# Creating a Value-Based Health Care Organization: The Strategic Agenda

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## **Redefining Health Care Delivery**

- Universal coverage and access to care are essential, but not enough
- The core issue in health care is the value of health care delivered

Value: Patient health outcomes per dollar spent



- How to design a health care system that dramatically improves patient value
  - Ownership of entities is secondary (e.g. non-profit vs. for profit vs. government)
- How to construct 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, 21<sup>st</sup> century medical technology is often delivered with 19<sup>th</sup> century organization structures, management practices, and pricing models

- Process improvements, lean production concepts, safety initiatives, care pathways, disease management and other overlays to the current structure are beneficial, but not sufficient
- Consumers cannot fix the dysfunctional structure of the current system

## **Creating Competition on Value**

- Competition for patients/subscribers is a powerful force to encourage restructuring of care and continuous improvement in value
- Today's competition in health care is not aligned with value

Financial success of system participants

Patient success



 Creating positive-sum competition on value is a central challenge in health care reform in every country

## **Principles of Value-Based Health Care Delivery**

The central goal in health care must be **value for patients**, not access, volume, convenience, or cost containment

Value = Health outcomes

Costs of delivering the outcomes

- Outcomes are the full set of patient health outcomes over the care cycle
- Costs are the total costs of care for the patient's condition over the care cycle



How to design a health care system that dramatically improves patient value

## **Principles of Value-Based Health Care Delivery**

Quality improvement is the key driver of cost containment and value improvement, where quality is health outcomes

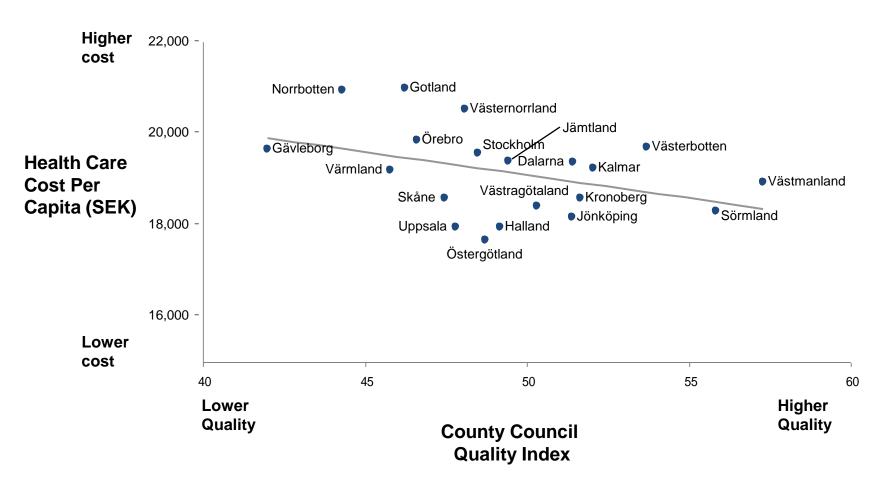
- Prevention of illness and recurrences
- Early detection
- Right diagnosis
- Right treatment to the right patient
- Early and timely treatment
- Treatment earlier in the causal chain of disease
- Rapid cycle time of diagnosis and treatment
- Less invasive treatment methods

- Fewer complications
- Fewer mistakes and repeats in treatment
- Faster recovery
- More complete recovery
- Less disability
- Fewer relapses or acute episodes
- Slower disease progression
- Less need for long term care
- Less care induced illness



- Better health is the goal, not more treatment
- Better health is inherently less expensive than poor health

# Cost versus Quality, Sweden Health Care Spending by County, 2008



Note: Cost including; primary care, specialized somatic care, specialized psychiatry care, other medical care, political health- and medical care activities, other subsidies (e.g. drugs) Source: Öpnna jämförelser, Socialstyrelsen 2008; Sjukvårdsdata i fokus 2008; BCG analysis

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- 3. Move to Bundled Prices for Care Cycles
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- 5. Grow and Affiliate to Drive Excellence
- 6. Develop an Enabling Information Technology Platform

# 1. Organize into Integrated Practice Units Around Patient Medical Conditions (IPUs)

- A medical condition is an interrelated set of patient medical circumstances best addressed in an integrated way
  - Defined from the patient's perspective
  - Including the most common co-occurring conditions and complications
  - Involving multiple specialties and services

### **Examples of Medical Conditions:**

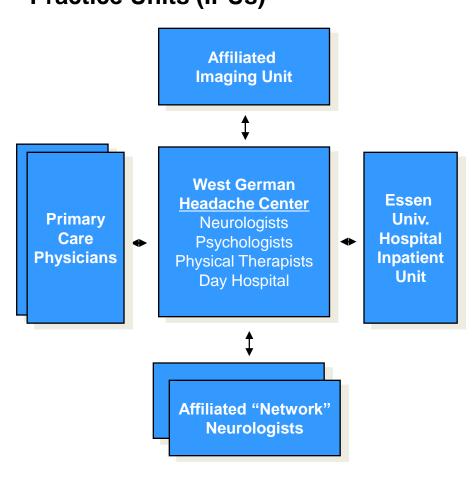
- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Breast Cancer

