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Digital Credentials Comparison Report

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Why Are Credentials Important?

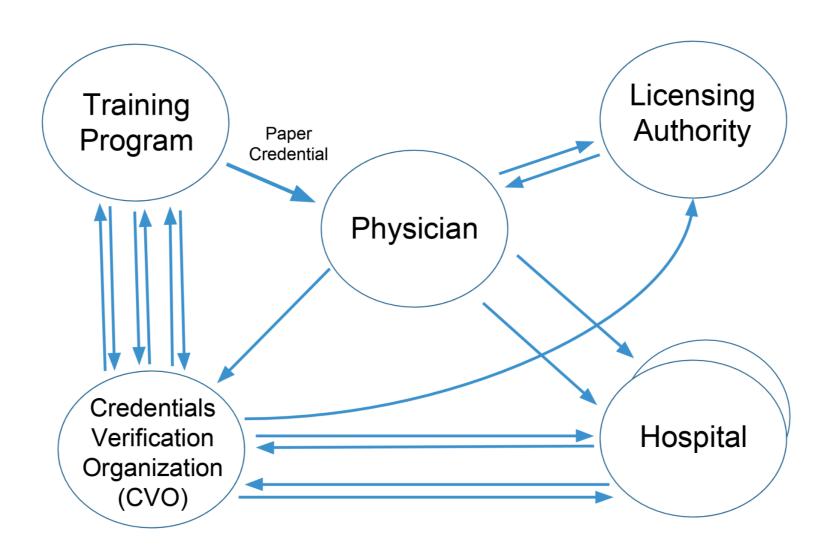
Delays impact physicians ability to see patients.

For <u>each day</u> of improvement 16 FTE physicians become available.

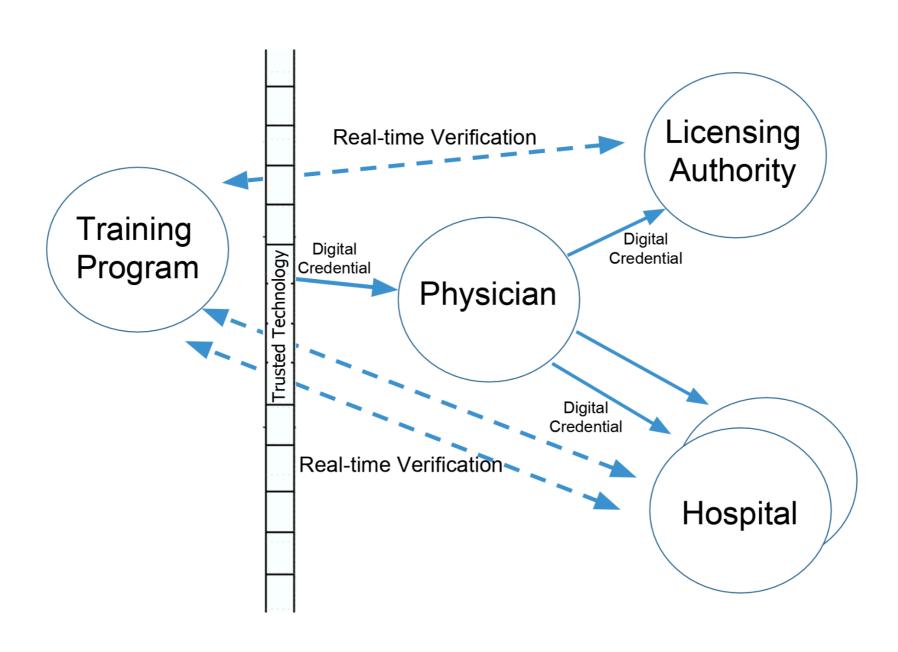
Administrative overhead contributes to physician burnout.

Each day waiting means lost revenue and income.

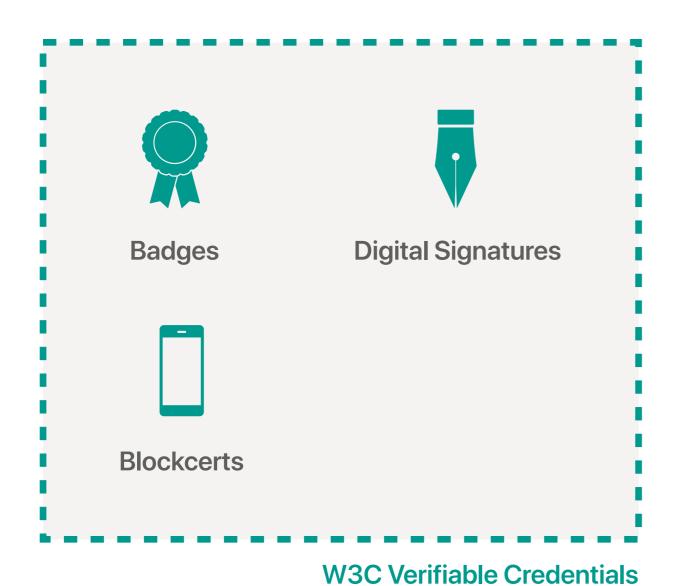
Current Verification Model



Future Model



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Criterion

File Format

Data Flexibility

Recipient Ownership

Tamper Evidence

Time Stamping

Integrated Data/Display

Shareable

Revokable

Expireable

Legal Enforcement

Open Badges

File Format	PNG/SVG - Fixed image format ✓	
Data Flexibility	Strict set of standard fields, which can grow w/ OB extensions	
Recipient Ownership	No - Recipients do not control cryptographic keys	
Tamper Evidence	No - Display could be changed, since data hosted elsewhere	
Time Stamping	No	
Integrated Data/Display	No	
Shareable	Yes	✓
Revokable	Yes	✓
Expireable	Yes	✓
Legal Enforcement	No	

Digital Signatures

File Format	PDF - Fixed layout. (Not optimized for machine parsing). ✓	
Data Flexibility		
Recipient Ownership	No - PDFs are signed by issuer or vendor (Docusign)	
Tamper Evidence	Tiered (i.e. Electronic vs. Digital Signature)	✓
Time Stamping	Yes	✓
Integrated Data/Display	Yes	✓
Shareable	Yes	✓
Revokable	Not by the participants (only the vendor)	
Expireable	Only by certificate authority (not by issuer or recipient)	
Legal Enforcement	Yes	✓

Blockcerts

File Format	JSON - Machine readable and human readable with viewer	✓
Data Flexibility	Open	✓
Recipient Ownership	Yes - Recipients control crytographic keys	✓
Tamper Evidence	Yes - Blockchain-enabled verification	✓
Time Stamping	Yes - Blockchain provides independent timestamp	✓
Integrated Data/Display	Yes	✓
Shareable	Yes	✓
Revokable	Yes	✓
Expireable	Yes	✓
Legal Enforcement	Yes*	✓

^{*}Blockcerts' legal validity has not yet been litigated. However, the Report's argument is that they exceed the elDAS requirements for Qualified Digital Signatures, giving them a strong claim to legal status.

W3C Verifiable Credentials

File Format	JSON - Human and machine readable	✓
Data Flexibility	Open	✓
Recipient Ownership	Yes	✓
Tamper Evidence	Yes	✓
Time Stamping	Yes	✓
Integrated Data/Display	Yes - provides a lightweight envelope open to any schema	✓
Shareable	Yes	✓
Revokable	Yes	✓
Expireable	Yes	✓
Legal Enforcement	Yes*	✓

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Additional Report Scope

Digital Signature Legislation	Global
Credential Regulation U.S.	FERPA and HIPPA
Credential Regulation E.U.	GDPR
Conclusions	

Questions