# Achieving Growth and Prosperity for Specialists under Risk Payment Models

Part 1: TEAM

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#### Why Trust Roji Health Intelligence to Talk About Costs?

• Experience: 20+ Years in aggregating data; payer negotiations and in health care

• Technology: Roji Value Based Care technology

• Clients: ACOS, CINS, Physician groups, multi-specialty groups

• Clinically-Focused Approach: Improve costs through better clinical outcomes & pathways, and improving patient risks

• **Dedicated payment model services:** specialty procedures (TEAM) and treatments (EOM, Kidney), and chronic disease (Diabetes, Heart Failure, etc.).

# Transforming Episodes and Accountability Model (TEAM)

- Mandatory five-year, two-sided risk model (2026-2030)
- Measures surgical episode of care costs
- 743 Acute Care Hospitals in selected Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs)



Quicker recovery after surgery



Fewer avoidable hospital & ED visits



Shorter hospital/post-acute stays



Smoother transition to primary care



Lower Costs



# **TEAM Episode Categories**

Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (IP) Major Bowel Procedure (IP)

Lower Extremity
Joint
Replacement
(IP/OP)

Surgical Hip and Femur Fracture Treatment (IP)

Spinal Fusion (IP/OP)



## What's Your Background with TEAM?



1. Participant & learning.

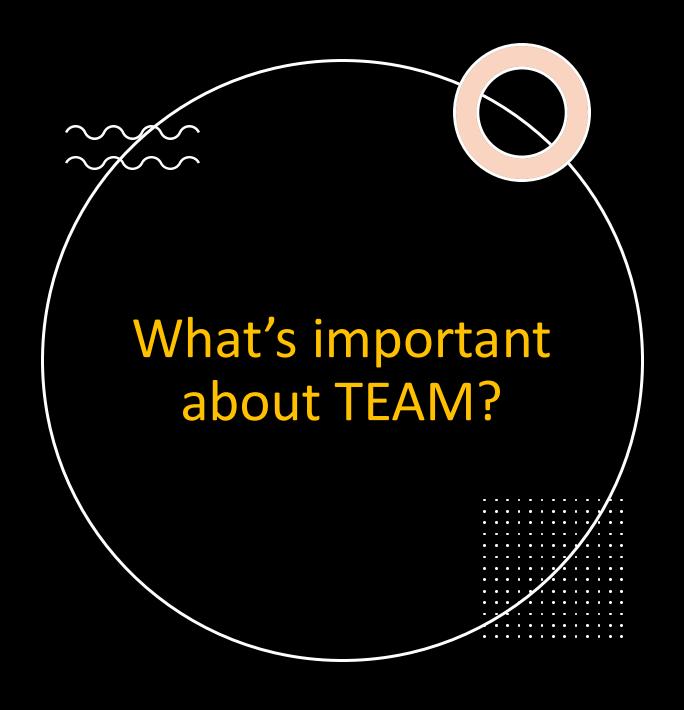


2. Participant & ready for action.



3. Not participant & see what's coming.





• BIG

CLINICALLY IMPORTANT

• TARGETED TIME FRAME

HOSPITAL AT RISK

ALL PROVIDERS INCLUDED

COORDINATION WITH PCP

MANDATORY



#### **Key Concept:**

Hospital Risk + All-Provider Inclusion = New Accountability Equation

Hospitals must engage in what happens in the OR to avoid downside risk.

Collaboration is key.





