

Impact of the ACA California Local Public Health Laboratory Perspective

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Where do patients go?

–Where is Primary Care

patients insurance?

–Medicaid = MediCal

–Private insurance

–Un-insured

Managed Care Models

- County Organized Health Systems (SLO: CenCal---CHCCC)
- Two-Plan (LA: LACare & HealthNet)
- Geographic Managed Care (San Diego: Care1st, CHgrp, HealthNet, Kaiser permanente, MolinaHC)

Private Insurance- Covered California Ins exchange

- Private Practices
- IPA-Independent Physicians Assns
- ACO-Accountable Care Organizations

UnInsurance-

- Indigent-
- Not so indigent
- Jail, Juvenile detention, Prisons

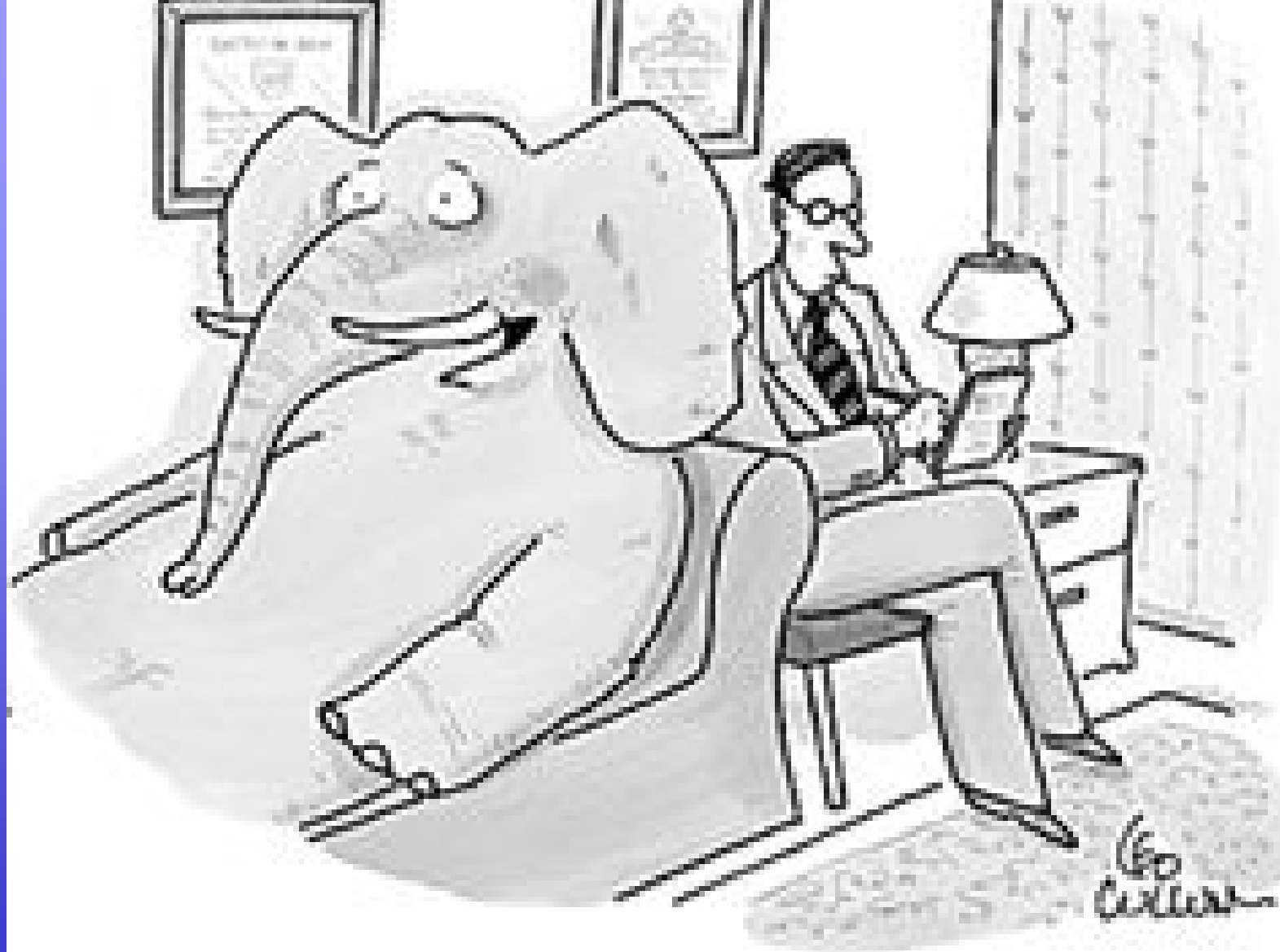
Who wants what we do?

- STD- Chlamydia-Gonorrhoea, HIV antibody, Syphilis serology
- Tuberculosis
- Mycology, Bacteriology, Virology, Parasitology
- Water, shellfish and food testing
- Bioterrorism agents- bacteria and toxins

So—will PHLs in CA get more testing due to ACA?

Answer: That depends

–On other factors



"I'm right there in the room, and no one even acknowledges me."

Other factors--elephants

- Private Laboratory competition
- Testing technology-POC
- Public Health Service cuts
- PH Leadership thinking

What do Health Officers think ?

- Do they care whether a PH lab is available?
- Do they think a private lab can do as well or better?

What do Health Officers think ?

–Do private labs make too many mistakes—false positives

–58% agree 8% disagree 33% unsure

What do Health Officers think ?

