patients cared for by the most effective teams
- Grow the excellent teams by reallocating capacity and expanding across locations

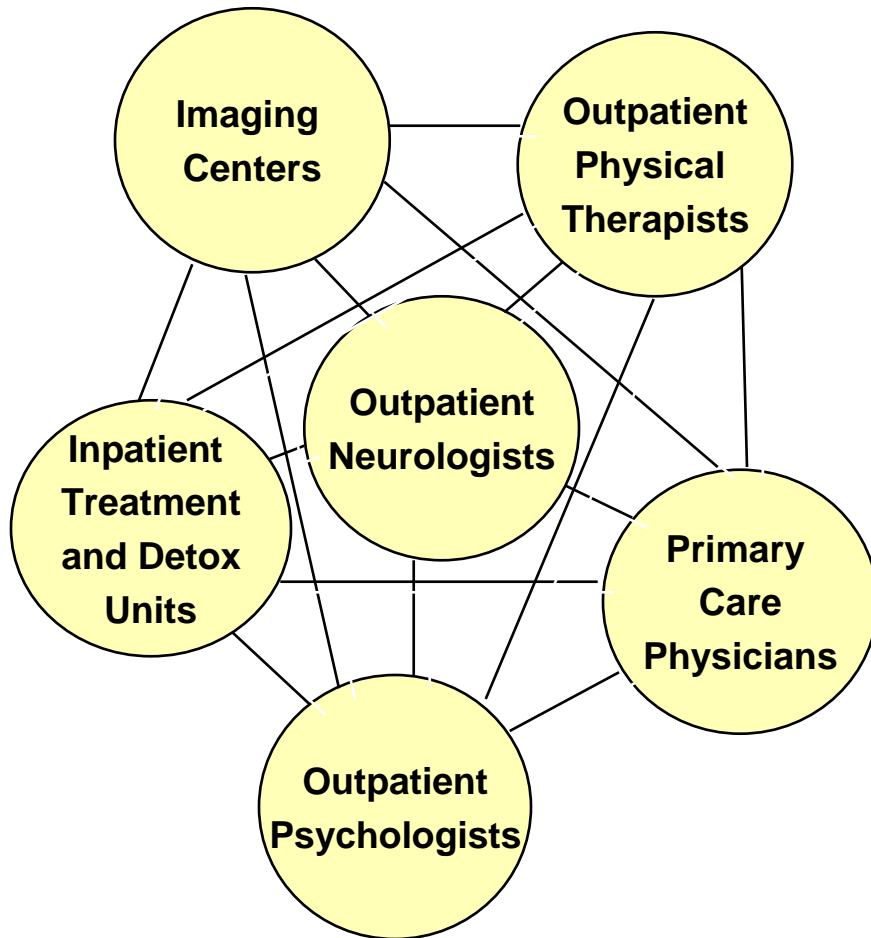
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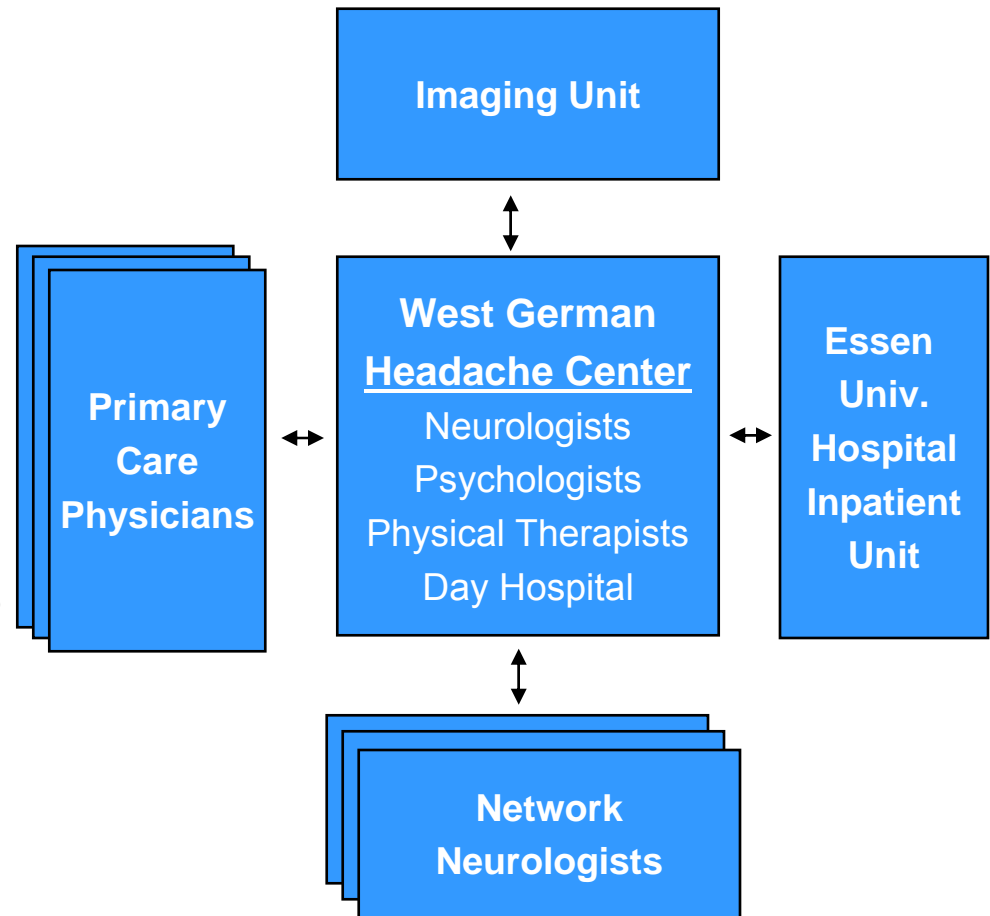
Restructuring Health Care Delivery

Migraine Care in Germany

Old Model: Organize by Specialty and Discrete Services



New Model: Integrated Practice Unit (IPU)



Source: KKH, Westdeutsches Kopfschmerzzentrum

What is a Medical Condition?

