

# Computerized Physician Order Entry in LTC: From Possibility to Reality

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# Session Objectives

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- Identify opportunities for physician engagement in health information technology(HIT) / electronic health record (EHR) implementation in LTC
- Describe key enablers for implementation of computerized physician order entry (CPOE) in LTC
- Describe the impact on quality and safety with implementation of CPOE in LTC



# What are you hoping we cover?

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# Polling question #1

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- What is your role in LTC?
  - Attending Physician
  - Attending NP
  - Clinical/consulting pharmacist
  - Medical Director
  - Administrator
  - Other

# Live polling question #2

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- What is the primary method of order entry in your LTC practice?
  - A. handwritten on paper
  - B handwritten with digi-pen
  - C. electronic order entry
  - D verbal orders
  - E faxed orders

# Polling question #3

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What is available to you in the EHR in your LTC practice?

clinical care documentation

remote access (ie when off-site or on call)

quality indicator review

MDS data

access to Connecting Ontario viewer

# About Baycrest

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Headquartered on a 23-acre campus in Toronto, Canada.



Serves up to 1,500 older adults every day.



More than 1,000 students each year.



1,800 employees, 2,000 active volunteers

# Our Campus



# Baycrest Apotex the Jewish Home for the Aged

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- 472 bed faith based, academic LTC home
- 1 of 3 provincial teaching LTC homes (Center for Learning Research and Innovation)
- Organized medical staff with on call, teaching, research
- Geriatrics and geriatric psychiatry on site
- Electronic Health Record in place x 20 years, hospital system, computerized physician order entry (CPOE)
- Access to centralized admin and IT supports

# Terminology/Acronyms

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- HIT: Health Information Technology
- HIS: Health Information System
- EHR: Electronic Health Record
- EMR: Electronic Medical Record
- PHR: Personal Health Record
- CPOE: Computerized Physician Order Entry
- IMM: Integrated Medication Management
- eMAR: electronic Medication Administration Record



# Electronic Health Record in LTC

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- 6 primary domains
  - Communication
  - Clinical Information System
    - Clinical documentation, Clinical Decision Support
  - Medication Use Process
    - Order entry, medication administration, alert notifications
  - Quality Improvement
  - Regulatory Compliance
  - Transfer of Data

# Benefits of EHR in LTC

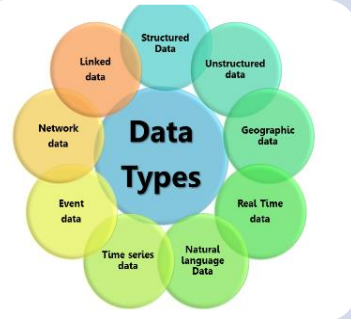
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- Continuity of care
- Care coordination
- Improved quality of care
- Decreased errors

# EHR and CPOE Benefits



Common Standards:  
Order Sets  
Terminology



Defined Data Types:  
Order  
Meds  
Allergies



Platform Independence:  
Apple, Android  
Windows;  
Chrome, IE  
Firefox



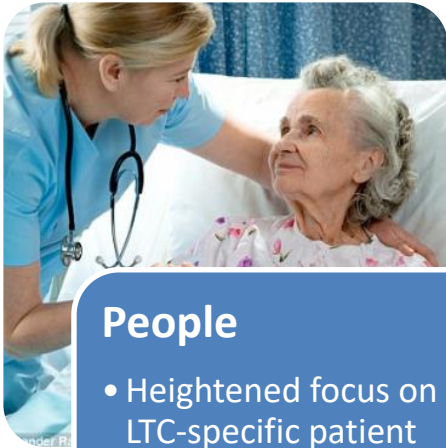
Device Portability:  
Smartphone  
Tablet  
Laptop  
WOW



Provincial Portal:  
eConnect

# Rationale for CPOE in LTC

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## People

- Heightened focus on LTC-specific patient population, refreshed documentation training, increased collaboration and enhanced interprofessional care.



