

Arizona Health-e Connection

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Reasons to be Proud of our Innovation and Efficiency

- USA produces
 - 70% of Nobel Laureates*
 - 80 of the 100 most important inventions of the 20th Century*
 - 1/3 of the world's wealth with 5% of the population*

*Dr. Barry Asmus, *A Tribute to America*

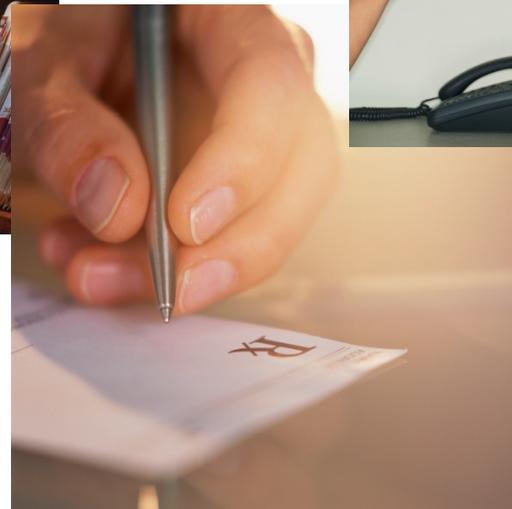
Healthcare Wins

- Better five-year cancer survival rates*
 - 66% for US men vs 47% for European men
 - 63% for US women vs 56% for European women

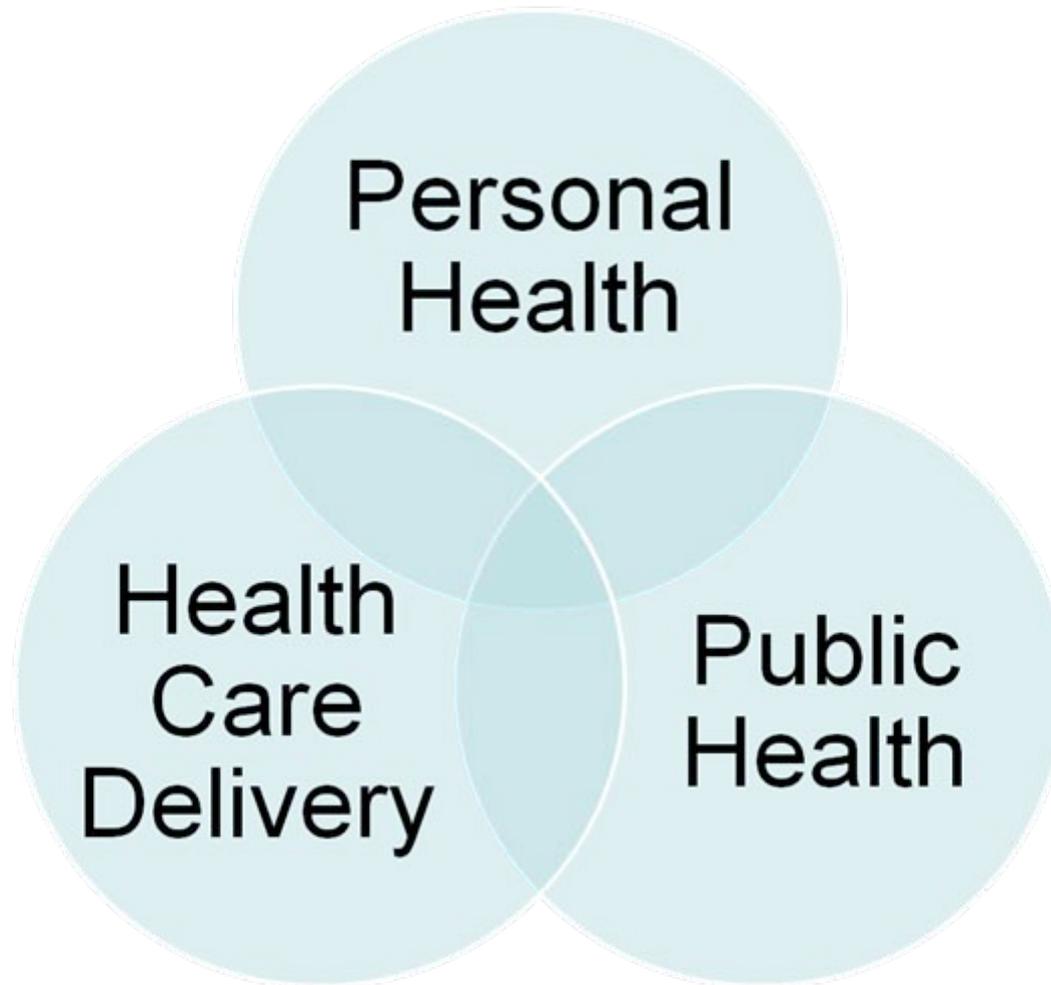
*Lancet Oncology
- Decreased US death rates from heart attacks*
 - 307 per 100,000 in 1950
 - 126 per 100,000 in 2000

