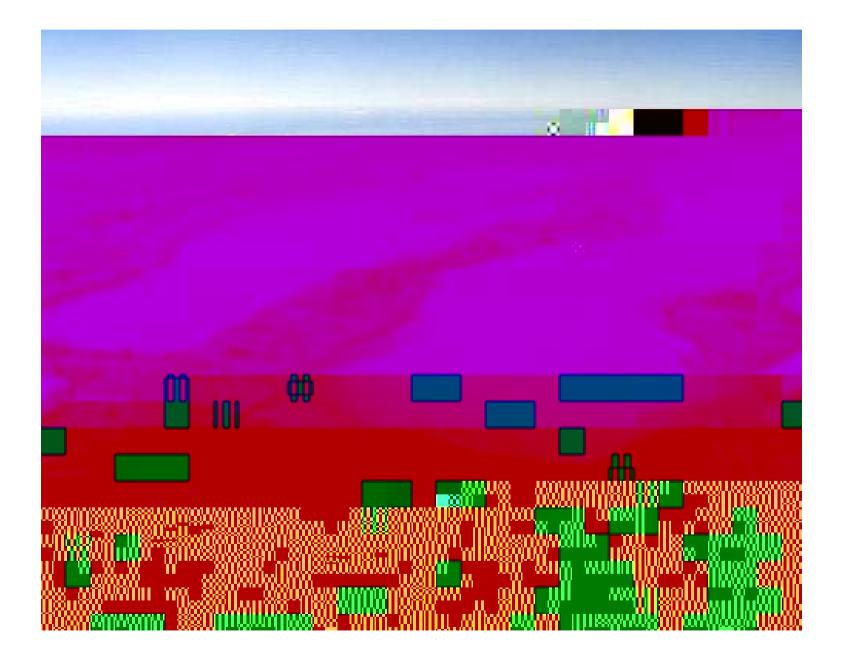
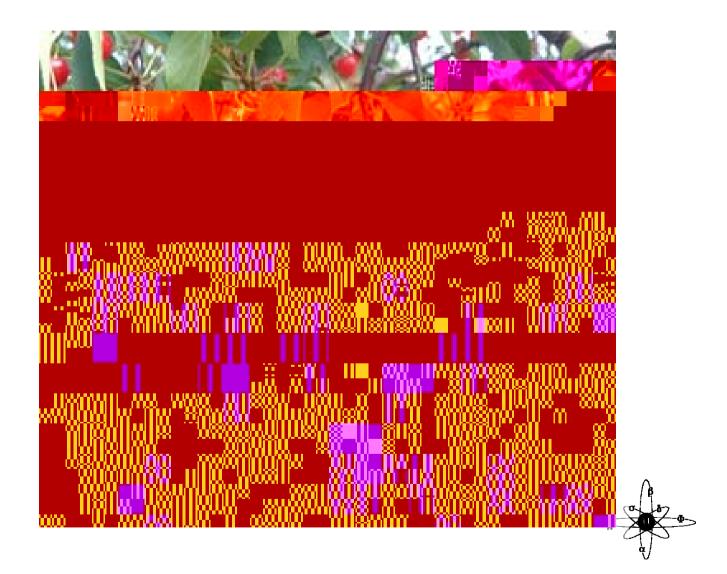
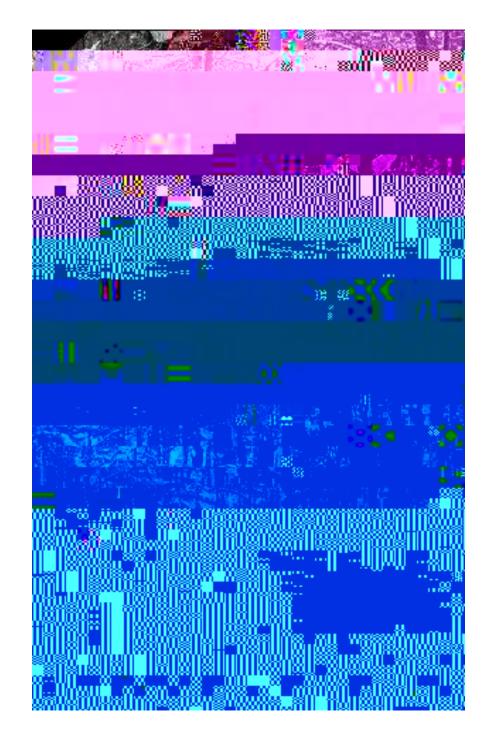
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