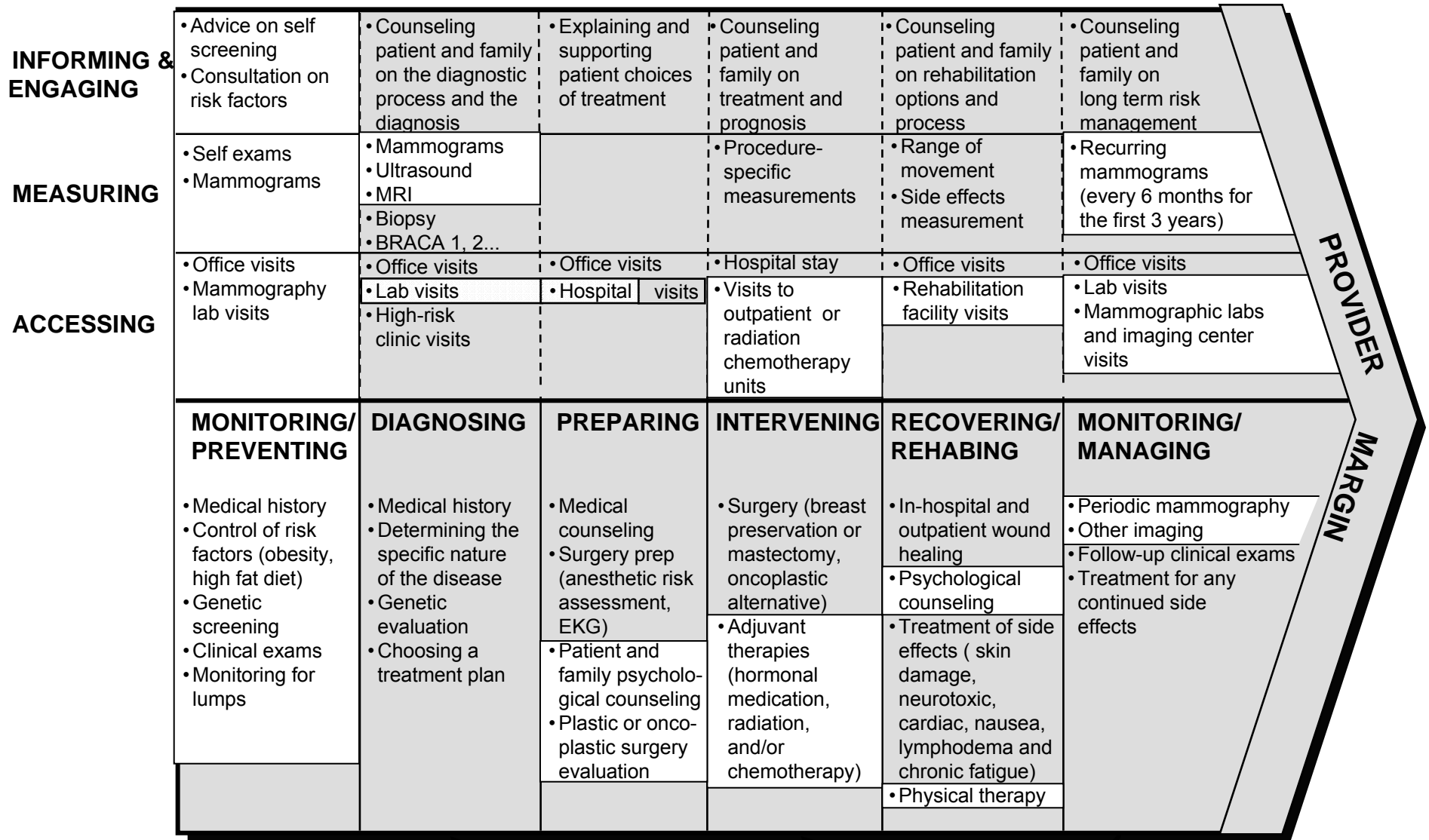
- A medical condition is **an interrelated set of patient medical circumstances best addressed in an integrated way**
 - From the patient's perspective
- **Includes** the most common co-occurrences
- Examples
 - Diabetes (including vascular disease, hypertension, others)
 - Breast Cancer
 - Stroke
 - Migraine
 - Asthma
 - Congestive Heart Failure
 - HIV/AIDS



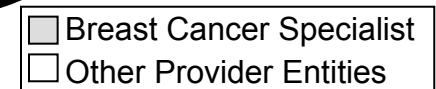
- The boundaries of a medical condition can depend on a provider's **patient population**