# Organizing Around Patient Medical Conditions <u>Migraine Care in Germany</u>

# Existing Model: Organize by Specialty and Discrete Services

## **Imaging Outpatient** Centers **Physical Therapists Outpatient Neurologists Primary Care Physicians** Inpatient **Treatment** and Detox Units **Outpatient Psychologists**

# New Model: Organize into Integrated Practice Units (IPUs)



Source: Porter, Michael E., Clemens Guth, and Elisa Dannemiller, The West German Headache Center: Integrated Migraine Care, Harvard Business School Case 9-707-559, September 13, 2007

# Integration Across the Care Cycle <u>Breast Cancer Care Delivery Value Chain</u>

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Breast Cancer Specialist
Other Provider Entities

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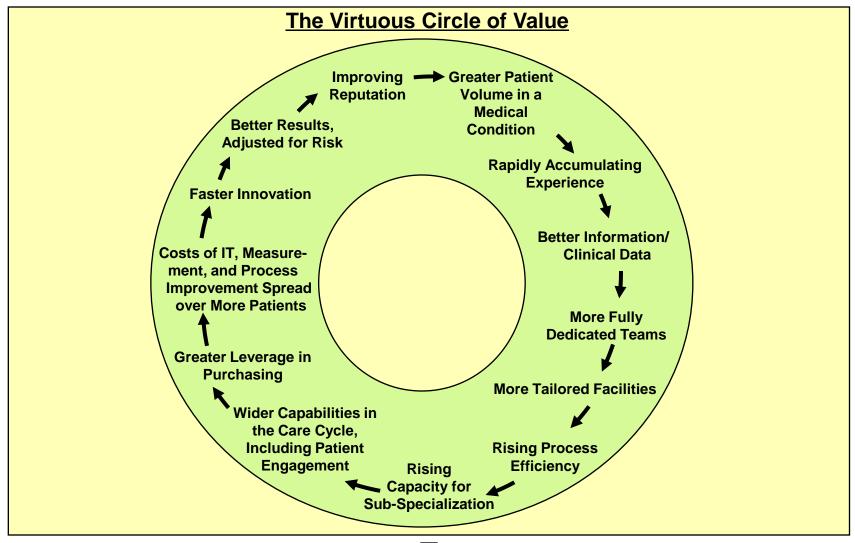
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### **Volume in a Medical Condition Enables Value**





 Volume and experience have an even greater impact on value in an IPU structure than in the current system

# Fragmentation of Hospital Services <u>Sweden</u>

DRG	Number of admitting providers	Average percent of total national admissions	Average admissions/ provider/ year	Average admissions/ provider/ week
Knee Procedure	68	1.5%	55	1
Diabetes age > 35	80	1.3%	96	2
Kidney failure	80	1.3%	97	2
Multiple sclerosis and cerebellar ataxia	78	1.3%	28	1
Inflammatory bowel disease	73	1.4%	66	1
Implantation of cardiac pacemaker	51	2.0%	124	2
Splenectomy age > 17	37	2.6%	3	<1
Cleft lip & palate repair	7	14.2%	83	2
Heart transplant	6	16.6%	12	<1

Source: Compiled from The National Board of Health and Welfare Statistical Databases – DRG Statistics, Accessed April 2, 2009.

## **What is Integrated Care?**

### **Attributes of an Integrated Practice Unit (IPU):**

- 1. Organized around the patient's medical condition
- 2. Provides the **full cycle of care** for the condition
  - Encompasses inpatient, outpatient, and rehabilitative care as well as supporting services (e.g. nutrition, social work, behavioral health)
  - Includes patient education, engagement and follow-up
- 3. Involves a **dedicated team** who devote a significant portion of their time to the condition
- 4. Where providers are part of a common organizational unit
- 5. Co-located in dedicated facilities
- 6. Utilizing a single administrative and scheduling structure
- 7. With a physician team captain and a care manager who oversee each patient's care process
- 8. Where the team **meets formally and informally** on a regular basis
- 9. And measures **processes** and **outcomes** as a **team**, not individually
- 10. And accepts joint accountability for outcomes and costs

## What is Not Integrated Care?

### Integrated care is **not** the same as:

- A clinical pathway
- Co-location per se
- Care delivered by the same organization
- A multispecialty group practice
- Freestanding focused factories
- An institute or center
- A Center of Excellence
- Medical homes
- Accountable care organizations
- A health plan/provider system (e.g. Kaiser Permanente)

### **Integrated Models of Primary Care**

- Organized around specific patient populations (e.g. healthy adults, frail elderly, type II diabetics) rather than attempting to be all things to all patients
- Defined service bundles covering appropriate prevention, screening, diagnosis, wellness and health maintenance
- Services are provided by multidisciplinary teams, including ancillary health professionals and support staff in dedicated facilities
- Alliances with specialty IPUs covering the prevalent medical conditions represented in the patient population
- Delivered not only in traditional settings but at the workplace, community organizations, and in other locations that offer regular patient contact and the ability to develop a group culture of wellness
- Today's primary care is fragmented and attempts to address overly broad needs with limited resources