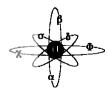
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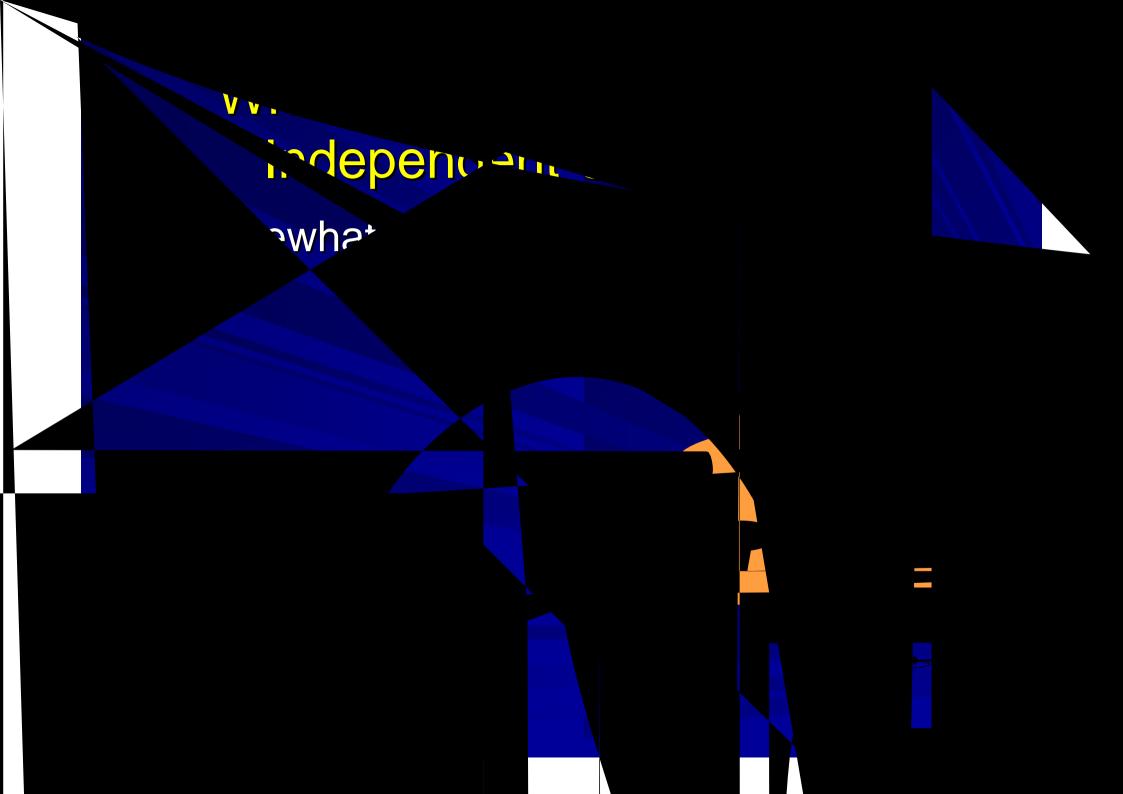




