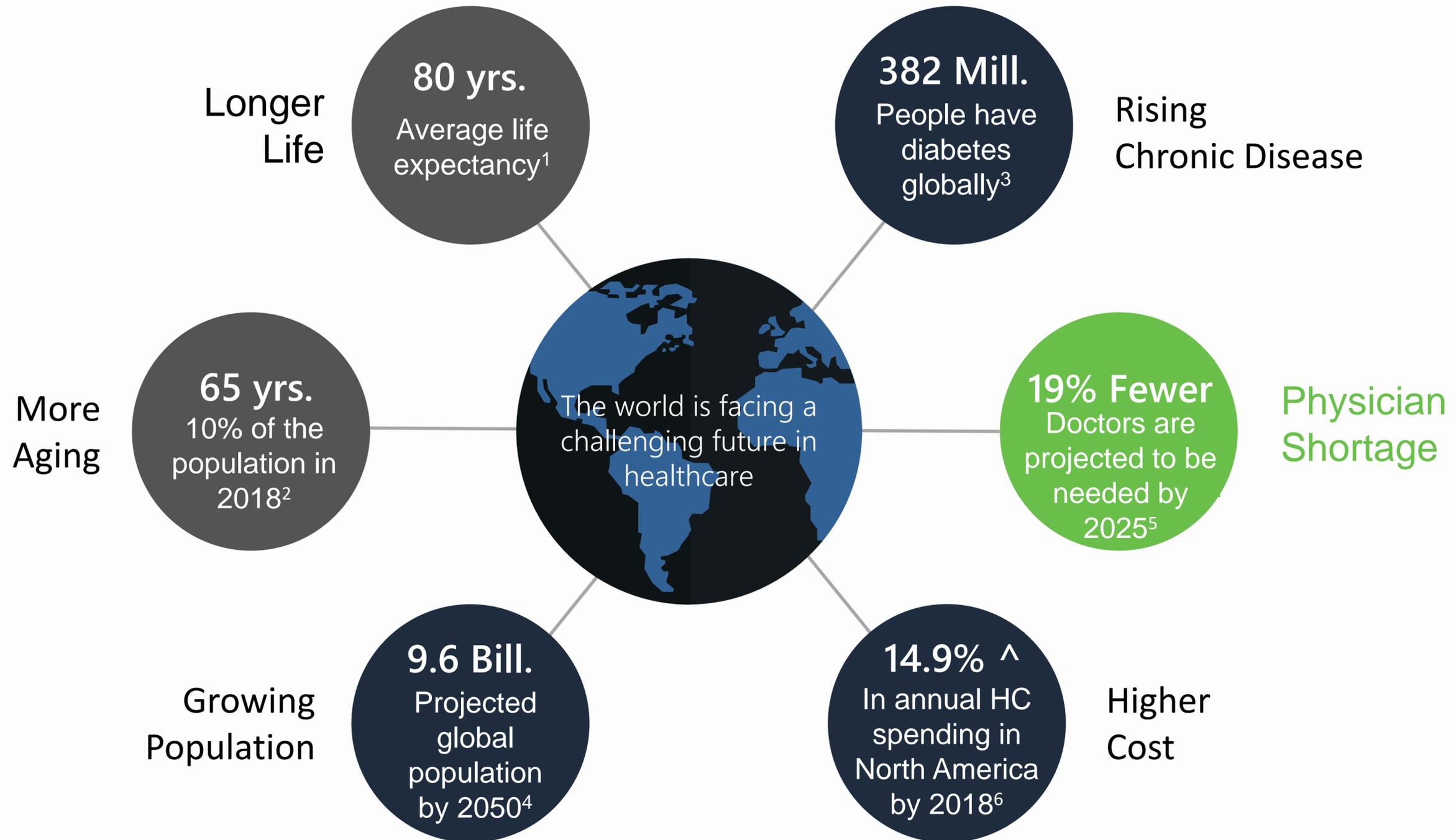


Enhancing Data Integrity w/ Unique Health Safety Identifier

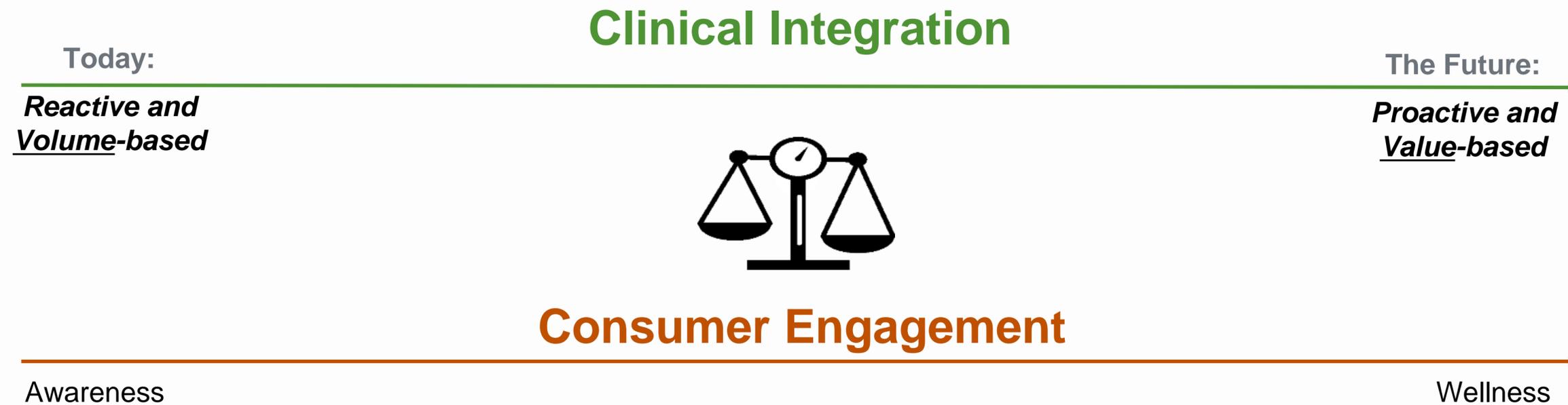
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MACRO TRENDS



Source: 1: Life expectancy data, World Health Organization, 2012; 2: Global life sciences outlook, Deloitte, 2014; 3: American Association Medical College, 2010; 4: UN population projections

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Industry groups press Congress to back private-sector patient matching solutions

HIMSS and 24 other organizations want the feds to support creating unique patient identifiers to improve care delivery.

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...“For nearly two decades, innovation and industry progress has been stifled due to a narrow interpretation of the language included in Labor-H bills since FY1999, prohibiting the Department of Health and Human Services from adopting or implementing a unique patient identifier,” ...

ENTERPRISE MASTER PATIENT INDEX

The limitations of an enterprise master patient index



Historical Approach

the way to address this issue of identity disambiguation is through the use of Enterprise Master Patient Index (EMPI) technology

Limitations

- Attributes matching and scoring hits a theoretical limit of 98% accuracy
 - a level only achieved when the patient demographic record has a complete set of details with strong data governance policies.
- Challenged to detect medical identity theft; leading to corruption of the patient record;
- If unable to find an existing patient (based on search criteria) the EMPI facilitates an EHR to create a new patient and store information in an unrelated record.