The Care Delivery Value Chain

Breast Cancer

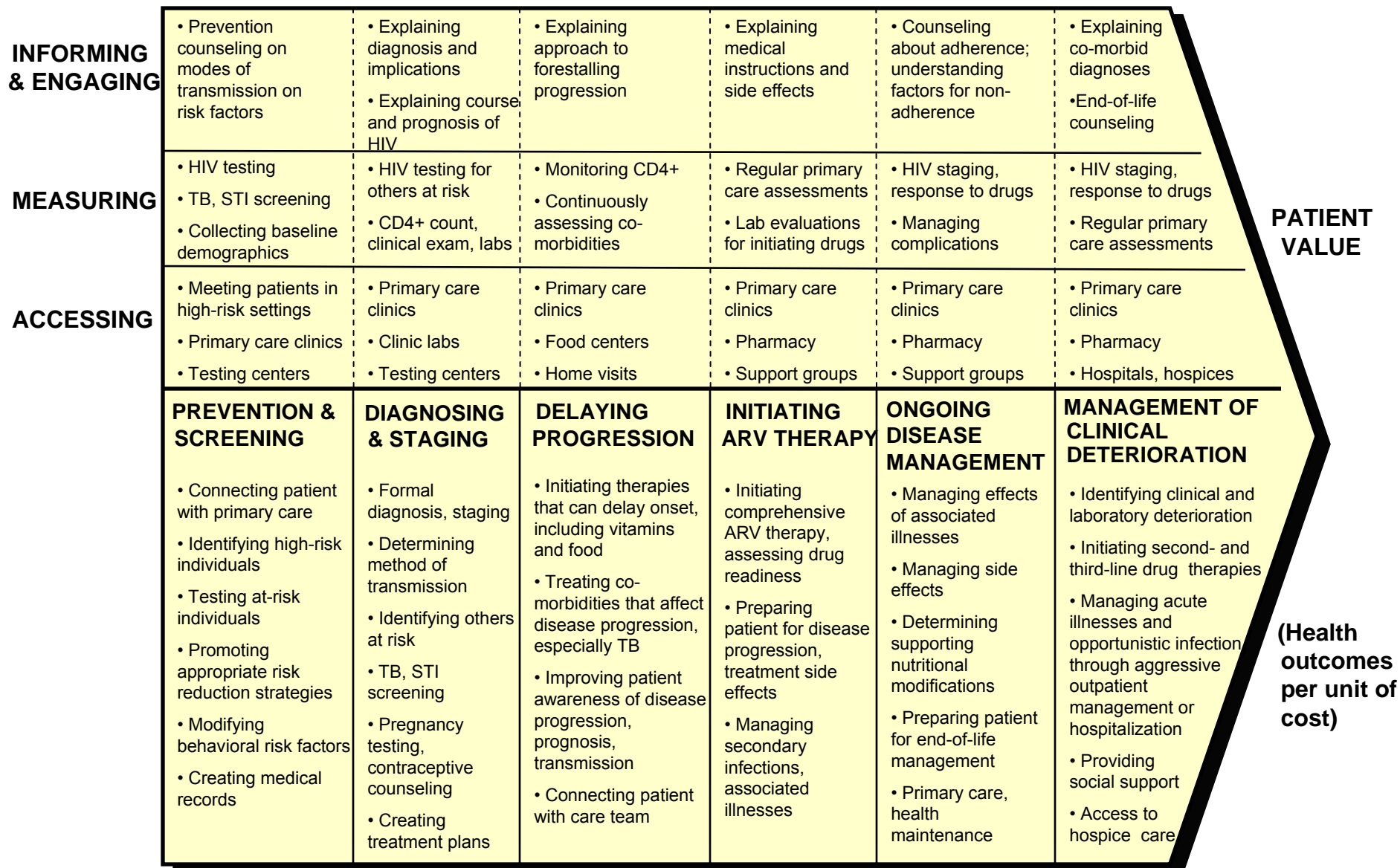


- **Primary care providers** are often the beginning and end of care cycles



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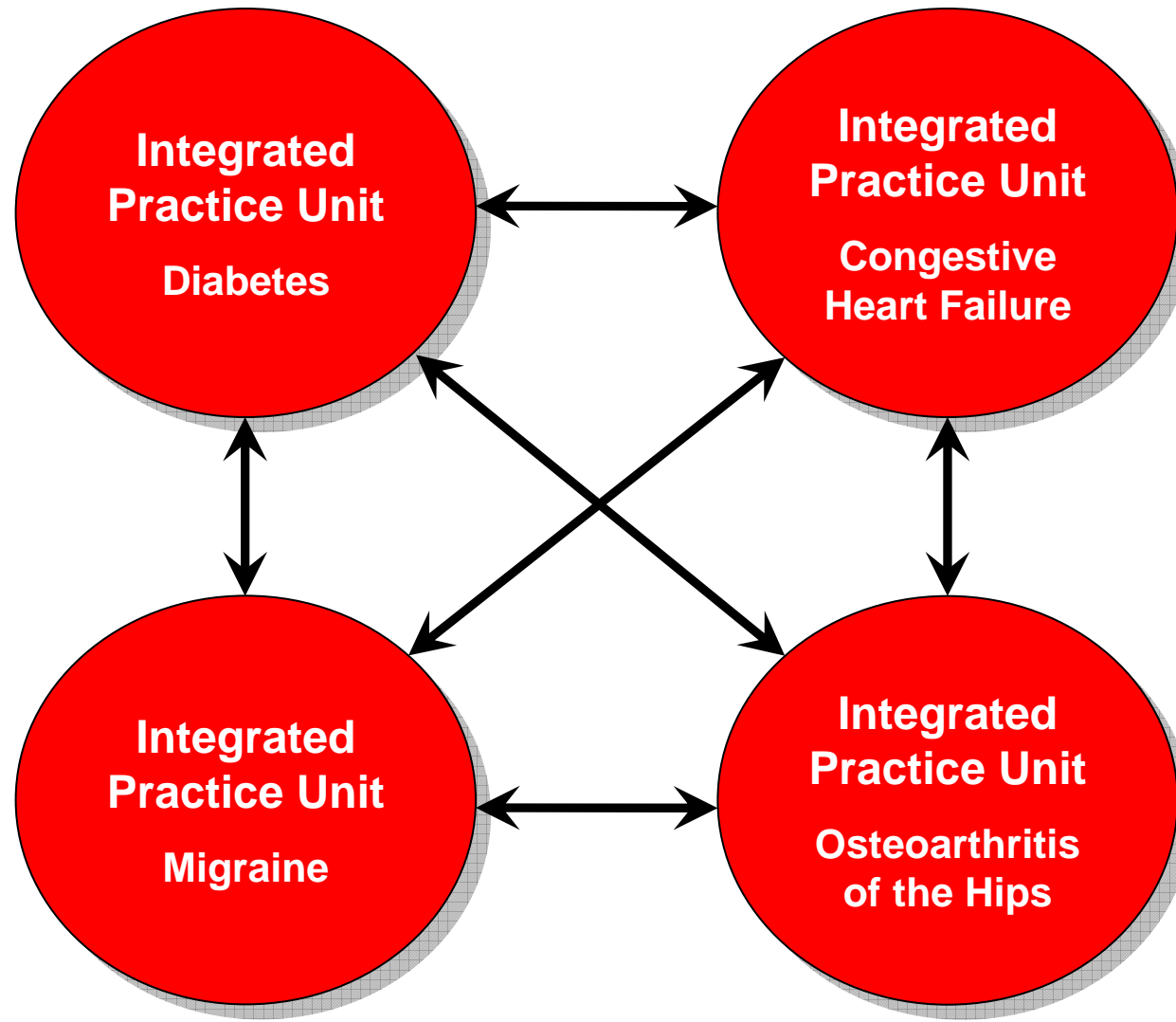
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PATIENT VALUE