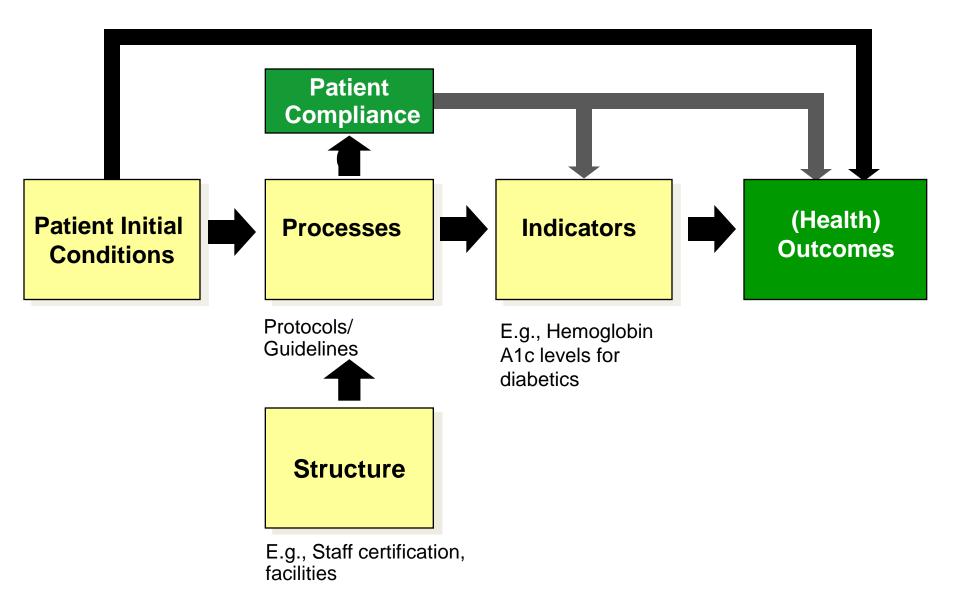
## 2. Measure Outcomes and Cost for Every Patient

- For medical conditions
- Real time and "on-line" in care delivery, not just retrospectively or in clinical studies
- Not for interventions or short episodes
- Not separately for types of service (e.g. inpatient, outpatient, tests, rehabilitation)
- Not for practices, departments, clinics, or entire hospitals

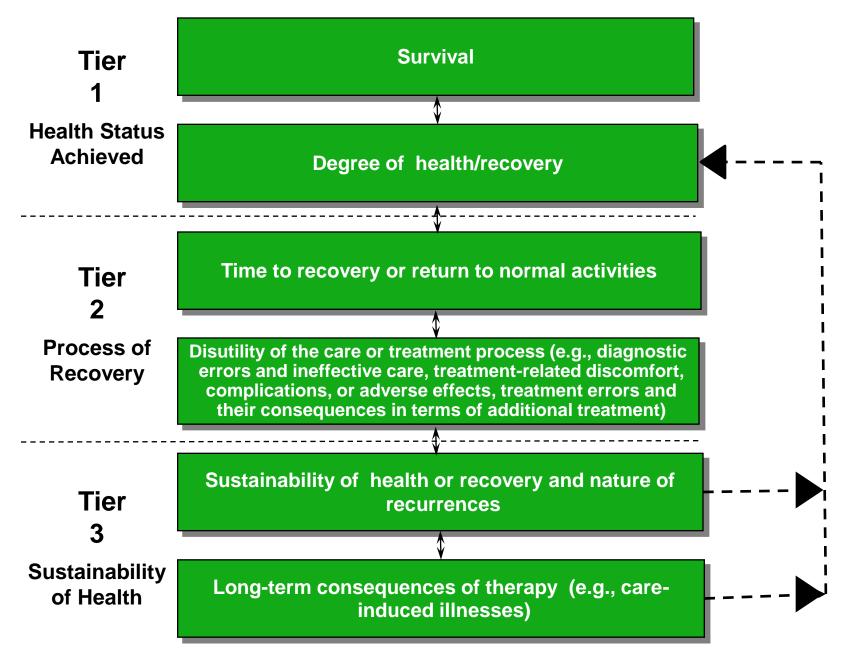


Measuring and reporting volume by medical condition

## **Measuring Value**



## The Outcome Measures Hierarchy



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### **Breast Cancer**

Survival rate
 (One year, three year, five year, longer)

Degree of recovery / health

Survival

- Degree of remission
- Functional status
- Breast conservation
- Depression

Time to recovery or return to normal activities

- Time to remission
- Time to functional status

Disutility of the care or treatment process
(e.g., diagnostic errors and ineffective care,
treatment-related discomfort,
complications, or adverse effects,
treatment errors and their consequences in
terms of additional treatment)

- Nosocomial infection
- Nausea/vomiting
- Febrile neutropenia
- Suspension of therapy
- Failed therapies
- Limitation of motion
- Depression

