Louisiana Public Health Information Exchange (LaPHIE)

State of Louisiana Office of Public Health and the LSU Health Care Services Division

LaPHIE: Background

• LSU HCSD and Louisiana's OPH developed a secure bidirectional public health information exchange called LaPHIE

• LaPHIE's goal - facilitate linkage to care for individuals with HIV, TB, or syphilis to ensure treatment and public health follow-up activities

• LaPHIE utilizes electronic messages from Public Health which post in patients' electronic medical records (LSU system of public hospitals)

LaPHIE: Process

- Workgroups formed to review legal and ethics issues
- Accomplishments:
 - completed review of all pertinent Federal and State legislation
 - discussed LaPHIE with national experts in confidentiality and biomedical ethics
 - completed consumer focus group discussions and key informant interviews of acceptability

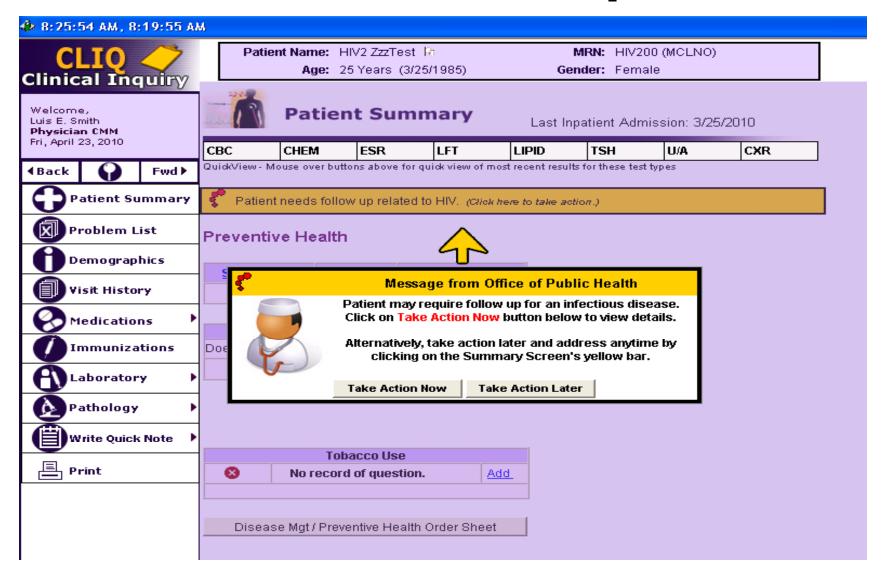
Findings from Reviews

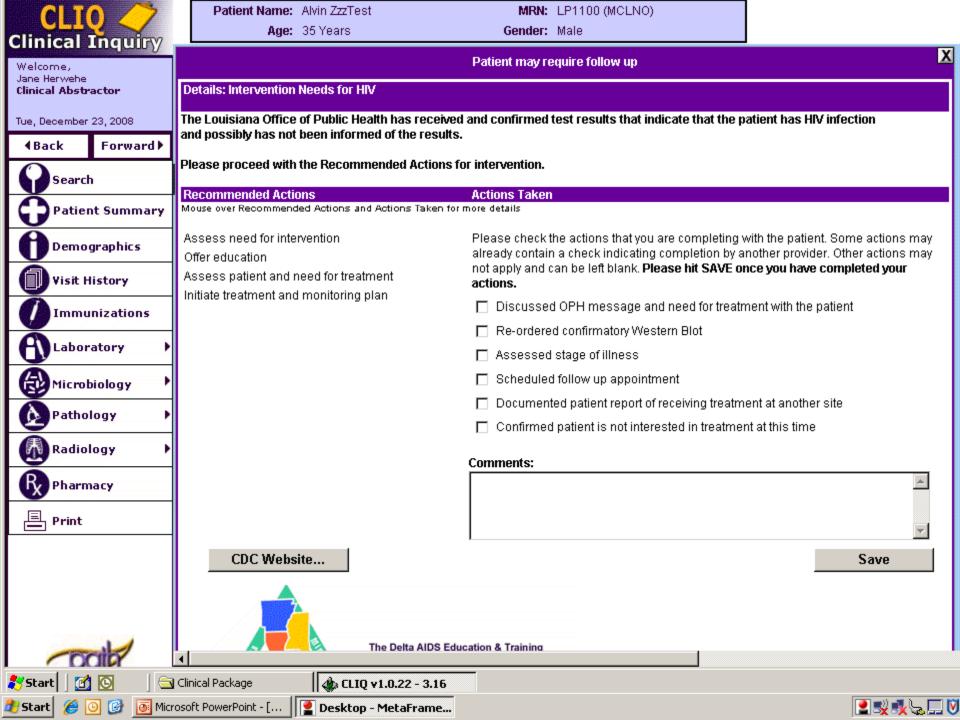
- Several Federal and State laws permit collaboration of health care providers for persons with HIV, TB or syphilis.
- Development of position paper supporting LaPHIE
 - legal analysis related to situations that may occur when public health information is exchanged
- Consumers found approach reasonable for intended purpose