(Health outcomes per unit of cost)

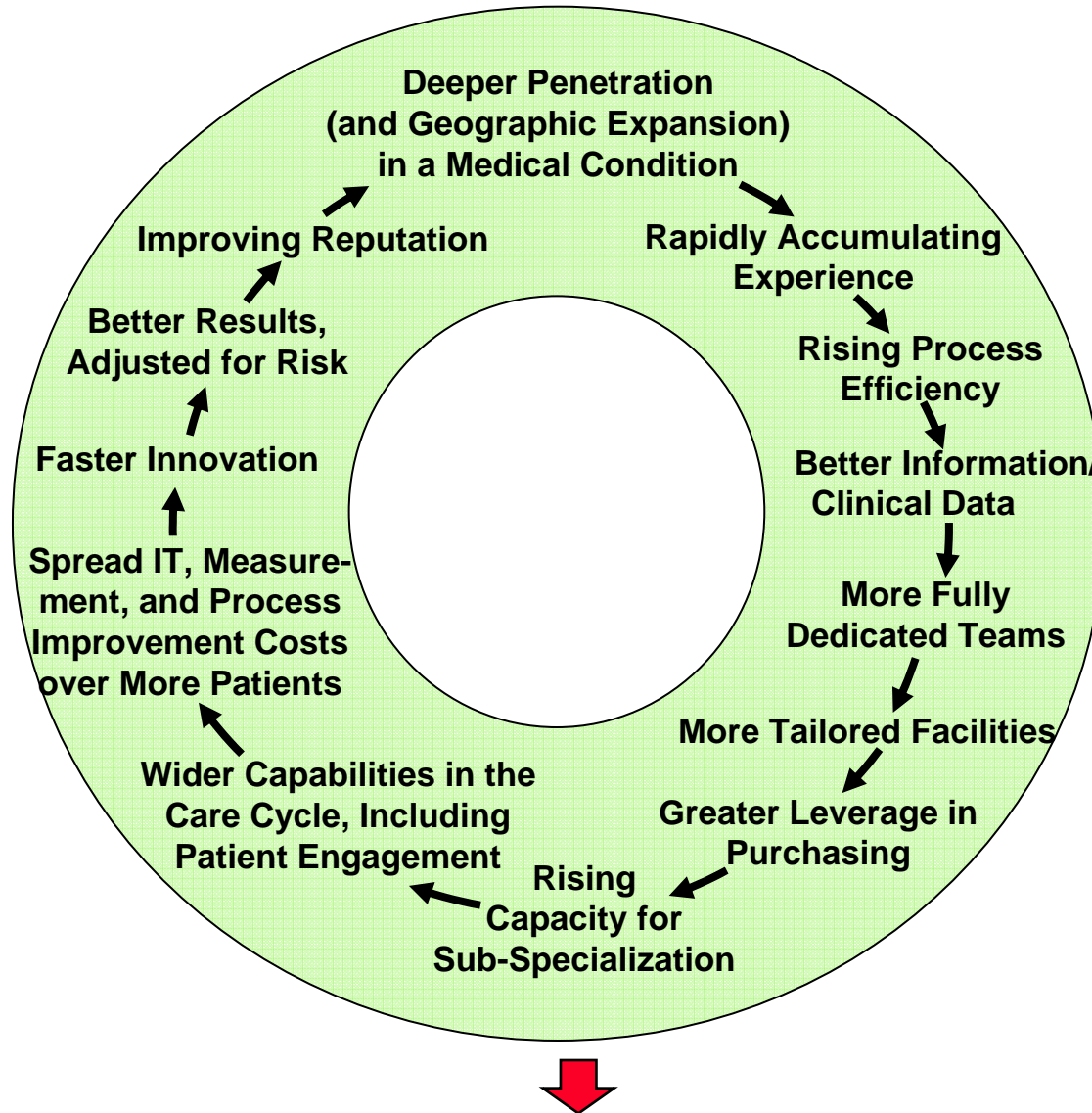
Integrating Care Delivery: Patients With Multiple Medical Conditions



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The Virtuous Circle in a Medical Condition



- The virtuous cycle extends **across geography**
- Fragmentation of provider services works against patient value

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 - Manage care cycles **across geography**
 - Utilize partnerships and inter-organizational integration among separate institutions