## Process

- Modernized clinical workflow procedures, better multidiscipline access to information (e.g. Medical, Pharmacy, Nursing).



## Technology

- Enables disciplinary autonomy, while facilitating interprofessional collaboration.

# Reality of EHR in LTC homes

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- Present in majority (>85%), lagging other sectors
- Administrative activities
- Used to submit data (MDS RAI)
- Resident care and clinical decision support
- Physician adoption variable
- CPOE limited
- Limited Interoperability/integration with other systems

# Barriers to Implementation in LTC

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- Funding
- Organizational factors
- Availability of dedicated IT resources
- Staffing issues, training
- Functionality / Lack of integration
- Multiple systems for providers
- Updating and alignment of practice with process improvements.

# Factors associated with EHR implementation

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- Organizational willingness to innovate
- Leadership support
- Presence of IT staff
- Medical Director engagement
- Funding / Occupancy
- Increased ratio registered to non registered staff
- Larger homes (>100 beds or chains)

# Baycrest/s Journey to new Electronic Health Record

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## PROS

- Updated system needed
- Streamline interprofessional workflow
- Reduction of duplicate data
- Mobility/real time data entry and access
- Regulatory requirements
- Integration with MDS RAI
- Quality indicators and reviews

## CONS

- Break an integrated EHR
- Order entry change
  - Digi- pen is provincial standard
  - Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) not in place in Canada from this vendor
- Potential impact on finance, dietary, pharmacy work flows
- Learning curve – new system and processes



# EHR implementation

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- “...should not be seen as a medical arms race: instead it should be viewed as an efficient way to improve the quality of care”

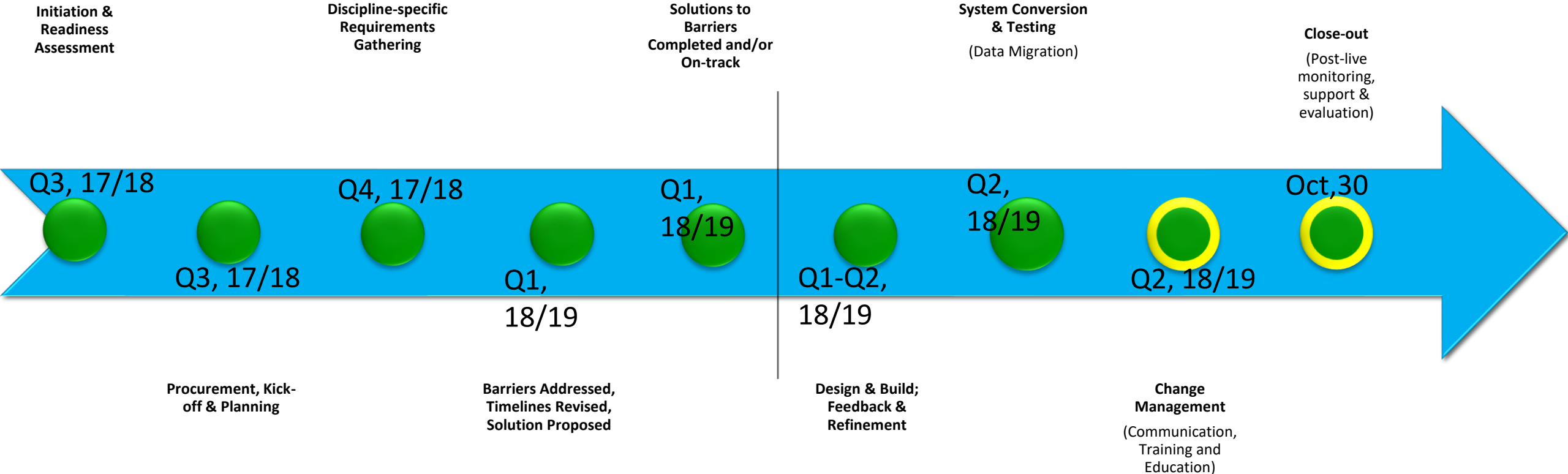
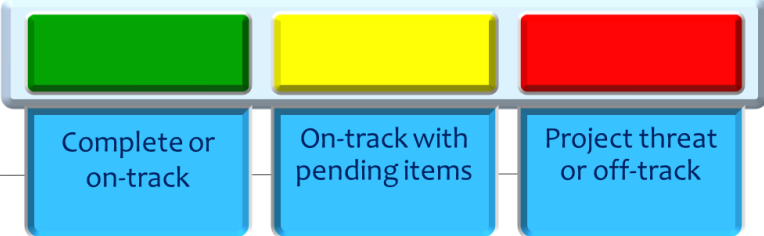
# Association of Ontario Health Centres (AOHC) EHR Implementation Guidelines

