#### The Interoperability Imperative: Assessing Hawaii Providers' Readiness for Change



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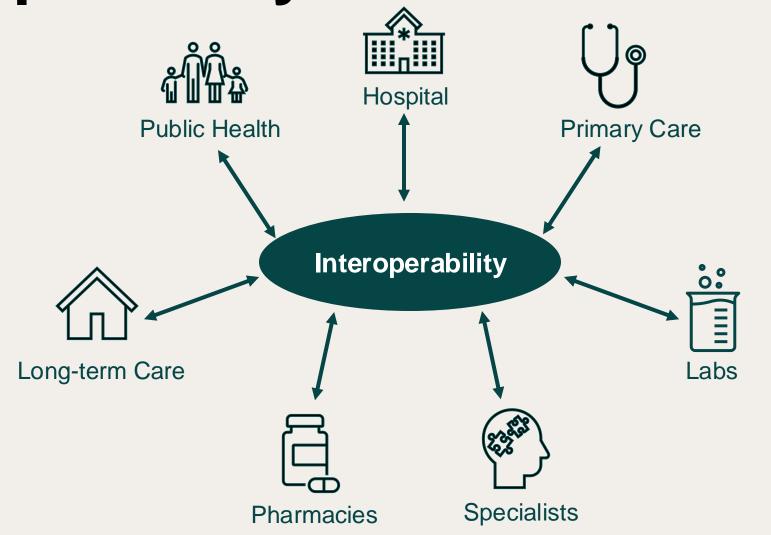


# **Session Objectives**

- 1. Understand the critical role of interoperability in enhancing the quality, safety, and efficiency of health care delivery in Hawaii.
- 2. Explore the complexities and challenges involved in achieving interoperability, including the necessary collaboration between state entities and health care providers.
- 3. Identify the steps for assessing the readiness of Hawaii's health care providers for upcoming changes in health data exchange standards.



# Introduction: Enhancing Healthcare Interoperability in Hawaii



# The Critical Role of Interoperability



# **Challenges in Achieving Interoperability**

#### **Technical Hurdles**

**Privacy Concerns** 

**Stakeholder Alignment** 

**Resource Allocation** 



#### **Lessons from Recent Crises**

#### Maui Wildfires

- Access to medical records during evacuations
- Communication gaps between EMS and providers

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

- Importance of real-time data sharing
- Challenges coordinating
  vaccine distribution and tracking

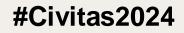
Interoperability is crucial for effective emergency response. Investments in health data exchange systems are essential.

#### Hawaii's Readiness Assessment

Partnership

#### **Data Collection**

#### Analysis



#### **Assessment Development**

Survey of 23 questions in three categories:

- General Practice Information
- Electronic Health Record (EHR) and Interoperability
- Hawaii Health Information Exchange
  Awareness and Use

