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**Advancing connected care through collaboration**

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# Understanding Connected Care

Transforming healthcare into a seamless, safe, and patient-centric system



# Components of Connected Care

A **connected care health system** is an integrated and cohesive approach to healthcare delivery that leverages technology as one of the levers to connect various stakeholders, processes, and data sources within the healthcare ecosystem.

**Clinical Decision Support**

**AI, Data Analytics & Insights**

**Continuous Improvement**

**Transitions of Care & Care Coordination**

**Population Health Management**

**Electronic Health Records (EHR)**

**Wearable devices, Virtualization**

**Remote Monitoring & Telehealth**

**Clinical & Technical Interoperability**

**Patient Engagement & Safety**

# State of the Nation

A look at the now and the future of healthcare



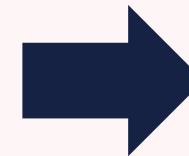
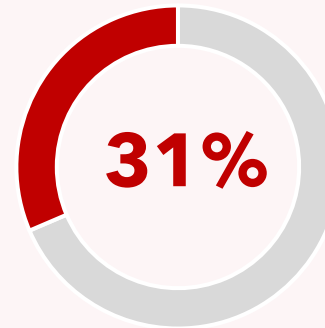
# State of the Nation: Now

## Our health systems face significant challenges.

Gaps in connected care continue to have negative impacts on clinicians and Canadians, impacting access, productivity and quality of care.



Clinicians report spending **over 30 minutes a day searching** for missing information