LaPHIE: How It Works

- Electronic link developed between OPH clinics & LSU electronic repository, CLIQ
- When patient gets tested at OPH clinic but fails follow-up, becomes listed for LaPHIE
- Patient registers at any of the LSU public hospitals – if name is on LaPHIE list, message sent to CLIQ
- Clinician clicks on message for results

Disease Alert Component



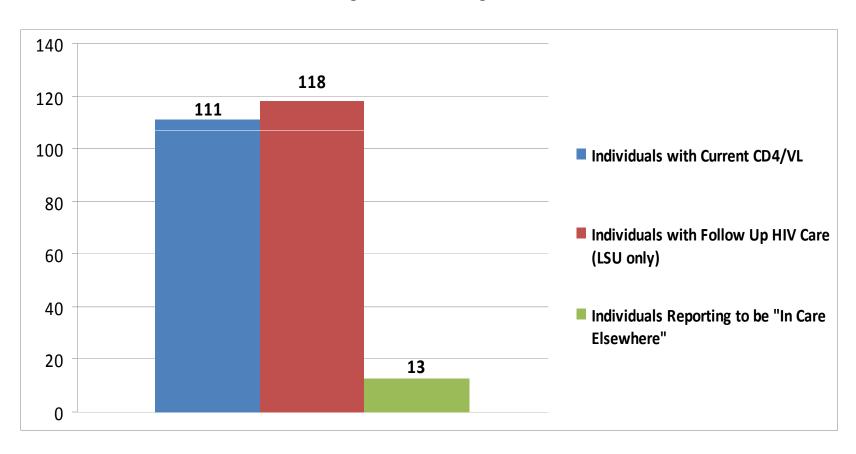


Total LaPHIE Matches (as of 5/31/10)

Improved response rates to messages

- Matches
 - –282 matches as of 5/31/2010 (includes 66 "repeaters")
 - -65% response rate

Post LaPHIE Follow Up (Only Tracking LSU Patients) (n=216)



Ongoing Evaluation Post LaPHIE Patient Interviews

- To date, 9 completed interviews w/ LaPHIE identified patients
- Satisfaction with LaPHIE encounter
 - 6 positive responses to provider handling of LaPHIE message
 - 3 no specific comment on recent LaPHIE notice/interaction
- What helped patients come back:
 - Reminder calls (3), staff answer questions (2), trust in staff (1), staff allayed fears (2), staff concerned, caring, respectful, knowledgeable (4)

Provider comments (unsolicited)

- 3 positive patient glad or appreciative of provider knowing HIV status and linking patient to care
- 1 negative patient upset, not specifically with sharing of HIV message, but with long wait in the ED (medication reconciliation, discussion of all health issues (inc HIV) in addition to the 1 complaint that brought patient to the ED