



# ***Health Information Security and Privacy (HISPC) National Conference***

## **HISPC Contributions to State HIE**

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- Privacy Policy Development
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# What is VITL?



VERMONT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

*Our vision is for a healthier Vermont, where shared health information is a critical tool for improving the overall performance of the health care system. The health care community will work together to achieve new efficiencies through the use of information technology in order to deliver better overall value and care to our citizens.*

– Vermont Health Information Technology Plan Vision Statement

# What is VITL?

- A private, not-for-profit HIE located in Montpelier, Vermont
- Incorporated on July 22, 2005
- Serves multiple stakeholders, including patients, health care providers, payers, employers, and state agencies
- Coordinating with ONC, eHI, Vermont Blueprint for Health, and others
- Designated by legislature to operate Vermont's HIEN

# VITL Initiatives

- Health Information Exchange Development
- Clinical Transformation Program/EHR Pilot
- EHR Connectivity Service
- Medication History Service
- Blueprint for Health Data Services
- New England Telehealth Consortium Sites
- VT Health Information Technology Plan
- Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration

# HISPC Phase I

- Assess variations in policies and state laws that affect health information exchange
- Identify and propose practical solutions
- Develop detailed plans to implement
  - Education
  - Infrastructure
  - Framework for Privacy & Security  
Technology Requirements
  - Solutions for Role-based Access Control
  - Patient Control

# HISPC Phase II

HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
SECURITY AND PRIVACY

- Implement foundational components of Phase I Solutions:
  - Basic Patient Privacy Consents Infrastructure
  - Consumer Advisory Group
  - Authentication White Paper
  - Public Health Minimum Data Sets

