

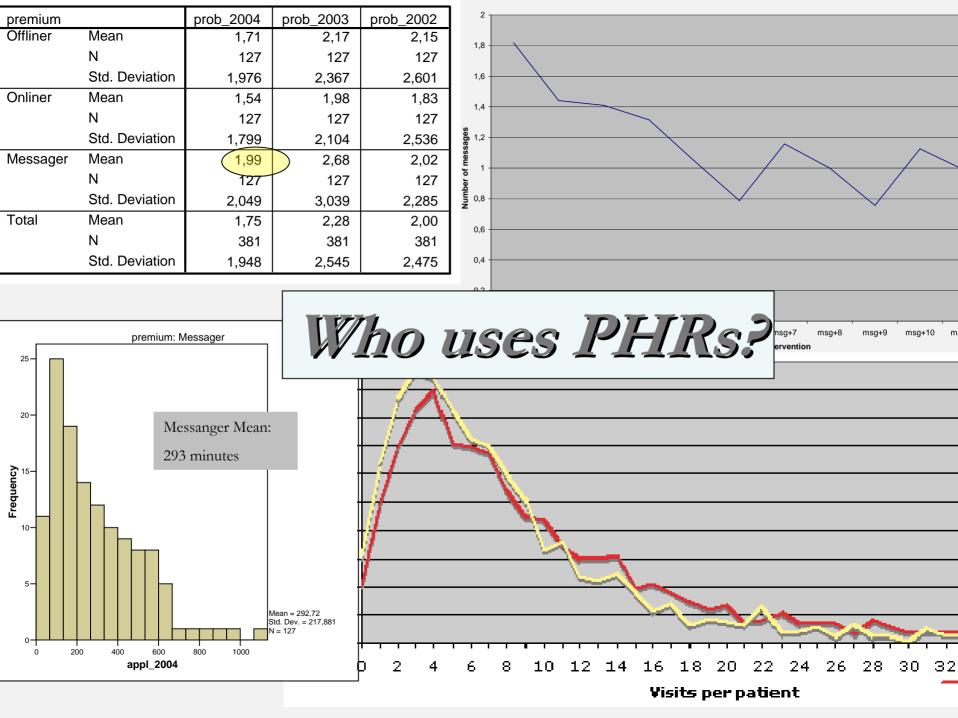
Patient Health Records

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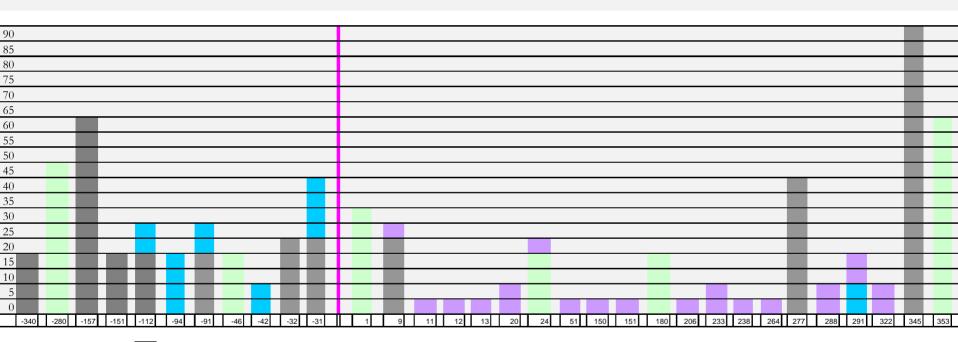
Why PHRs?

"An electronic application through which individuals can access, manage and share their health information and that of others for whom they are authorized, in a private, secure, and confidential environment"

- Empowered, informed patients
- Lack of proven business case
- Will only provide value when intergated with Electronic Health Records
- Study published in the Mayo Clinic Proceedings shows that an alarming number of people being discharged from hospitals know little about their diagnoses and medications.



More frequent communication, less resources...



Office visit
Telephone, average 10 min /each
Message from doctor, average. 3 min
Office visit, specialist

PHRs and security

- Authentication becomes very important when PHR becomes a component in an interoperable health care system
- Before data is shared the connected health system will have to identify the PHR's user
 - Designated care givers must have access too
- "Lack of ubiquitous EHR usage presents the greatest environmental barrier to integrated PHR adoption"

Future of PHRs

- Ideally PHRs should include as much relavent data as possible over the individual's life from multiple sources
- We will see highly customized information for each patient in the near future
- Education and research focus on PHR can facilitate adoption.
- Automated algoritms for early alarms
 - Especially valuable with remote patient management measures
- Increased patient security in natural disasters
- PHRs will function as seamlessly integrated, interoperable components of EHRs and other health systems.