PROBLEMS

Do these challenges impact your clinical and financial operations?

Duplicate Records

Skewed patient population metrics and put patients at risk for medical errors and inappropriate treatment.

Medical Identity Theft

Compromises PHI and patient safety—over 250,000 lives are lost every year due to medical errors.

Payment Fraud

A major factor in revenue loss—tens of billions in revenue loss.

Securing Data Integrity



- On average, an excess of 12% of medical records are duplicates ¹
- ONC's objective is to reduce that rate down to 2% by 2017, 0.5% by 2020, and 0.1% by 2024 ²



- Costs the United States \$84 billion annually ³
- In 2014, medical identity theft victims paid \$20 million out-of-pocket ⁴



- \$272 billion is lost to Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse ⁵
- 62% of finance professionals report that their organization were targets of payment fraud in 2014. This has translated to nearly \$28 Billion in overall cost ⁶

CHALLENGE SUMMARY



Medical identity theft, duplicate records & fraud have been *long standing problems* in the care delivery model



Securing Data Integrity



If patient authentication (i.e. biometrics) is already in place at check in, it is commonly not paired with industry recommended identity proofing processes



If healthcare networks have implemented data reconciliation processes (MDM, EMPI), records may be merged without the awareness or detection inaccurate or faulty data



If identity proofing occurs it is often not linked with a universal identifier that can be utilized across the continuum of care