Readiness			Deployment		Adoption & Maintenance
ENGAGEMENT	ASSESSMENT	PREPARATION & PLANNING	DEPLOYMENT	GO LIVE WEEKEND	POST-IMPLEMENTATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Initial project planning discussions with centre</li> <li>▪ AOHC/centre preliminary meeting to kick off project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Detailed needs analysis to assess centre's business and technical readiness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project planning</li> <li>▪ Project Scope of Work, Funding Agreement, budget preparation</li> <li>▪ Business process redesign preparation</li> <li>▪ Data migration preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pre-production environments allocated</li> <li>▪ Data migration trial runs to create a clean extract file</li> <li>▪ Business process redesign</li> <li>▪ User training, EMR demos</li> <li>▪ Identification/development of ad hoc reports</li> <li>▪ Peer leader<sup>1</sup> group support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data conversion, validation</li> <li>▪ Final readiness checklist completion</li> <li>▪ Go/No-Go Live meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data validation by end users</li> <li>▪ Addressing issues</li> <li>▪ End user support</li> <li>▪ Peer leader group support</li> <li>▪ Transition to adoption/operations phase</li> </ul>

# Change Management



# Project Summary (SAMPLE)



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Quality of Care



Regulatory Compliance



Maintain Funding Accuracy



Doc. & Reporting Standards



Interprof. Workflow



Innovation: eMAR & CPOE



Reduce Risk



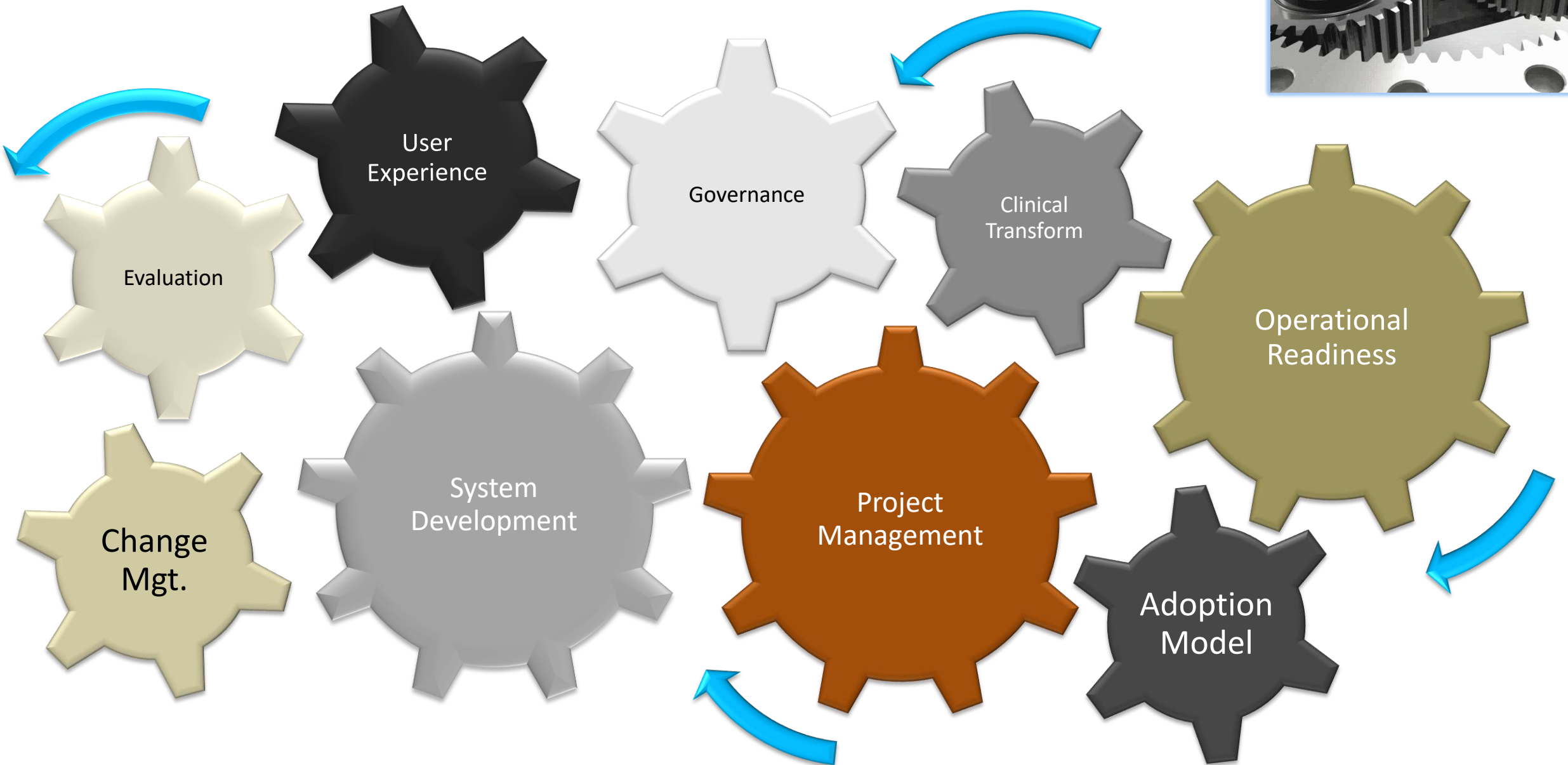