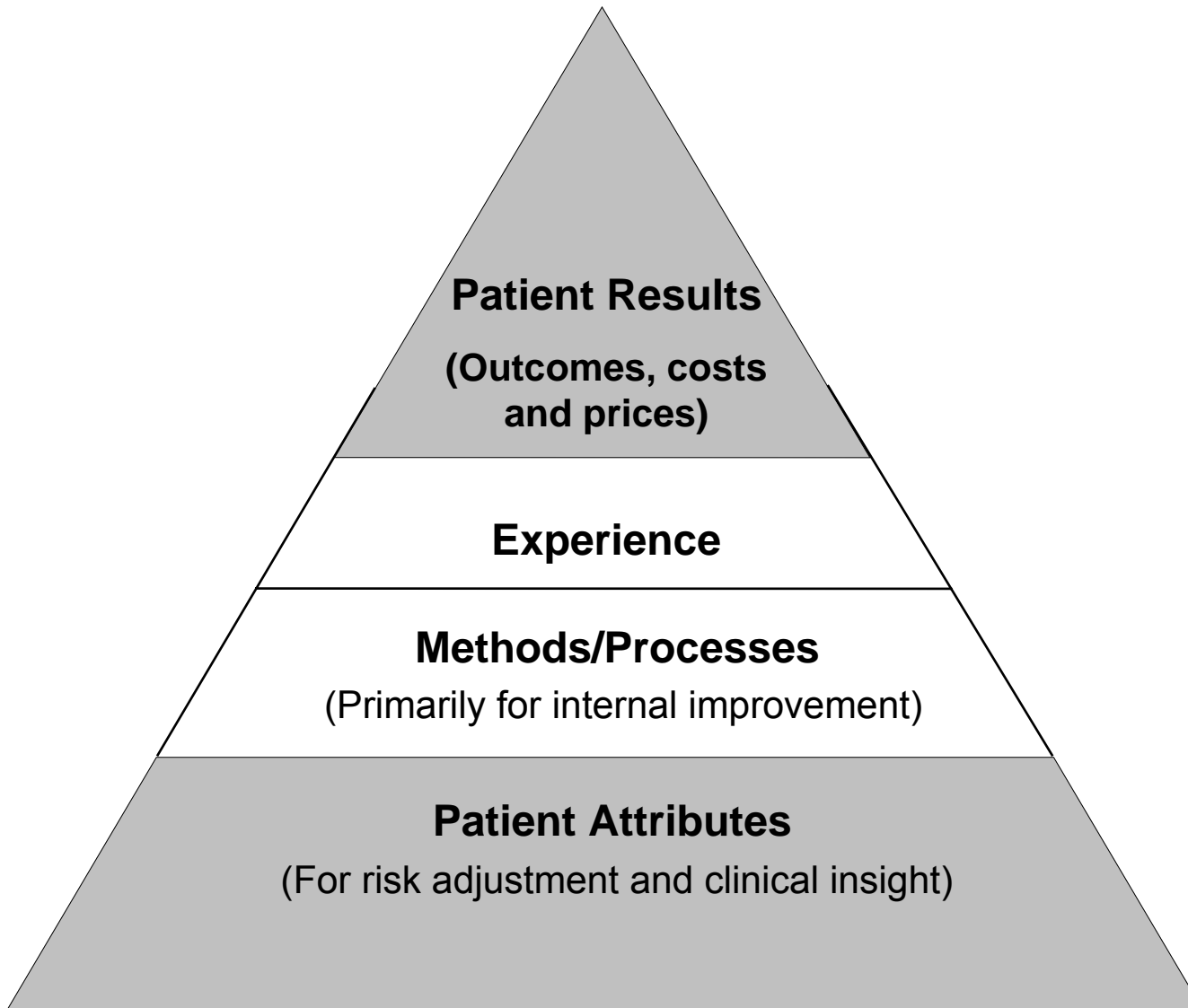
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Measuring Results

