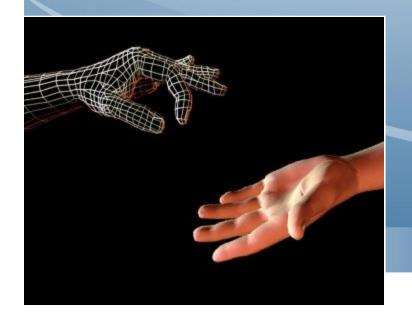
## Telehealth and Internet2

Forum Rute August 2009



The scope of the Internet2 Health Science Initiative includes medical and related biological research, education, and advances in clinical practice.





### **Biotech Data's BIG BANG**

It's like Moore's Law on steroids:

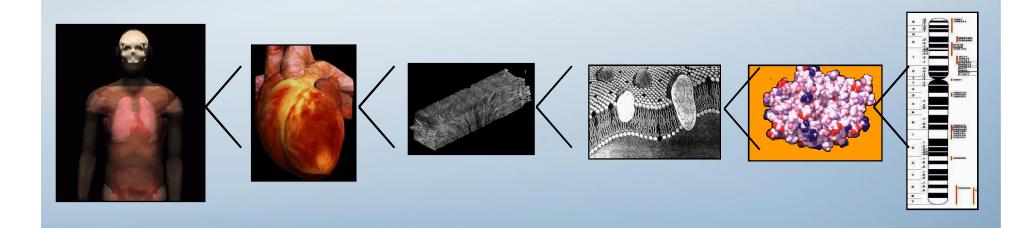
The total volume of biological data worldwide, having doubled every 18 months in recent years, is now doubling every half a year to three months. And this isn't a momentary spike, but a long-term trend that may require new ways to measure, analyze and mine biological databases.

Chappell Brown

EE Times (04/25/2005)



## Health Science's Grand Challenge



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Systems models Continuum models (PDEs) ODEs Stochastic models Pathway models Gene networks

**Courtesy: Peter Hunter, University of Auckland** 





 The United States Federal **Communications Commission** initiated a pilot funding program to facilitate the creation of a nationwide broadband network dedicated to health care, connecting public and private non-profit health care providers in rural and urban locations.





### U.S. Environment

#### Investments

- •U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
  - •\$417 Million
  - •3 Year program for Rural Health and connect to Internet2
- •U.S. Department of Commerce
  - •\$2.0 Billion
  - Broadband infrastructure improvement
  - Includes Schools, Libraries and Health
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - •\$4.2 Billion for Rural Broadband
  - Most for loans for Schools, Libraries and Health
- Department of Health and Human Services
  - •\$2.0 Billion for Health Applications
    - Electronic Health Records
    - Health Information Sharing



## **US / Internet2 Work Plan**

- ◆To help the health Community use the investments being made by the US Government
- ◆To address certain issues
  - Security and Middleware
    - ◆Federated Identity Management
    - ◆Rights and privileges
    - Security and privacy policies
  - **◆**Sustainability
  - **♦**Resources
    - ◆Who can I work with?
    - ♦ What can I show other?
    - ♦ Where do I learn?
  - **◆**Technology
    - ◆ Video equipment and resources
    - ◆Land, Wireless, Satellite, etc
    - ◆IPv4 and IPv6



### Internet2 Work Plan

- Current work plan created in 2007
  - •FCC Rural Health was the only Federal Activity
- •Will be Revised at a Strategic Retreat
  - •Fall 2009
  - Take into account
    - Successes
    - New Activities
    - New Challenges / Opportunities

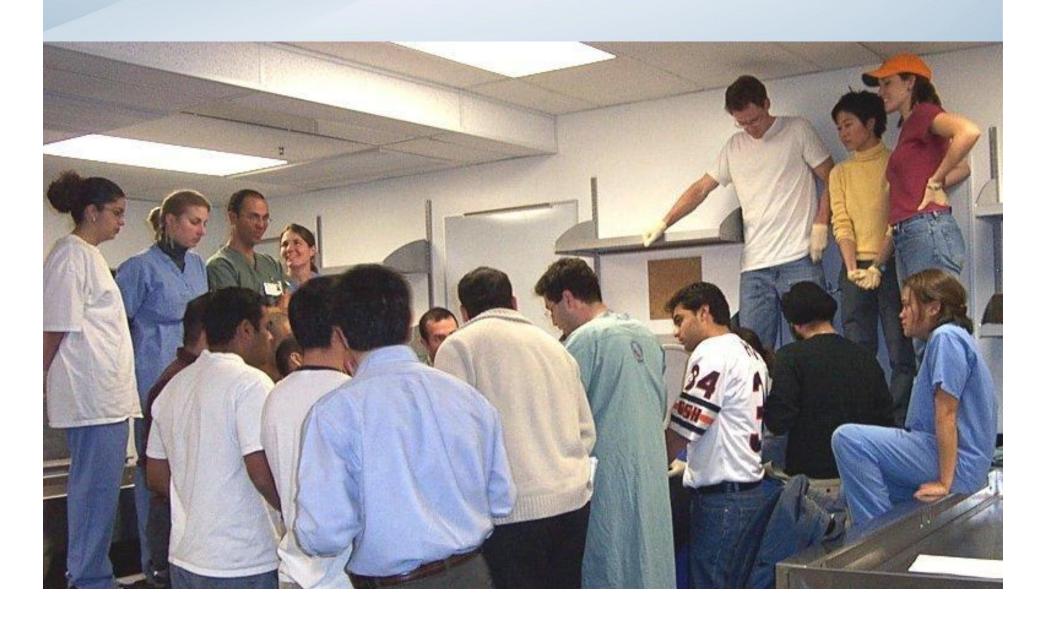


## **Key Success Factors**

- An onsite champion
  - Preferably a Physician
  - Understands benefits and willing to change
- A reason to use technology and the expertise of others to help
  - •In the US this is often:
    - Too little of expertise
    - •A need to reduce costs
    - A need to improve the health of patients
  - •The barriers are often:
    - I don't know how to do it myself and I need somebody to help
    - •It costs too much
    - •I have to change / what is the benefit



# **Medical Education Challenges**









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