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As one of the earliest facilitators of nationwide interoperability, we have a longstanding goal that wherever the patient goes - between healthcare systems in the same town or across state and national borders - the patient, her family, and the clinicians providing her care have access to the information they need. We affirm our ongoing commitment to:

1. **Consumer access:** To help consumers easily and securely access their electronic health information, direct it to any desired location, learn how their information can be shared and used, and be assured that this information will be effectively and safely used to benefit their health and that of their community.

We empower patients and their families to see, understand, contribute to, save, and widely share their information through MyChart, our patient portal. More than 469,000 doctors practice at organizations that offer MyChart to their patients.

2. **No Blocking/Transparency:** To help providers share individuals' health information for care with other providers and their patients whenever permitted by law, and not block electronic health information (defined as knowingly and unreasonably interfering with information sharing).

We encourage and accelerate the progress of widespread interoperability of healthcare organizations that use our EHR with any standards-compliant destination, regardless of technology provider. We have not and will not engage in information blocking.

3. **Standards:** Implement federally recognized, national interoperability standards, policies, guidance, and practices for electronic health information, and adopt best practices including those related to privacy and security.

We contribute to, implement, and champion both federally recognized and emerging interoperability standards. We are a founding member of the Argonauts, a cross-stakeholder initiative to accelerate the use of FHIR in the healthcare industry, and our online developer portal - <http://open.epic.com> - allows any technologist to understand and try out integration with the Epic EHR.

With 35.5M patients engaged through MyChart, 887M web service calls per month, and a rate of 247M standards-compliant patient record exchanges per year, we believe that the achievement and experience of our organizations can make a meaningful and lasting contribution to advance the state of the industry. We commit to sharing their lessons learned and best practices widely for the success of the healthcare delivery system as a whole.