Sustainability of recovery or health over time

- Cancer recurrence
- Sustainability of functional status

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

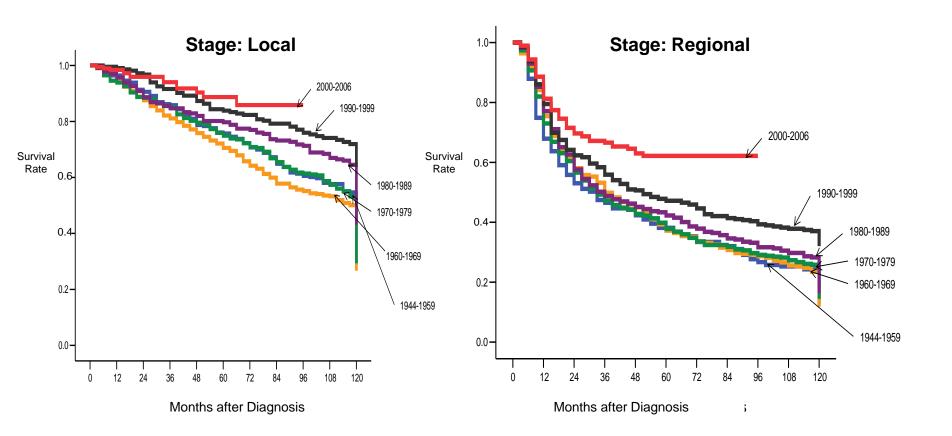
- Incidence of secondary cancers
- Brachial plexopathy
- Fertility/pregnancy complications
- Premature osteoporosis

## Initial Conditions/Risk Factors

- Stage upon diagnosis
- Type of cancer (infiltrating ductal carcinoma, tubular, medullary, lobular, etc.)
- Estrogen and progesterone receptor status (positive or negative)
- Sites of metastases
- Previous treatments
- Age
- Menopausal status
- General health, including comorbidities
- Psychological and social factors

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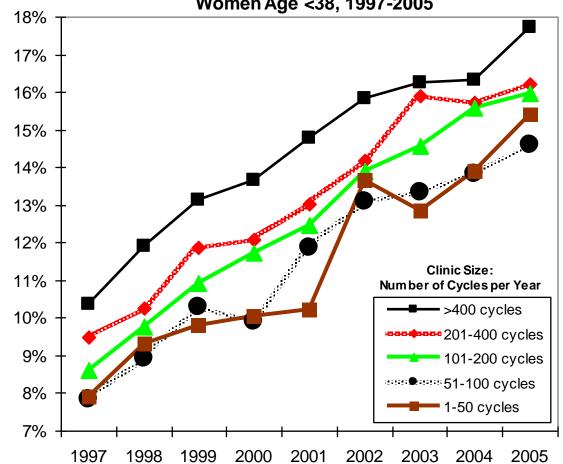
# MD Anderson Oral Cavity Cancer Survival by Registration Year