# TEAM Generates Growth & Revenue for Specialty Physicians

- Response to systemic & procedural issues
- Hospitals can't reduce complications alone
- With hospital-provided data and technology, specialists have a window on performance
- Enables specialists to expand VBC contracting with data-driven results



## **Pricing Methodology**

- CMS calculates advance target prices (trended, normalized, risk-adjusted)
- Hospitals continue to bill FFS
- Individual episodes begin at anchor procedure (no look-back)
- Episodes include most Medicare Part A and B charges
- End-of-year reconciliation results in shared savings or losses

Trigger Procedure
Episode Starts

30 Days Post-Discharge

Episode Ends



## Risk by TEAM Track

#### Track 1

Upside only

10% stop-gain limit

No stop-loss limit

## Track 2

Two-sided risk

5% stop-gain limit

5% stop-loss limit

## Track 3

Two-sided risk

20% stop-gain limit

20% stop-loss limit



# TEAM Tracks and Eligibility







#### Track 1

PY1: All TEAM participants

PY1 – PY3: Safety Net Hospitals

#### Track 2

PY2 – PY5: Specific

- Medicare Dependent
- Rural
- Safety Net
- Sole Community
- Essential Access
   Community

#### Track 3

PY1 – PY5: All TEAM participants







Hybrid Hospital-Wide All-Cause Readmission (PY1-PY2)



Hospital-Level Total Hip and/or Knee Arthroplasty PRO performance Measure (PY1-PY2)



CMS Patient Safety and Adverse Events Composite Measure (PY1 only)



Hospital Harm: Falls with Injury (PY2 Only)



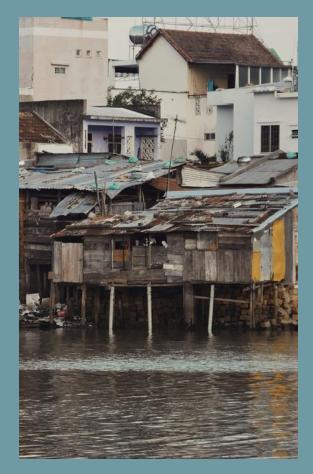
Hospital Harm: Post-Operative Respiratory Failure (PY2 Only)



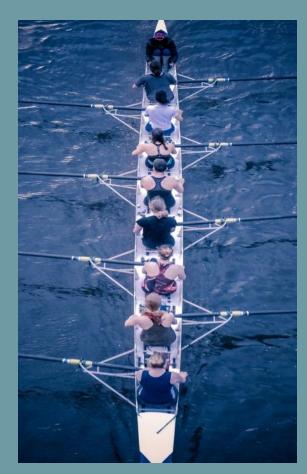
3<sup>rd</sup> Day Risk – Standardized Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Complications (PY2 Only)



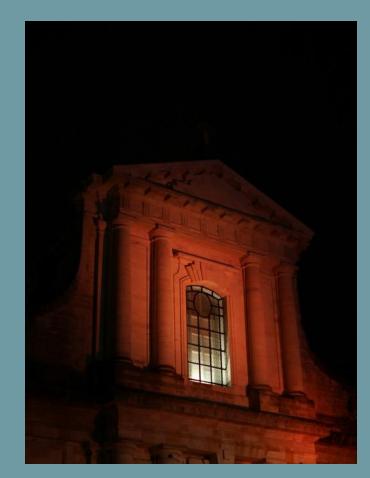
## What's Your Biggest Concern about TEAM?



