

WEBINAR

Preventive Care +  
Equitable Care =  
**ACCOUNTABLE CARE**



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# Learning Objectives



Overview of CMS Innovation Center ACO programs



Health Equity, SDOH affects



Point of Care Testings' impact on Health Equity/SDOH



How the Point of Care Diabetic Eye Exam increases Health Equity



# How the CMS Innovation Center is **SUPPORTING PRIMARY CARE**

Primary care is the foundation of a high-performing health system and essential to improving health outcomes for patients and lowering costs. For that reason, the CMS Innovation center has spent years testing models to strengthen primary care, improve care coordination, and address social determinants of health.

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/primary-care-infographic.pdf>  
last accessed 10/6/2023



## States Advancing All-Payer Health and Development (AHEAD) Model

- ▶ Targets historical underinvestment in primary care via statewide Targets.
- ▶ Provides Enhanced Primary Care Payments to increase investment in primary care
- ▶ Uses a flexible framework of care transformation activities to align value-based-payment arrangements.

2024 - 2034



## Making Care Primary (MCP)

- ▶ Improves care management, community connections, and care integration by providing resources to those new to value-based care.
- ▶ Increases access to care and creates sustainable change in underserved communities with state Medicaid agencies, social service providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and specialty care providers.

2024-2034



## Primary Care First (PCF)

- ▶ Helps primary care practices better support their patients – especially patients with complex, chronic health conditions.
  - ▶ Enables primary care providers to offer a broader range of health care services
- For example, practices access to a clinician and support for health-related social needs.

2021-2025



## ACO Realizing Equity, Access, and (ACO REACH)

- ▶ Encourages health care providers – including primary and specialty care doctors, hospitals, together to form an Accountable Care Organization, or ACO.
- ▶ Breaks down silos and delivers high-quality, coordinated care to improve health outcomes and manage costs.
- ▶ Addresses health disparities to improve health equity.

2021-2026

# Definitions



**High Risk** represents potential future spending



**High Cost** represents past or current spending



**High Need** represents members in need of more intense coordinated care

# Who are these patients?

- **Multiple Chronic Conditions**
  - Diabetes
  - Heart Disease
  - Kidney Disease
  - COPD
  - Cancer
- **Complex Medical Needs**
- **Behavioral**
  - Substance abuse
  - Mental Health
- **Socioeconomic factors**



**Poll  
question  
1**

**Are you using any of the programs below to target your High Need, High Cost (HNHC) individuals?**

1. Traditional Care Management
2. Nurse Care Coordinators embedded in physician practices
3. Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
4. Nurse Care Coordinators centrally located
5. Post Acute/Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) program



