



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

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Connecting for Health Leadership Panels

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

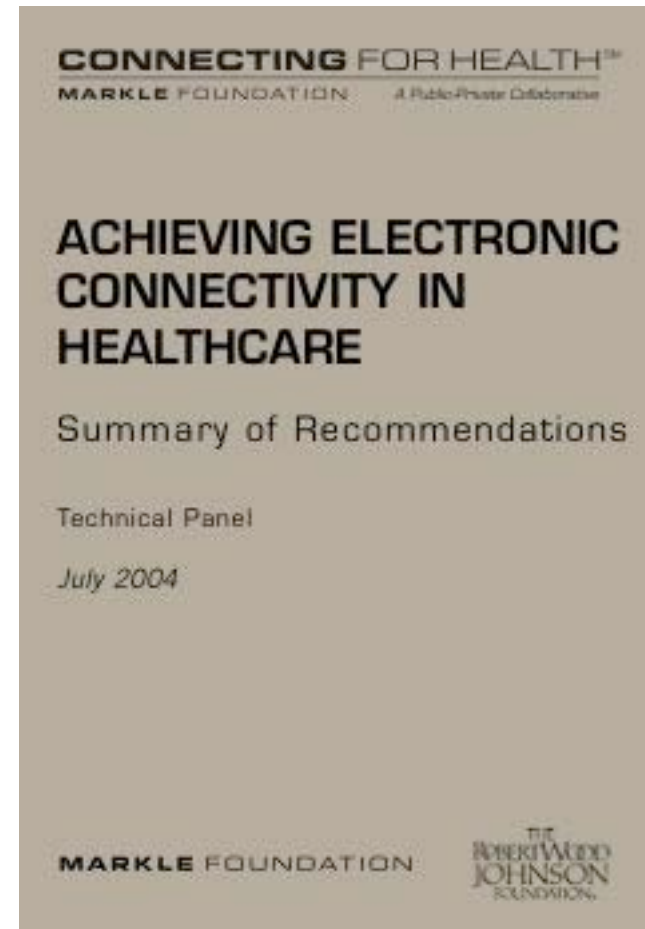
- Health Care Policy
- Personal Health Information
- Technical Framework for Interoperability