1. Financial impact.



2. Teamwork to resolve cost and quality issues.



3. What CMS does with the data in the future.





## **TEAM Costs: Episodes & Opportunities**



#### CMS TEAM Episode Timeline

Procedure + 30 days after

Hospital costs, surgeon, anesthesiologist, and other clinical team members

Post-procedure costs up to 30 days



## **TEAM Episodes Include Most A+B Costs**

Hospital Costs

**TEAM Trigger** 

Inpatient

Outpatient

Readmissions

Post-Acute Care

LTCH

Inpatient rehab

**Skilled Nursing** 

Home Health

Other Services

Physicians

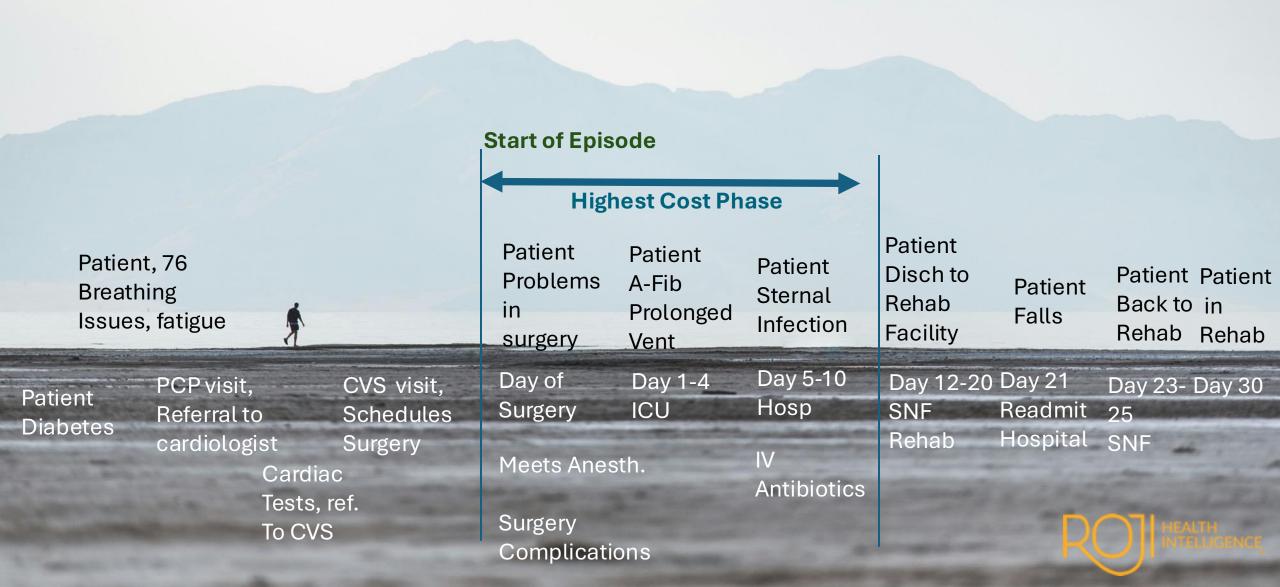
Lab, DME

Part B Drugs

Hospice



## Cost Events Across Episode Timeline



#### How Can Providers Affect TEAM Procedure Costs?





WORK
COLLEGIALLY:
HOSPITAL +
CLINICAL TEAMS



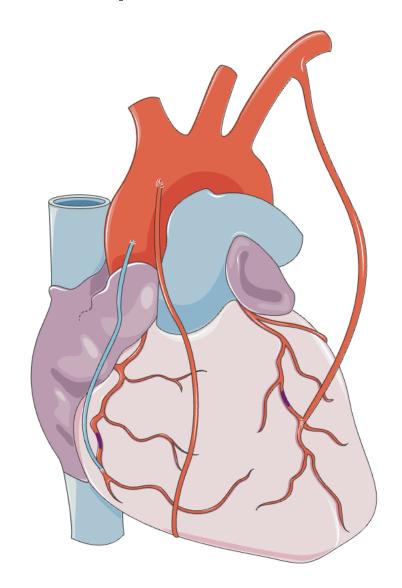
PRO-ACTIVELY
EXAMINE
TOTAL COSTS
OF CARE



PURSUE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE RISKS.