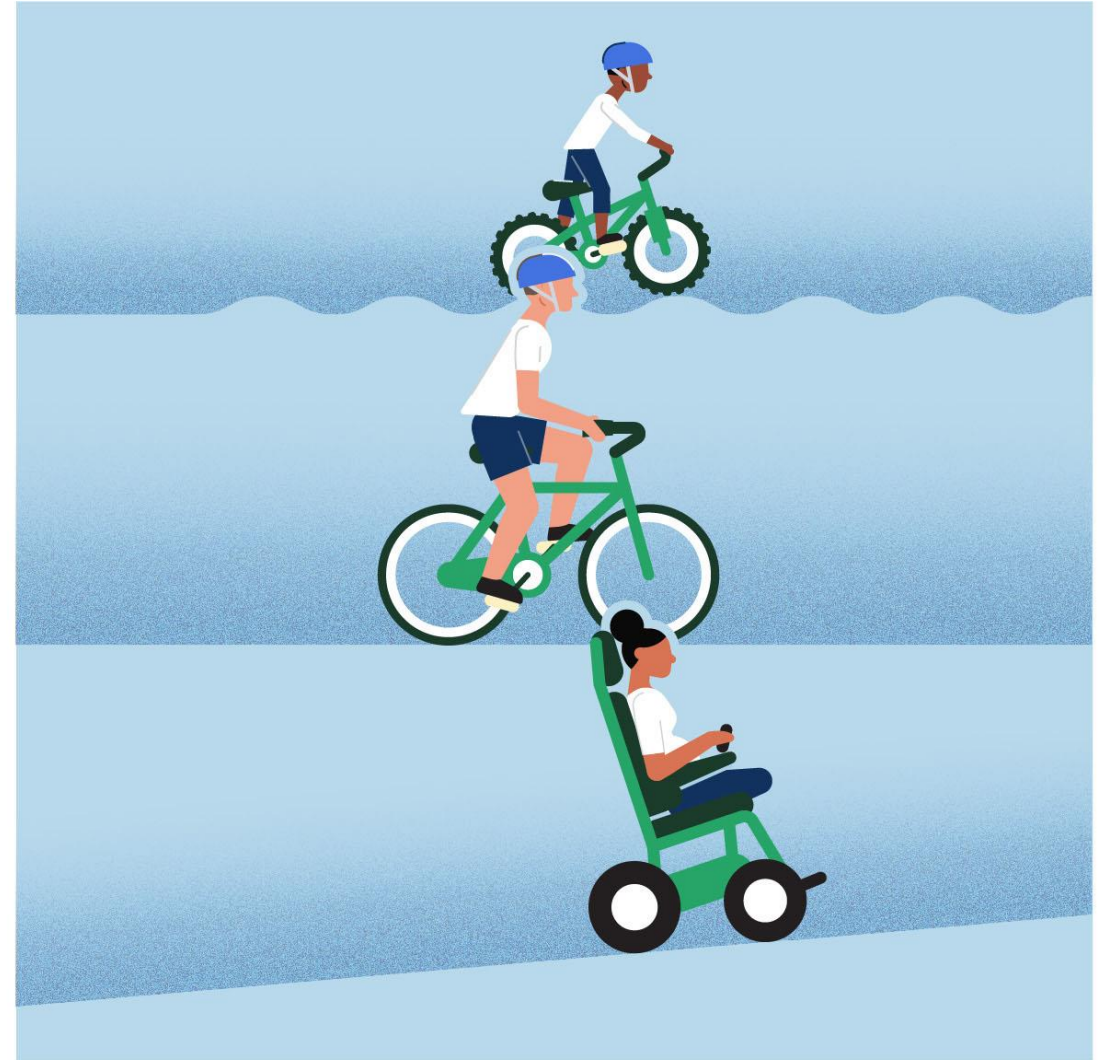
## EQUALITY:

Everyone gets the same—regardless if it's needed or right for them.



## EQUITY:

Everyone gets what they need—understanding the barriers, circumstances, and conditions.



# What is Health Equity<sup>1</sup>?

- The **CDC defines Health Equity** as the state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health.
- **Achieving this requires focused and ongoing societal efforts** to address historical and contemporary injustices; overcome economic, social, and other obstacles to health and healthcare; and eliminate preventable health disparities.
- **Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally** with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/healthequity/index.html#:~:text=Health%20equity%20is%20the%20state,their%20highest%20level%20of%20health.>



# What are the SDOH<sup>2</sup>?



**Social determinants of health (SDOH)** are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks.

1. **Economic Stability**
2. **Education Access and Quality**
3. **Health Care Access and Quality**
4. **Neighborhood and Built Environment**
5. **Social and Community Context**

<sup>2</sup> Healthy People 2030, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Retrieved [January 6, 2023], from <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determinants-health>

# What Populations are affected by SDOH?

<sup>3</sup> <https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/e2b650cd64cf84aae8ff0fae7474af82/SDOH-Evidence-Review.pdf>