360 SECURITY

- **Data Security**
 - In 2014, nearly 9 million patient health records were breached in 164 reported incidents.
 - By March 2015 some 90 million patients were affected.
 - In one incident the Social Security Number (SSN) of 79 million individuals was compromised.
- **Information about a person vs Identity Credentials**
 - Driver's licenses, SSNs, birth certificates and other forms of information which represents an individual were not intended to be identity credentials
 - As a result of the many noted data breaches the acquired information is making its way into the mainstream as synthetic identities.
 - Therefore it's challenging to confirm that the presenter of credential(s) is the individual they are claiming to be.
 - Hence the importance of enhancing the health services registration process with a strong identity proofing process coupled with collecting and validating the representation of the person with a biometric or other secure and precise authenticator.

ONC RECOMMENDATIONS

Verifiable identity and authentication of everyone

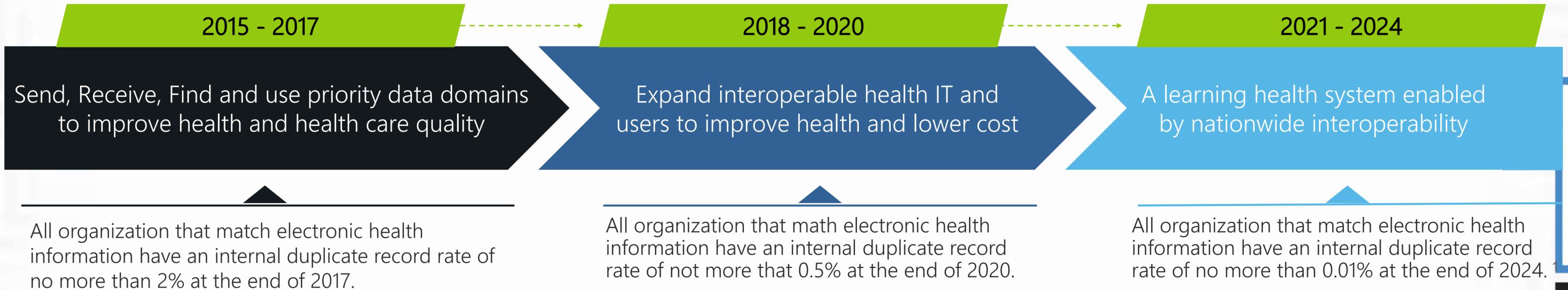
Legal requirements and cultural norms dictate that users of systems – whether people or machines – be known so that access to data and services is appropriate. This is a requirement for all participants in nationwide interoperability that supports a learning health system regardless of their role (e.g., individual, patient, provider an administrator)



To advance interoperability that enables a learning health system, providers and hospitals need to exchange electronic health information with any other provider or hospital what is appropriately identity proofed and authenticated, especially when directed by an individual to do so. ¹