The Information Hierarchy

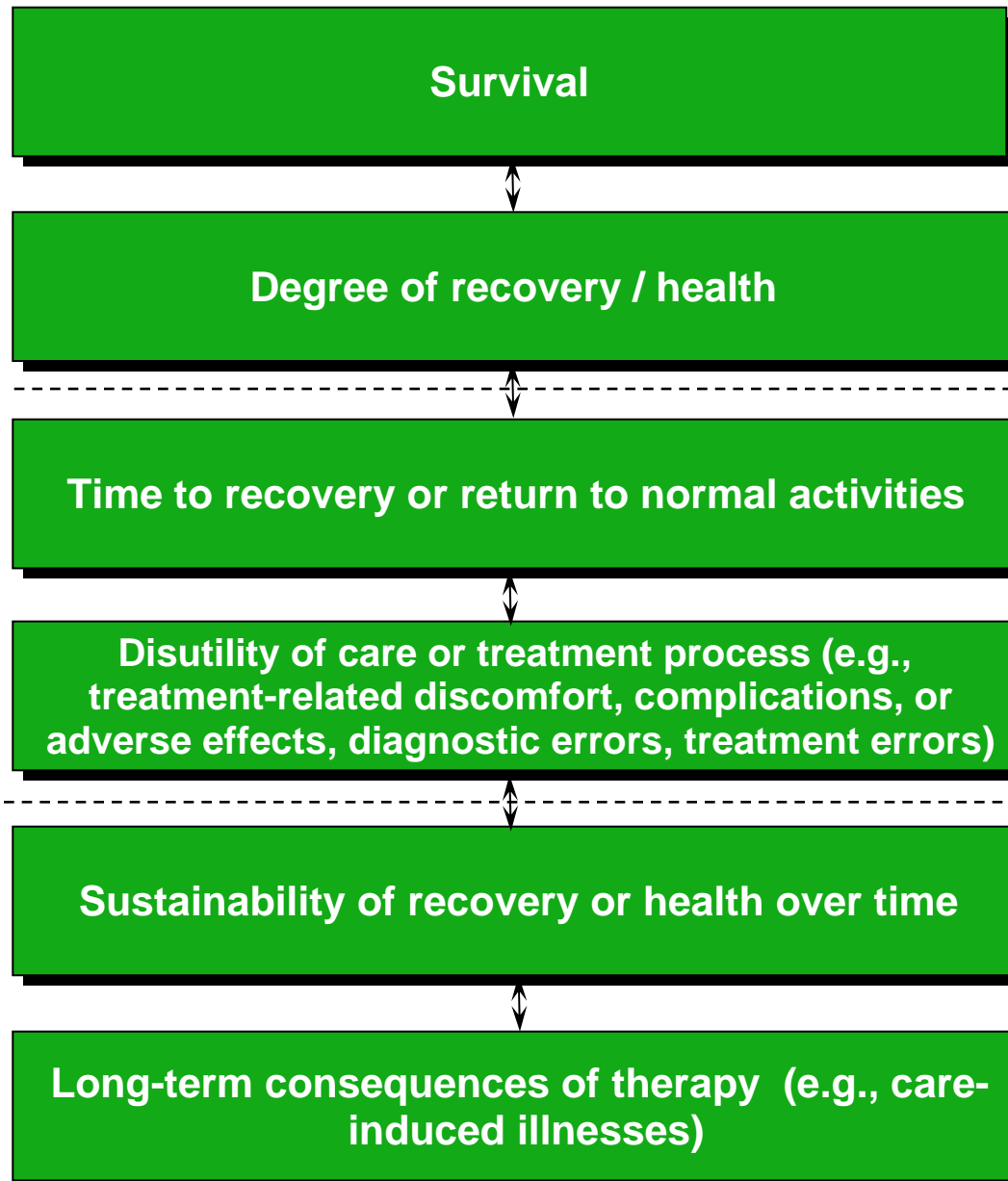


Measuring Results Principles

- Measure **outcomes** versus processes of care
- Outcome measurement should take place:
 - At the **medical condition** level
 - Over the **cycle of care**
- There are **multiple outcomes** for every medical condition

Measuring Outcomes

The Outcome Measures Hierarchy



Outcome Measures Hierarchy for Breast Cancer Initial Conditions

- Stage of disease
- Type of cancer (infiltrating ductal carcinoma, tubular, medullary, lobular, etc.)
- Sites of metastases
- Estrogen and progesterone receptor status (positive or negative)
- Age
- Menopausal status
- General health, including co-morbidities



- **Patient initial conditions** affect both treatment options and results

Outcome Measures Hierarchy for Breast Cancer, cont'd.

Survival



**Degree of recovery
/ health**

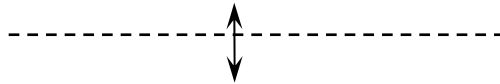


**Time to recovery
and/or return to
normal activities**

- **Overall survival**
- **Remission**
- **Functional status**
- Results of **breast conservation surgery**
- Time to **remission**
- Time to achieve **functional status**

Outcome Measures Hierarchy for Breast Cancer, cont'd.

Disutility of care or treatment process (e.g., treatment-related discomfort, complications, or adverse effects, diagnostic errors, treatment errors)



Sustainability of recovery or health over time



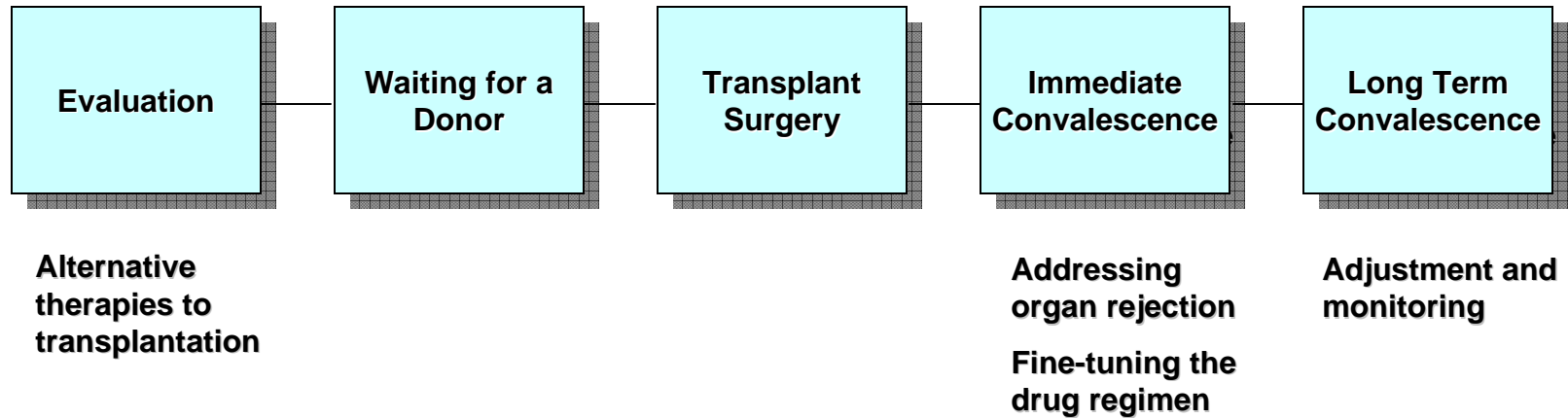
Long-term consequences of therapy (e.g., care-induced illnesses)

- **Nosocomial infection** (by type)
- **Nausea**
- **Vomiting**
- **Febrile neutropenia**
- **Limitation of motion** from surgery
- **Depression**
- **Disease free survival**
- **Sustainability of functional status**
- **Incidence of secondary cancers**
- **Brachial plexopathy**
- **Premature osteoporosis** due to early menopause from chemotherapy

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8. Reimbursement should be aligned with **value** and reward **innovation**
 - Reimbursement for care cycles, not discrete treatments or services
 - Most DRG systems are **too narrow**