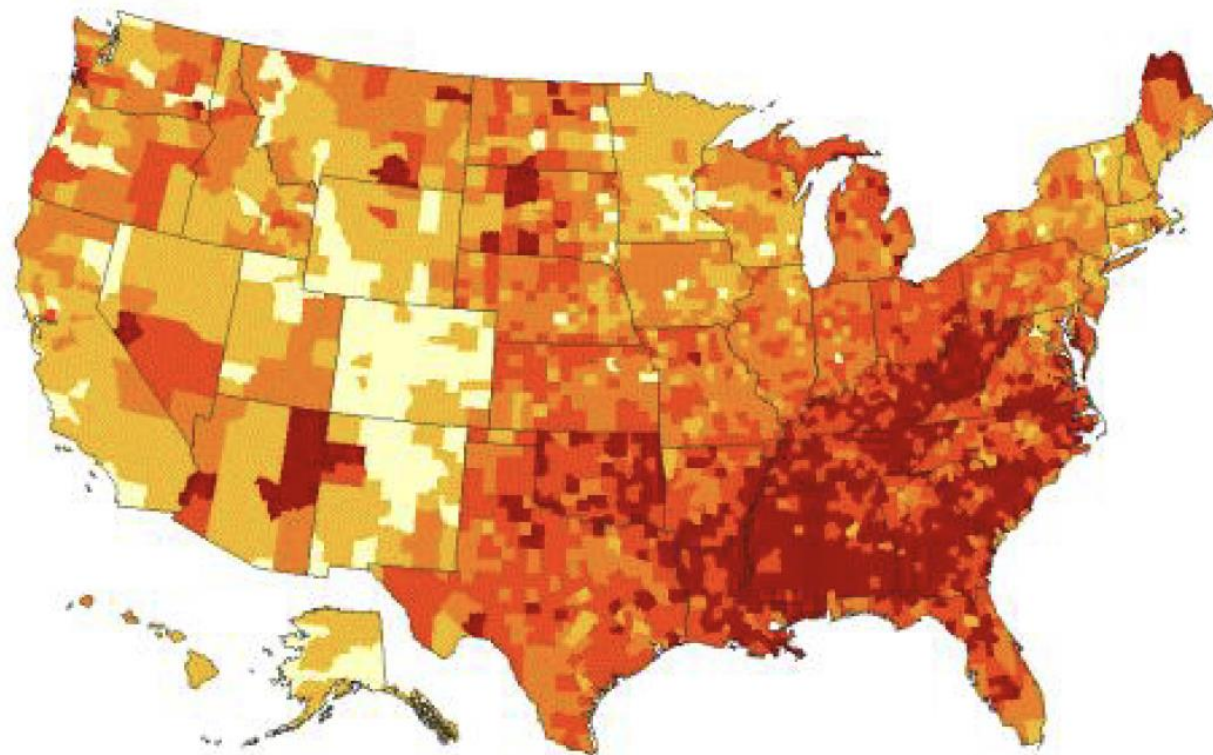
## Populations<sup>3</sup>

- African American
- Latino
- American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN)
- Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian,
- Pacific Islanders (AANHPI)
- LGBTQ+
- Rural Residents
- People with disabilities

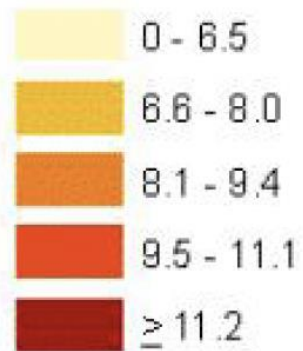
## Disparities<sup>3</sup>

- Infant and Maternal Mortality
- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Chronic Illness
- Disability
- Cancer
- Mental Illness
- Substance Use
- Overall life expectancy