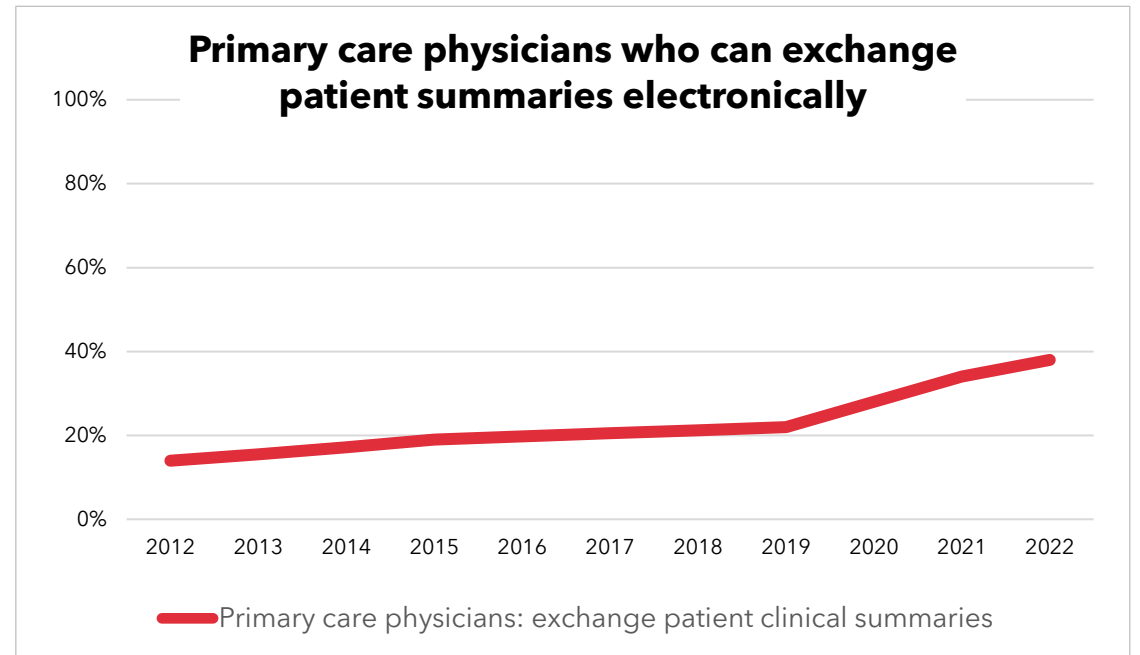
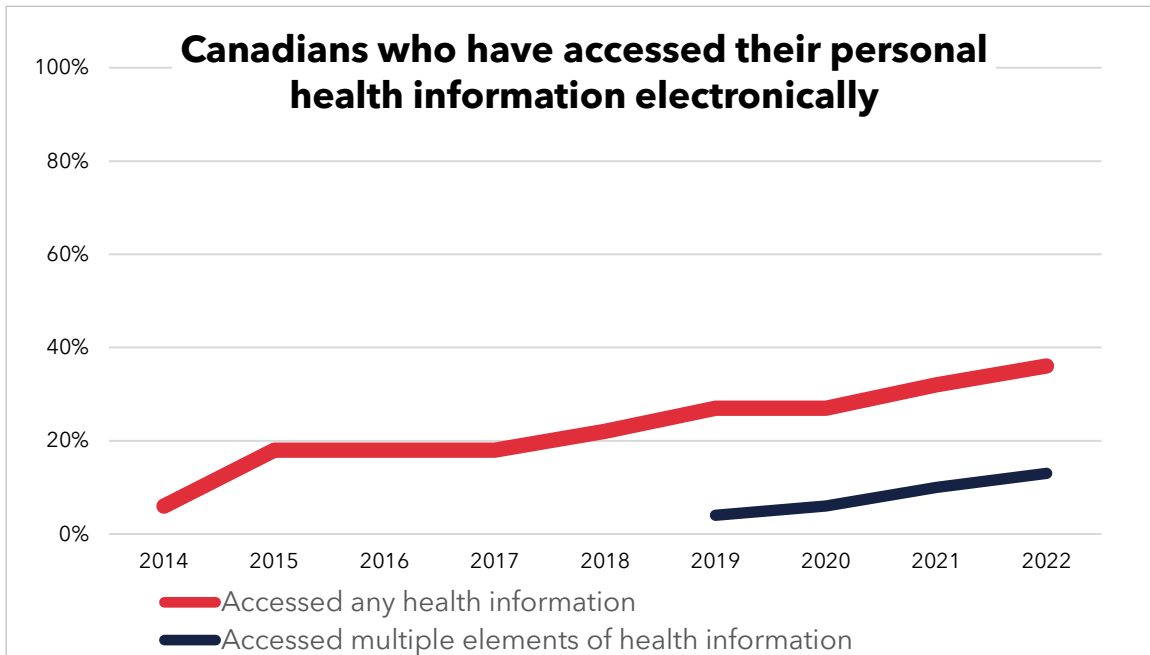
**9.6 Million Canadians**

Experience at least **one gap\*** in **communication and coordination** of their care in past 12 months

*\*The gap can be a communication delay between healthcare providers, lack of important parts of the patient's health record by the HCPs, redoing diagnostic procedure (like a lab test or x-ray), time wasted because of ineffective communication between HCPs, repeating information to different HCPs.*

# State of the Nation: Now

Two of the initial Federal Shared Health Priority indicators **measure modernization.**