- Do PH staff spend too much phone time trying to get PH data from private labs?

75% agree 8% disagree 17% unsure

What do Health Officers think ?

- Do Private lab reports lack sufficient details to allow PH staff to interpret?

67% agree 17% disagree 17% unsure

What do Health Officers think ?

– Will Private lab use of non-culture tests create problems for PulseNet?

– 64% agree 0% disagree 33% unsure

So will PHLs die?

- Will culture-independent diagnostics become the standard?
- Will private lab ELR be so successful PH gets info needed?
- Will laboratory services be privatized?

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“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

Public Health Disasters

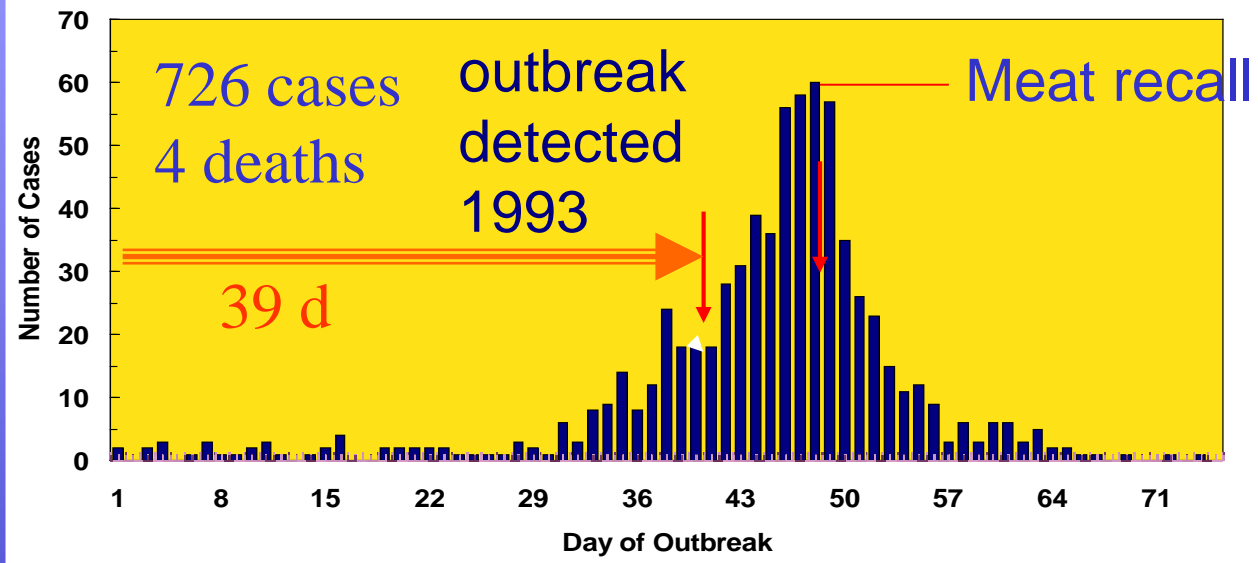
- Soviet Union breakup
- TB funding-US 1980s
- Africa and AIDS
- etc

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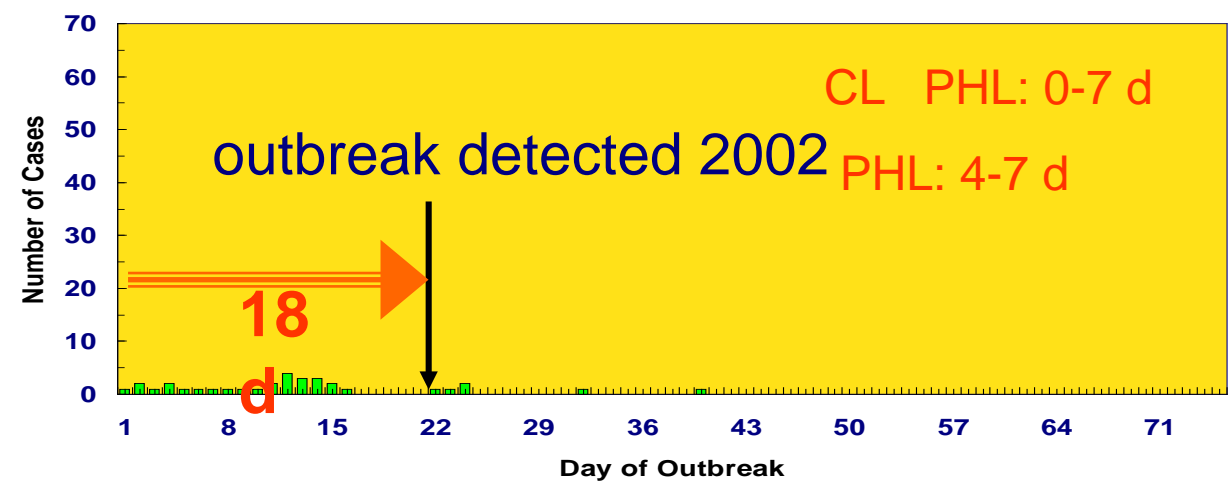
“The surest way to bring back a disease is to end the funding to control it.”

What to expect

- VPD and Foodborne outbreaks
- Demand for PHL services –STIs, TB, Influenza, EIDs
- Additional Insured (MediCaid) and private– BUT



2002 Colorado *E. coli* O157 Outbreak



PHLs serving ACA patients

- Where PH has a role in primary care
- Where PHLs “keep up” with IT and test technology
- Where Health leadership includes PH in ACOs

Questions??