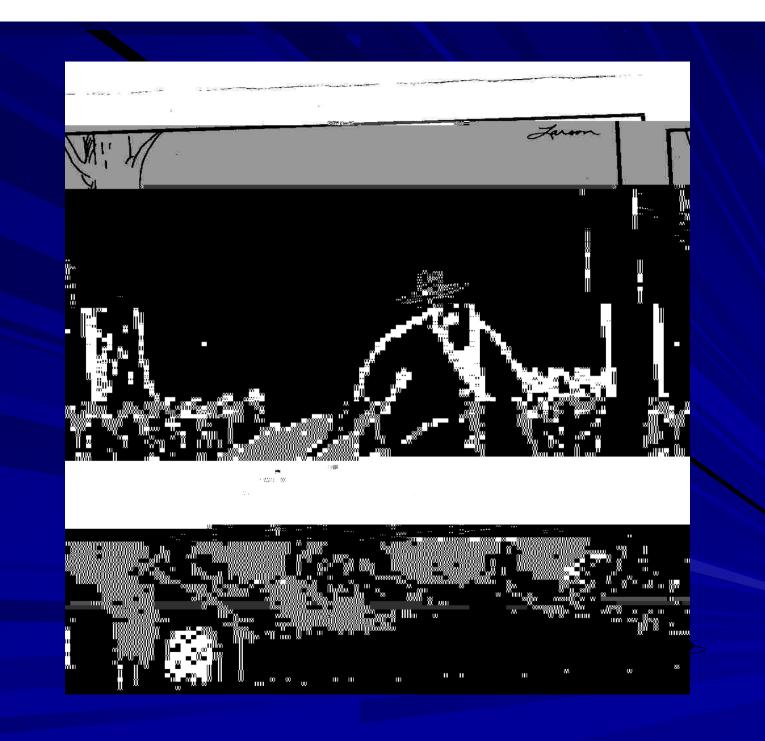


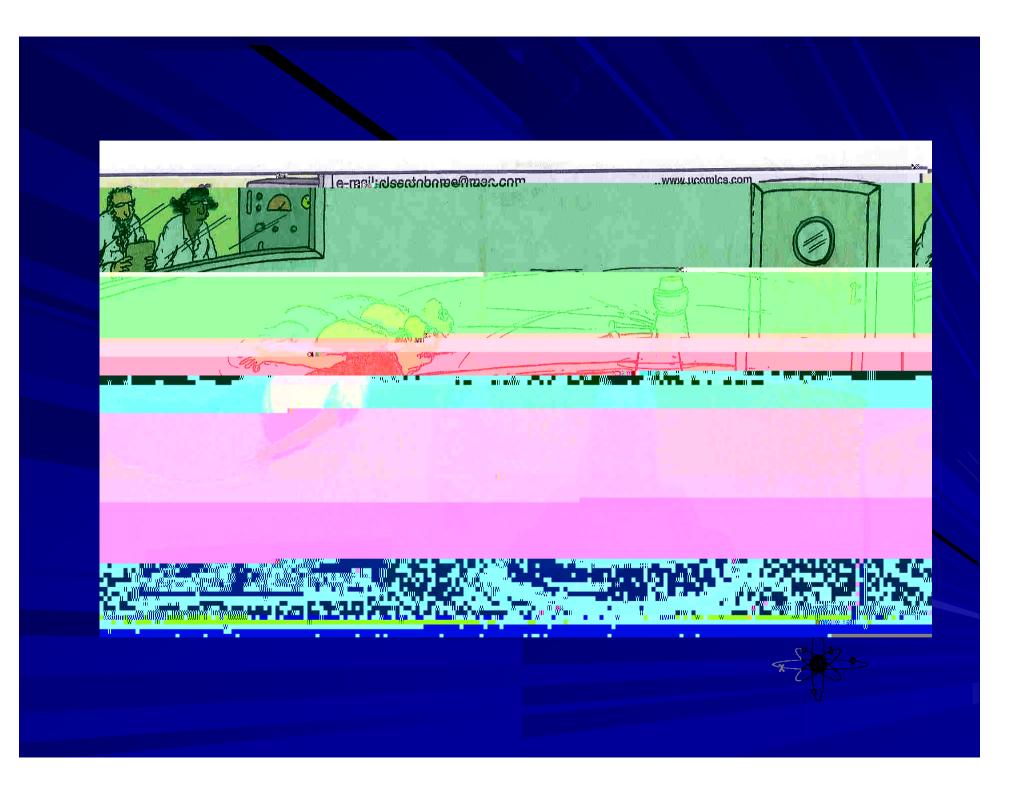


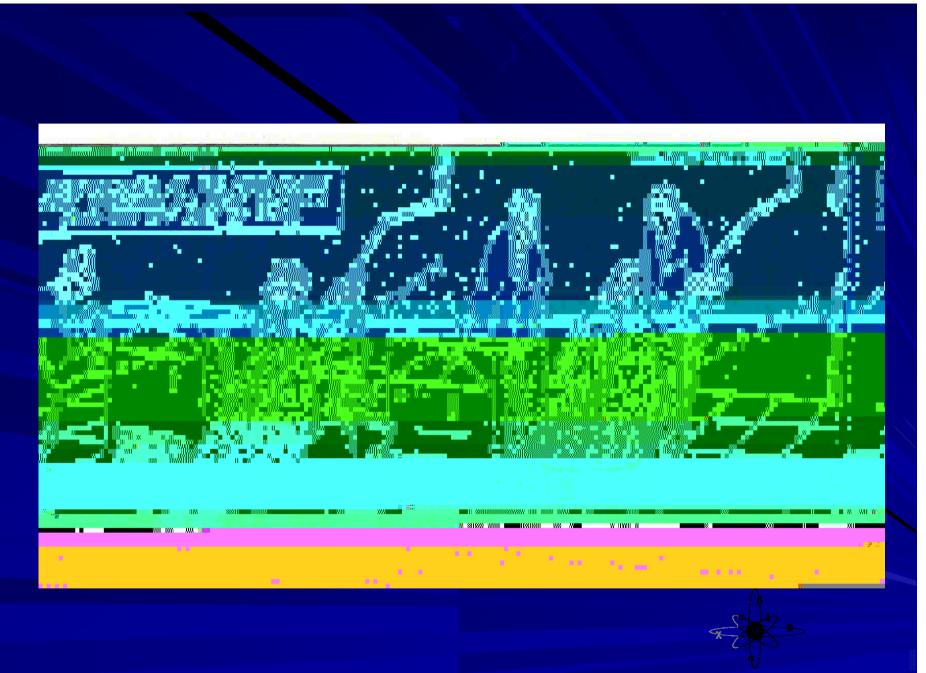












Perspective of the Independent Consultant

- PT is experiencing explosive growth internationally
- This demonstrates the success of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Agreement

But in very general terms....

 Its good for consultants!
There are few people who have experience with interlaboratory comparisons, and most of them work for a PT provider or accreditation body, and do not consult.

Accreditation bodies and laboratories have limited resources available for PT.

