



# Simple Network Diagram

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# What is Connecting for Health?

- Broad-based, public-private collaborative
- Over 100 stakeholders on Steering Committee
- Founded and supported by the Markle Foundation
- Additional support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



## Connecting for Health Leadership Panels

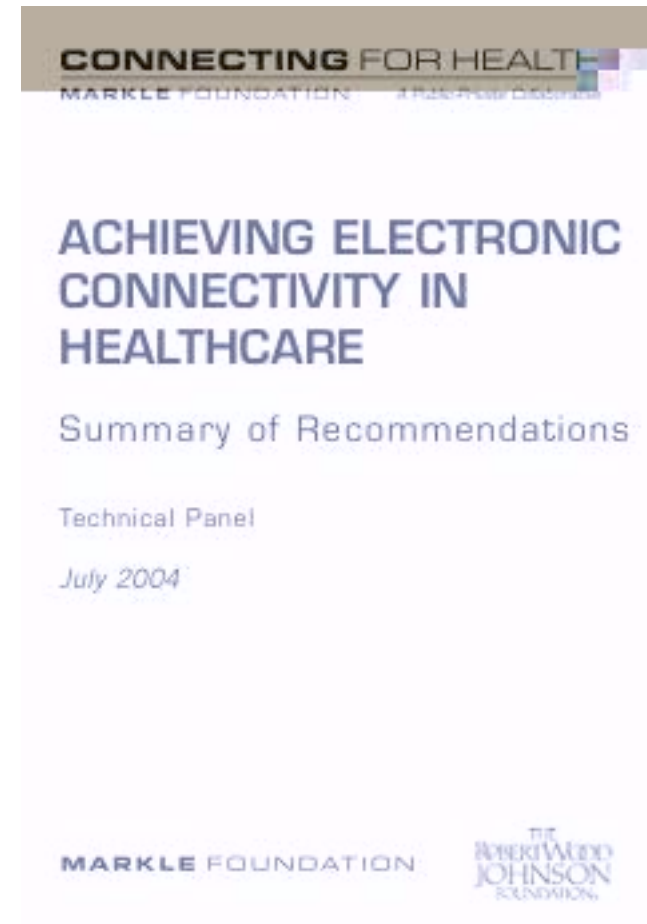
Develop recommendations with detailed road maps for immediate progress in key areas:

- Health Care Policy
- Personal Health Information
- Technical Framework for Interoperability

## Connecting for Health Technical Roadmap

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- Shared vision of next steps
- Developed and agreed to by all major stakeholders
- Practical goals achievable in 1 to 3 years
- Building from where we are, not overhauling everything at once



## Connecting for Health Recommendations

- Implement information exchange now over the current Internet -- no new network is needed
- Achieve interoperability with open, consensus-driven and non-proprietary standards
- Build by conforming to a Common Framework of technical components, standardized methodologies and explicit policies

## Connecting for Health Common Framework

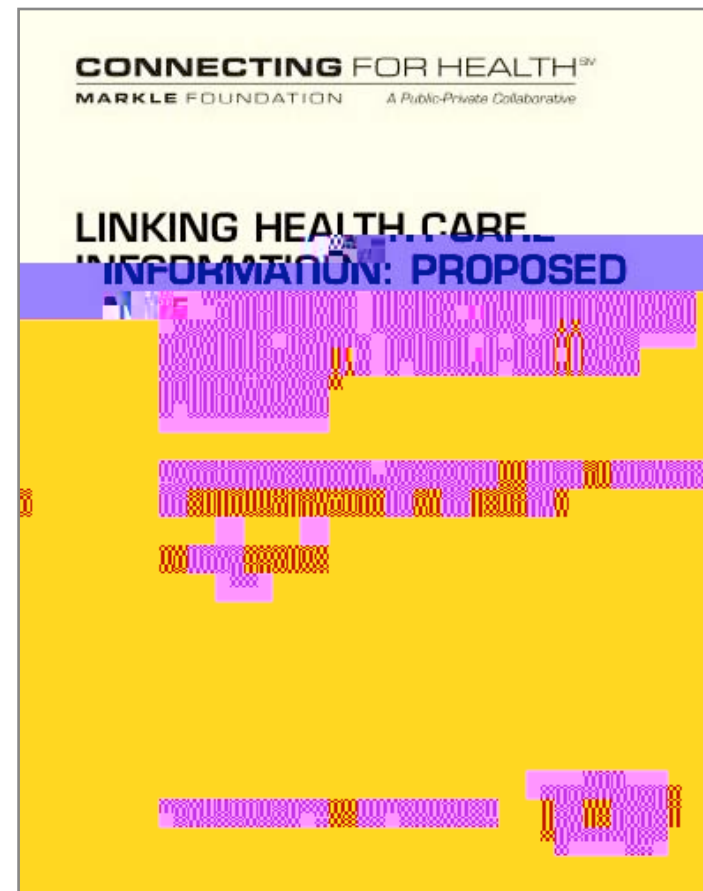
- Modular suite of interoperable standards to allow health information transactions at local, regional and national levels
- Technical standards for secure transport, reliable authentication and defined interchange formats to enable unambiguous transmission of clinical data
- Policy standards for privacy and access in the exchange of health information
- Uniform minimum standard for identification of users



