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# **2013 Results from Survey on Health Data Exchange:**

## **The Challenge to Connect**

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# About eHealth Initiative

- Since 2001, eHealth Initiative is the only national, non-partisan group that represents all the stakeholders in healthcare. Represent over 15 different stakeholder groups and 39 states across the nation.
- Mission to promote use of information and technology in healthcare to improve quality, safety and efficiency.
- Last year, over 4500 individuals attended our events and 500+ individuals participated in our national councils and workgroups
- eHealth Initiative focuses its research, education and advocacy efforts in four areas:
  - Data and Analytics
  - IT Infrastructure to Support Accountable Care
  - Technology for Patients with Chronic Disease
  - Data Exchange & Interoperability



# What Our Members Think...

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*“What I love most about eHealth Initiative is its unique value proposition that melds research, education and advocacy. It is the only organization I know that reaches across silos to bring the best minds together to solve complex challenges.”*

*--Edward Marx, Senior Vice President & CEO, Texas Health Resources*

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*“eHI brings together the full range of stakeholders addressing care improvement through information technology; eHI is unparalleled in that regard.”*

*--John Glaser, PhD, CEO, Health Services, Siemens Medical Solutions*

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*--Dave Dexter, President and CEO, Sonora Quest Laboratories & Laboratory Sciences of Arizona*





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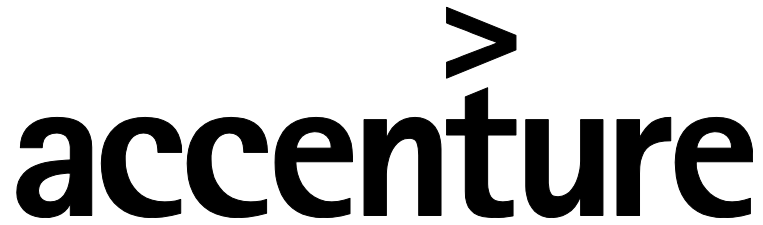
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# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Overview of survey findings
  - Jennifer Covich Bordenick, CEO, eHealth Initiative
  - Alex Kontur, Policy Analyst, eHealth Initiative
- Reaction panel
  - Kalyanraman Bharathan, PhD, Health Information Network of Arizona
  - Mike Dittemore, Lewis and Clark Information Exchange
  - Tony Gilman, Texas Health Services Authority
  - Sarah Churchill Llamas, Integrated Care Collaboration
  - Laura McCrary, Kansas Health Information Network
- Q&A



# About the 2013 Survey

- 10<sup>th</sup> annual survey
- 199 of 315 identified organizations completed the survey
  - 90 community HIEs, 45 SDEs/state HIEs, 50 healthcare delivery organizations, others include public health, payers
- 91 organizations completed the survey in both 2011 and 2013