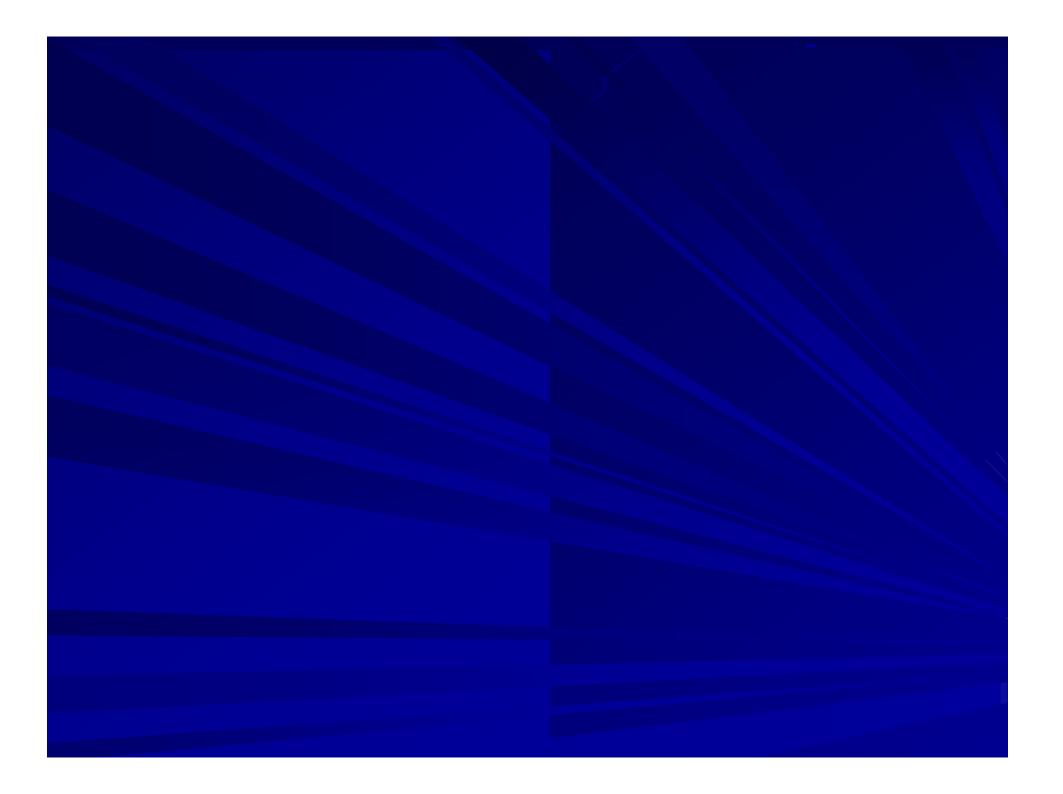
My Background in PT - CAP

1981-1995, College of American Pathologists (CAP) – world's largest PT provider, all areas of medical testing (My first guidance in statistics for ILC –

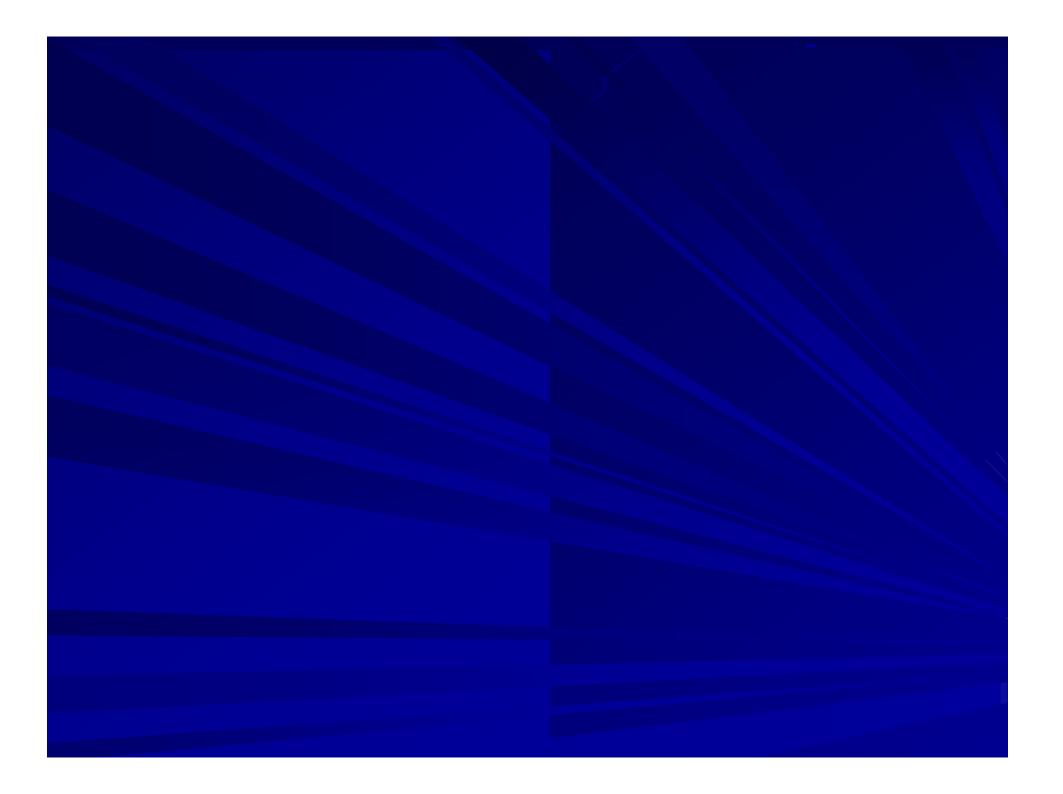
First Global Perspective - Europe

1997-2001 attend EEE-PT as guest (EEE=Eurachem, Eurolab, EA) 2 meetings/year, discuss all areas of PT, all EEE countries See that all technical issues, except calibration, are similar to medical issues