#### CABG: Complications inducing long ICU LOS



Post-op A-Fib

Deep sternal infection

Post-op stroke

Post-op pneumonia

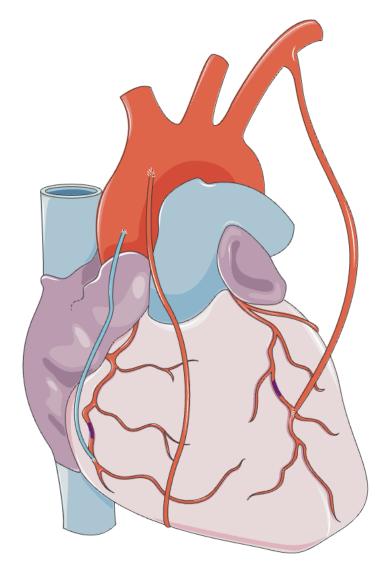
Prolonged Inotropic support

Prolonged ventilation

Post-op AKI



#### Complications may be influenced by Patient Risks



Advanced age

**Pre-op Diabetes** 

Pre-op COPD

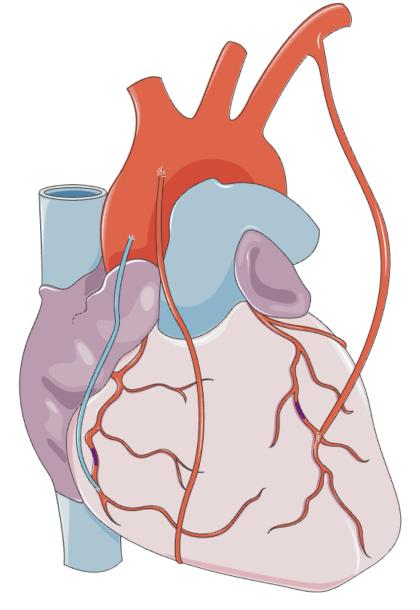
Left atrial enlargement

Pre-op A-Fib



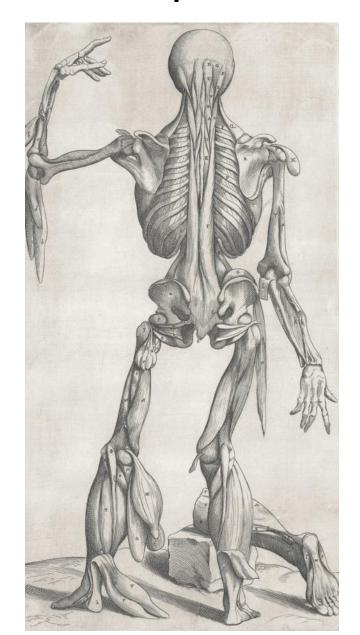
#### Strategies to Mitigate Risks - CABG

- Clinical team + hospital approach
- Assess patient risks in advance when possible
- Pre-op anesthesiologist-patient virtual visit
- Agreed action plan customized to patient
- Use evidence-based preventions when indicated:
  - A-Fib: Beta-blockers & other meds presurgery
  - Sternum infection: multi-modality