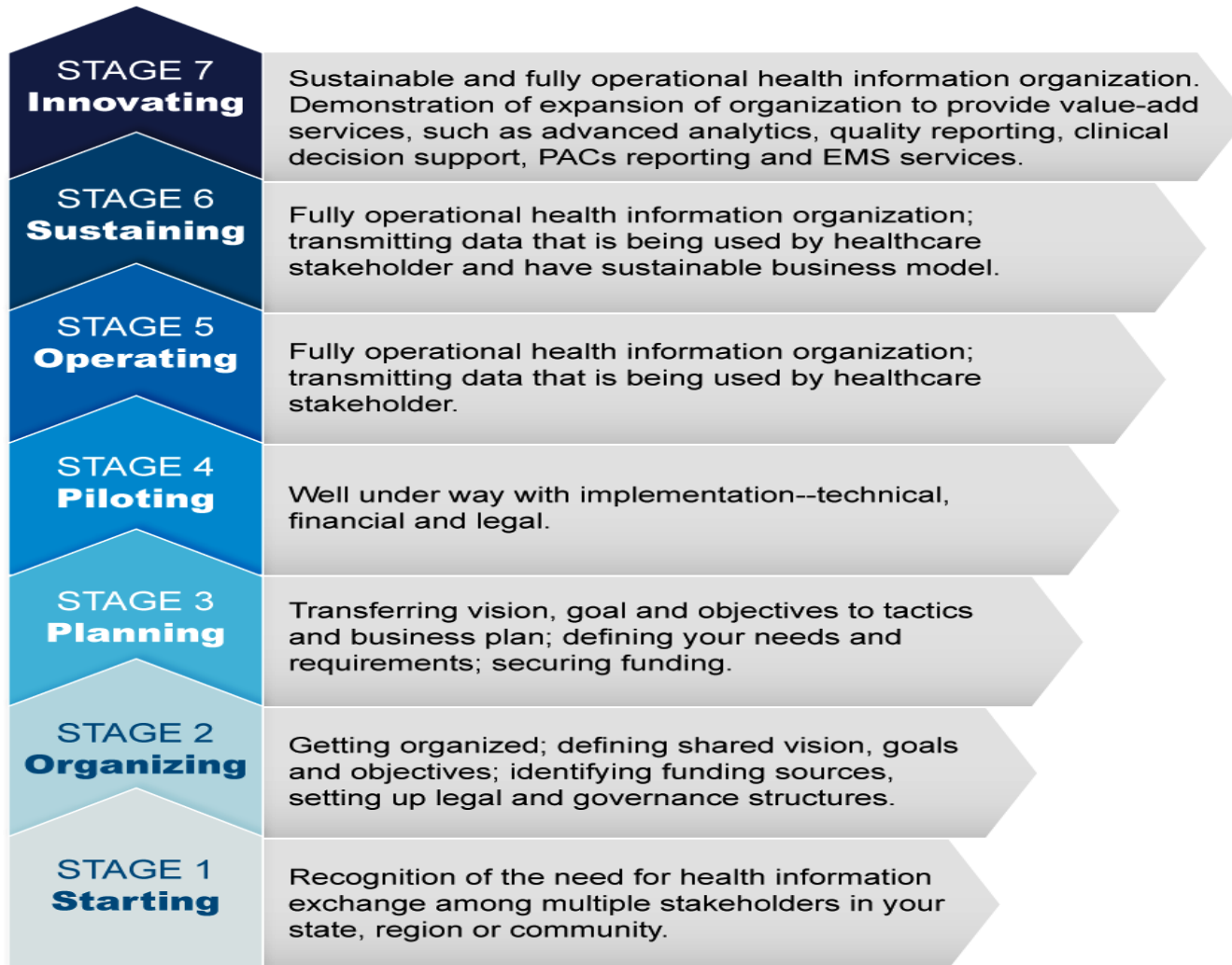


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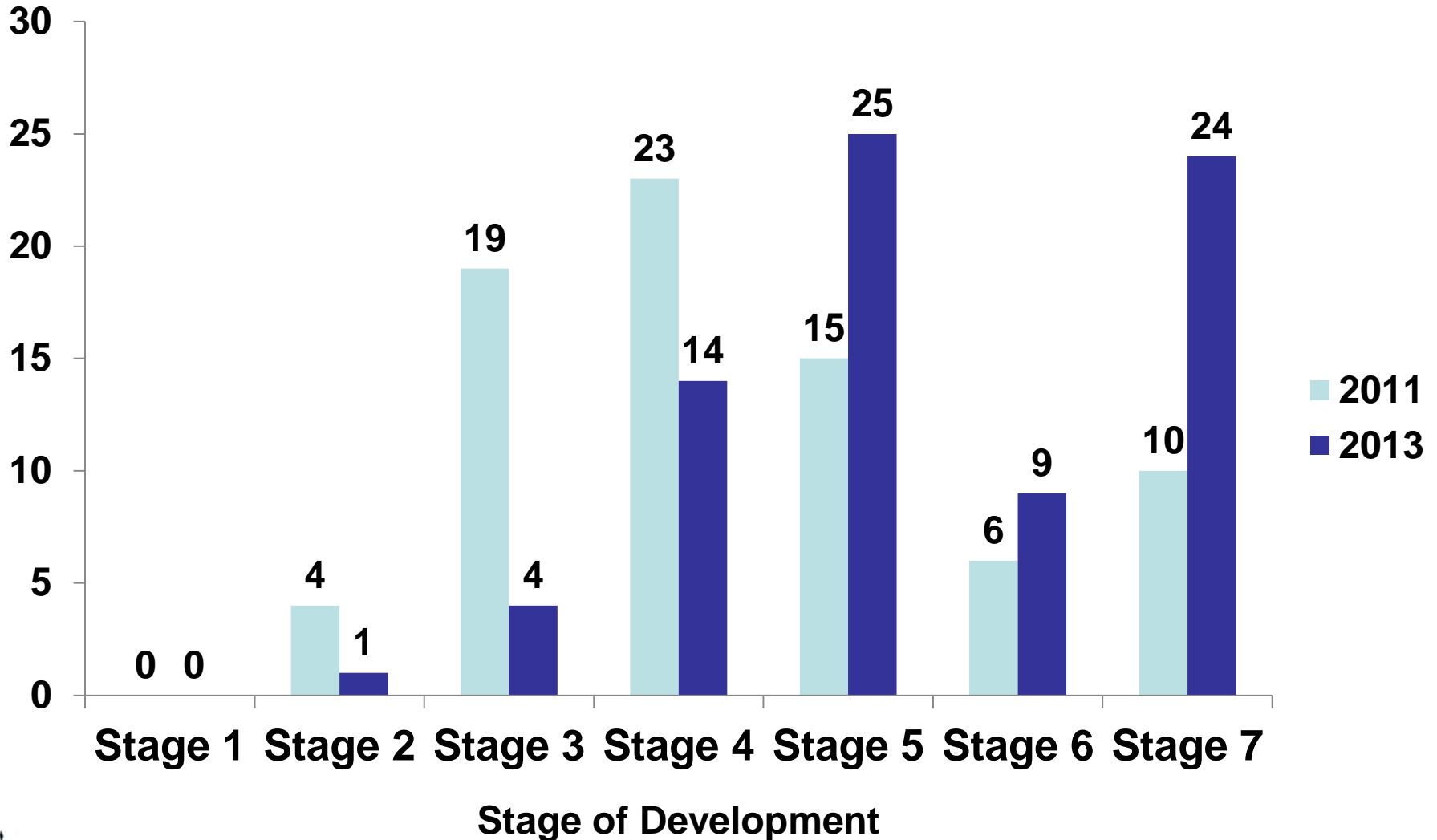
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- Who accesses their data?
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# Stages of Development