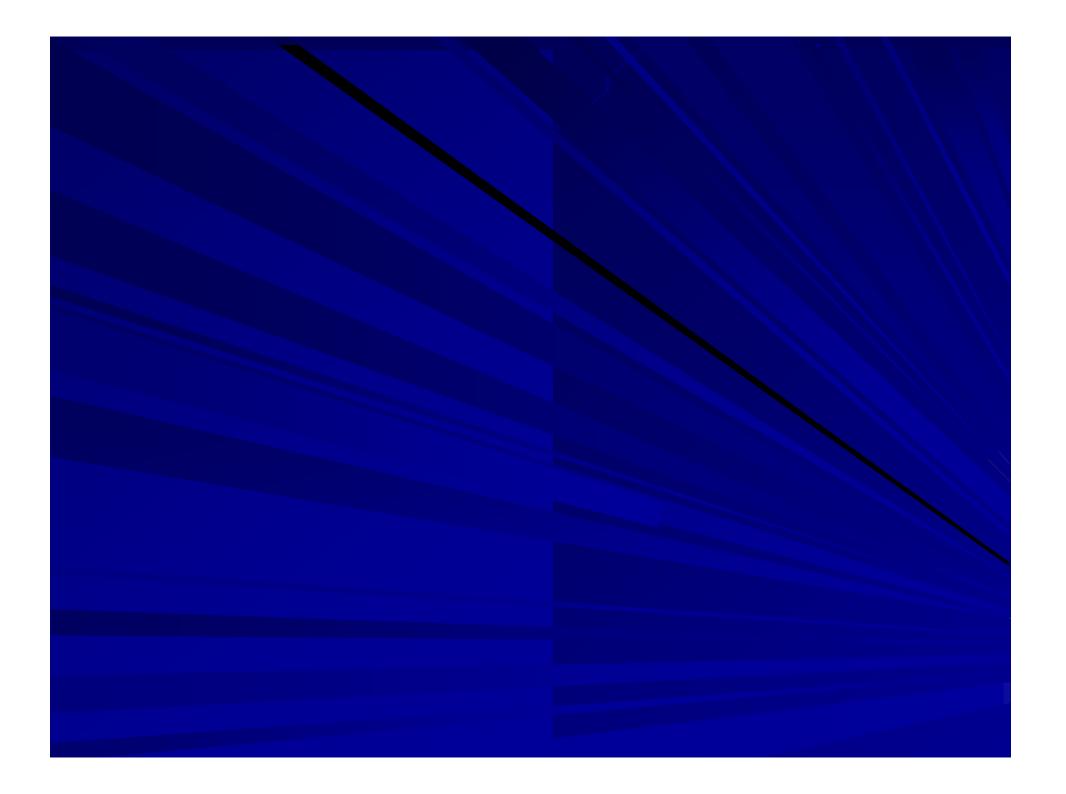


Growth in demand for PT is motivated by global trade How to trust results from labs in a different country? Need a reliable system of 3rd party attestation of competence Need to trust the recognition system Set up a system that is difficult but achievable; also transparent and verifiable by any stakeholder.