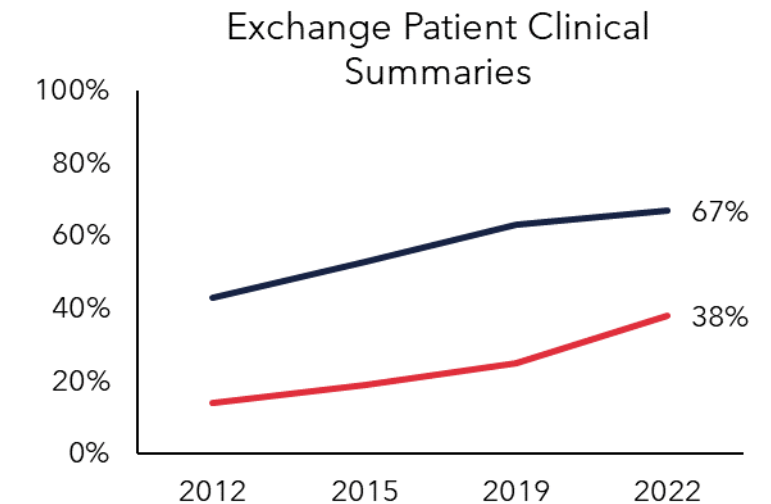
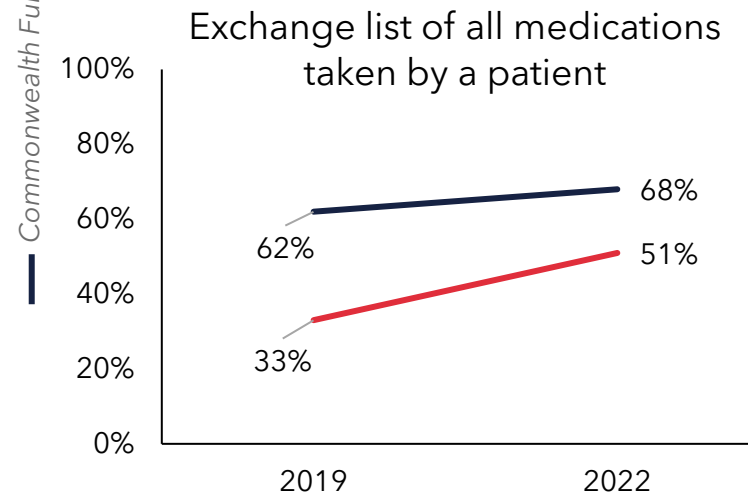
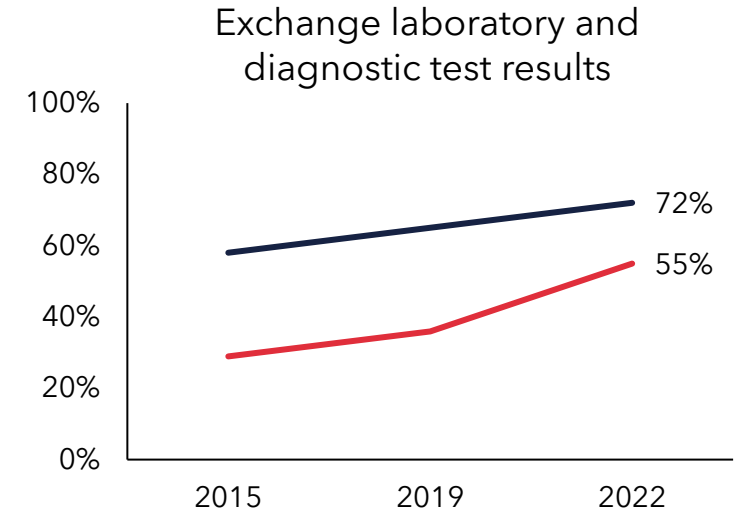
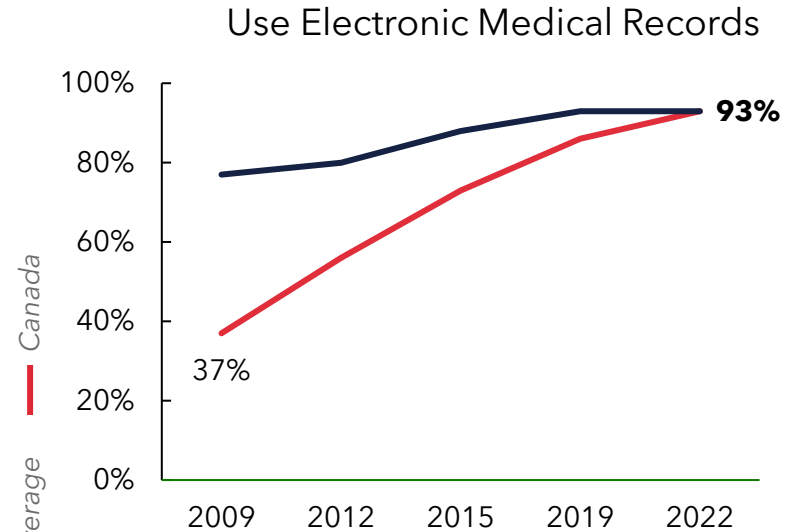
Source: Canadian Digital Health Survey (Infoway),

Source: Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians, CMA/Infoway National Survey of Canadian Physicians

# State of the Nation: International Comparison

**Commonwealth Fund** provides the best international metrics for Infoway's priorities.

We continue to show momentum, even catching up with peers on primary care EMRs. However, we lag in exchange of information.