# Stage of Development – Organizations Responding in 2011 and 2013



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# 2013 Key Findings

1. Achieving interoperability with disparate information systems is a major concern; sixty-eight initiatives have had to connect to more than 10 different systems.
2. To overcome interoperability challenges, exchanges would like to see standardized pricing and integration solutions from vendors.
3. Many exchanges are not sharing data with competing organizations.
4. Exchanges are focusing on functionalities to support health reform and advance analytics.
5. Patient engagement remains low amongst organizations exchanging data.
6. Patient consent for data exchange generally remains an all-or-nothing proposition.
7. In the last 2 years, more data exchange initiatives have become financially viable. However, hospitals and payers are still expected to fund most exchange activity.



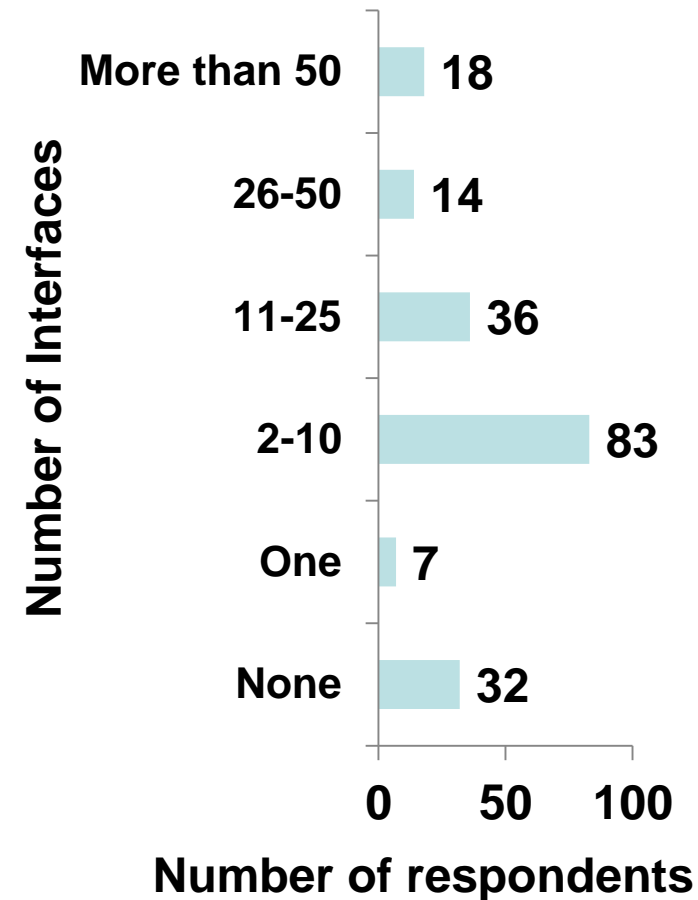


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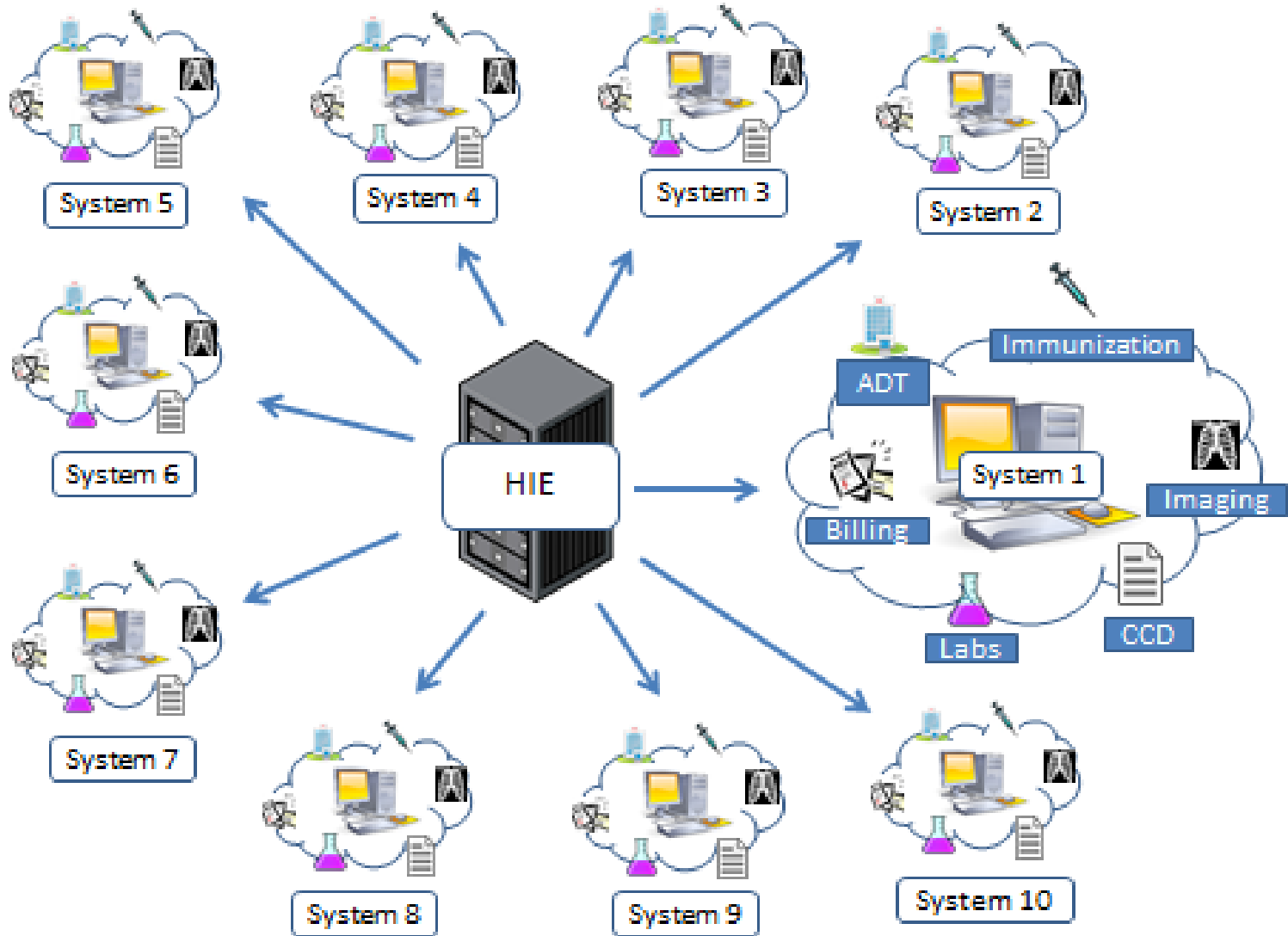
# Key Findings

# 1. Interoperability is a major concern

- 142 respondents cited interoperability as a pressing challenge
- 151 organizations have had to build interfaces with disparate systems
  - 68 have had to build 10 or more
  - 32 have had to build 25 or more
- Challenges to interoperability include the
  - financial costs of building interfaces (179)
  - difficulty constructing interfaces (169)
  - identifying and implementing standards (162)