Organ Transplantation Care Cycle



- Leading transplantation centers quote a **single price**

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9. **Information technology** is an **enabler** of restructuring care delivery and measuring results, **not a solution itself**
 - Common data definitions
 - Interoperability standards
 - Patient-centered database

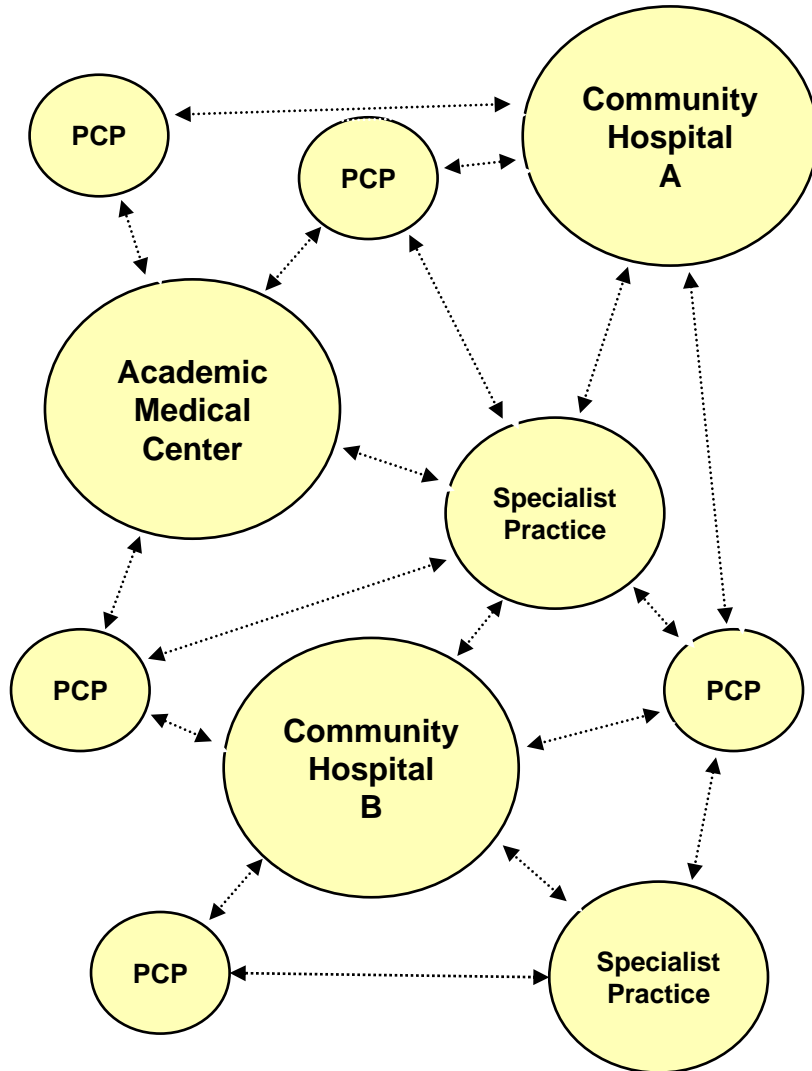
Moving to Value-Based Competition

Implications for Providers

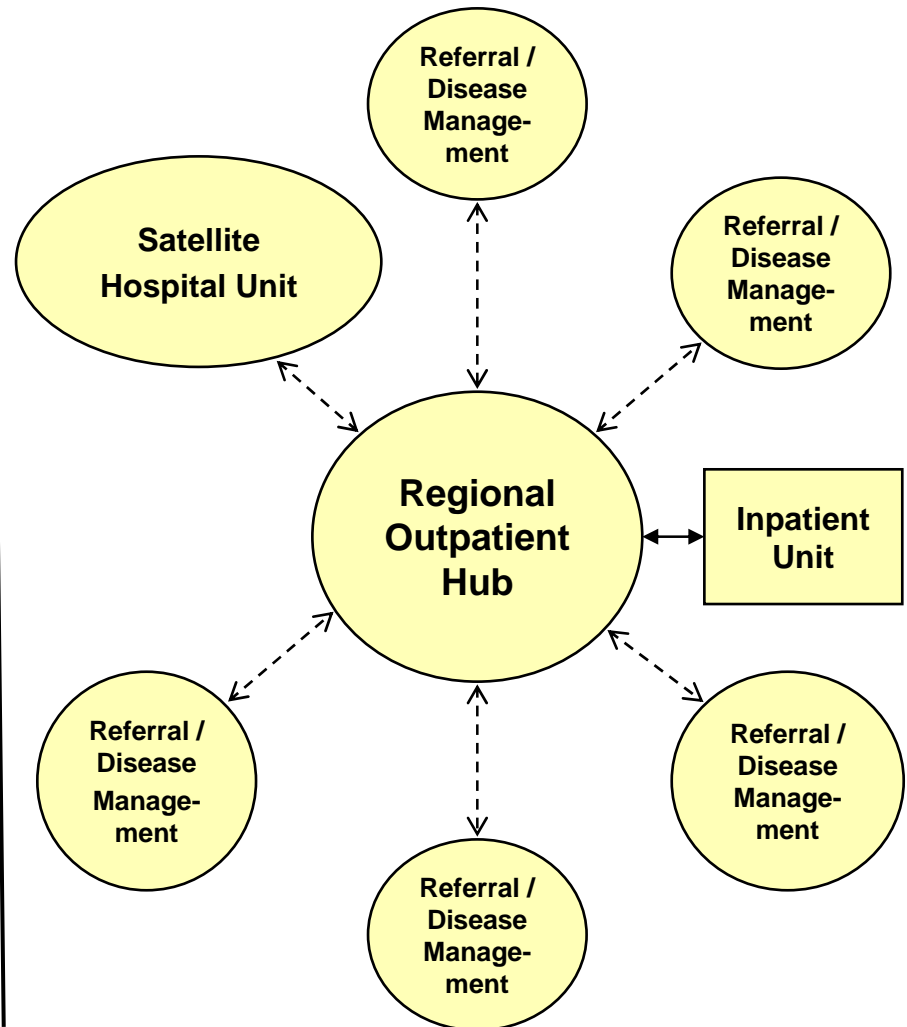
- Organize around **integrated practice units** (IPU) for each medical condition
- Choose the appropriate **scope of services** in each facility based on excellence in **patient value**
- Integrate services for each medical condition **across geographic locations**
- Employ formal **partnerships** and **alliances** across entities involved in the care cycle to integrate care and improve capabilities
- Measure **results** by medical condition
- Expand high-performance IPUs **across geography** using an integrated model
 - Instead of merging broad line, stand-alone facilities
- Lead the development of **new contracting models** with health plans based on care cycle reimbursement