ONC MILESTONES

Accurate data matching for healthcare facilities



Improve Safety and Mitigate Risk

The five steps in correlation with the ONC

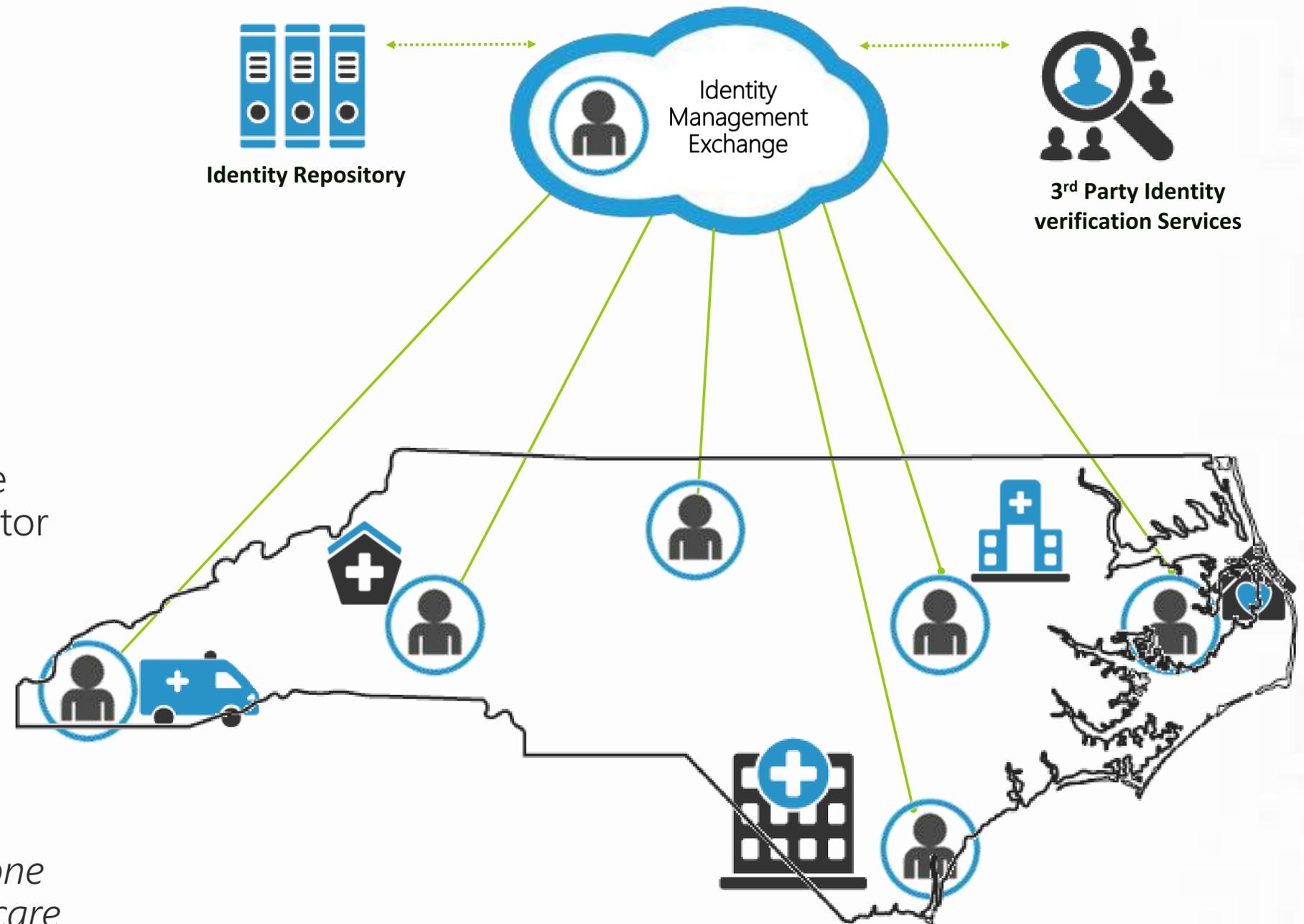
Easily leverage the following steps to improve data quality, and minimize your financial risk in a value based care delivery model:

1. Adopt accredited protocol to effectively identity proof a patients to establish a high confidence in the asserted identity. The ONC recommends that NIST Level-of-Assurance (LoA) 3 criteria for in-person proofing. *Note: this may not be possible EMS or Emergency Room settings or for other patient-specific situations.*
2. Provide training to registrars to perform the critical function outlined in step 1. A Trusted Agent, or registration specialist, that is affiliated with EPCS or Direct Messaging (from Meaningful Use Stage 2), and/or NAHAM should be solicited for this effort.
3. Assign an Unique Health Safety Identifier (UHSI) to a patient once they have been properly identity-proofed.
4. Link the UHSI to that patient's record(s).
5. Establish a token with second factor authentication (2FA) to be used across any supporting system. Multiple tokens (based on the approach of a given facility) can be linked to a single UHSI.