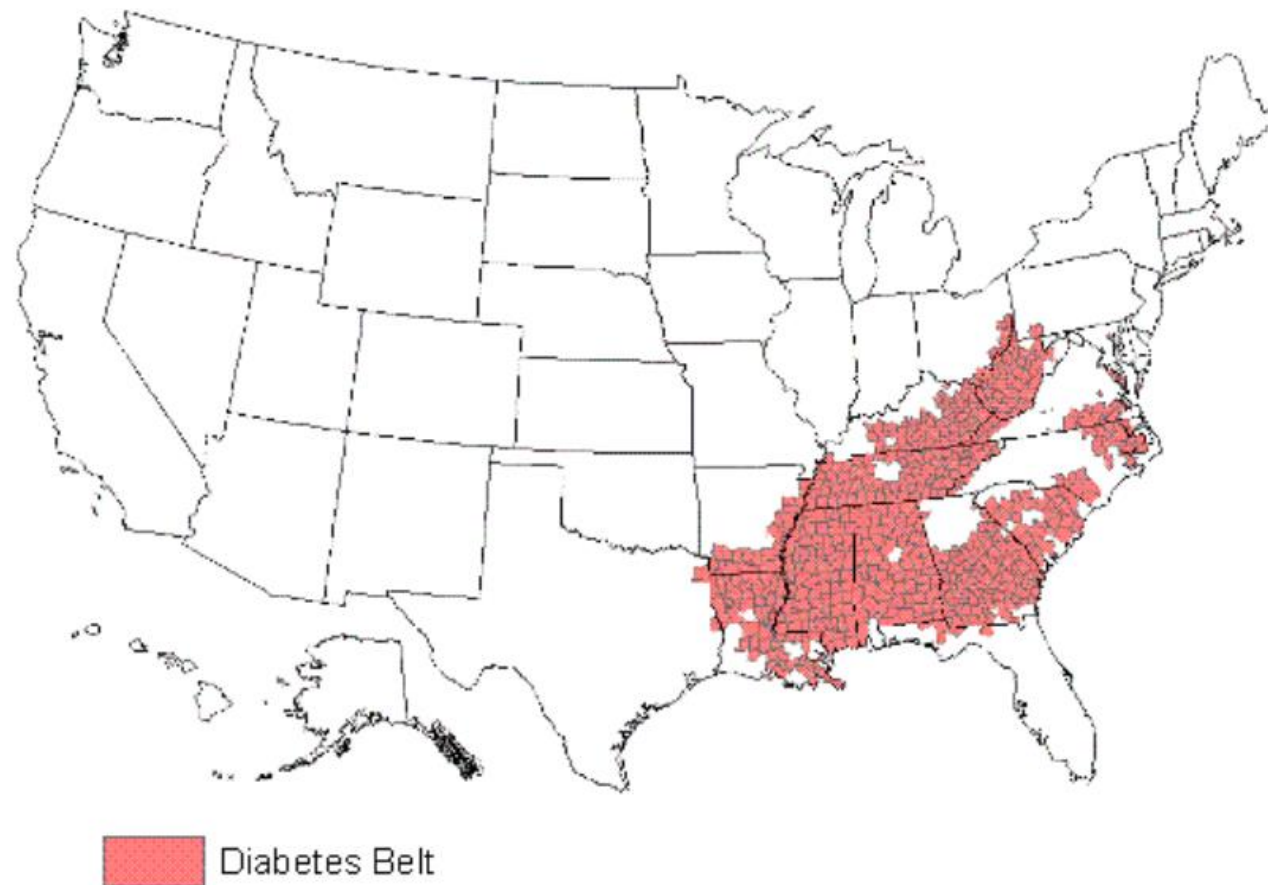
# Diabetes Heat Map



2007 Percent of Adults with Diagnosed Diabetes



# The Diabetes Belt



DIABETES IN THE U.S.

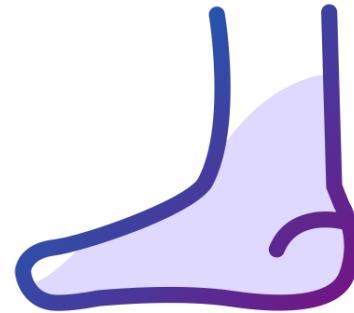
**Over 30 Million  
patients<sup>4</sup>**