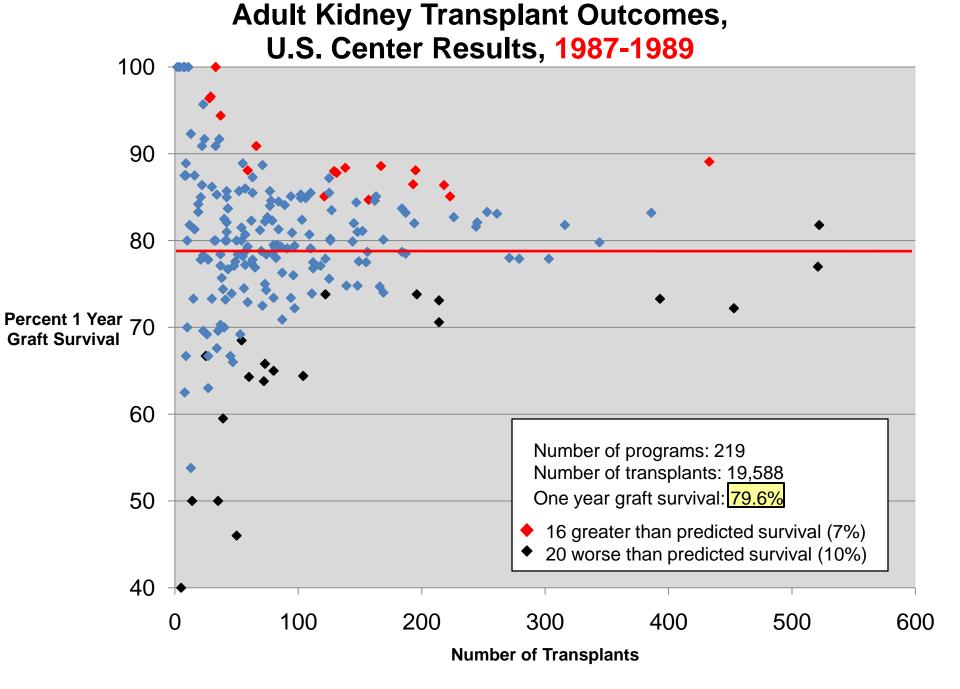
Source: MD Anderson Cancer Center

# In-vitro Fertilization Success Rates Over Time

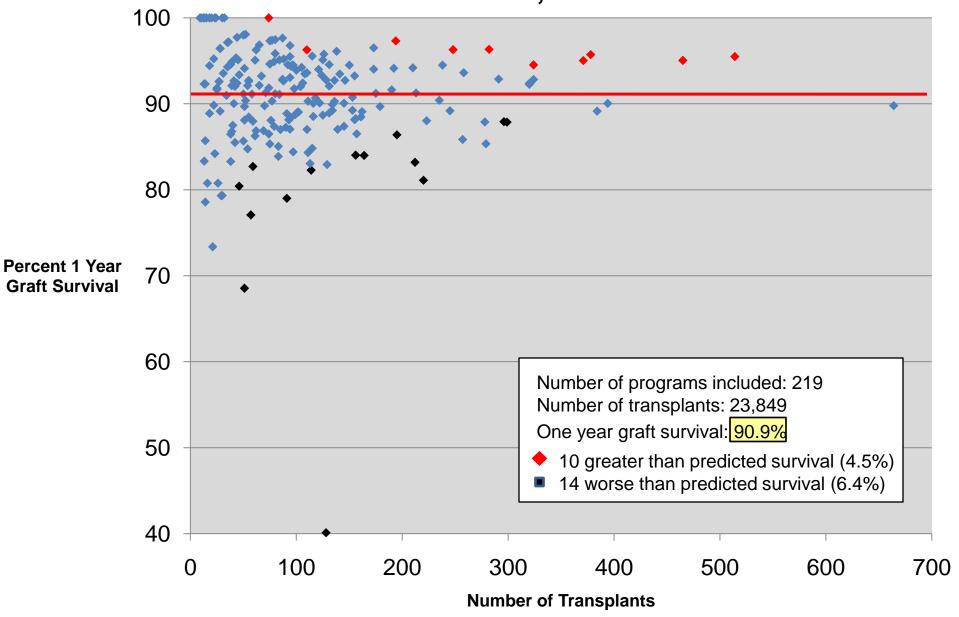
Percent Live Births per Fresh, Non-Donor Embryo Transferred by Clinic Size Women Age <38, 1997-2005



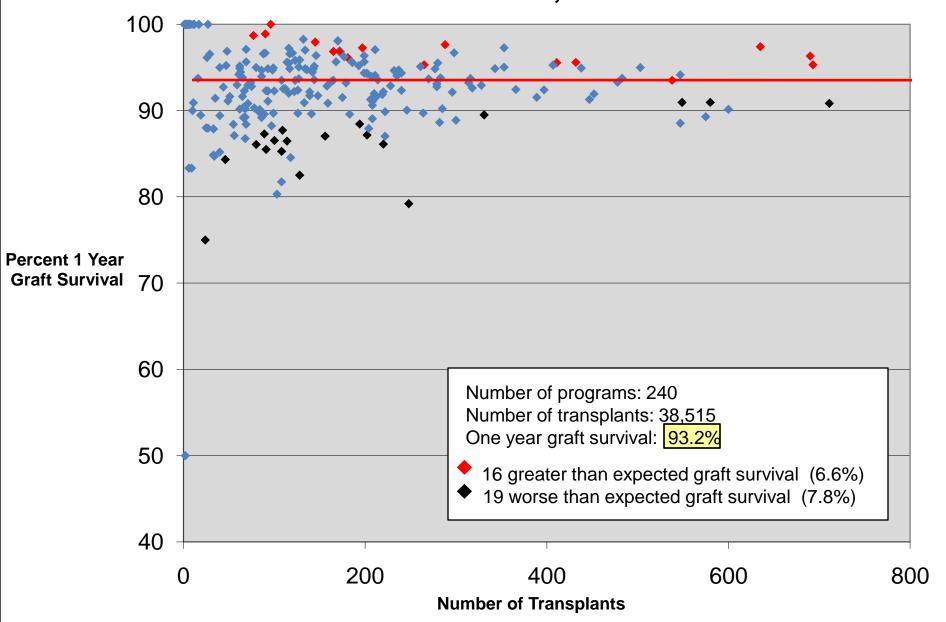
Source: Michael Porter, Saquib Rahim, Benjamin Tsai, *Invitro Fertilization: Outcomes Measurement*. Harvard Business School Press, 2008



# Adult Kidney Transplant Outcomes, U.S. Center Results, 1998-2000



## Adult Kidney Transplant Outcomes U.S. Center Results, 2005-2007



## **Swedish National Quality Registers, 2007\***

#### **Respiratory Diseases**

- Respiratory Failure Register (Swedevox)
- Swedish Quality Register of Otorhinolaryngology

#### Childhood and Adolescence

- The Swedish Childhood Diabetes Registry (SWEDIABKIDS)
- Childhood Obesity Registry in Sweden (BORIS)
- Perinatal Quality Registry/Neonatology (PNQn)
- National Registry of Suspected/Confirmed Sexual Abuse in Children and Adolescents (SÖK)

#### **Circulatory Diseases**

- Swedish Coronary Angiography and Angioplasty Registry (SCAAR)
- Registry on Cardiac Intensive Care (RIKS-HIA)
- Registry on Secondary Prevention in Cardiac Intensive Care (SEPHIA)
- Swedish Heart Surgery Registry
- Grown-Up Congenital Heart Disease Registry (GUCH)
- National Registry on Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest
- Heart Failure Registry (RiksSvikt)
- National Catheter Ablation Registry
- Vascular Registry in Sweden (Swedvasc)