ALIGNING WITH STANDARDS

UHSI improve health safety and mitigate risk

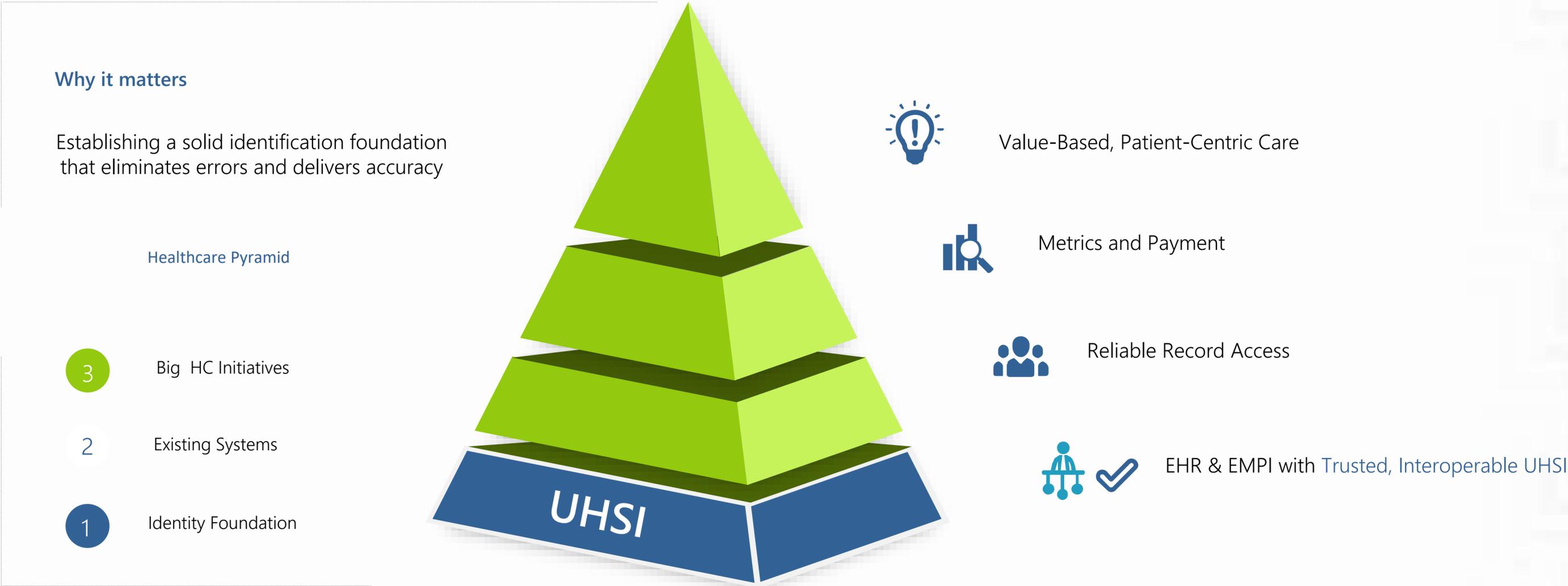
- Strong Identity Proofing within ONC Recommendations – NIST LoA3
- Standardized Identity Proofing training via NAHAM
- Establishes an interoperable “Master Record”: providing each unique patient with a Unique Health Safety Identifier (UHSI) with multi-factor authentication via a “token” (ex: credit card, biometric, smartphone)
- Links the UHSI to patient’s medical record(s)



The patient's verified identity is supported at any AIME clinical location – establishing one patient, one identity and one record across the continuum of care regardless of the EHR

The North Carolina representation is an example of a connected care model and can correlate to any state or nation-wide solution

ONE PATIENT, ONE IDENTITY, ONE RECORD



Accurate Identification is the foundational component in achieving national health strategies

Patient safety



is increased

Check in



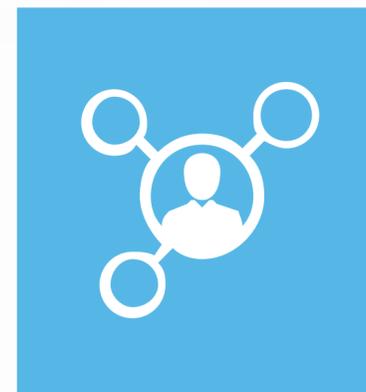
is streamlined
automated

PII Data



is reliable

Record Matching



is accurately achievable

Security



from walk-in to
payment



Reliable Record Access

- Increased experience/satisfaction via automation and validation
 - Patient
 - Registration Clerk
- Increased patient safety



Metrics and Payment

- Government reimbursement
- Billing: Expedited and accurate Co-Pay and Outstanding Balance Collections
- Accurate patient counting (via accuracy in denominators) and reporting



Value-Based, Patient-Centric Care

- Meaningful Use
- HITECH
- Pop Health
- ACO
- Continuity of Care
- Interoperability
- Others



EHR & EMPI with Trusted, Interoperable Unique Health Safety Identifier

UHSI drives:



Patient Identity

One patient

Establish Identity of your patients



Record Link

One record

Link UHSI to the patient's correct medical record



Record Invoke

Every time

Automatically invoke a patient's medical record

**Interoperable across all settings of care –
regardless of EHR**

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