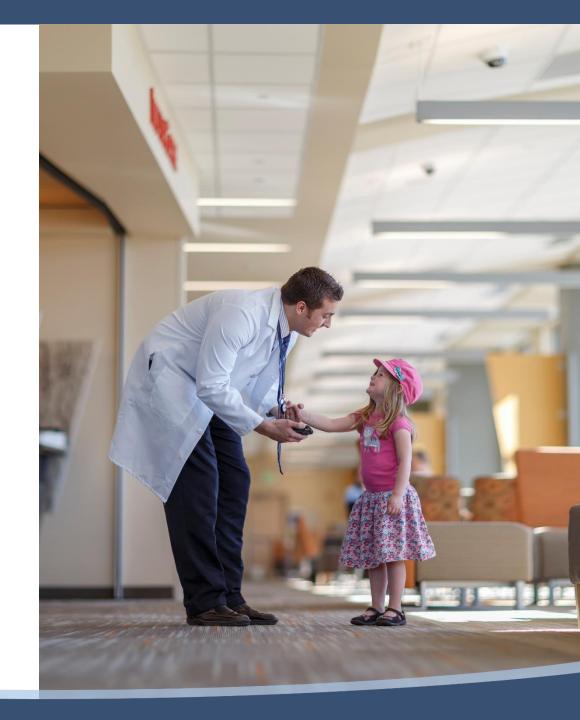
# Guiding Organizational Telehealth Change: The Intermountain Healthcare Experience

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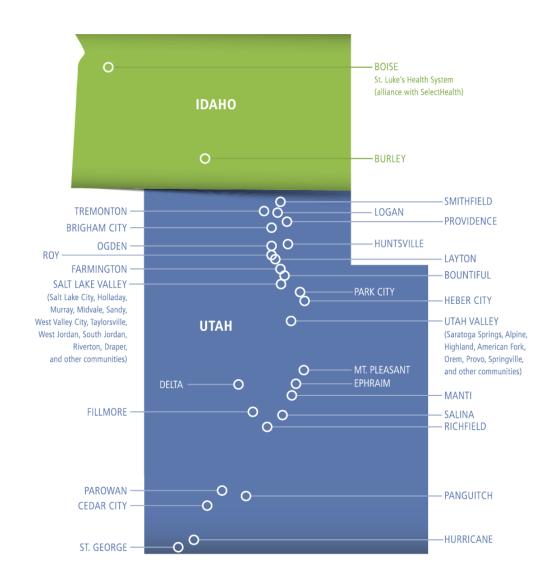
# **Agenda**

- Intermountain Telehealth Introduction
- Five Big Change Questions
- Open Discussion

#### Intermountain Healthcare

#### "Be a model healthcare system"

- Salt Lake City-based integrated healthcare system
- 22 hospitals (2,800 beds), 180 clinics
- Employed (Intermountain Medical Group) and Affiliated Providers
- Wholly owned health plan (Select Health) with large commercial market share
- Numerous (and increasing) at-risk financial relationships
- High deductible health plans very common



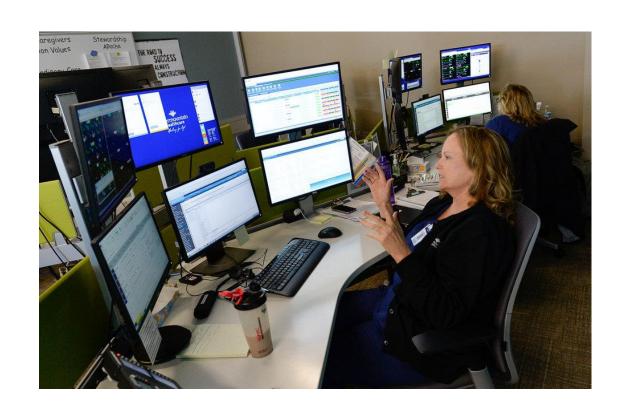


#### Telehealth at Intermountain

# Multiple Clinical Offerings

- Clinician-to-Clinician Consults (ICU, stroke, etc.)
- Direct-to-Consumer
- Remote Patient Monitoring

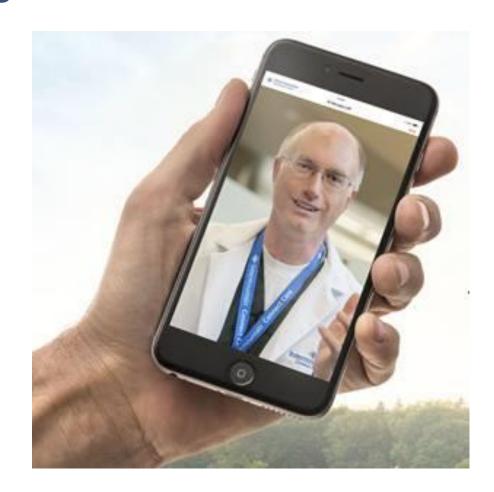
Branding Considerations:
 "Intermountain Connect"



#### **Intermountain Connect Care Basics**

## Direct-to-Consumer On-Demand Urgent Care

- Started February 2016
- >30,000 visits; >75,000 enrollments
- American Well platform
- Staffing
  - 75% by Intermountain providers (Advanced Practice Clinicians)
  - 25% by American Well Online Care Group (MDs)
- Mostly mobile, some desktop, few kiosks
- Beyond urgent care...



