



The Healthcare Business Intelligence Challenge

Healthcare organizations need an overall view of their clinical, financial, and administrative data to provide better patient care at a lower cost. Sierra-Cedar’s 30 years of ERP and systems consulting experience has taught us that provider’s information sources (EMR, ERP, etc.) are usually fragmented across multiple disparate systems—and the task of integrating data has been simply too difficult, too time consuming, and too expensive. Acquiring data from your systems, assuring its integrity and quality, and disseminating it to points of service is vital to optimized performance.

The Value of an Enterprise Business Intelligence Roadmap

Leveraging Business Intelligence (BI) and Integration technologies can rationalize and organize your knowledge capital to more efficiently connect employees, professionals, patients, and suppliers. The path to BI adoption was historically through department-level initiatives. As BI becomes more aligned with enterprise activities and integrated into core business and clinical processes, it is transformed into a pervasive technology and valuable tool that can be delivered to operational front lines for clinical and operational decision-making support. Healthcare entities need a clear strategy and proven tactics for moving from vision to success to fully realize the potential of BI and to stay on course with its planning, implementation, and management. A well-conceived BI roadmap—one that describes the major components of a BI solution and offers a methodical, well-documented, and phased approach to implementation—provides the framework and strategic IT vision for meeting BI business objectives and, at a high level, helps organizations stay on track:

- Identifying all the moving parts and their dependencies (e.g., users, data, subject areas, and workflows)
- Providing an overview of what’s possible with BI from a business perspective
- Breaking down goals and requirements into manageable steps
- Assessing BI tool and technology requirements
- Identifying stakeholders
- Allowing prioritization and incremental investment
- Promoting phased implementations that allow for correction and refinement as needed

Address the Challenge

Sierra-Cedar’s Healthcare “One Meeting” will guide your organization on leveraging BI and Integration technologies and best practices to provide insight into the myriad of health system data and show you how this can make your hospital more competitive. During a single collaborative meeting with your IT and Business Area representatives, we will outline the key business processes that present opportunities for cost reductions and process automation:

- Enterprise Data Warehouse/Business Intelligence: Current Healthcare State
- BI and Integration Assessment specifically for your environment
- Current Architecture/Projects
- Opportunities to improve your current reporting needs

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