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# Health IT Policy Committee

## Preliminary 2013 Work Plan

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Putting the **I** in **HealthIT**  
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- Meaningful Use of HIT to support health and healthcare
  - Recommendations to HHS about MU3 objectives, criteria, and clinical quality measures
  - Preparing for MU4 – towards a learning health system
  - Creating a shared health record
    - Patient-generated data
    - Shared decision making
  - Clinical documentation
  - Safety-enhanced design of EHRs

- Measuring clinical quality
  - Facilitating supply of *de novo* quality “measures that matter” to leverage clinical data from EHRs and PHRs
  - Facilitating incorporation of flexible platforms for measuring and reporting QMs in HIT systems
  - Role of data intermediaries and their sustainability
  - “Near real time” clinical quality dashboards for practitioners
  - Connections to clinical decision support – drivers and feedback

- Health Information Exchange hearing
  - State of the field and best practices
  - Role of HIE in new payment models
  - Facilitating greater exchange across organizational and geographic boundaries through policy and certification levers and standards development
  - Governance models and principles to facilitate HIE

- Safety Plan Review
  - ONC HIT Safety Action and Surveillance Plan
  - Leveraging MU and certification to improve safe use of EHRs
  - Other ONC activities to improve safety

- Privacy areas
  - Patient identities in cyberspace
  - Consent and control of information in automated query/response exchanges
  - Challenges of implementing minors' rights in cyberspace
  - Personal representatives
  - Cloud computing
  - Right of access in electronic world
  - Patient-generated data

- Managing and using patient data
  - Blue button – ongoing access
  - Combining and sharing data from multiple sources
  - Data overload – for patients and providers
  - Reconciliation of data
- Protecting downloaded patient data
- Shared decision making

- Accountable care
  - Supporting population management
  - Longitudinal data and shared care plans across the continuum, including wellness
  - Supporting new payment models
  - Medicare Shared Saving Program requirements



- API for innovation
- Quality Improvement Plan Review
- Supporting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research and PCORI
- MU support of continuous learning for healthcare professionals (e.g., Maintenance of Certification)
- Leveraging “big data”

# 2013 Preliminary Work Plan

Workgroup	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Meaningful Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Draft Recommendations</li> <li>Patient Generated Health Data</li> <li>Clinical Documentation Hearing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Final Recommendations</li> <li>Patient Generated Health Data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety-enhanced Design Hearing (SHARP-C)</li> </ul>	
<b>Quality Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Draft Recommendations</li> <li>Data Intermediaries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Final Recommendations</li> <li>Data Intermediaries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population Mgmt Tools</li> <li>Democratize CQM Development</li> </ul>	
<b>Information Exchange</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Draft Recommendations</li> <li>HIE Hearing (and potential follow-up issues)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Final Recommendations</li> </ul>		
<b>Certification/Adoption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety Plan Review</li> </ul>			
<b>Privacy &amp; Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Draft Recommendations</li> <li>Patient Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (patient identify proofing &amp; authentication)</li> <li>Query and response/authorization (Policy re: IE WG recommendations)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MU3 Final Recommendations</li> <li>privacy implementation issues re: minors/personal reps/ proxies (how do we make the policies work in implementation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal representatives/proxies</li> <li>Privacy &amp; security issues re: cloud computing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right of access in an electronic environment: What should it look like?</li> <li>Patient Generated Health Data</li> </ul>
<b>Consumer Empowerment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient Reconciliation of Medical Records from Various Sources</li> <li>Consumer Guidance on How to Handle/Protect Health Data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Button</li> <li>Follow-up to eHealthEquity Roundtable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person@Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient Generated Health Data (beyond MU) (e.g., genomics, personalized medicine)</li> </ul>
<b>Accountable Care</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Aggregation and Analysis Functions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting business needs of Accountable Care Organizations</li> </ul>	
<b>Emerging Issues</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Programming Interfaces for Innovation</li> <li>Quality Improvement Plan Review</li> <li>PCORI Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Upstream and Creating Feedback on Quality...CDS + QMs = QI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligning MU and Health Care Professional Certification and Testing</li> <li>PCOR infrastructure</li> <li>Big Data</li> </ul>