#### LEJR: Complications with Extended LOS & Readmits



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Transfusion

Deep Vein Thrombosis

Pulmonary embolism

#### Readmissions

Infection in joint or incision

SNF vs Home Care



# Strategies to Mitigate Risk LEJR: Blood Loss & Transfusions

Assess patient risks

Prior assessment of anemia, supplementation

Identify & treat pre-op anemia, deploy stimulating drugs

Surgical and Intra-roperative

Patient blood management & salvaging

Intraoperative techniques to minimize blood loss

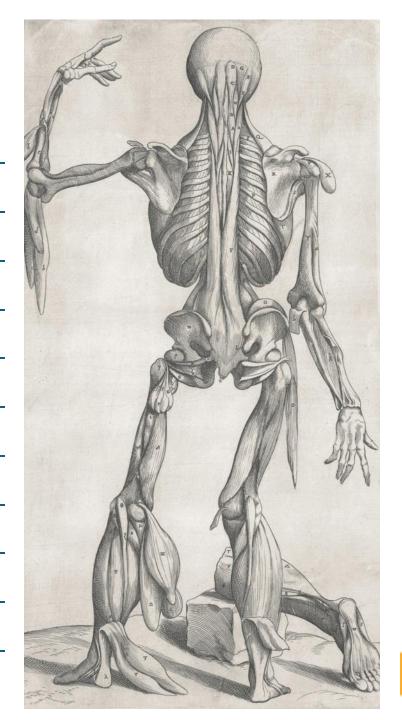
Surgical approach, anesthesia type

Use of Transfusion protocols

Autologous vs allogenic blood use

Post-surgery anemia treatment

Key Strategy: Develop data for furthering efficacy and cost-benefit



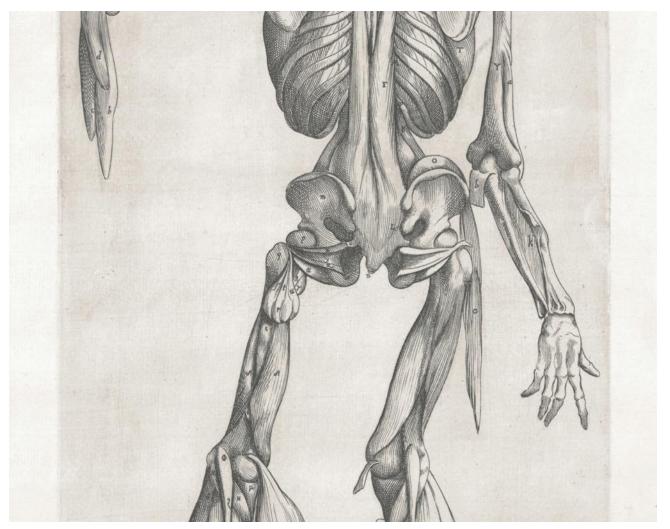


# Strategies to Mitigate Risk LEJR:

#### **Lower Cost Setting**

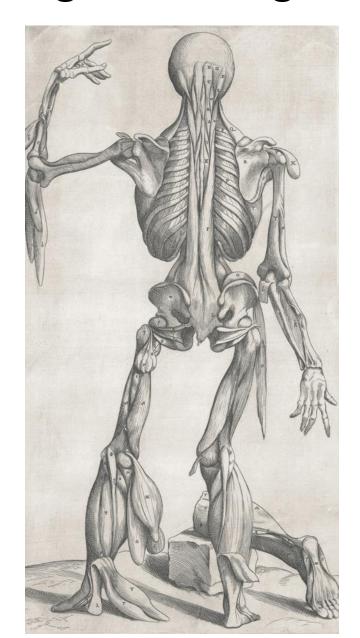
 Can lower risk patients have outpatient LEJR surgery?

 Can we reduce the risk of other patients enough to perform surgery in outpatient setting?





#### Strategies to Mitigate Risk LEJR: SNF Cost and Readmisisons



- Use of Skilled Nursing Facilities associated with higher cost, higher readmissions
- However, patients going to SNF are older, tend to have more comorbidities and functional limitations
- Optimize patient needs with functional / environmental assessment pre-surgery and discharge.
- When using SNF, have preferred network based on collaborative agreements with shared patient data access.
- Ensure patients and their support network know how to help recovery and when to call help.



# Strategies to Mitigate Risks Across TEAM Procedures in 3 Ways:

- Timeline: Move up patient risk assessments, work with PCPs to prepare/pre-treat patient pre-surgery.
- Systemic issues: Hospitals + Physicians address intra-operative, surgical and OR protocols to speed & reduce complications, recovery.
- Procedure-specific complications: Clinical Team + Hospital adopt protocols aimed at specific risk reductions.





