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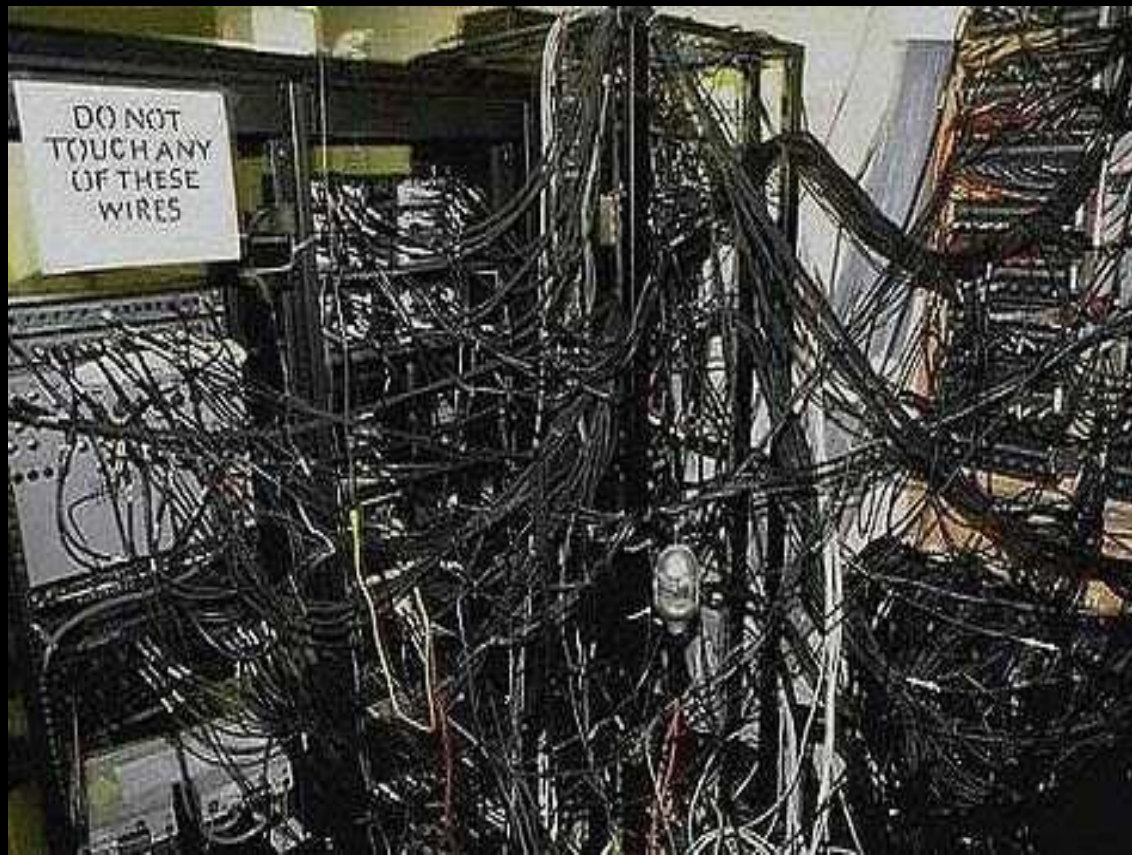
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***Establishing Networks: Lessons Learned
from the Telehealth Community***

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Technology is the Easy Part



Network Development

Partner with entities that have similar goals

Develop a business plan that binds your members to common goals/financial commitment

Ensure that the value to members equals the costs

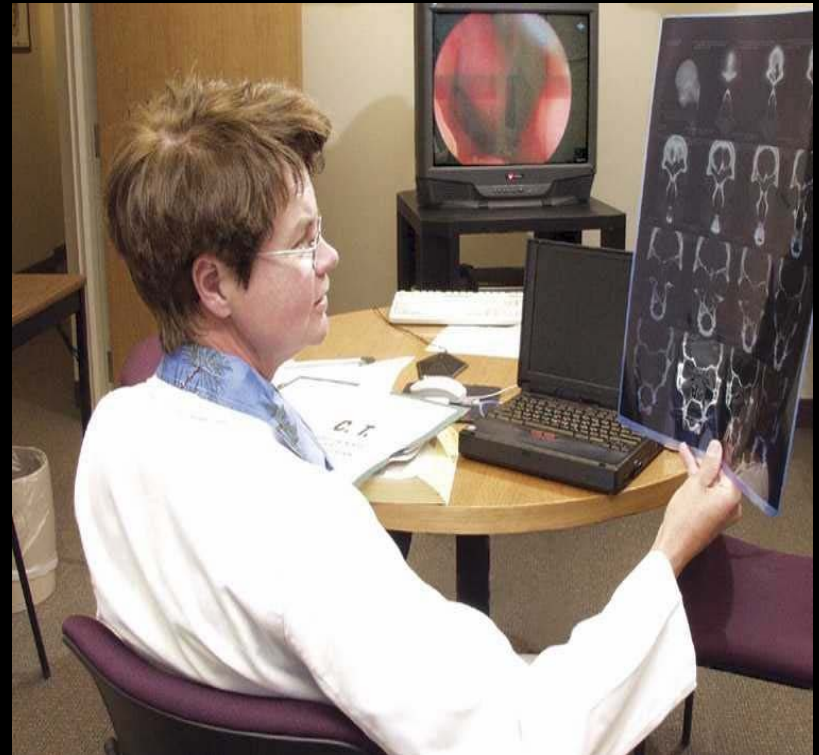
Integration into the clinical and business practice

Partnerships: Strategic, Business, and Human



Technology

- Bandwidth
- Interoperability
- Integration
- Convergence



Partnerships Between Telehealth and HIT

- Regional infrastructure
- Internal infrastructure
- Human relationship
- Business relationship

Telehealth and HIT

Quality

Efficiency

Access

Safety