# State of the Nation: Looking Ahead

Clinicians recognize the **benefits** of more connected care, responding that improved or increased interoperability would...

% strongly / moderately agree	<b>92%</b>	<b>Enable safer patient care</b> by having more complete, timely and accurate information at my disposal
	<b>88%</b>	<b>Enable better patient experience</b>
	<b>86%</b>	<b>Reduce redundant administrative tasks</b> related to data entry in my practice
	<b>85%</b>	<b>Increase my productivity</b>
	<b>89%</b>	<b>Improve quality care for my patients</b>
	<b>88%</b>	<b>Improve my ability to collaborate and coordinate care</b> with other HCPs/ clinicians or specialists outside my practice

Base: total clinicians answering for each attribute  
 C1a. Efforts are underway to improve interoperability (i.e., Your ability to access and/or exchange structured patient information from your practice system). Please indicate your level of agreement with the above statements.



# State of the Nation: Looking Ahead

Canadians who access their health information also report **significant value**.

Statements about the personal health information platform where electronic information was accessed, % agree (excluding N/As)



Among those that have access to PHI. Current access to types of electronic personal health information: Lab test/diagnostic results (82%); Immunization history/records (55%); List of current medications & medication history (40%); Patient visits summary (20%); Specialist consultation notes/records (19%)

# **Advancing Connected Care**

Picturing the future of health



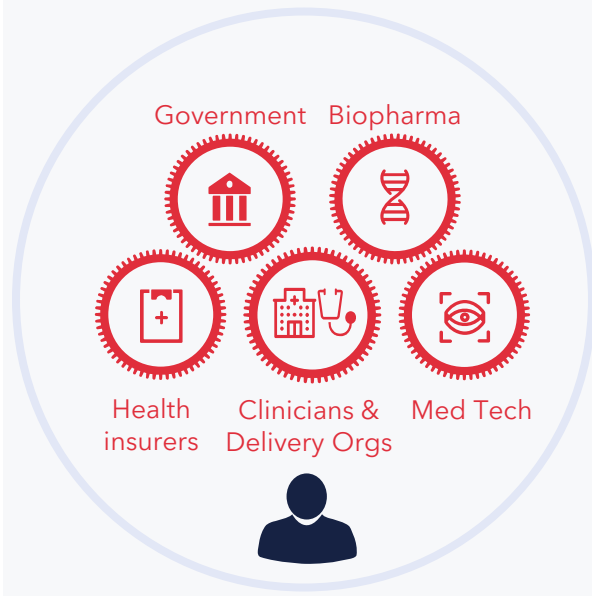
# Advancing Connected Care

Over the next two decades, the health system will shift away from a model that focuses on sickness and treatment and towards one that is aimed **at proactive health and wellbeing.**

## Wave 0

### Legacy Incumbents & Silos

- Separate entities / assets serve a given need, siloed orgs with misaligned macro-level incentives
- Business model: Reimbursement-based sick care, fee for service