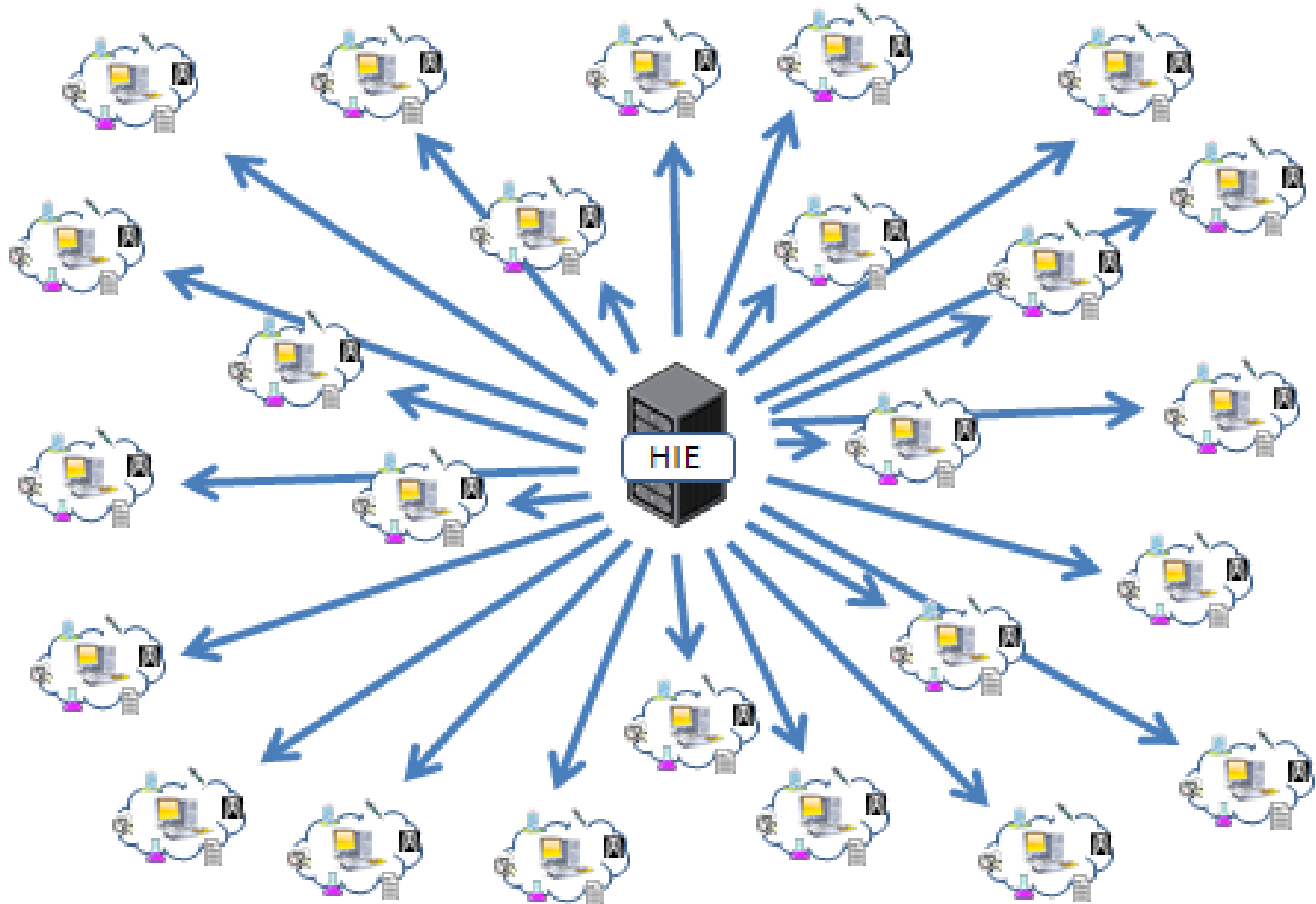


# 10 Connections





# 25 Connections



## 2. Overcoming interoperability challenges

- Standardized pricing and integration solutions from vendors (124)
- Technology platforms capable of “plug-and-play” (113)
- Greater use of consensus-based standards by providers (113)
- Interoperability solutions that improve workflow (109)



# 3. Proprietary data sharing

- 33 data exchange efforts restrict participation to only those who are part of an existing network (i.e. private HIE)
- 58 have not connected to other networks such as a community HIE, SDE, or eHealth Exchange



## Current Functionalities – All Respondents

<b>Connectivity to electronic health records</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Health summaries for continuity of care</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Master patient index</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Results delivery (e.g. laboratory or diagnostic study results)</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Provider directory</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Connectivity to other health information exchanges, integrated delivery networks, etc.</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Record locator service</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Reporting to immunization registries</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Alerts to providers (e.g. drug interactions, care transitions, etc.)</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Reporting to disease registries</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Analytics</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Quality improvement reporting for clinicians or payers</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Patient access to information through the exchange/patient portal</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Reminders (e.g. screenings, appointments, etc.)</b>	<b>35</b>



# 4. Functionalities support health reform

- What services are offered?
  - connectivity to EHRs (125)
  - health summaries for continuity of care (115)
  - MPI (114)
  - results delivery (104)
  - provider directory (84)
- These are considered core data exchange services



## Functionalities Added Since 2011

	2011	2013
Connectivity to electronic health records	44	64
Master patient index	45	64
Health summaries for continuity of care	30	62
Results delivery (e.g. laboratory or diagnostic study results)	35	54
Record locator service	35	52
Provider directory	24	47
Connectivity to other health information exchanges, integrated delivery networks, etc.	17	44
Reporting to immunization registries	15	37
Alerts to providers (e.g. drug interactions, care transitions, etc.)	19	37
Reporting to disease registries	13	28
Analytics	17	24
Quality improvement reporting for clinicians or payers	11	23
Reminders (e.g. screenings, appointments, etc.)	13	16
Patient access to information through the exchange/patient portal	9	13