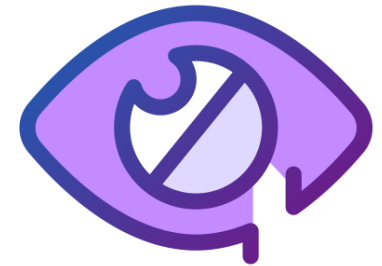
**KIDNEY  
DISEASE**



**HEART  
DISEASE**



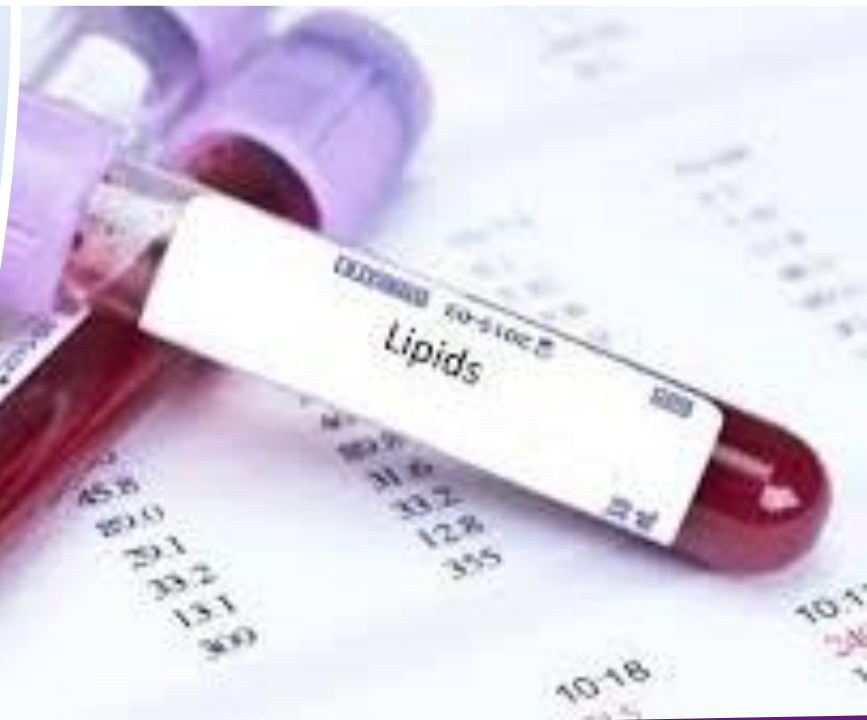
**LOSS OF TOES,  
FEET, OR LEGS**



**VISION LOSS**

<sup>4</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, "National Diabetes Statistics Report", Accessed December 12, 2019, <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/data/statistics/statistics-report.html>

# Point-of-Care Testing







**Poll  
question  
2**

**I have seen an eye care professional**

- a. Within the last year
- b. Within the last 6 months
- c. Within the last 4 weeks
- d. I can't remember the last time

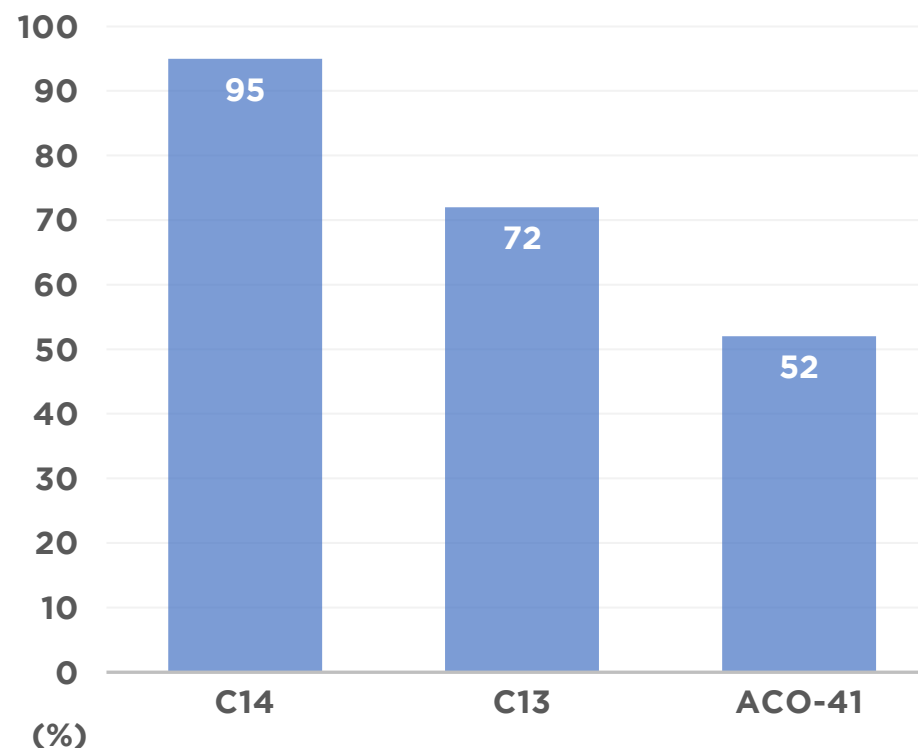
# Improving Access to Care

## C14: Diabetes Care – Kidney Disease Monitoring

**95%**

of Medicare Advantage  
plan members with  
diabetes had a kidney  
function test in 2018

### Screening for Complications



# Diabetic Retinopathy



Normal



DR

- **Most common cause of vision loss among US adults**<sup>8</sup>
- More than **2 in 5 Americans** with diabetes have some stage of diabetic retinopathy<sup>5</sup>
- No symptoms in the early stages of the disease<sup>5</sup>
- **95% of vision loss can be prevented** with early detection<sup>7</sup>
- Up to **50% of Americans** with diabetes were not tested for Diabetic Retinopathy<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> National Eye Institute website, "Diabetic Retinopathy", Accessed December 12, 2019, <https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/eye-conditions-and-diseases/diabetic-retinopathy>

<sup>6</sup> Lee DJ, Kumar N, Feuer WJ, et al. Dilated eye examination screening guideline compliance among patients with diabetes without a diabetic retinopathy diagnosis: the role of geographic access. *BMJ Open Diabetes Research and Care* 2014;2:e000031.doi:10.1136/bmjdr-2014-000031

<sup>7</sup> American Academy of Ophthalmology website, "Sixty Percent of Americans with Diabetes Skip Annual Sight-Saving Exams", Accessed December 12, 2019, <https://www.aao.org/newsroom/news-releases/detail/sixty-percent-americans-with-diabetes-skip-exams>

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/basics/ced/index.html#:~:text=Diabetic%20retinopathy%20\(DR\)%20is%20a,of%20blindness%20in%20American%20adults.](https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/basics/ced/index.html#:~:text=Diabetic%20retinopathy%20(DR)%20is%20a,of%20blindness%20in%20American%20adults.)

