



The Future of Laboratory Medicine Overview

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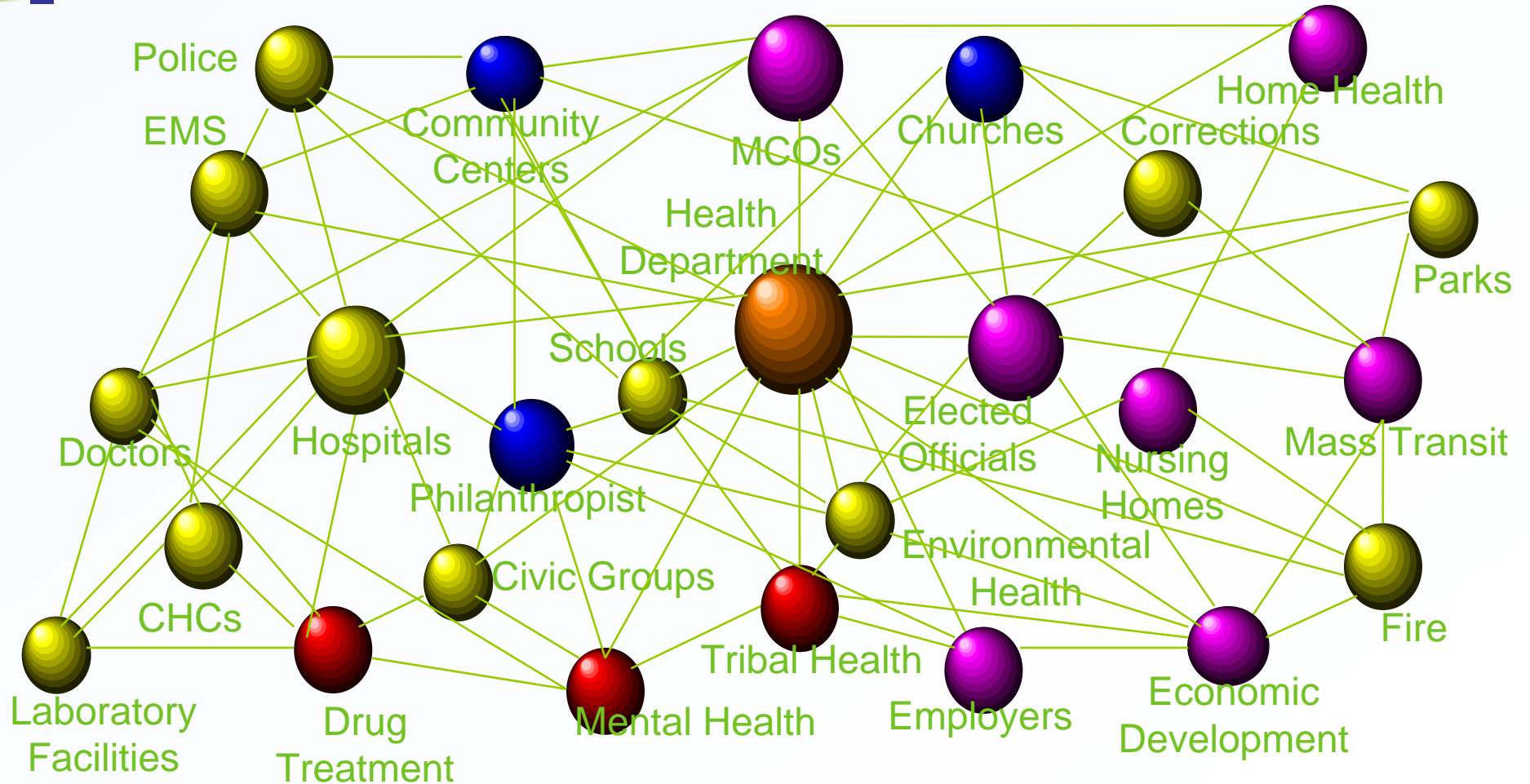
Plan for CLIAAC Meetings



- Spring 2006 – Challenges to Public Health
 - ❖ **Workgroup on Impact of Rapid and Molecular Tests for Infectious Diseases on Public Health**
- Fall 2006 – Challenges to laboratories performing “complex” testing in “traditional” locations
- Spring 2007 – Challenges to laboratories performing “simple” testing in diverse sites



The US Health System





What is the status of laboratory practice in the US today?



- 190,000+ CLIA certified laboratories
- Diverse testing sites
- Diverse testing personnel
- Enhanced technology – automated, rapid, near patient
- Vocabulary – patient safety, informatics, risk management, quality systems, Six Sigma, Lean



What will laboratory practice in the US look like in the future?



- What are some of the challenges we can expect?
- Where can we expect gaps in regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines?
- What innovations might address these gaps?
- What else might be needed?



How will laboratory practices and services adapt to the future?



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What areas need attention today?