## Record Locator Service (RLS)

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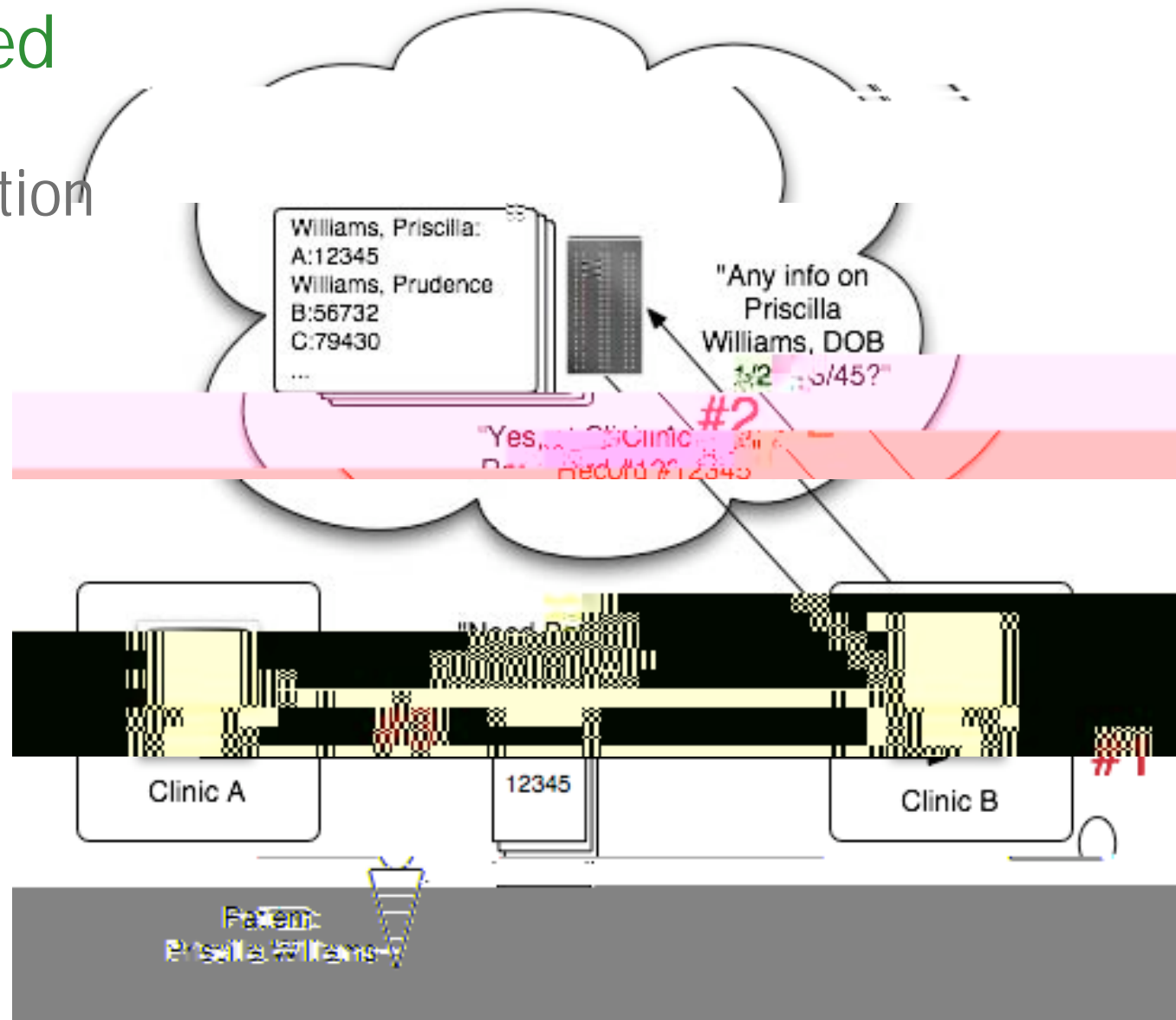
- Separates knowing where information is located from knowing the information
- Enables security, privacy and autonomy for all participants in the process
- Release of information subject to authorization requirements





## RLS Simplified

- Ask for a location
- Receive the location
- Ask for the record
- Receive the record



## HRE Simplified

- An authorized user...
- establishes a secure session...
- over the regular Internet...
- to access a Record Locator Service or a Records Repository