# Diabetes Eye Exam Care Gap

Primary Care Physician



60%

Eye Care Specialist



Specialist returns  
report which closes  
HEDIS measure

40  
%



## Reasons for Care Gaps

- 1) Patient compliance
- 2) Scheduling
- 3) Transportation
- 4) No symptoms
- 5) Financial Concerns

## Impact of a Care Gap

- 1) Patient outcomes
- 2) CPT Reimbursement
- 3) HEDIS/ Star Measures
- 4) Risk Adjustment

# Diabetes Eye Exam Care Gap

## Medicare Shared Savings Program



Better  
Care for  
Individuals.



Better  
Health for  
Populations.



Lowering  
Growth in  
Expenditures.



- **ACO-41:** Diabetes: Eye Exam
- 2018 Performance data average

**52%**

- **C13:** Diabetes Care – Eye Exam
- 2018 Report Card Average

**72%**

# Impact of Undiagnosed Diabetic Retinopathy

Negatively impacts patient outcomes<sup>10</sup>

Later stage retinopathy increases utilization costs

- Requires urgent medical treatments upon diagnosis
- Injection Eye Drug - \$300
  - Fluorescein ICG Angiography - \$650
  - Ocular Photo Dynamic Therapy - \$1,200
  - Injection, verteporfin, 0.1 - \$2,700

Diabetic retinopathy at later stages reduces a patient's quality of life<sup>10</sup>

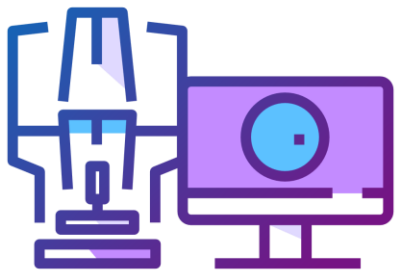
Treatment costs can exceed \$10,000 annually<sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Kamran, Jannat & Jafroudi, Shirin & Leili, Ehsan & Chafjiri, Sedighi & Paryad, Ezat. (2017). Quality of Life in Patients with Diabetic Retinopathy. Journal of Holistic Nursing and Midwifery. 27. 69-77. 10.18869/acadpub.hnmj.27.1.69.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.jmcp.org/doi/pdf/10.18553/jmcp.2020.19245>



# Diabetic Retinopathy Screening at Point of Care



<sup>12</sup> Indian Health Service. "IHS-Joslin Vision Network Teleophthalmology Program", <https://www.ihs.gov/teleophthalmology/>. Accessed January 2, 2020.

<sup>13</sup> Journal of diabetes science and technology (Online). "Teleretinal Imaging to Screen for Diabetic Retinopathy in the Veterans Health Administration", <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2769713/>. Accessed January 2, 2020.