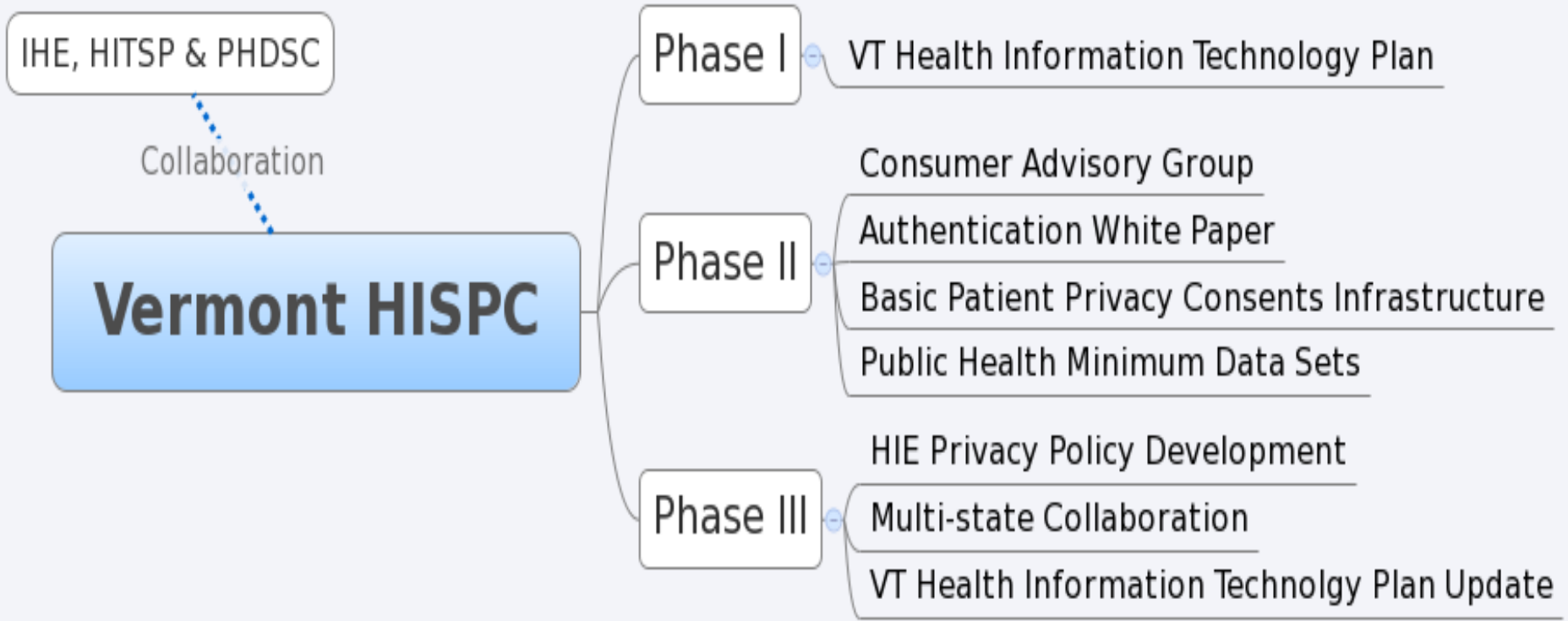


# HISPC Phase III

- Participation in multi-state collaborative to study consent requirements
  - Contribute to multi-state data collection
    - Treatment scenarios
    - Public Health scenario
  - Break down state laws, regulations, policies
  - Collaborate on data modeling and recommendations
  - Analyze policy implications for in-state and interstate consent

# HISPC Impact in Vermont

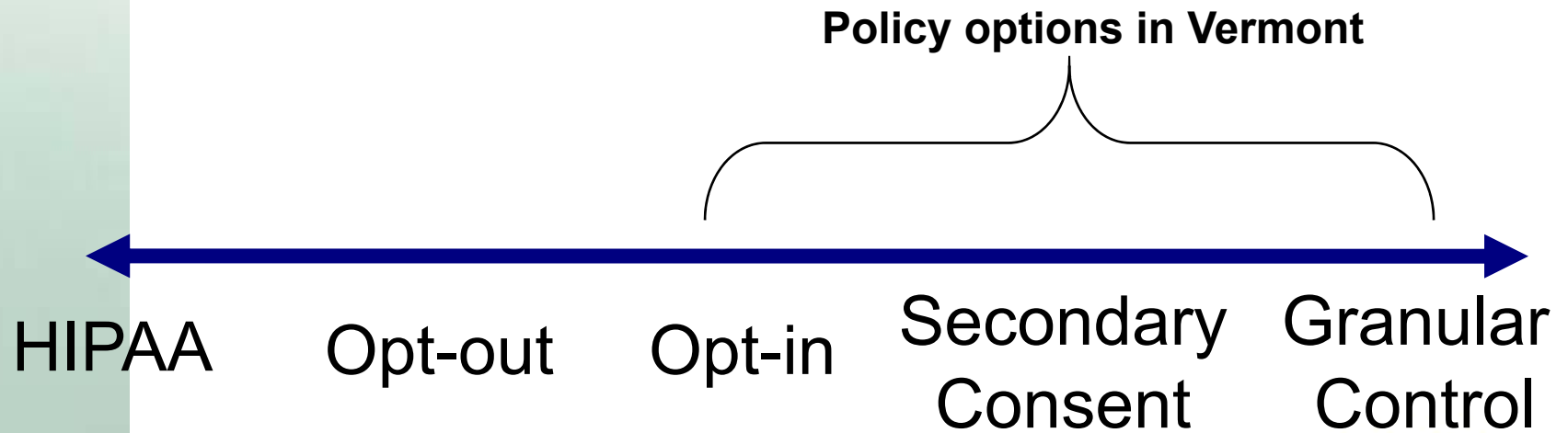
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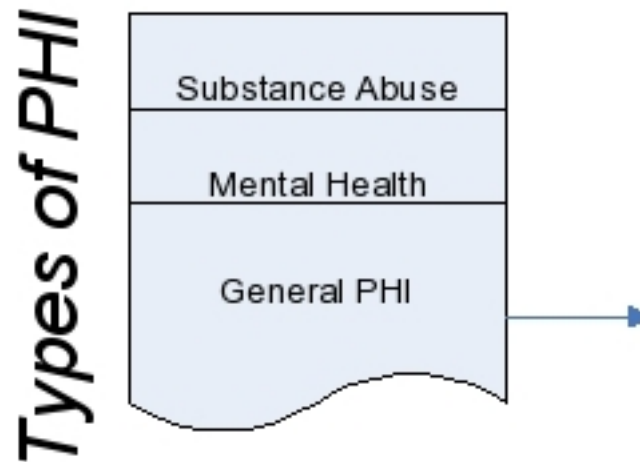
# Privacy Policy Development in Vermont – Topics

