



# NCVHS Full Committee Sept '21

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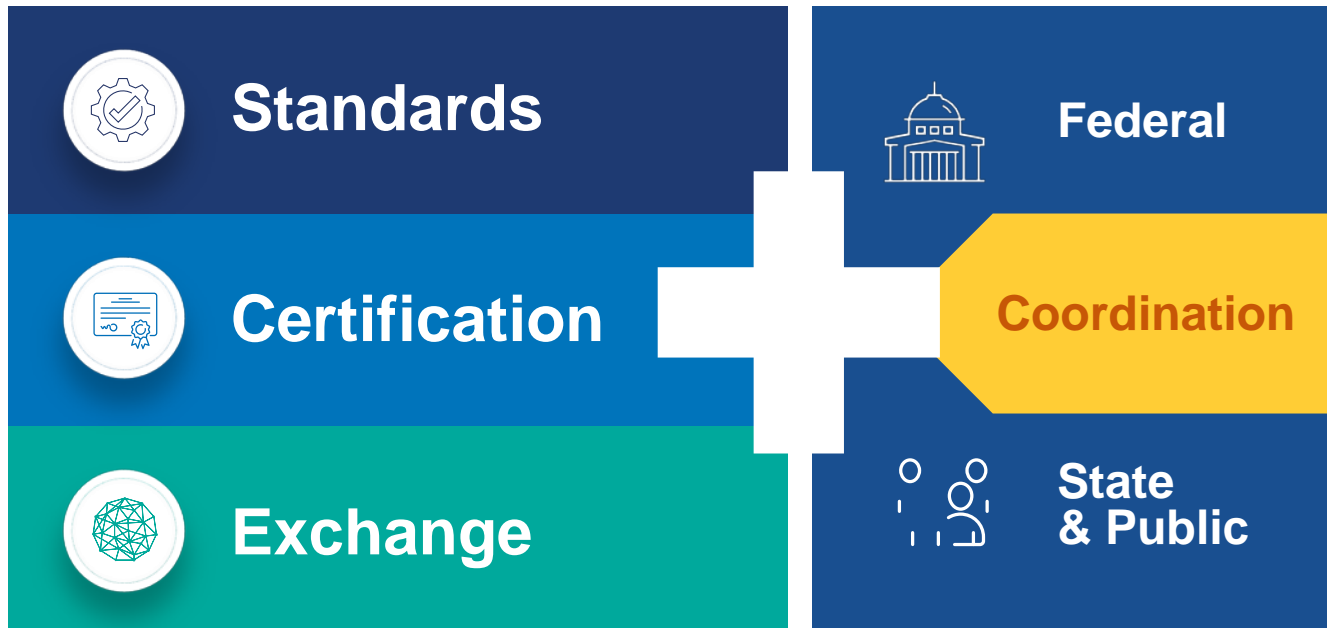


## About ONC

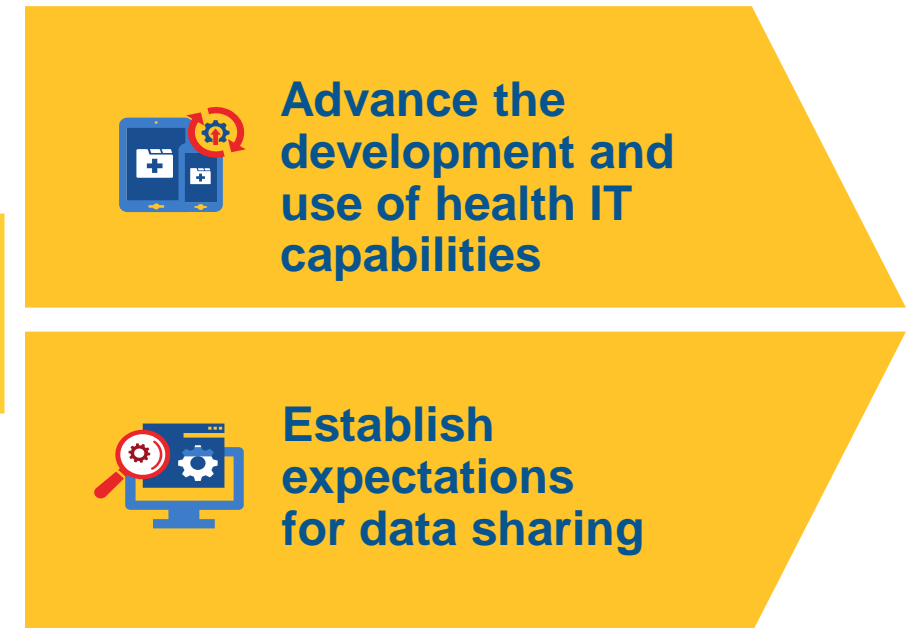
- The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
  - Sits within US Department of Health and Human Services
  - Created in 2004 under an Executive Order by President Bush
  - Codified in law in 2009 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“Recovery Act”)
  - New Authorities as a result of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act

# ONC Activities & Objectives

## ONC Activities



## ONC Objectives





## Standards



## Certification



## Exchange

- Multi-level work with Standards Development Organizations
  - Syntax and semantics
  - Best practices and industry alignment (e.g., Project US@)
- Administer the Interoperability Standards Advisory
  - Including US Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI)
- Administer ONC Health IT Certification Program
  - Support numerous testing tools, including “Inferno” for FHIR-based testing
- Programmatic domains:
  - Public Health Modernization, Opioids, Research, Quality and Safety, Equity and SDOH, Patient Matching, Privacy and Security, etc.
- Exchange (the verb)
  - Patient access, nationwide capacity (TEFCA), patient generated data



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- Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC – ONC’s FACA)
  - ISP Taskforce, ICAD Taskforce, USCDI Taskforce
- Federal agency coordination
  - Alignment on data requirements, technical advice, and procurement insights
  - Policy alignment (regulatory)
- Software development and innovation community
- Federal Health IT Strategic Plan
- Private/Public-Private Consortia

# You're NCVHS and you're here to help

(affectionately stated)

- Let's talk about data
  - Level of quality and fit for purpose?
  - Vital and health statistics
- Convergence areas
  - Clinical and Administrative
  - Clinical and Research
  - Clinical and Human Services
  - Equity
- Automation (and burden reduction)
  - Administrative and clinical workflows
  - Data “governance”/Data use expectations
- Metrics and benchmarks for progress



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