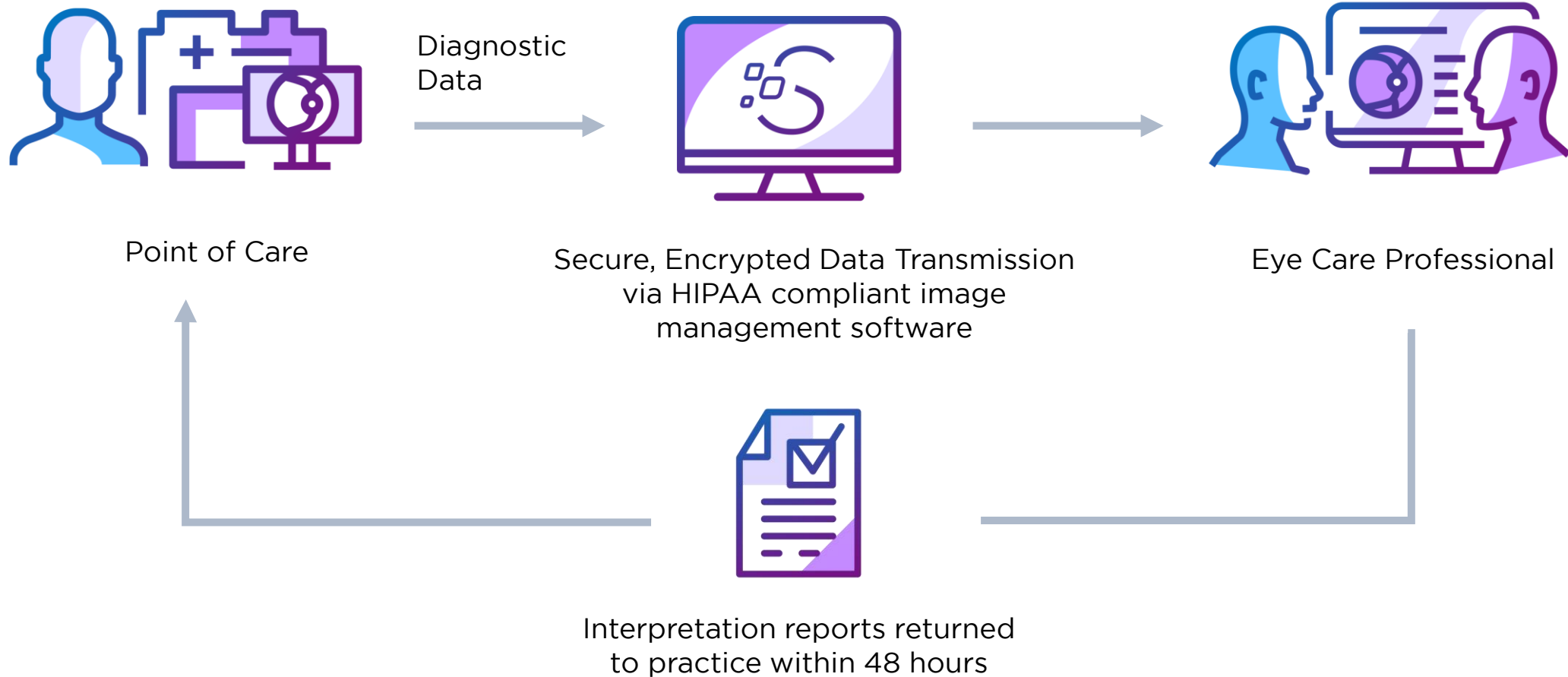
## Indian Health Service-Joslin Vision Network (IHS-JVN)<sup>12</sup>

- Established in 2000 to use telemedicine technology to provide high quality, cost-effective, annual diabetic eye exams
- This program has significantly contributed to a decrease in diabetes related vision loss and blindness

## Veterans Administration<sup>13</sup>

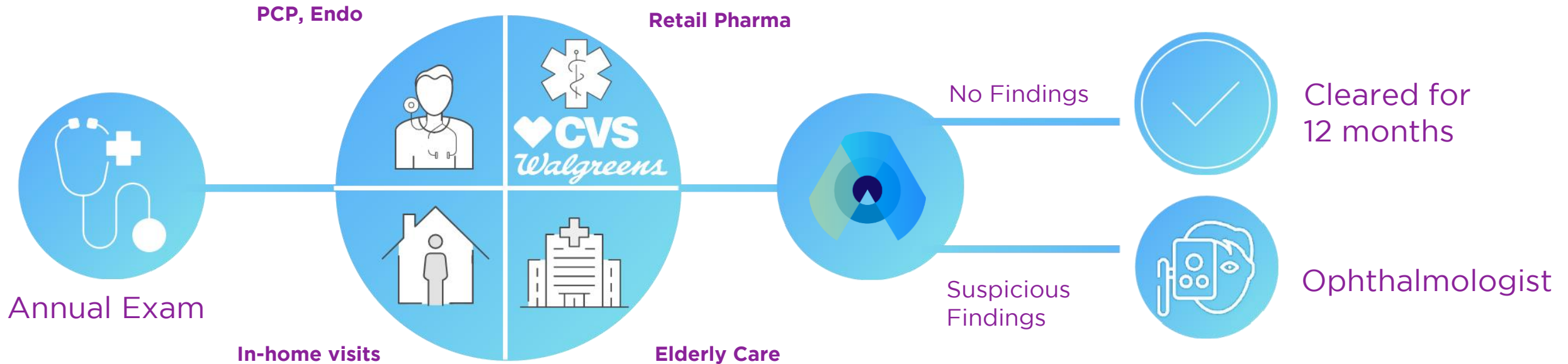
- Reliably determined the level of diabetic retinopathy
- Opportunity to engage with patients
- Patients' responses to non-mydriatic teleretinal imaging are universally positive