- National Quality Registry for Stroke (Riks-Stroke)
- National Registry of Atrial Fibrillation and Anticoagulation (AuriculA)

#### **Endocrine Diseases**

- National Diabetes Registry (NDR)
- Swedish Obesity Surgery Registry (SOReg)
- Scandinavian Quality Register for Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery

#### **Gastrointestinal Disorders**

- Swedish Hernia Registry
- Swedish Quality Registry on Gallstone Surgery (GallRiks)
- Swedish Quality Registry for Vertical Hernia

#### **Musculoskeletal Diseases**

- Swedish Shoulder Arthroplasty Registry
- National Hip Fracture Registry (RIKSHÖFT)
- Swedish National Hip Arthroplasty Register
- Swedish Knee Arthroplasty Register
- Swedish Rheumatoid Arthritis Registry
- National Pain Rehabilitation Registry
- Follow-Up in Back Surgery
- Swedish Cruciate Ligament Registry X-Base
- Swedish National Elbow Arthroplasty Register (SAAR)

<sup>\*</sup> Registers Receiving Funding from the Executive Committee for National Quality Registries in 2007

# Creating an Outcome Measurement System Schön Kliniken

#### 1. Define medical conditions to measure

Identified medical conditions

### 2. Develop outcome dimensions, measures, and risk adjustments

- Measures developed by convening groups of involved physicians and members of Schön's quality improvement team
- Five metrics per medical condition

#### 3. Data collection infrastructure

- Physicians and nurses enter data during the patient's stay
- Data can be extracted from the EMR reducing the burden of capture
- Long term follow-up still done manually

### 4. Incentives and mechanisms for data reporting

- Reporting of all metrics is mandated for all physician groups
- Involvement in the metrics development process increases physician buy-in

### 5. Compliance and accuracy validation

Validates accuracy through trend analysis

### 6. Outcome reporting

- Capture outcome data for 70% of patients
- Report results internally at the individual physician level
- Annual quality report (27 process and outcome measures)

### 7. Process for outcome improvement

- Physicians trust metrics and are convinced of their value in driving improvement
- Link physician pay to quality of care delivered

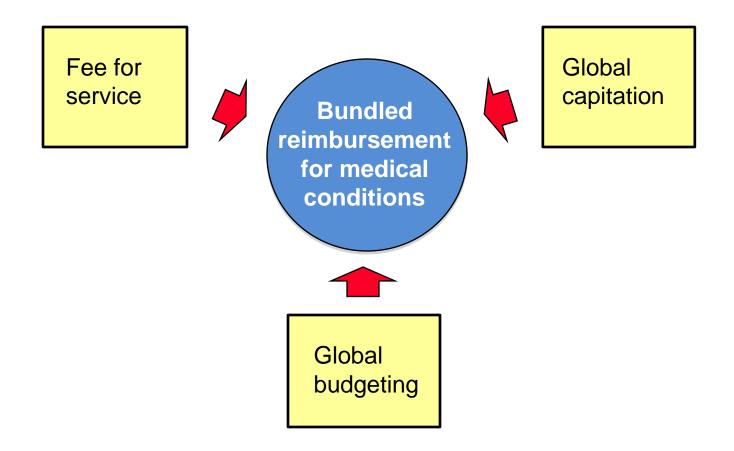
## **Cost Analysis Principles**

- Cost should be aggregated at the medical condition level (which includes common co-occurring conditions and complications), not for services or entire facilities
- Cost should be aggregated for each patient across the full cycle of care
- The cost of each activity or input attributed to a patient should reflect that
  patient's use of resources (e.g. time, staff, facilities, service), not average
  allocations or allocations based on charges
- The only way to properly measure cost per patient is to track the time or shared resource capacity devoted to each patient by physicians, staff, facilities, support services, and other shared costs



- Time-Driven Activity Based Costing
  - Chart the CDVC
  - Assess capacity cost of each shared resource involved in the care process
  - Assess actual capacity use in transactions with each patient
  - Enable aggregation by patient, by medical condition, etc.
- Cost measurement should be accompanied by outcome measurement

## 3. Move to Bundled Prices for Care Cycles



### What is a Bundled Payment?

- A total package price for the care cycle for a medical condition
  - Including time-based bundled reimbursement for managing chronic conditions and for primary/preventive service bundles
  - Including responsibility for avoidable complications
- The bundled price should be severity adjusted

### What is Not a Bundled Payment

- Price for a short episode (e.g. inpatient only, procedure only)
- Separate payments for physicians and facilities
- "Medical Home" payment for care coordination
- Pay-for-performance bonuses



DRGs can be a starting point for bundled payment models

# Bundled Payment in Practice <u>Hip and Knee Replacement in Stockholm, Sweden</u>

- Components of the bundle
  - Pre-op evaluation
  - Lab tests
  - Radiology
  - Surgery & related admission
  - Prosthesis
  - Drugs
  - Inpatient rehab, up to 6 days