# 4. Functionalities support health reform

- What services are planned?
  - Alerts to providers (83)
  - connectivity to other networks (83)
  - patient access to data (78)
  - analytics (74)
  - image exchange (69)
- Many of these functionalities (e.g. analytics, patient engagement) are critical for health reform



# 4. Functionalities support health reform

- In addition:
  - 65 participate in an ACO or plan to do so in the future
  - 90 use Direct
    - Transitions of care is the most common use case (65)
  - 30 are NOT planning to use Direct





# 5. Limited patient access

## Offering Access to Patients

- 31 organizations offer patients access to their data
- 102 plan to offer in the future
- 56 have no plans to do so



# 5. Limited patient services

- Patient services
  - offer simple patient-centric services such as the ability to make appointments (24)
  - access educational materials (26)
  - request medication refills (25)
- 30 organizations make patient-reported data available to providers
- 85 want to incorporate patient-reported data in the future



# 6. Consent is all-or-nothing

- Opt-out is the most common consent model (115)
- 109 organizations do not offer patients the ability to limit sharing of their information based on data type or source.
  - controls for sensitive information are most common (43 of 109)



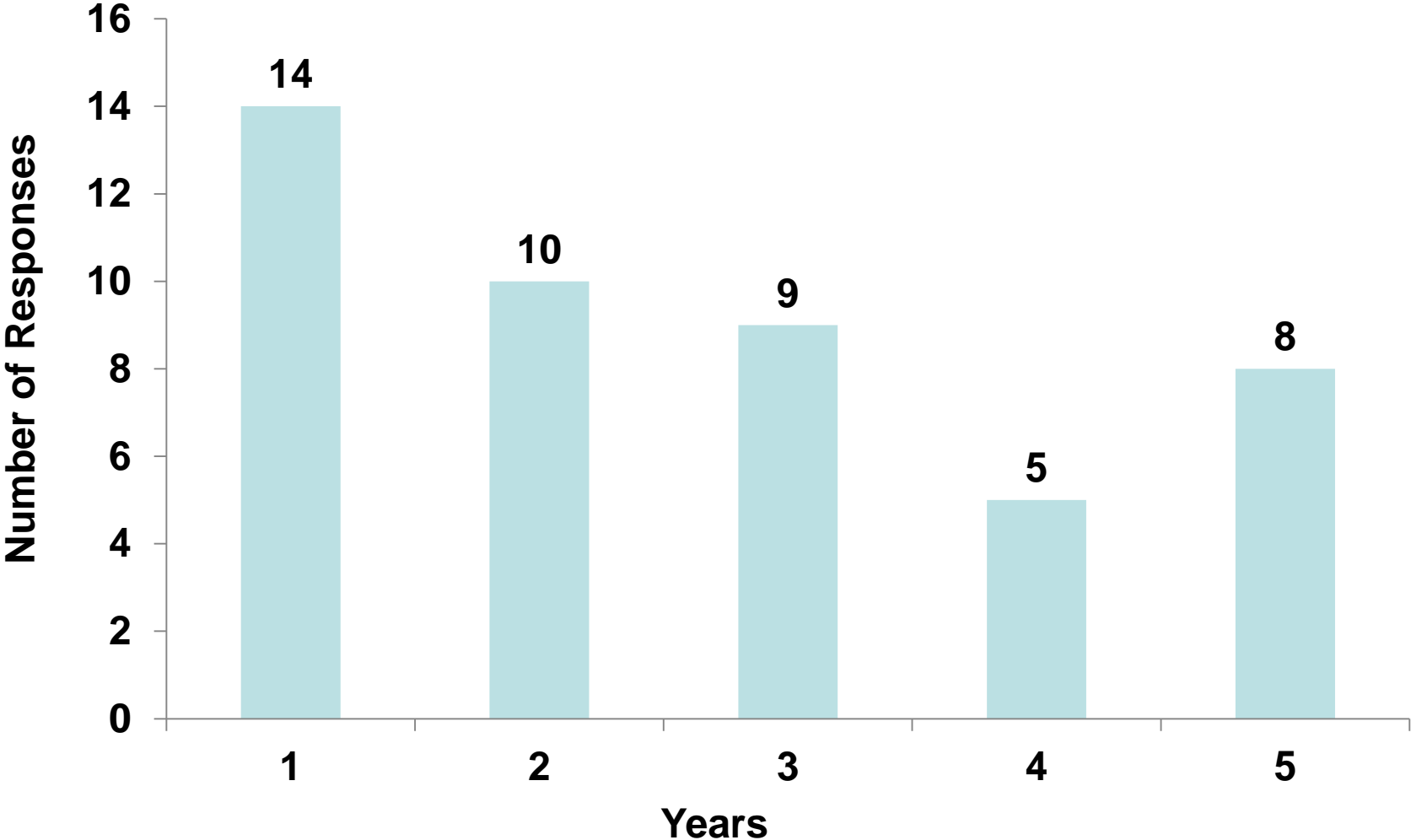
# 7. More initiatives are financially viable