# Topcon Screening Workflow



# AEYE DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING

FULLY AUTONOMOUS



# Solutions for Non- mydriatic Retinal Cameras

## **SIGNAL Handheld Camera:**

- Portable
- Technique driven
- Wi-Fi enabled



## **TRC-NW400 Tabletop Camera:**

- Robotic camera automatically captures both eyes
- Completed screen in under 2 min



POINT OF CARE

# Diabetic Retinopathy Exam



## At Risk Diabetic Patients

Convenient Diagnostic

Peace of Mind

Early detection and treatment



## Primary Care Providers

Fast, easy to use

POC Testing

Improved control of diabetic care



## Eye Care Providers

Targeted referrals

Add telehealth services

Early detection and treatment



## Health Systems, ACOs and Practices

Improved Scores and quality measures

Additional POC capability

Improved Payments



## Payers

Built in metric tracking

Improved cost of care

Lower rates of advanced disease

WORKING TOGETHER FOR QUALITY CARE

# Case #1 UC Davis

- UC Davis launched a pilot teleophthalmology program in 2018 for DR screening using **ONLY code 92227**
- Estimated Operational Cost was **\$41.02/patient**
- Estimated revenues were:
  - FFS **\$19.86/patient**
  - Quality Incentive **\$43.06/patient**
  - Downstream referral revenue **\$39.38/patient**
- 178 clinic visits eliminated saving an additional **\$42.53/patient**
- **Screening rate increased from 49% to 63%**



# Case #2 Valley Medical Group

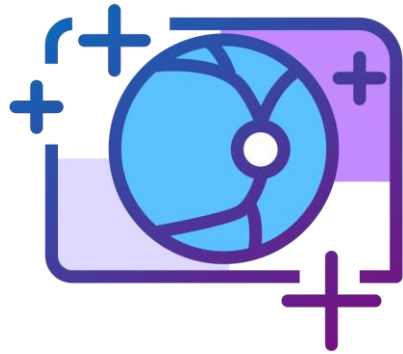
- Valley Medical Group looking to standardize care for its 8000 diabetics elected to join AMGA Together 2 Goal Innovator track Eye Care Cohort. **Goal was to screen “True Gap” patients**
- Established a Wednesday Diabetes Clinic in Ophthalmology, scheduling every 15 minutes.
- Deployed 2 NW400 in Endocrinology during 4-month pilot.
  - **21.2% of patients had DR**
  - **30.5% of patients had other pathologies**
  - **60 Eyeballs saved**
- Average reimbursement from retinal photos was \$77.
- Increased screening rate from 40.7% to 49.9%, screened an additional 775 patients over 12 months.
- Added 2 NW400’s at conclusion of collaboration
- Currently adding NW500s to mix

# Crozer-Keystone Health System



- Partnered with Vantage EyeCare and Topcon Healthcare to screen patients at point of care
- Placed Topcon **TRC-NW400 tabletop retinal camera** in two primary care practices
  - Of the first 80 patients screened, 30 (nearly 37%) had abnormal studies
- **BENEFITS**
  - Gives patients the opportunity to get screened in their offices during primary care visits
  - Provides quality, convenience and value for the patients
- This is an effective front-line defense against diabetic retinopathy
- [www.crozerkeystone.org](http://www.crozerkeystone.org)

# Topcon Screen Solution

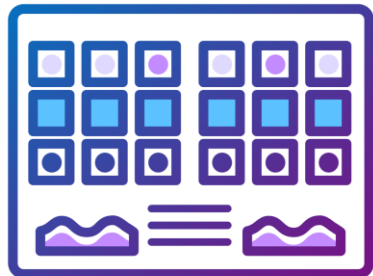


## Fundus Camera

- Lease option
- Exam bundles
- Autonomous AI or Human Reads

## Diagnostic Report

- Per patient exam fee
- NO Software fees
- NO training fees



## Success Begins with our Onboarding Program:

- Workflow optimization
- Reimbursement support

# Questions and Discussion

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