- 1 follow-up visit within 3 months
- Any additional surgery to the joint within 2 years
- If post-op infection requiring antibiotics occurs, guarantee extends to 5 years
- Applies to all relatively healthy patients (i.e. ASA scores of 1 or 2)
- The same referral process from PCPs is utilized as the traditional system
- Mandatory reporting by providers to the joint registry plus supplementary reporting
- Provider participation is voluntary but all providers are involved



The bundled price for a knee or hip replacement is about US \$8,000

## **Creating a Bundled Pricing System**

- Defining the Bundle
  - Scope of the medical condition
  - Range of services included
  - Complications and comorbidities included/excluded
  - Duration of care cycle/time period
    - Must be long enough to minimize the risk of cost shifting
  - Flexibility on methods/process of care essential
- Pricing the Bundle: Key Choices
  - Price relative to sum of current costs
    - Extent of incentive to improve value by reducing avoidable complications, improving efficiency, etc.
  - Extent of "guarantees" by providers
  - Extent of severity/risk adjustments
  - Mechanism for handling unanticipated complications and outliers
- Implementing the Bundle
  - Internal distribution of payment among providers (dividing the pie)
    - Degree of risk sharing by specialty
  - Claims management process and infrastructure
  - Outcome measurement is essential to measure success and minimize incentives to limit value-enhancing services

## 4. Integrate Care Delivery Across Separate Facilities

### <u>Traditional Motivations for Health Systems</u>

- Expand geographic coverage
- Increase patient volume
- Expand coverage of the care cycle
- Gather volume for high acuity facilities
- Reduce crowding

## **Levels of System Integration**

- Determine the scope of service lines
- Rationalize service lines/ IPUs across facilities to improve volume, avoid duplication, and concentrate excellence
- Offer specific services at the appropriate facility
  - E.g. acuity level, cost level, need for convenience
  - Patient referrals across units
- Clinically integrate care across facilities, within an IPU structure
  - Expand and integrate the care cycle
  - Better connect preventive/primary care units to specialty IPUs

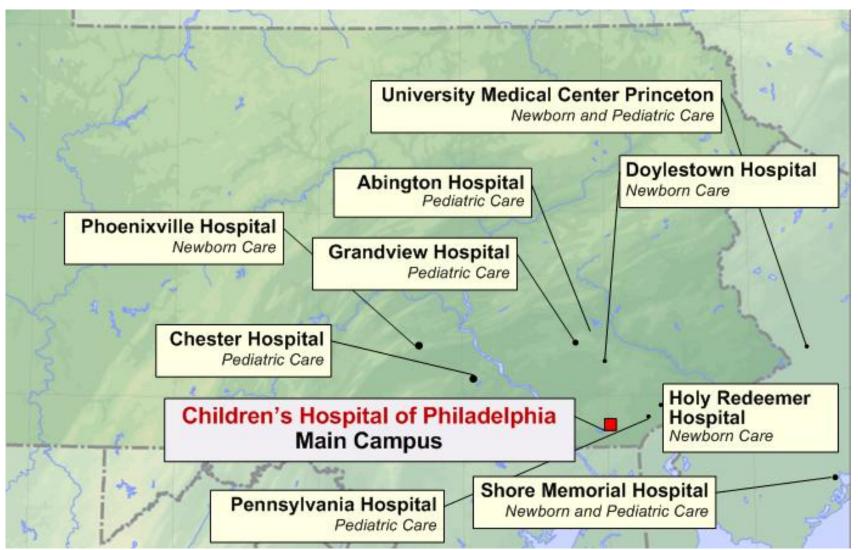


 There is a major opportunity to improve value through moving care out of heavily resourced, tertiary and quaternary facilities

## **Provider System Integration**

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

Hospital Affiliates



### **Enabling System Integration**

#### **Practice Structure**

- IPU structure
  - First step is to increase consistency of protocols/processes across sites
  - "Virtual" IPUs even if providers practice at different locations
  - Case management structure spanning units where appropriate

### **Scheduling**

Common or federated patient scheduling service across units

### Physician Organization

- Employed physicians
- Formal affiliations with independent physicians
  - Support service as an inducement for affiliation (E.g. IT, back office)
- Rotation of staff across locations

### Common Systems

- Common EMR platform which aggregates information across units
- Common outcome and process measurement systems