## Financially viable

- 52 initiatives have received sufficient revenue from participating entities to cover operating expenses (i.e. sustainable)
- How long did it take?
  - 24 achieved sustainability in 1-2 years
  - 22 took 3 or more years



# Time to Sustainability

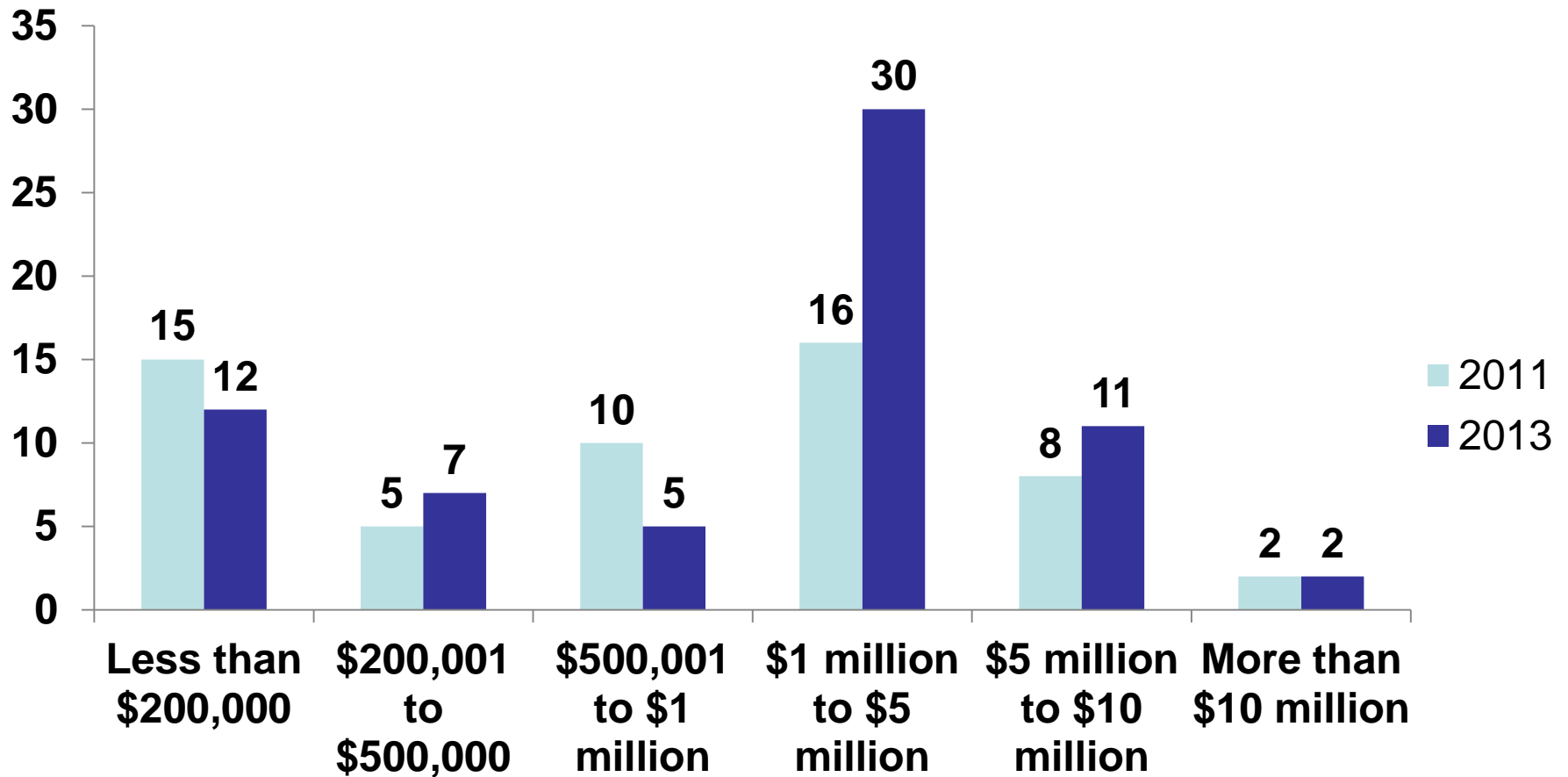


# More Sustainability Since 2011

- Among respondents completing the survey in both 2011 and 2013, a significant number are more sustainable now
- 16 were sustainable in 2011
- 35 are sustainable today



# Significant Increase in Revenue Since 2011



# Unsustainable Models

- 51 organizations are not sustainable
  - 31 receive more than 50% of their funding from public sources
  - 22 are state designated entities (SDEs)