- Communications
- Poor integration of services
- Lack of accountability/responsibility at interfaces
- Reimbursement
- Fragmented IT
- Lack of performance measures



Health Care System – In need of a revolution



- Meets the needs of those who work in the system rather than the patients
- Characterized by overuse, underuse, misuse and errors, and waste
- Inefficient, ineffective, disorganized, disrespectful to patients
- Not based on evidence-driven practices
- High cost
- Disparities in access and care



Health Care System – Some reasons for rising costs



- Technology
- Larger elderly population
- Increase in chronic care
- Direct marketing of health care – consumer demand
- Mandates for care
- Increases in liability insurance
- Variable and non-integrated practice
- Aggregated health delivery systems



Health Care System - Issues for the future

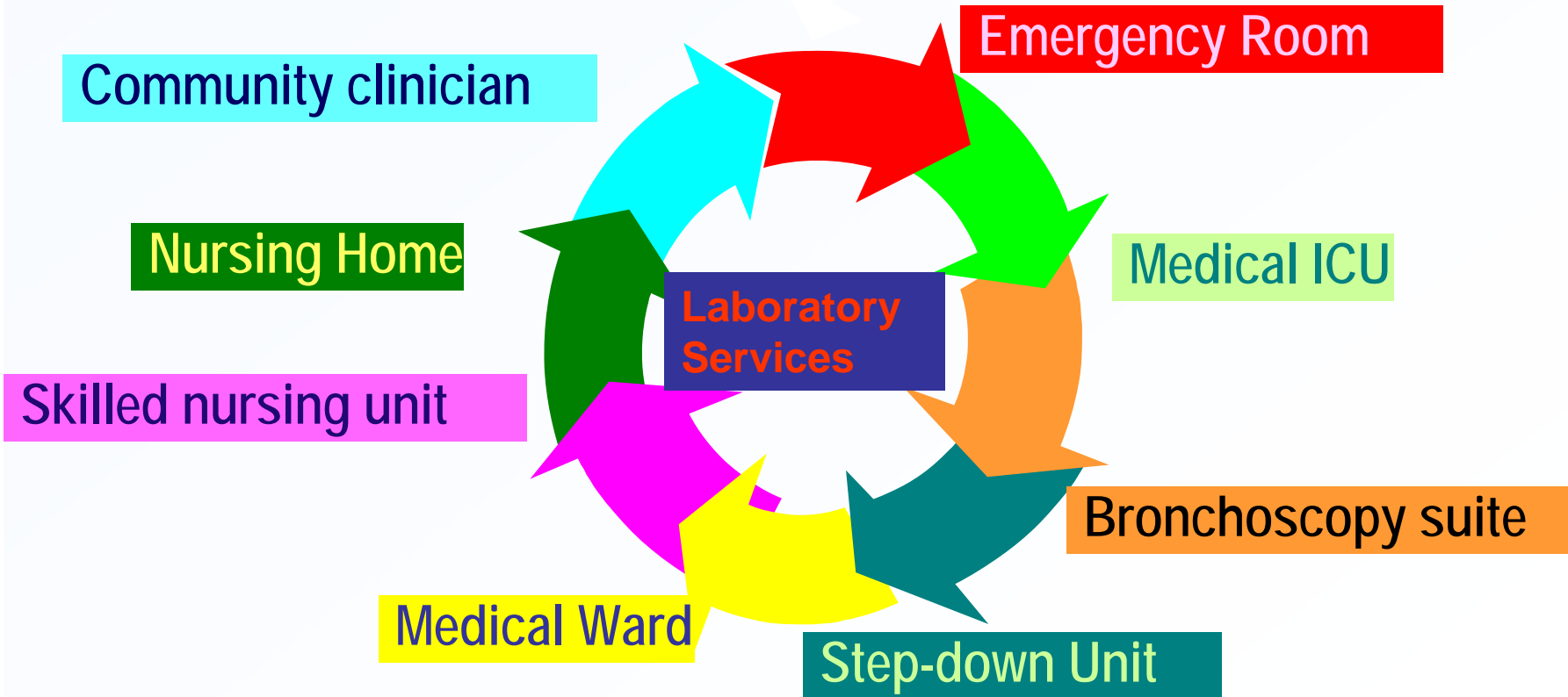


- Rising costs
- Public and purchaser awareness and accountability
- Performance measures
- Value-based decision on payment
- Integrated health care delivery
- Information Technology promoted as change agent
- Coordination of and continuity of care



Who is responsible?

69 year old diabetic patient with pneumonia





What Assumptions should we make about the Future of Laboratory Medicine?



- Will current practices be adequate to cope with anticipated changes in technology, patient care options, knowledge management needs, and resource limits?**
- Will laboratory services continue to play an essential role in patient care and public health?**
- Will the use of laboratory services become more appropriate and effective?**
- Will enhancements in informatics capability allow the laboratory to play a major role in the coordination and continuity of care?**



What are the implications for public health?



Possible downsides –

- Gaps in reporting?
- Consumer confusion about test results and health implications?

Possible benefits -

- Improved access to testing services?
- Better quality?
- Improved collaboration between public and private laboratories?



Speakers and Topics



- **Dr. Jocelyn Hicks**
The Future of Medical Laboratory Practice
- **Dr. Cynthia French**
"The Future of Medical Laboratory Practice" A Manufacturer's Perspective on Regulations, Standards, and Guidelines in Advanced Diagnostics Microarray Product
- **Dr. Steven Hofstadler**
High Throughput Mass Spectrometry-Derived Base Compositions for the Detection and Strain Typing of Bacterial and Viral Pathogens
- **Dr. Elizabeth Hammond**
Reporting Standardization in Pathology



Speakers and Topics



- **Dr. Michael Laposata**
Patient-specific Narratives for Laboratory Test Evaluation
- **Dr. James Harrison**
Challenges in Clinical Communication
- **Dr. Kathy Doig**
Future of the Laboratory Workforce: Advanced Clinical Practice
- **Ms. Kathleen Hansen**
Interdisciplinary Roles for Clinical Laboratory Scientists



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