- Patient Consent
- Secondary Use of Identifiable PHI
- Provider Participation
- Information Security Policy
- Auditing and Access Monitoring
- Privacy and Security Events

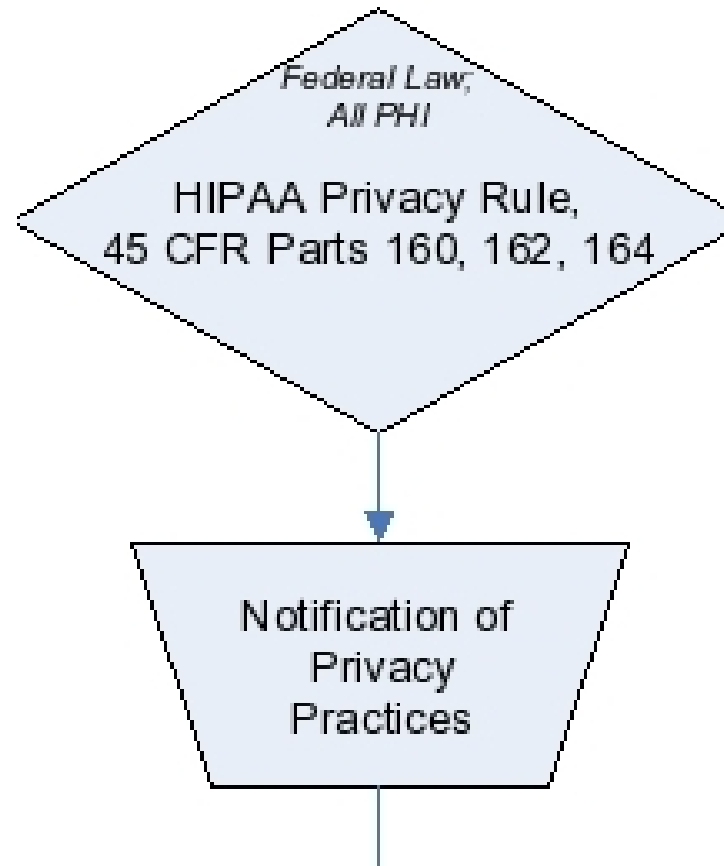
# Consent Policy Spectrum



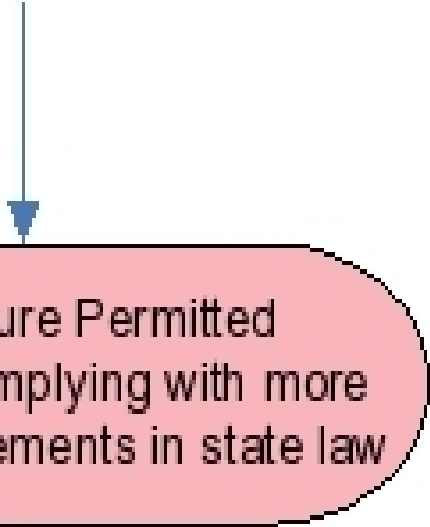
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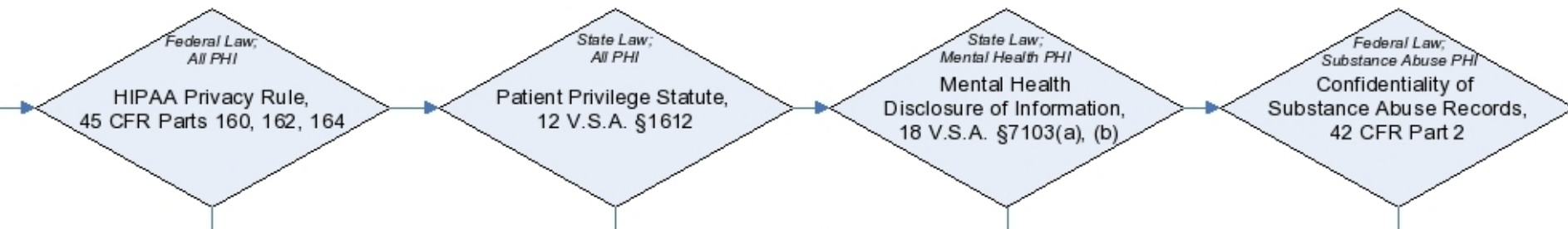


