

Testimony on Meaningful Use

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Voice of the Physician

- › Columbia University Physicians (New York)
- › Thomas Jefferson University Physicians (Philadelphia)
- › Iowa Health System
- › Advocate Healthcare (Chicago)
- › George Washington University Medical Faculty Assoc. (D.C.)
- › The Lahey Clinic
- › Healthcare Partners (Los Angeles)
- › Mt Kisco Medical Group (White Plains)
- › Community Care (Albany)
- › Stamford Pediatrics (CT)
- › Wilmington Health Associates (NC)
- › Oliver Family Medicine (Indianapolis)

Three Goals

- › First: Drive behaviors that focus on the delivery of quality patient care provided in a cost-effective manner
- › Second: Eliminate waste, fraud & abuse, and add efficiency to the physician's day
- › Third: Capture clinical information that leads to the delivery of data-driven healthcare

How?

Leadership and standards

The Future is Already Here...

“The future is already here ... it’s just not evenly distributed.”

William Gibson

- › Healthcare organizations of all sizes are already utilizing Electronic Health Records and ePrescribing to provide safer, more cost effective care
- › This is Doable Now
- › Start with what we know works, bring everyone to an acceptable standard, and build with an aggressive roadmap

What's Working Today?

› Electronic Prescribing

- Ensures crucial information on patients and medications is delivered at the point of care
- Allows a physician to understand the cost ramifications of a prescription
- Prevents overprescribing, drug interactions and handwriting errors
- Enables physicians and their staff to make informed decisions
- A key component to automating workflow

Speed of Standards Integration

- › Vendors have been and will be ready
- › Standards should focus on WHAT works, not HOW the product makes that happen
- › Protect the vendors' need to innovate
- › Base on work accomplished through CCHIT and HITSP and add robust new requirements

Bandwidth Sufficiency for Demand and Adjustment to Changing Standards

- › Greater R&D Investment, already employ rapid development and testing methodologies
- › Greater incorporation of Software as a Service (SaaS) offerings
- › Reseller partnerships
- › Creative approaches – PaperFree Tampa
- › Deployment of rapid training options

Industry Impact

- › Consolidation
- › Solid financial base required of those that will succeed
 - Ability to adjust to changing standards requirements
 - Investment in clients
 - Sufficient infrastructure to deliver implementation and training

Specific Meaningful Use Recommendations

- › All systems should:
 - Offer the ability to easily import and export patient data in a discrete format
 - Facilitate connectivity for the transmission of electronic prescriptions and the provider's source of lab data
 - Enable connectivity to other area providers, as well as the agencies overseeing the incentive program
 - Connect to one major patient-facing personal health record or repository
- › Must also consider semantic interoperability – allowing systems using different underlying databases to identify and match data
- › Recommend two year certification terms, but an annual process to move products forward rapidly

The Time is Now

- › We have the leadership, software, technology, demonstrated best practices, standards and incentives to be successful
- › Standards must evolve
- › Must be not only wired, and not only connected, but utilizing technology to exercise informed medical decision-making based on data-driven best practices
- › Allow our citizens to Connect to Health



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