Connecting for Health Technical Roadmap

July 2004

- 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

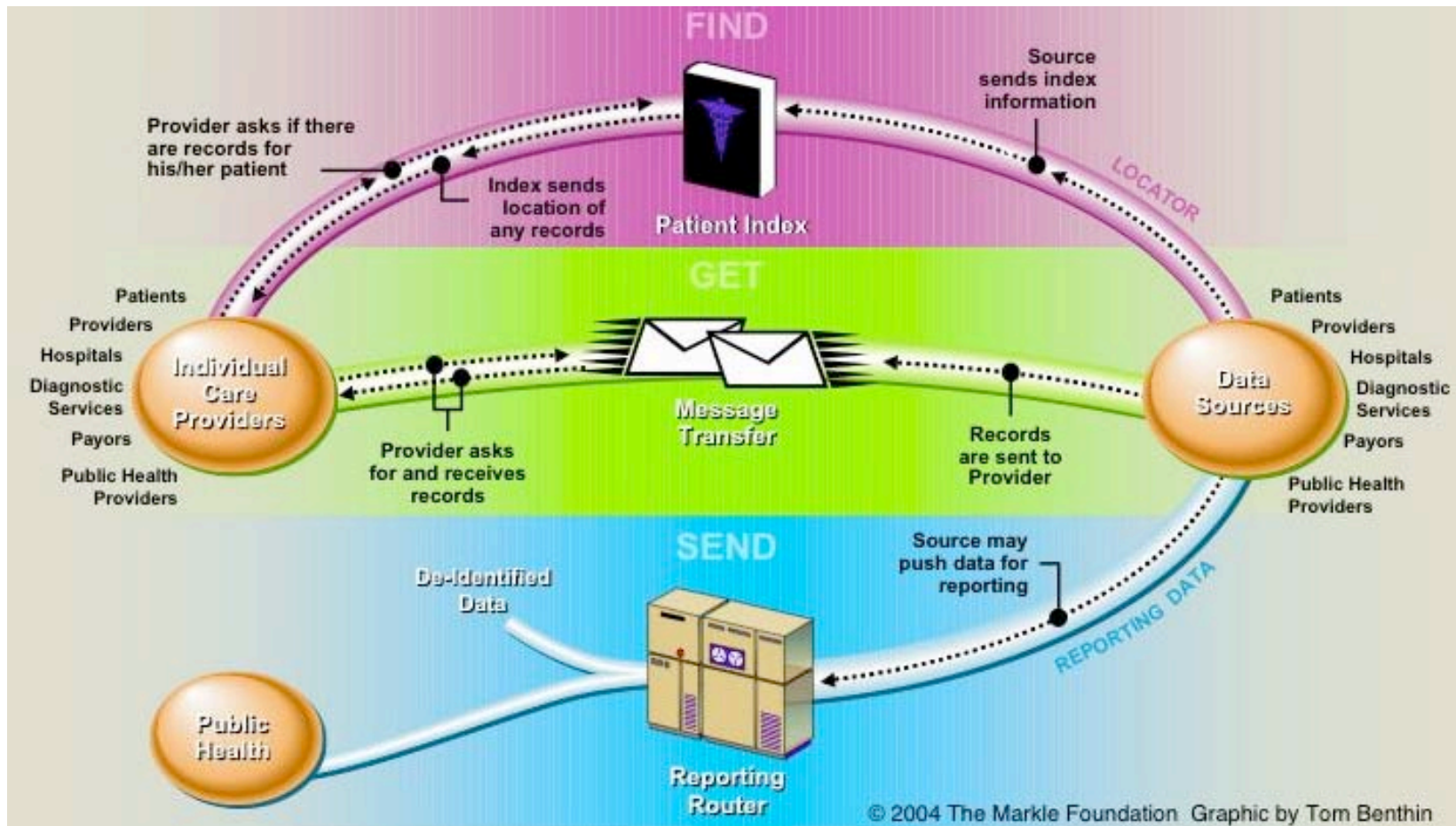


Connecting for Health Common Framework

- 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



Connecting for Health Schematic

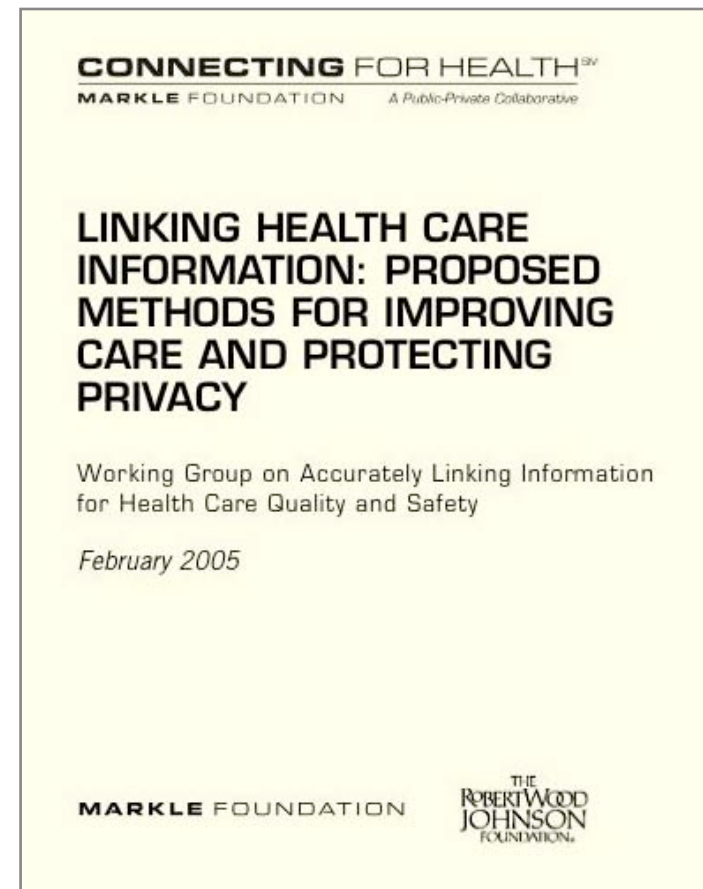




Record Locator Service (RLS)