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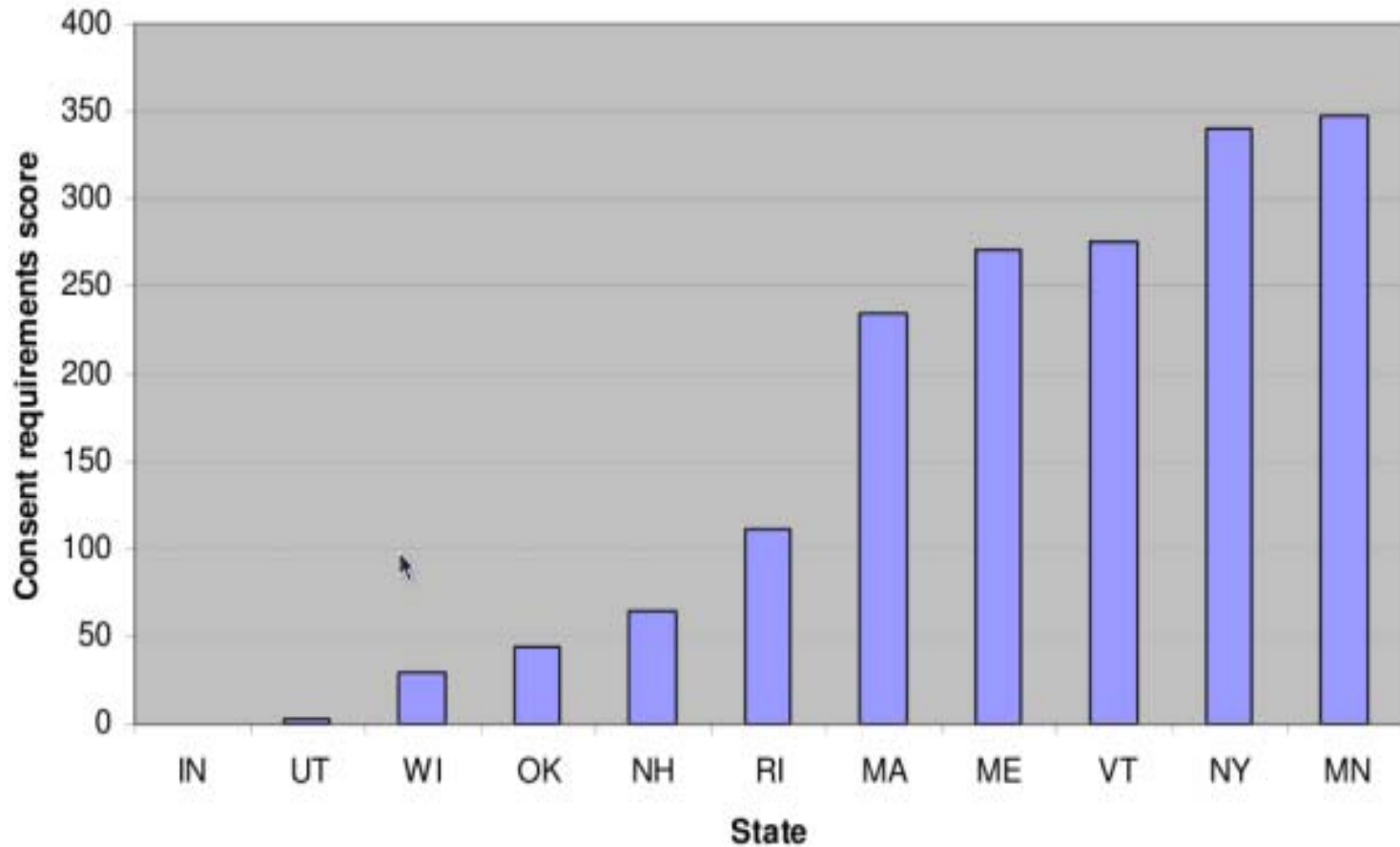
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# Relative Consent Requirements

## Non-Emergency Consent Requirements by State



# Questions?

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