Integrating Services Across Geography

Current Model: Each Unit is Stand Alone and Offers Most Services

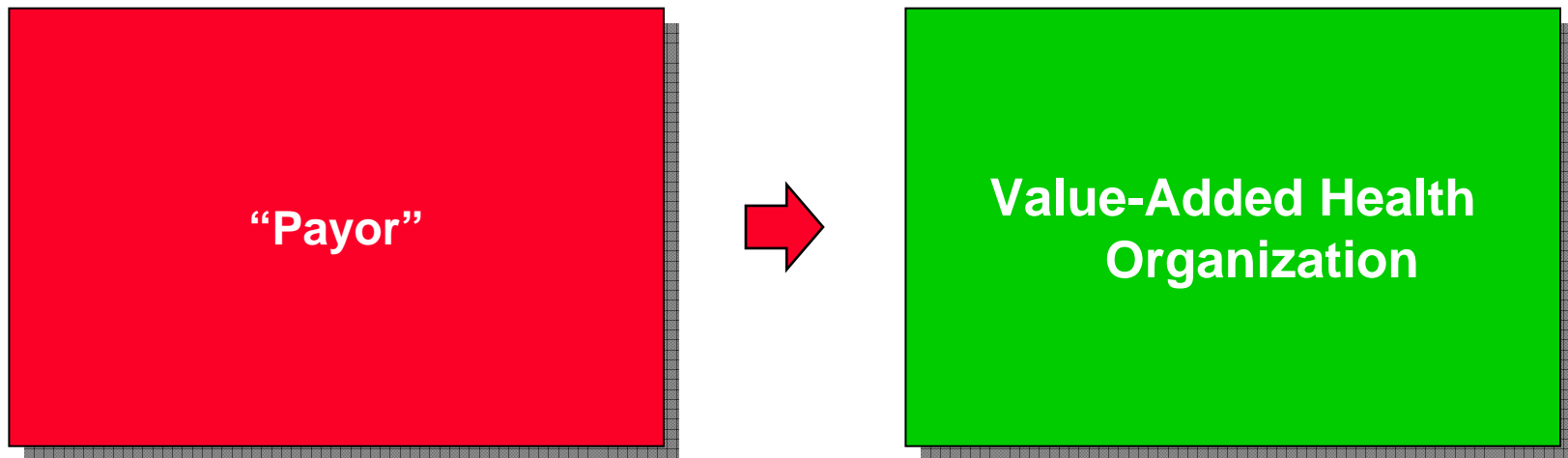


New Model: Care is Specialized and Integrated Across Geographic Units By Medical Conditions



Moving to Value-Based Competition

Health Plans



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Value-Adding Roles of Health Plans

- Monitor and compare **provider results** by medical condition
- Provide advice to patients (and referring physicians) in selecting **excellent providers**
- Assist in coordinating patient care across the **full care cycle** and **across medical conditions**
- Provide for comprehensive **prevention** and **chronic disease management** services to all members
- Design new reimbursement models **for care cycles**
- Assemble and manage the **total medical records** of members
- Measure and report **overall health results** for members

Creating a High-Value Health Care System: Roles and Responsibilities

Consumers

- Participate actively in **managing personal health**
- Expect **relevant information** and seek advice
- Make treatment and provider **choices** based on **outcomes**, not convenience, waiting time, or amenities
- Get informed and **comply** with care
- Work with the health plan in **long-term health management**



- But “consumer-driven health care” is the **wrong metaphor** for reforming the system

Moving to Value-Based Competition

Government

- Measure and report health **results**
- Create IT standard **data definitions** and **interoperability standards** to enable the collection and exchange of medical information for every patient
- Enable the **restructuring of health care delivery** around the integrated care of **medical conditions** across the **full care cycle**
- Shift reimbursement to **bundled prices for cycles of care** instead of payments for discrete treatments or services
- End **provider price discrimination** across patients
- **Open up competition** among providers and across geography

Moving to Value-Based Competition

Government – cont'd.

- Require health plans to measure and report **health outcomes** for members
- Encourage the **responsibility of individuals** for their health and their health care
- Enable **universal insurance** consistent with value-based principles
 - Create **neutrality** between employer-provided and individually-purchased health insurance
 - Establish **risk pooling adjustment vehicles** that eliminate incentives for cherry picking healthier patients
 - Move towards an **individual mandate** to purchase health insurance
 - All health insurance plans should include **screening and preventive care** in addition to **disease management** for chronic conditions

How Will Redefining Health Care Begin?

- It is **already happening**
- Each **system** participant can take **voluntary** steps in these directions, and will **benefit** irrespective of other changes
- The changes are **mutually reinforcing**
- Once competition begins working, value improvement will **no longer be discretionary** or **optional**
- Those organizations that **move early** will gain major benefits



- **Providers** can and should take the lead