Standards Accomplishments and Next Steps

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Where we have been

- Organized around a process
  - ONC
  - CCHIT
  - AHIC
  - HITSP

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Accomplishments

- Created a workflow and structure
  - AHIC use cases
  - HITSP harmonizes to match
  - Secretary recognizes
  - CCHIT certifies (150 + products)

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Accomplishments

- Engaged 100s of stakeholders
- Built a foundation
  - Now better able to link goals to measurable progress

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Accomplishments

- Established leadership
- Technical harmonization
- Established trust

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Remaining challenges

- First steps of long journey
- Establish visionary leadership
- Technology / Policy relationship

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Remaining challenges

- Quality metrics
- Data standards
- Supply chain / UDI
- DEA issues
- Coordination of all

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Remaining challenges

- Unique patient identifier
  - Mandated by HIPAA
  - Reframed as a privacy issue
  - Privacy separate concept
- Technology cannot:
  - Manage behavior
  - Eliminate human factor (lost disks, etc.)
  - Change past experiences (e.g. SSN)

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- Technology can:
  - Manage information efficiently
  - Encrypt data
  - Audit events
  - ID is essential element of relational databases
    - Without it we introduce uncertainty, risk and threaten patient safety

- In a perfect world:
  - Would not stigmatize disease
  - Use information to deny or ration care

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- Government leadership required
- Wide range of participants
- Engage knowledgeable HC leadership
- Look to the future
  - Identify future state
  - Build systems that enable future state
  - Recognize the evolutionary process
    - Patience
    - Collaboration

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- Simplicity:
  - Think long-term
  - Create a plan
  - Coordinate the tasks and players
  - Prepare for culture shock
  - Tell the story
  - Measure the results
  - Tell the story again …

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