Improve Practice



Secure Messaging



# Moving Parts



# Operational Readiness

## Structures

e.g. People,  
knowledge,  
regulatory

- \*Leadership
- \*Governance

## Processes

e.g. Status of gaps,  
risks, issues; SWOT

- \*Change Mgt.
- \*Engagement
- \*Adoption

## Outcomes

e.g. Impact on  
practice, metrics,  
care



- \*Realize Benefits

## Tools

e.g. policies,  
resources,  
technology

- \* Communication
- \* Training & Education
- \* Analytics & BI

# Operational Readiness

 <b>Triumphs</b>	<b>Lessons</b> 
Governance Structures	High level of clinical championship.
Clinical Champions (e.g. CMIO)	Transitioning to senior level leadership.
Education & Communication Plan	Mandatory in-depth training plans.
Technical Teams & Planning	Impact of policy, procedures, process – on practice and



# Key Project Decision Points

- Policy and Practice Alignment
- Dietary System Integration
- Order Entry
  - CPOE vs Digi-Pen
  - Order Template Structure
  - Drug Data Base availability
  - Non Drug Order Entry
- Devices
- Training and Education

# Scope of CPOE in LTC

- Medication order entry
- Lab and diagnostic imaging
- Diet, Allergies
- Advance Care Plan, code status
- Treatments (ie wound care) eTAR
- Referrals

# Implementation of CPOE: Focus on Medication Orders

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- Order Entry Discussions
  - CMIO, medical staff, nursing, pharmacy, apotex leadership
  - Vender and pharmacy provider as project partners
  - Risk/Benefit: Digi-Pen vs CPOE
  - Impact on workflow, after hours, on call
- Solutions explored
  - Custom build order templates for Canadian drug data base
- ‘GO vs NO GO’
  - Decision to Delay Go Live date