### Cost Measurement

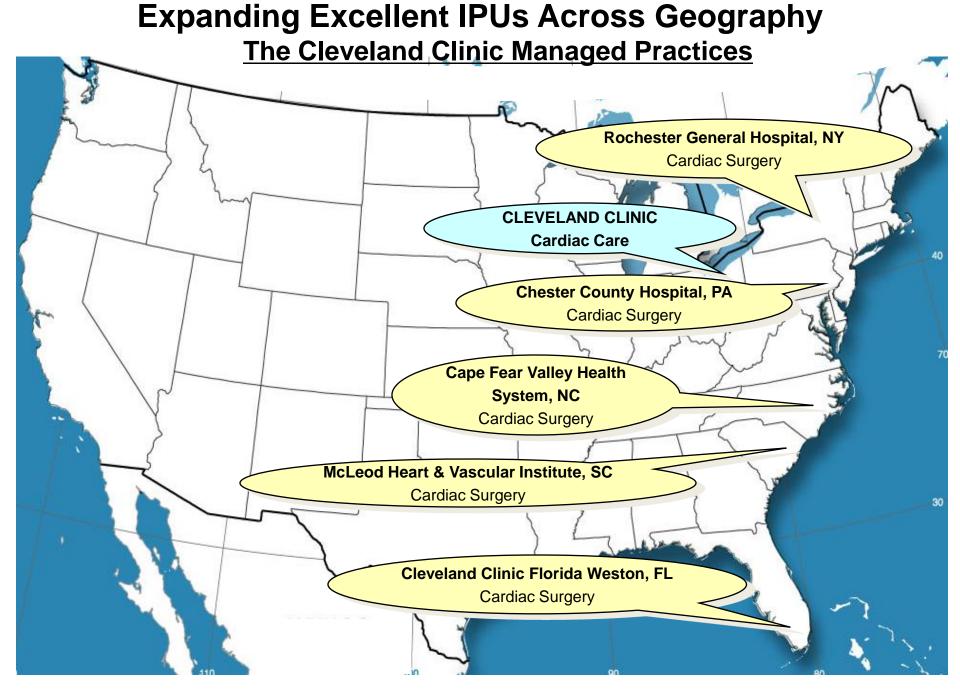
- Ability to accurately accumulate cost per patient across the entire care cycle
- Ability to measure cost by location for each service/activity

#### **Culture**

 Management practices that foster affiliation with the organization, developing personal relationships, and regular contact among dispersed staff

## 5. Expand Excellent IPUs Across Geography

- Grow in ways that improve value, not just increase volume
- Grow areas of excellence and leverage across locations, rather than adding broad line, stand-alone units
- Affiliate with excellent providers in medical conditions where there is insufficient volume or expertise to achieve superior value



## **Models of Geographic Expansion**

**Affiliations** 

Affiliation
Agreements
with
Independent
Provider
Organizations

Second
Opinions and
Telemedicine

Dispersed Services

Dispersed Diagnostic Centers Convenience
Sensitive
Service
Locations in the
Community

Complex IPU
Components
(e.g. surgery)
in Additional
Locations

**New Hubs** 

Specialty
Hospitals as
Referral Hubs
in Additional
Locations

New Broader-Line Hospital Hubs

## 6. Create an Enabling Information Technology Platform

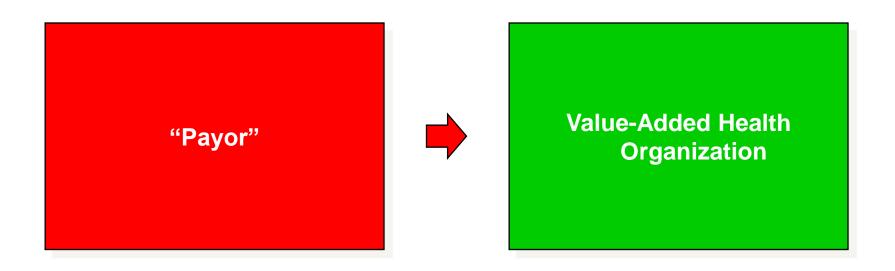
Utilize information technology to enable **restructuring of care delivery** and **measuring results**, rather than treating it as a solution itself

- Common data definitions
- Combine all types of data (e.g. notes, images) for each patient over time
- Data encompasses the full care cycle, including referring entities
- Allowing access and communication among all involved parties, including patients
- "Structured" data vs. free text
- Templates for medical conditions to enhance the user interface
- Architecture that allows easy extraction of outcome, process, and cost measures
- Interoperability standards enabling communication among different provider systems

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# Value-Based Healthcare Delivery: <a href="Implications for Contracting Parties/Health Plans">Implications for Contracting Parties/Health Plans</a>



 Providers can lead in developing new relationships with health plans through their role in providing health benefits for their own employees

## Value-Based Health Care: The Role of Employers

- Employer interests are more closely aligned with patient interests than any other system participant
  - Employers need healthy, high performing employees
  - Employers bear the costs of chronic health problems and poor quality care
  - The cost of poor health is 2 to 7 times more than the cost of health benefits
    - Absenteeism
    - Presenteeism
- Employers are uniquely positioned to improve employee health
  - Daily interactions with employees
  - On-site clinics for quick diagnosis and treatment, prevention, and screening
  - Group culture of wellness



 Providers should establish direct relationships with employers to enable value based approaches

# Value-Based Health Care Delivery: Implications for Government

- Establish universal measurement and reporting of provider health outcomes
- Require universal reporting by health plans of health outcomes for members
- Shift reimbursement systems to bundled prices for cycles of care instead of payments for discrete treatments or services
- Remove obstacles to the restructuring of health care delivery around the integrated care of medical conditions
- Open up competition among providers and across geography
- Set policies that encourage greater responsibility of individuals for their health and their health care
- Mandate EMR adoption that enables integrated care and supports outcome measurement
  - National standards for data definitions, communication, and aggregation
  - Software as a service model for smaller providers