# 7. Hospitals and payers are expected to fund data exchange

- Who pays the most?
  - hospitals (79)
  - state or federal funding (64)
  - ambulatory care providers (38)
  - private payers (23),
  - Medicaid (15)



# Future Expectations

- Who is expected to pay the most?
  - hospitals (97)
  - private payers (48)
  - ambulatory care providers (45)
  - Medicaid (33)
  - state/federal funding (32)



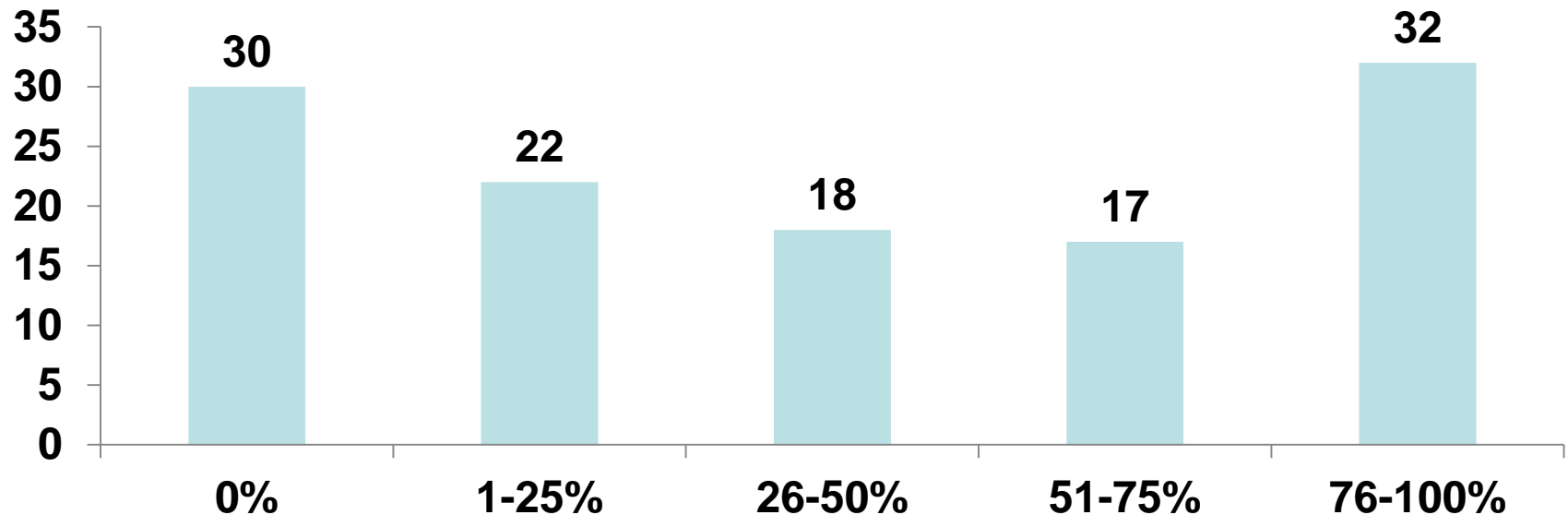
## Stakeholders Paying Fees/Dues to Participate

Hospitals	87
Ambulatory care providers (primary care or specialty care)	73
Behavioral or mental health providers	47
Community and/or public health clinics	45
Long-term care providers (hospice, skilled nursing facilities, etc.)	40
Public health departments (state or local)	33
Independent laboratories	31
Home health	29
Independent radiology/imaging centers	29
Private payers	28



# 7. Hospitals and payers are expected to fund data exchange

- Public funding is an important income source: 49 organizations derive more than 50%. 17 of these expect public funding to remain their most substantial source of income



Percentage of funding from public sources

# Closing Thoughts

- Addressing Interoperability Concerns
  - Suggestions vendors and providers impact through pricing and integration solutions.
- Reform is Opportunity to Show Value
  - New models and accountable care require complex connections and analysis
- True Barriers to Patient Engagement
  - Research on why services not offered. Is someone else addressing need? Privacy concerns?





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# REMINDER

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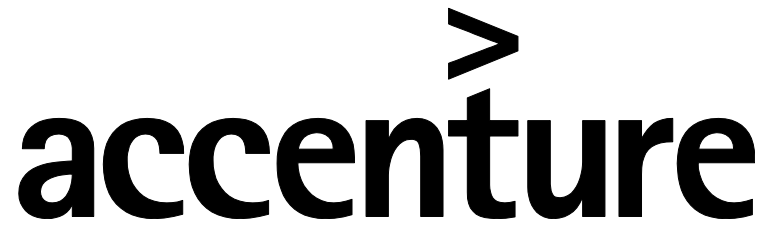


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