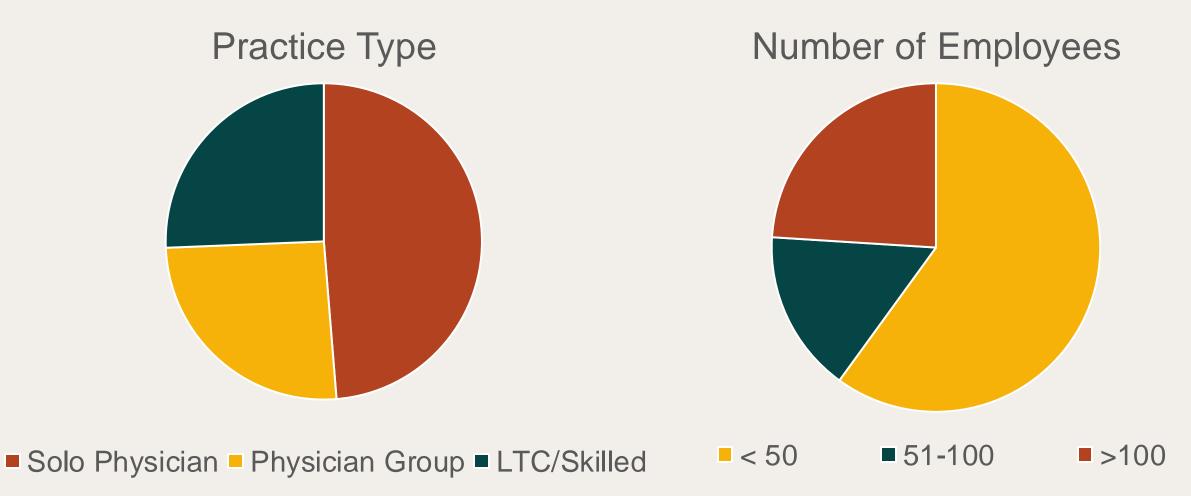




#### **Assessment Results**

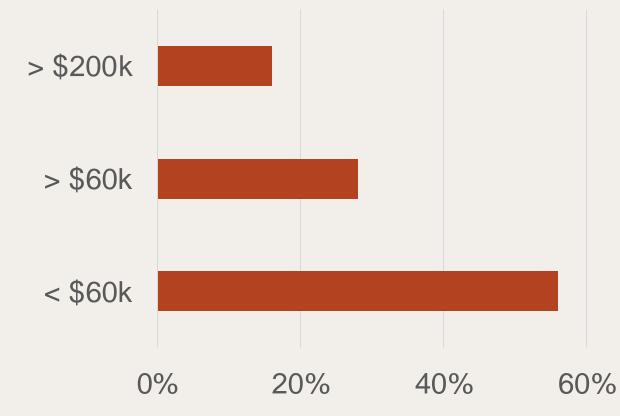


#### **General Practice**



# **EHR and Interoperability**

#### Cost of Solution

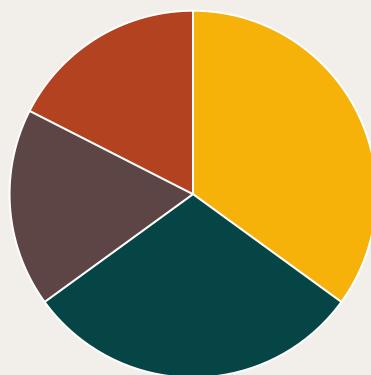


92% of respondents have an EHR or plan to implement one in the next two years.

# **EHR and Interoperability**

#### Barriers to Interoperability

- Current EHR Does Not Support
   EHR Upgrade too Expensive
- Lack of Resources; Staffing
   Security
- Security Concerns



85% of respondents with an interoperable EHR indicated their organization takes advantage of the interoperability features

64% of respondents with an EHR are either scanning or manually entering information into their system

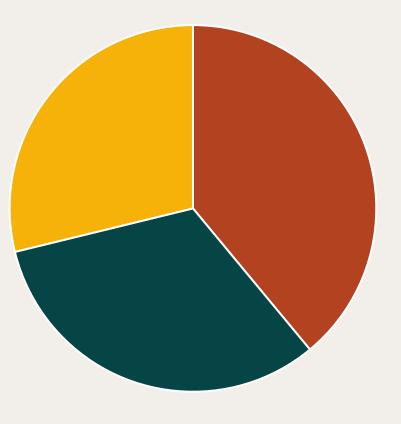
### **HHIE Awareness and Use**

**Barriers to HHIE Participation** 

Subscription Fee

Lack of Technical Assistance

 Initial Interface Costs



60% of respondents indicate a familiarity with HHIE

39% of respondents indicate use of HHIE products and services

73% of the respondents using HHIE products and services, indicate HHIE is helpful in addressing their interoperability needs



#### Community Workgroup Report and Recommendations



## **Workgroup Recommendations**

Consider provider readiness and resources before mandating data sharing

Subsidize technical onboarding support for providers

State should support critical statewide infrastructure

# **Next Steps for Hawaii**

Provider Strategic System Training and Upgrades Partnerships Support

#### **Call to Action**





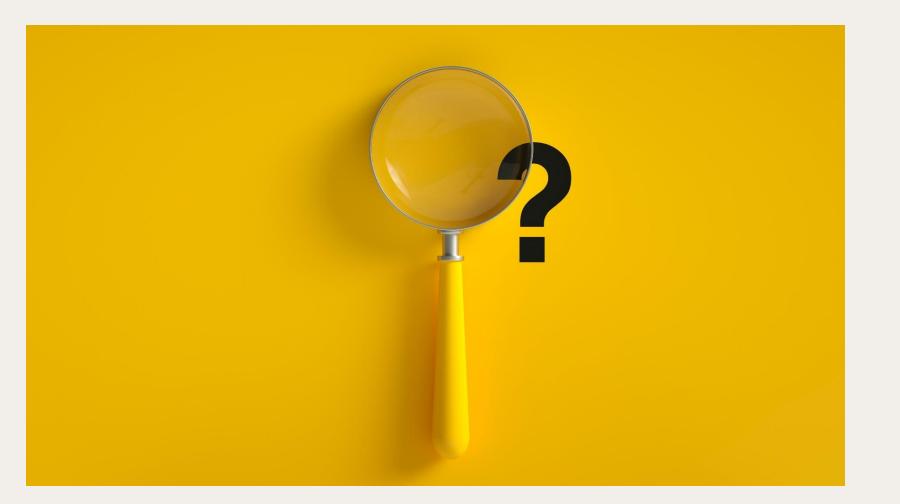
#### **Prioritize Training**



**Foster Collaboration** 









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