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#### 1. Analyze History



Aggregate clinical data



Integrate with CMS claims data



Create TEAM
Episode
Platform to
Track
Performance

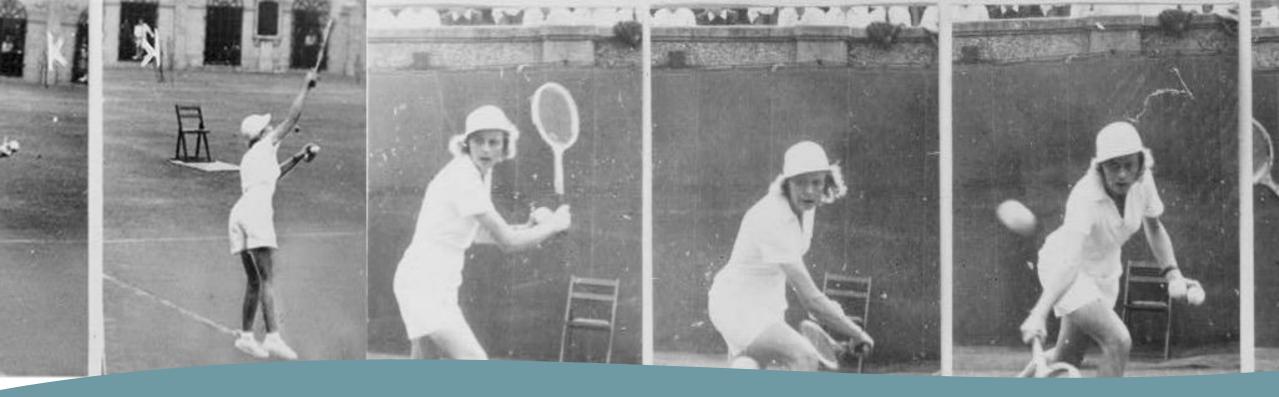


Use to collaboratively identify historical cost issues



Establish feedback loop for providers





# 2.Create CMS &VBC Episodes

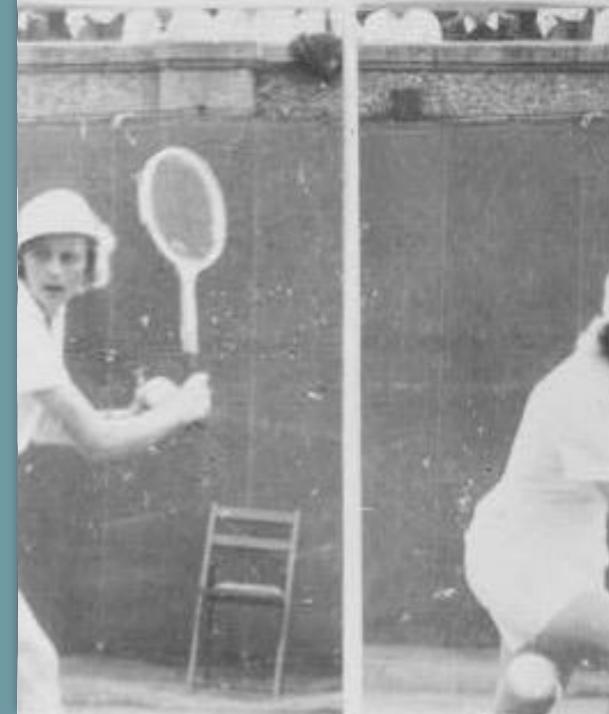
- CMS Episodes track with CMS Model
- VBC Episode includes both Cost and Clinical Data, and patient prior to surgery
- Cost Variations are reflected in both
- Share with clinical team



# 3. Review Complications and Cost Variations

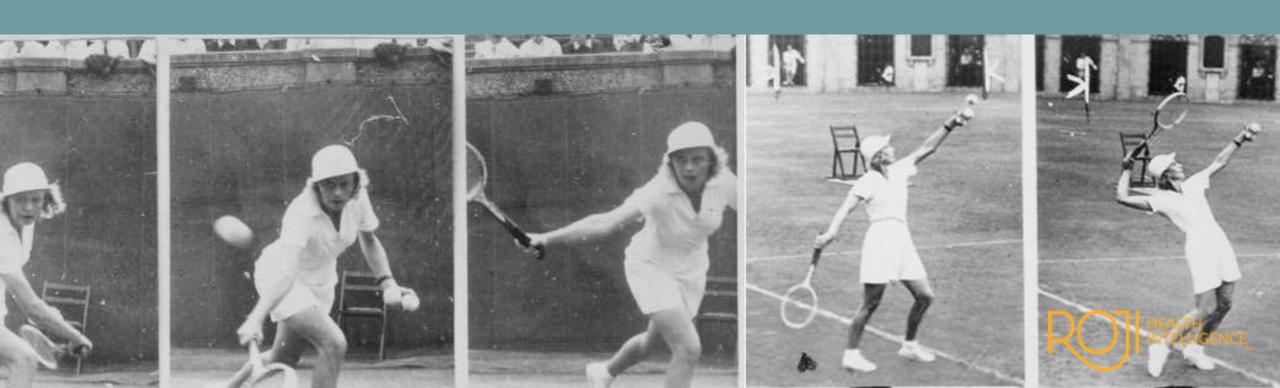
- Prioritize biggest complications
- Review systemic, patient risks, and procedure-specific complications
- Build consensus on approaches to mitigate