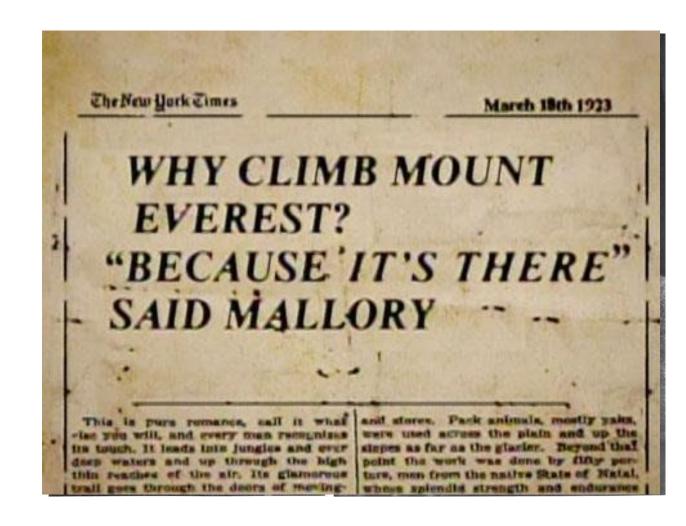
# **Big Questions**

- Why are we doing this?
- How do we define success for a telehealth program?
- How do we measure success of a telehealth program?
- How do we create high quality programs?
- How do we guide the institution through telehealth changes?



# Why are we doing this?

Simple question. Right?

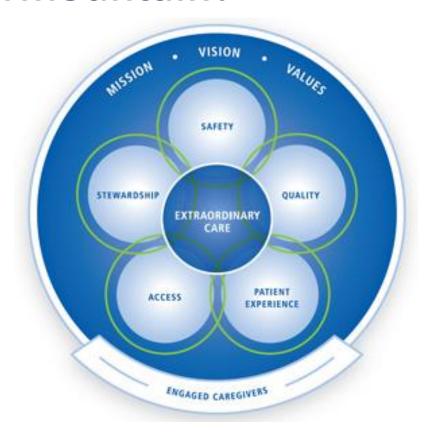




## **How Do We Define Success at Intermountain?**

#### **Institutional Goals**

- Provide access to safe, high quality care
- Lower cost of care (for all involved)
- Become more consumer-oriented
- Improve access to care
- Properly allocation resources



Intermountain
Fundamentals of Extraordinary Care



# Program t c Value Calculating. Difficulty

#### **How Do We Measure Success?**

Depends on the program. Depends on the goals.

Think in tiers of value.

1st Tier: Baseline Data

Examples:

Visit, Enrollments, Antibiotic Prescriptions, Wait Times, Patient Satisfaction, etc. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier: Value to Individuals and Programs

Examples:

Cost per episode of care, Program P&L, Provider Productivity 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier: Value to System

Examples:

Total Cost of Care, Avoided Costs, Staffing/Physical Plant Reallocation, Patient "Stickiness"

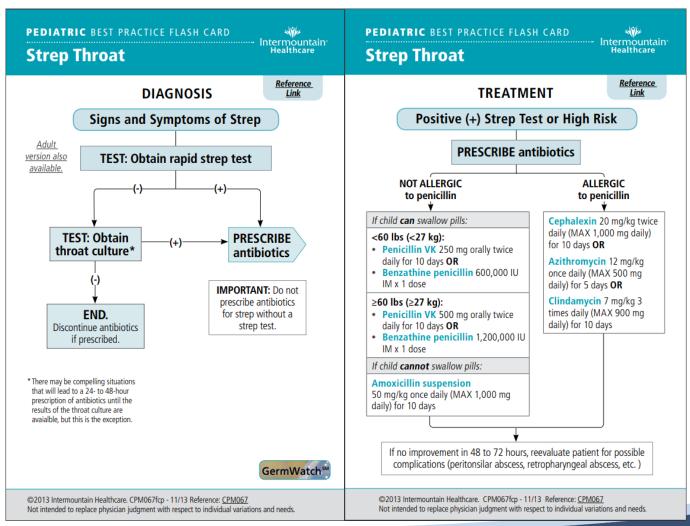


# **How Do We Create High Quality Programs?**

Beg, borrow, and steal.

Reinvent when necessary.

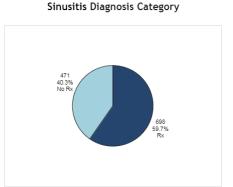
- Who defines "Quality" at your institution?
- What is "Quality" to them?
- Does that definition work for telehealth?
- When should telehealth adhere or deviate?
- Can't formalize everything.





# **How Do We Create High Quality Programs?**

# Data- and case-driven. Clear standards. Meaningful outcomes.



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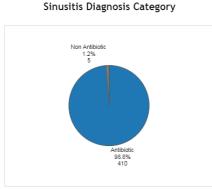
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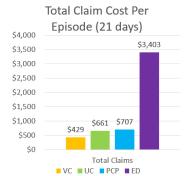
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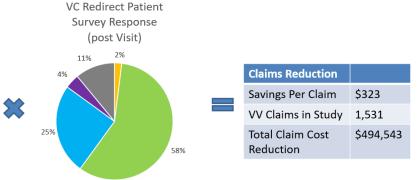






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O Intermountain OCG Diagnostic Type Acute Bronchitis Screen Type (AII) Needs Clarification Screen Positive O Verify Rapid Strep Age Group (AII) O Adult O Peds Date Range Start/End Dates Start Date 1/1/2018 End Date 4/1/2018

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Medication Prescribed

Amoxicillin-clavulanate

Doxycycline

Amoxicillin

Azithromycin

Clarithromycin

Cefuroxime

Clindamycin

Prednisone

# **Question 4: How Do We Guide Our Institution Through Change?**

## The hardest part

- Telehealth is not "installing a program" or a "killer app"
- 10% technology, 90% everything else
- Identify clinical goals and needs
- Serve those goals and needs, not arbitrary implementation endpoints
- Communicate relentlessly and realistically about the *why*, not just the *how*