# Electronic Devices for eMAR and CPOE— Needs & Options



# Enablers for CPOE

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- Organizational leadership support
- Medical leadership engagement (MD, CMIO)
- IT dedicated staff and project management
- Pharmacy and vendor engaged
- Integrated medication management (IMM)
  - EHR vendor and pharmacy system for data flow
- Remote access for physicians
- Training and education pre and post go live

# Out of the Box Medication order entry

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# Custom Order Template

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# Custom order templates

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- All drugs dispensed for greater than 3 days over past 3 years in the LTC home
- Classified into Drug Classes
- Standardize Drug Sentence Structure
- Generic/trade name/ODB and LU in search field
- Regular and PRN for those most commonly used
- Incorporate Antibiotic Stewardship guidelines for UTI, pneumonia



# Implementation planning

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- A Collective/Collaborative project
  - Shared responsibility and ownership (leadership, IT, clinicians)
  - Relationship with internal stakeholders and leaders key
- Regular updates with project team
  - Timelines
  - Status reports
  - Openly sharing issues
  - Collaborative problem solve - compromise
- Integration issues
- Celebrations along the way

# Go-LIVE

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- Training
  - Functionality of new system
  - Changes in process
    - eMAR, POC documentation, assessments, consult orders
- Data migration
  - Interprofessional including physicians
  - Course correction where needed
- Risk management
  - Allergies missed in data transfer

# Key Factors of Success

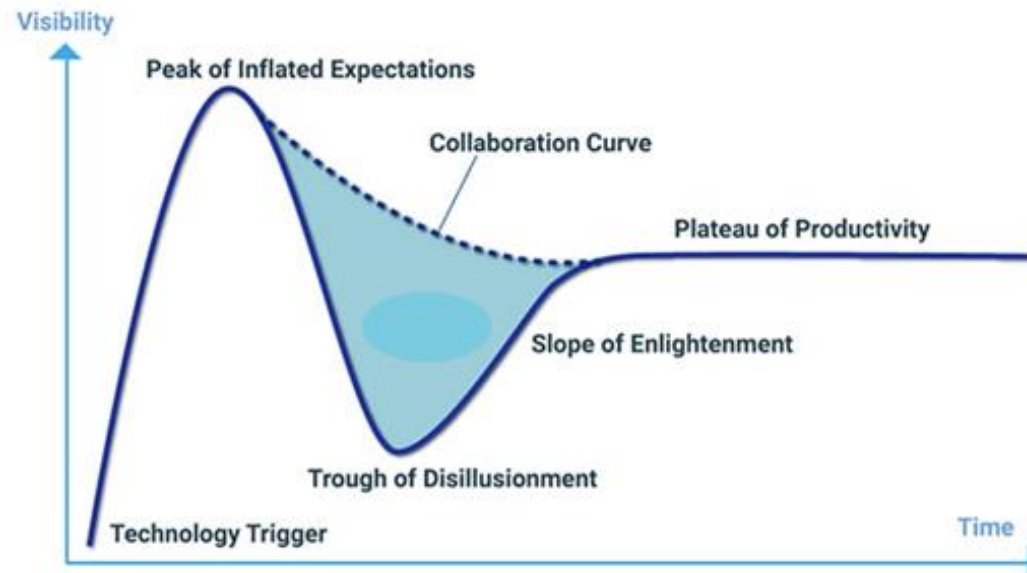
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- Relationship between Medical Leadership and Administration
  - ‘Working with’
  - Mutual appreciation of strengths
- Common shared goals
- Listen to understand
- Appreciate other perspectives and drivers
- Collaborative problem solving
- Willingness to adapt and concede
- Shared ownership for ongoing success

# Thank you!

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- Questions?
- Polling question :
  - What is on your wish list for EHR in your LTC practice?



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