February 2005

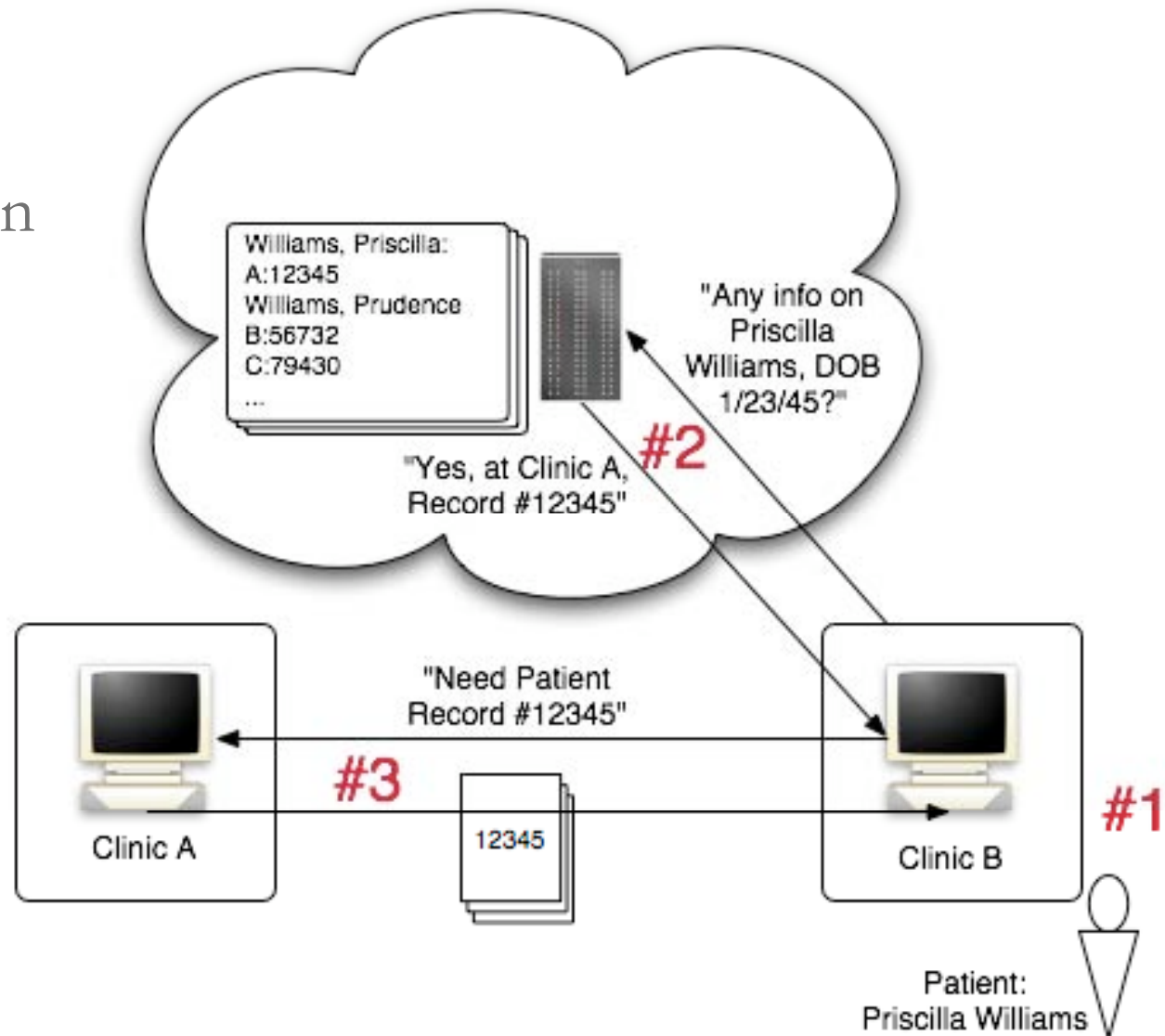
- Separates knowing where information is located from knowing the information
- Enables security, privacy and autonomy for all participants in the process
- Release of information subject to authorization requirements





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**

