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Talking Points

- Davis Medical Center had a house-developed medical record mainly for nursing documentation. Currently transitioning to an EHR platform that helps meet regulatory requirements /Meaningful Use.
- For approximately 5 years, there's been use of a web-based platform that has provided connectivity services and integration among our hospital, physician offices, labs, etc.. The hospitals and physician practices have already proven the exchange of patient health information is enhancing care in the local communities. The growth of HIE is increasingly being accelerated by the financial incentives available in the American recovery and reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Many of the Meaningful Use objectives now *require* HIE capabilities.
- Capabilities to look for in HIE:
 - **Meeting Meaningful Use requirements** with 1.) provision of *summary of care* for patient transitions and referrals; 2.) submission of immunization data, etc. to the Bureau for Public Health; 3.) provide on-line access to health information that can be sent to patient's Personal Health Record (PHR); 4.) record advanced directive information through State [e-Directive] Registry
 - **Maintaining Privacy and Security** through authorized access and only by individuals identified with viewing patient information on a need-to-know basis
 - **Reduce Expenses** of multiple costly interfaces as one connection to HIE can enable connection with other health care providers, labs, State regulatory agencies as well as reduce operating expenses associated with mailing, faxing, copying and storing paper records.
 - **Increase the ability to participate in other Innovative Health Care Delivery Initiatives** coming about as with Telehealth/Telemedicine and managing diverse and unique patient populations more productively.