## Wave 1

WHERE WE ARE NOW

### Fragmentation

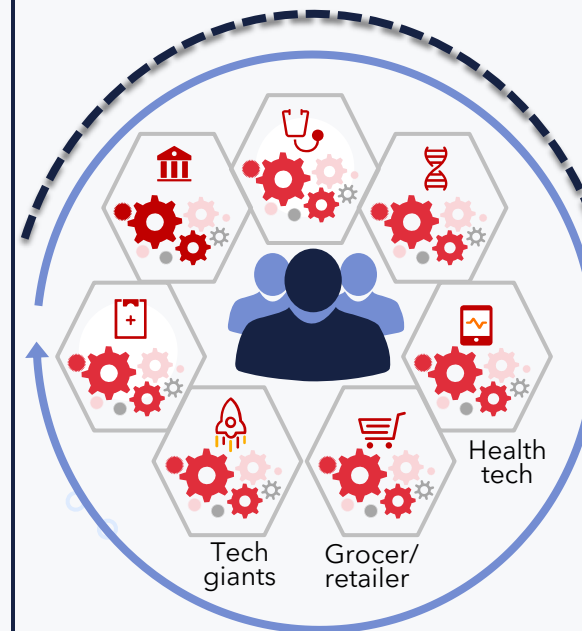
- Proliferation of new tools, care models data and consumerism
- Business model: More towards evidence-based sick care, still dominantly fee for service



## Wave 2

### Re-Assembly

- Reconstruction around the empowered patient, leverage connected data & new care experiences, key players converge
- Business model: Intelligence-based sick care, fee for health emerges



## Wave 3

THE FUTURE OF HEALTH

### Flow

- Networks and ecosystems become increasingly sophisticated, shift to wellness vs. sick care
- Business model: intelligence-based health care and wellness



# Advancing Connected Care

Infoway, in partnership with CIHI, is collaborating with F/P/T and other stakeholders to drive forward a connected health system for Canadians.

Three ambitions for a connected health system...

- 1 All Canadians will have the ability to access and share health data** within their circles of care and will be empowered to become equal partners in their care
- 2 A modernized health system built on connected care** to improve flow of data across multiple systems, reduce time spent gathering information and increase care coordination and collaboration.
- 3 Better and timely data** to help with care planning, system planning and improved performance

... Resulted in the following outcomes Infoway will deliver on:

- ▶ Better-connected health systems
- ▶ Easier sharing and use of personal health information
- ▶ Trust that health information is handled safely and securely
- ▶ Support for Canadian digital health innovation

# We are moving forward together

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## International Influence

Infoway continues to be an influential partner internationally, through relationships with the GDHP, SDOs, and more. We lead other countries through example and apply insights to Canadian conditions.



## Legislation

Infoway is engaged in local and international networks advancing legislation that fosters interoperable health systems, including the European Health Data Space.



## Phased Implementation of National Programs & Measured Outcomes

Infoway will continue to use this approach to create *sustainable* benefits for patients, clinicians, and the broader health system.



## Pan-Canadian Design, Local Execution

Infoway's Shared pan-Canadian Interoperability Roadmap was created to foster local implementation, while remaining designed for the nation.



## Centre for Clinical Innovation in Digital Health (CIDH)

Infoway is creating the CIDH to support interoperability adoption and drive meaningful engagement with clinical leaders.



## Patient Inclusion

Connected care is modernizing our healthcare system to co-create a future that keeps patients at the center of care.



## Private Sector Collaboration

Infoway launched the Industry Collaborative, with participation from over 27 private sector partners.

# Connected Care Collaboration

Ontario Health & Canada Health Infoway



# Connected Care Collaboration: ON Health & Infoway

## Patient Summary

Advancing electronic patient summary implementation to address transitions and continuity of care

## eReferral/ eConsult

Co-developing national eReferral standards to advance the coordination of care

## Community Connect Framework

Co-developing an implementable framework for simplifying primary and community care access to digital health services

## ODT

Advancing the Organ Donation & Transplantation program for Ontarians



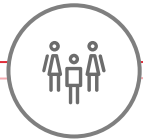
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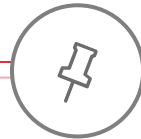
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# We're Better Together

Collaboration from stakeholders spanning our healthcare system is necessary to advance Connected Care and implement interoperable solutions.



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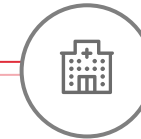
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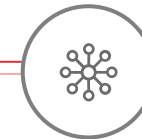
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## To learn more or get involved...



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