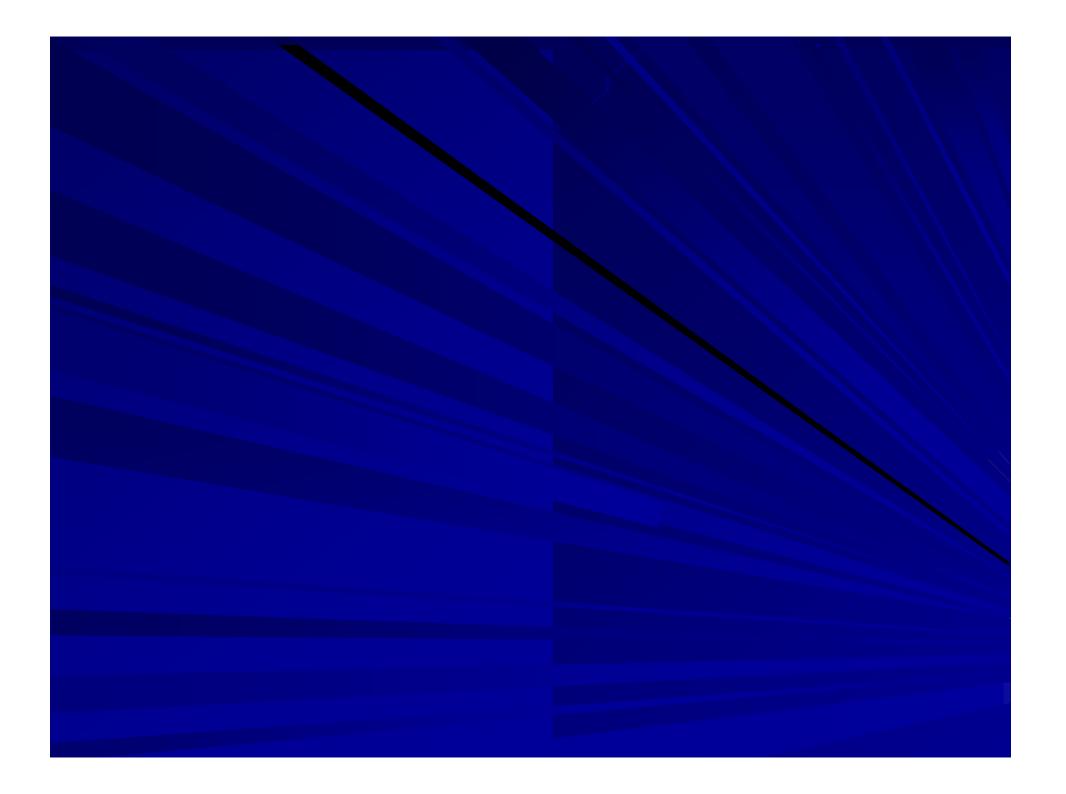


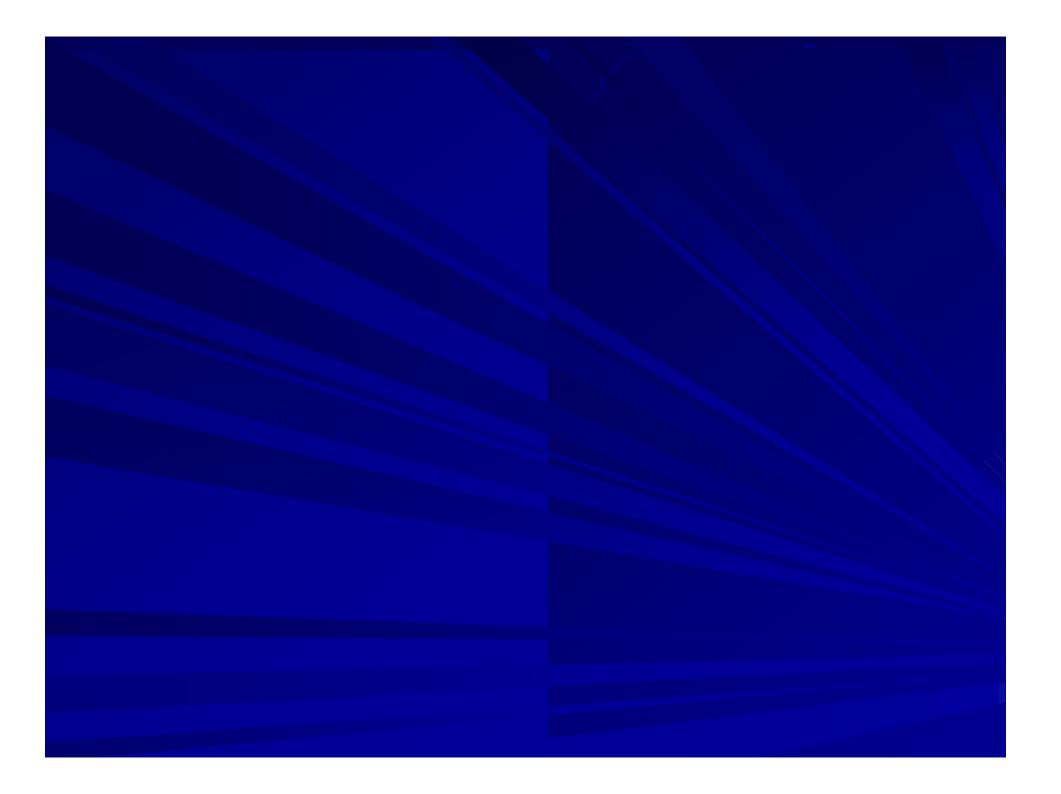
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