

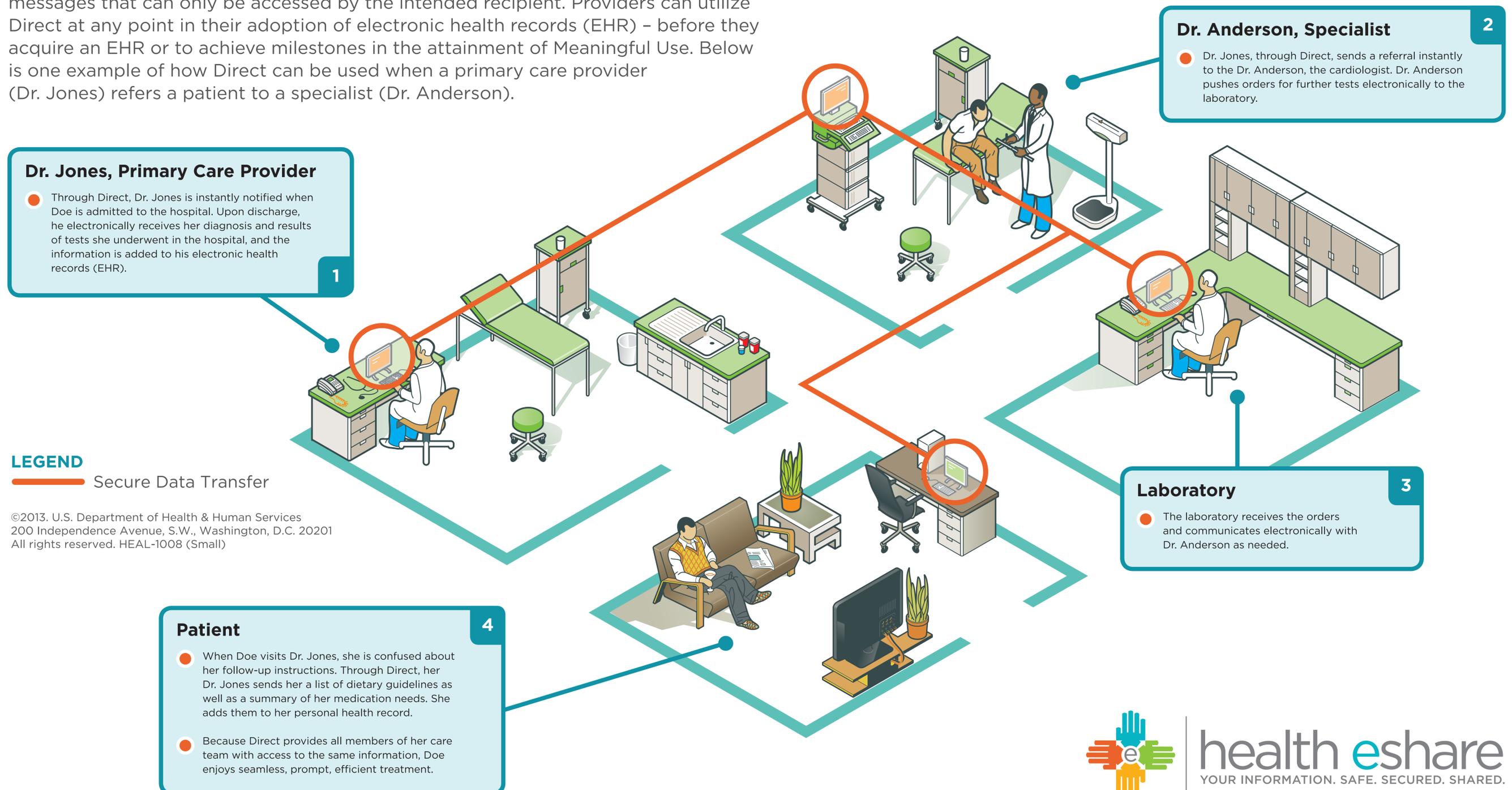
Direct Technology Improves Teamwork

In today's healthcare environment, access to timely information is vital to providing quality care. By using Direct, providers are able to push health information quickly and securely to other members of the provider team and to patients. The quality of care is improved when information arrives at the same time or even before the patient does.

Direct functions like an encrypted email, which makes it possible for providers to push messages that can only be accessed by the intended recipient. Providers can utilize Direct at any point in their adoption of electronic health records (EHR) – before they acquire an EHR or to achieve milestones in the attainment of Meaningful Use. Below is one example of how Direct can be used when a primary care provider (Dr. Jones) refers a patient to a specialist (Dr. Anderson).

THE CASE

Patient Jane Doe is admitted to the hospital with syncope. She is diagnosed with arrhythmia, prescribed propranolol, and discharged after two days with instructions to visit her PCP Dr. Jones within one week for referral to a cardiologist.



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