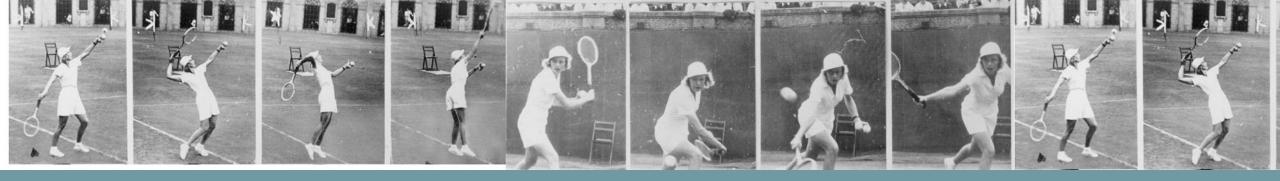




# 4. Improve Pre-Surgery Knowledge

- Better Patient Risk Assessment
- Pre-visit with anesthesiologist
- Patient strengthening, and pre-treatment
- Post-surgical plan





## 5. Adjust/Adopt Protocols

- Systemic issues: blood management, infection control
- Clinical Pathways
- SNF and Rehab Protocols
- Agreements with Primary Care Physicians



#### 6. Collaborate and Expand through TEAM Episode Platform

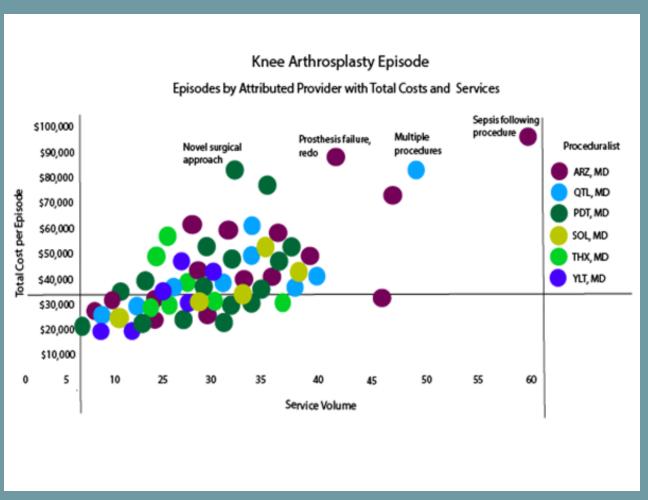


- Regardless of PCP private/employed status, needs to be able to see
- Should incorporate clinical data from EHR, Episode details, and log events
- Frequent updates and alerts for clinical team / PCP
- Agree on the use of technology