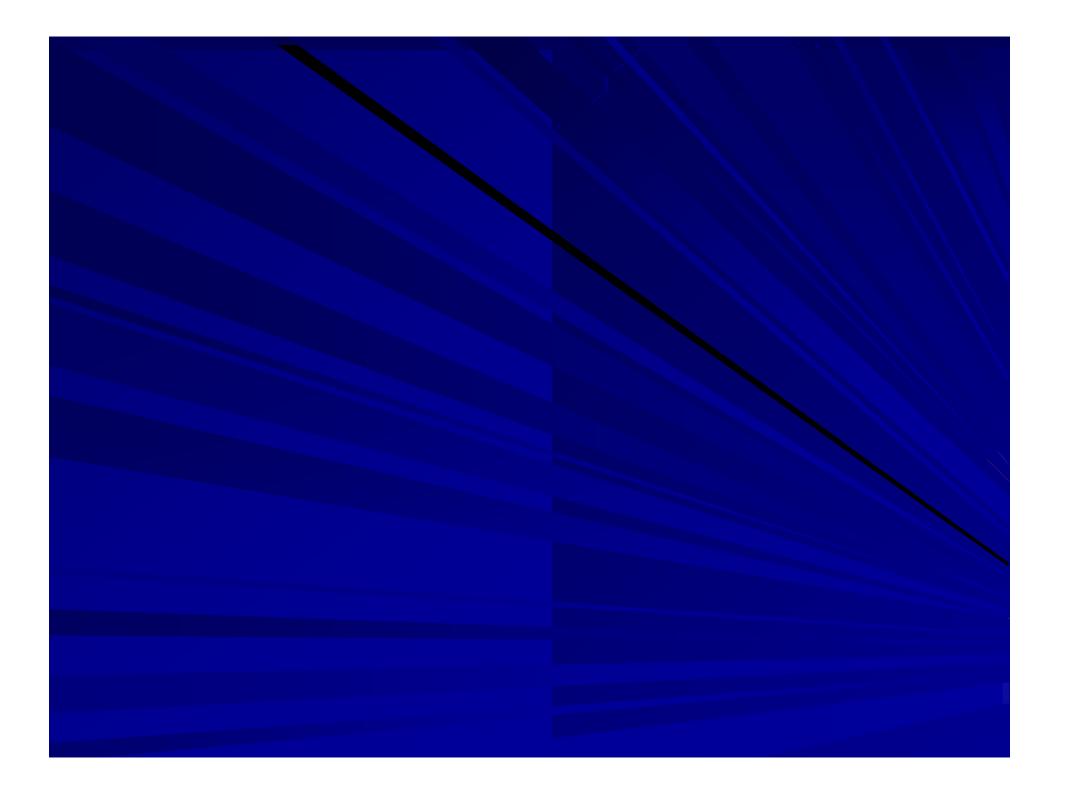




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This consultant's modest hopes for what PT (and accreditation) can do