*American Heart Assn.
- People come from all over the world for specific medical treatments in the U.S.

Health Care Information: Still an early 20th Century Infrastructure?



Solution: A Health Information Infrastructure



Healthcare Delivery

Problem: Lack of access to existing information accounts for one-fifth of medical-error related deaths. IOM, CDC, PriceWaterhouseCoopers

Solutions: Electronic Health Records for Providers and Hospitals; Electronic Prescribing; Health Information Exchange

Public Health

Problem: Need for faster access to indications of outbreaks (including terrorism), in order to respond more effectively.

Solution: Systems offering real-time access to clinical diagnoses; Research using de-identified data

Personal Health

Problem: People are living longer, with chronic and complicated conditions; uncoordinated care; need to promote self management

Solution: Provide consumers access to their information; Personal Health Records

Ensuring Privacy and Implementing Security Appropriately



Arizona Health-e Connection (AzHeC)

exists to

Convene, Coordinate and Communicate

for Health Information Infrastructure

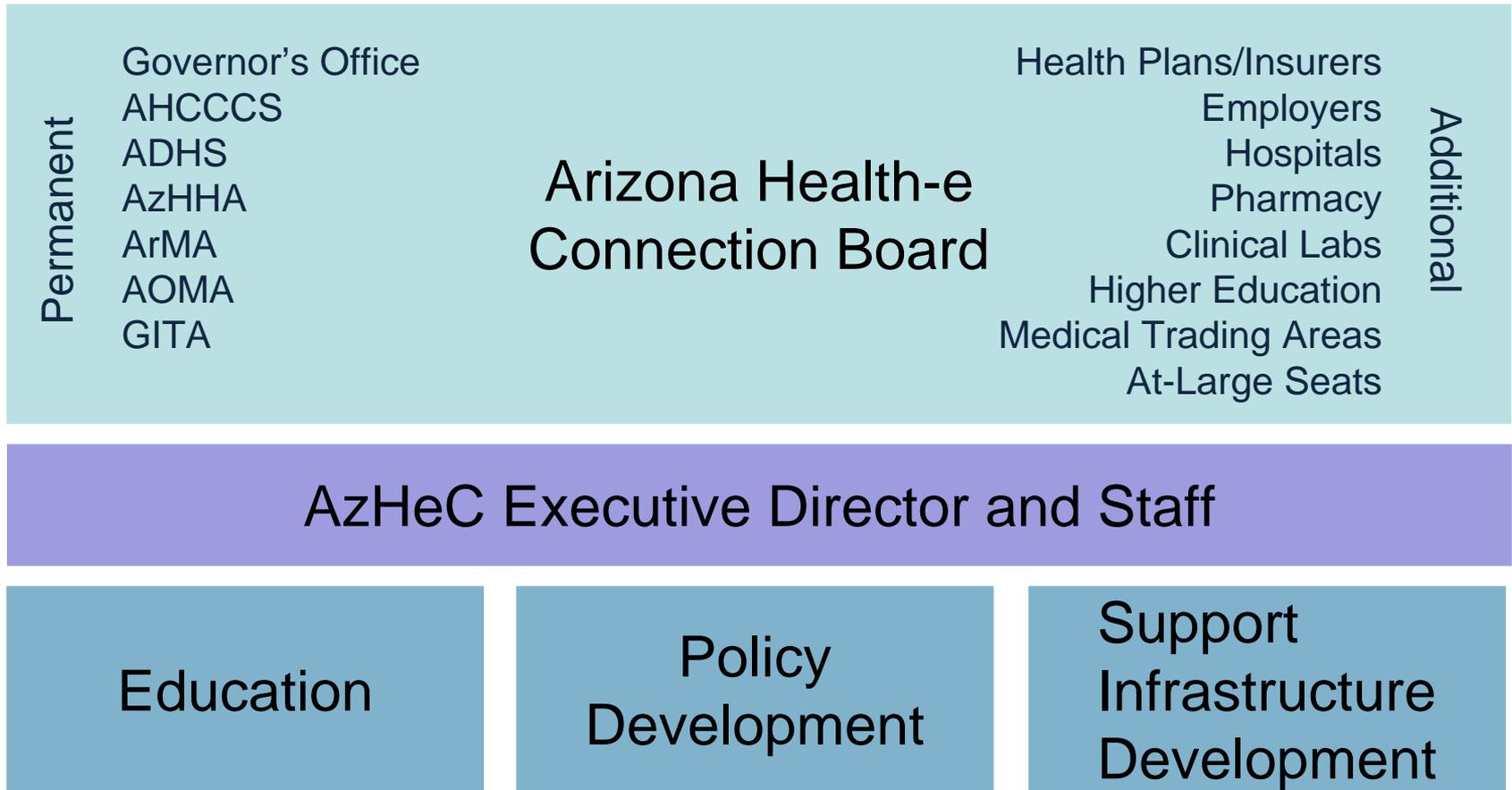
improvements that affect every Arizonan

Private Sector Organization – with Government at the Table

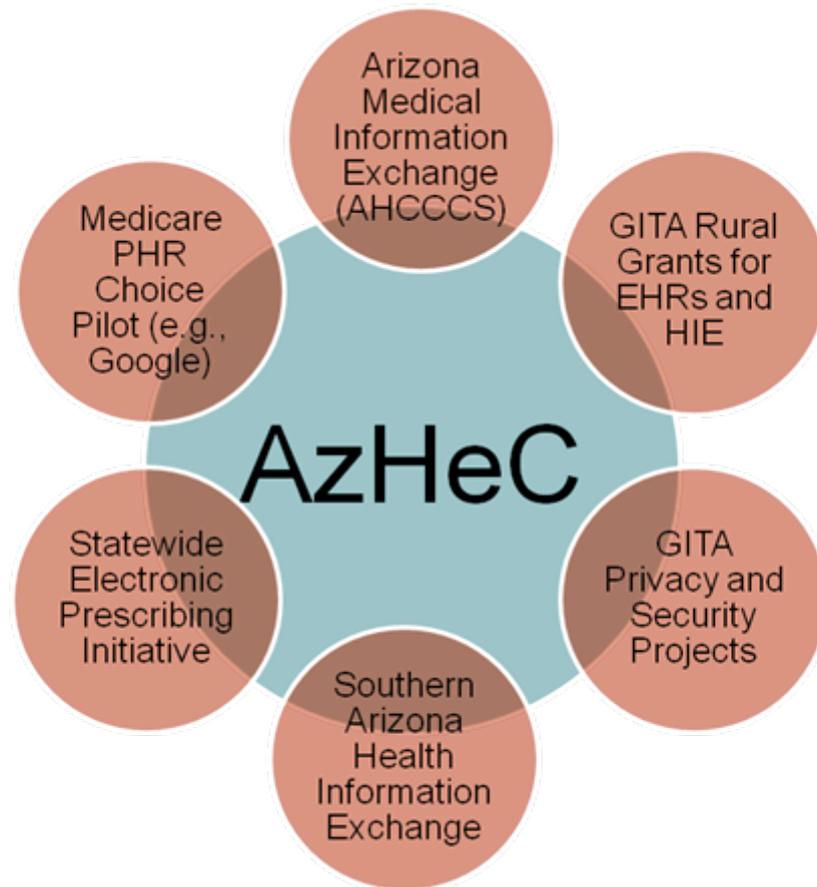
AzHeC Mission

- Facilitate the design and implementation of integrated statewide health information technology & exchange
- Support information needs of consumers, health plans, policymakers, providers, purchasers, and researchers
- Improve health through:
 - Patient safety
 - Improving quality and efficiency efforts
 - Reducing health care costs

AzHeC Governance Structure and Strategic Direction



Arizona HIT/HIE Initiatives



See additional handout

Arizona's Point of Coordination

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