Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Overview and Initiatives

“Information technology is a pivotal part of transforming our health care system. We are at a critical juncture. Working in close collaboration, the Federal government and private sector can drive changes that will lead to fewer medical errors, lower costs, less hassle, and better care.”

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Secretary Mike Leavitt, Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)

- Established in response to Executive Order 13335, April 27, 2004

- Responsible for realizing the President’s vision of Healthcare IT:
  - Widespread adoption of interoperable EHR within 10 years
  - Medical information follows the consumer
  - Clinicians have complete, computerized patient information
  - Quality initiatives measure performance and drive quality-based competition
  - Public health and bioterrorism surveillance are seamlessly integrated into care
Health Information Technology Deployment Coordination

Health Care Industry

Breakthroughs

- Biosurveillance
- Consumer Empowerment
- Chronic Care
- Electronic Health Records

Coordination of Policies, Resources, and Priorities

Office of the National Coordinator
- Health IT Policy Council
- Federal Health Arch.

The Community
- Workgroups

Consumer Value

Technology Industry

Infrastructure

- Standards Harmonization
- Compliance Certification
- NHIN
- Privacy / Security
- Health IT Adoption

Industry Transformation