E-HIM™: It Will Transform Your Job!
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Technology Is Transforming the Healthcare Industry
Healthcare Lagging Behind

- Other industries
- Other countries
Progress in Pockets
Paper → Hybrid → Electronic
Technology is transforming the use of healthcare information at ___(insert name of your healthcare organization)____.

1. System example
2. Integration example
3. Remote application example
The Good News

Technology is transforming the healthcare industry
The Bad News

The Healthcare Industry Is in Crisis!
Healthcare Dilemmas

- Finance problems
- Efficiency
- Patient safety
- Public health
- Healthy lifestyles
Technology has the capacity to fix many healthcare industry problems when the health information it contains is accurate, timely, and protected.
What Are We Waiting For?

- Sizeable investment
- Weak economic reasons to invest
- Need networked system
- Change is difficult
How Do We Fix This Problem?
President Bush

“By computerizing health records, we can avoid dangerous medical mistakes, reduce costs, and improve care.”

January 20, 2004

“[We] can control healthcare costs and improve care by moving American medicine into the information age.”

January 24, 2004
“This would encourage the replacement of handwritten charts and scattered medical files... [W]e would improve care, and help prevent dangerous medical errors, saving both lives and money.”

President Bush
January 24, 2004
Is a Federal Law on Its Way?

- DHHS National Health Information Coordinator-appointed
- Legislation being drafted
Quality Clinical Records
= Quality Care
Clinical Information
Resources Must Be:

- Planned
- Organized
- Managed
HIM Focus Is On

- Content
- Integrity
- Accessibility
- Use
- Protection
Data ➔ Information ➔ Knowledge
In the future, the industry will face larger and more disparate volumes of data

HIM professionals must be able to:

- Collect
- Link
- Maintain
A modern information infrastructure is needed to meet the challenges.
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HIM Vision

HIM is the body of knowledge and practice that ensures the availability of health information to facilitate real-time healthcare delivery and critical health-related decision making for multiple purposes across diverse organizations, settings, and disciplines.
E-HIM™ looks ahead and embraces the real benefits that will accrue when healthcare comes fully into the information age.

E-HIM™ is the term created by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) to represent the evolving reality of health information.
Vision of Health Information in 2010

The future state of health information:

- Electronic
- Patient centered
- Comprehensive
- Longitudinal
- Accessible
- Credible
Health information collection will span an individual’s life and allow for comprehensive views of illness, health promotion, wellness and disease, and injury prevention activities.
It Takes a Community!

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Questions?