

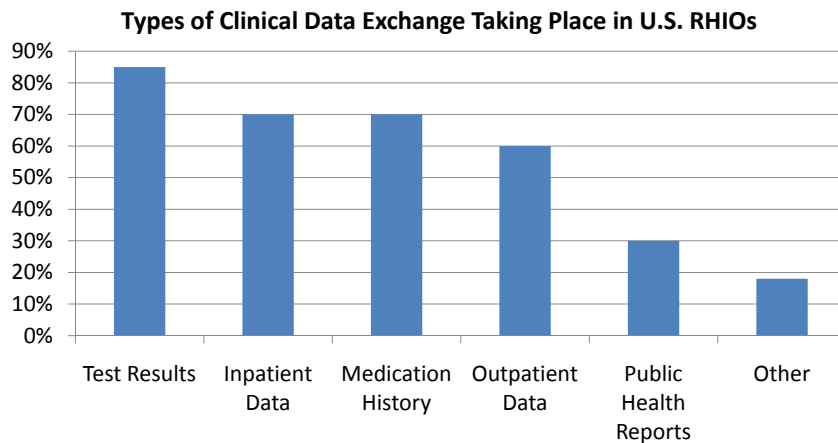
The State of RHIOs

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- 137 organizations identified
 - 26% defunct (36)
- 102 organizations viable
 - 83 responses
 - 32 reported data exchange (independent entities)
 - 12 designated “small efforts”
 - 3 reported data exchange (non-independent entities)
 - 45 in planning stages
 - 3 lacked funding to proceed
- 20 modest size or larger RHIOs
 - 5 with target population (e.g., Medicaid)
 - 15 focused on broad population

RHIO Data Exchanged



Source: Adler-Milstein J, McAfee AP, Bates D, Jha AK. The state of regional health information organizations: Current activities and financing. Health Affairs. December 11, 2007, W60-69.

RHIO Funding (n=20)

- Time or in-kind resources (65%)
- One time financial contribution (~50%)
- Recurring fees (65%)
- Few RHIOs self-sustaining
 - 5% earning revenue to be profitable
- Small business vs. public good

What is the future for RHIOs?

- Do RHIOs need to be financially viable?
- Do RHIOs provide value?
- Should RHIOs be treated as a public good?
- Will RHIOs become the latest CHINs?