# Roji Health Intelligence has TEAM technology-based services ready for you

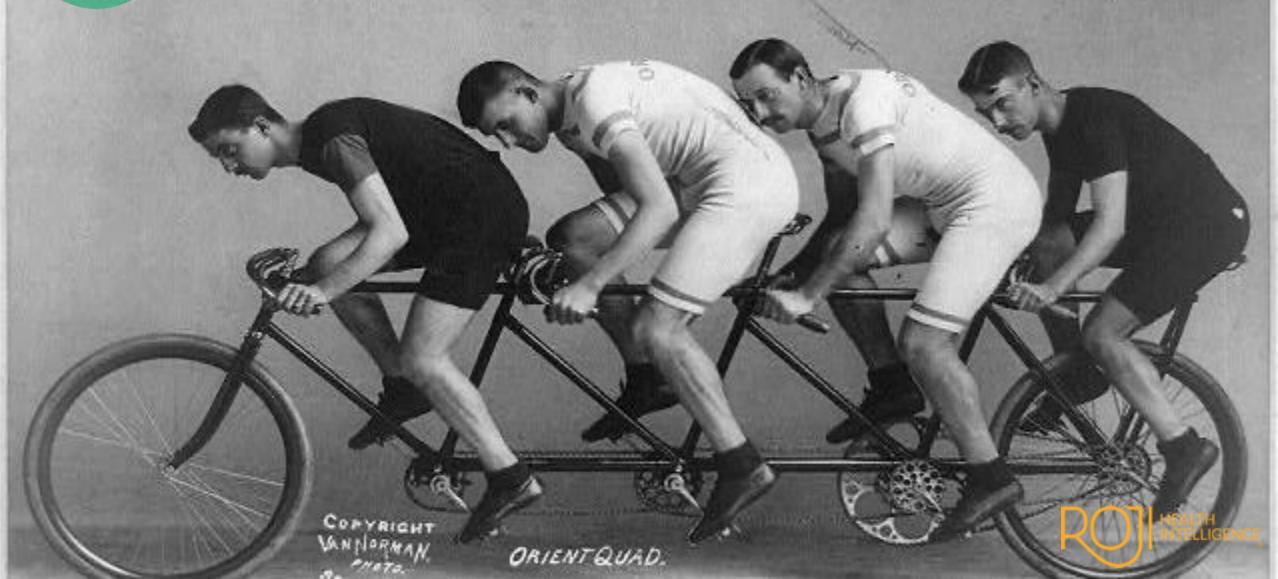
- Secure data aggregation
- Roji Episodes Platform
- CMS TEAM Episodes
- Roji Value-Based Care Episodes
- Views by practice, provider, organization
- Customizable for client
- Expert in working with complex clients







# ROJ Where are you in your development for TEAM?







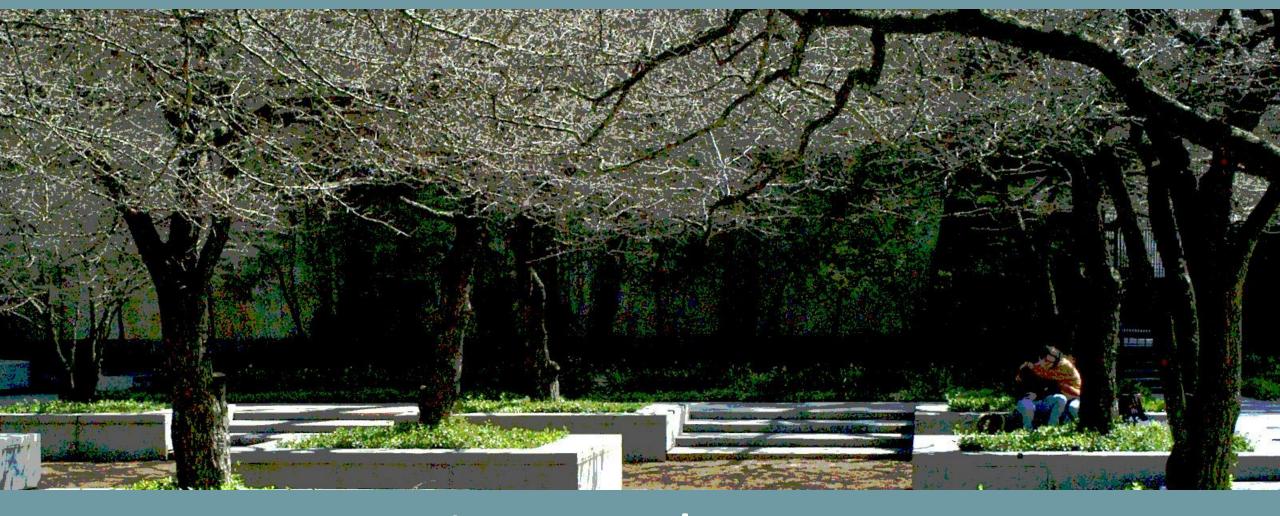
1. Starting out, would love to hear more.



2. Please contact me right away.



3. This isn't for me.



# Questions and Answers



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# Thank You!

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