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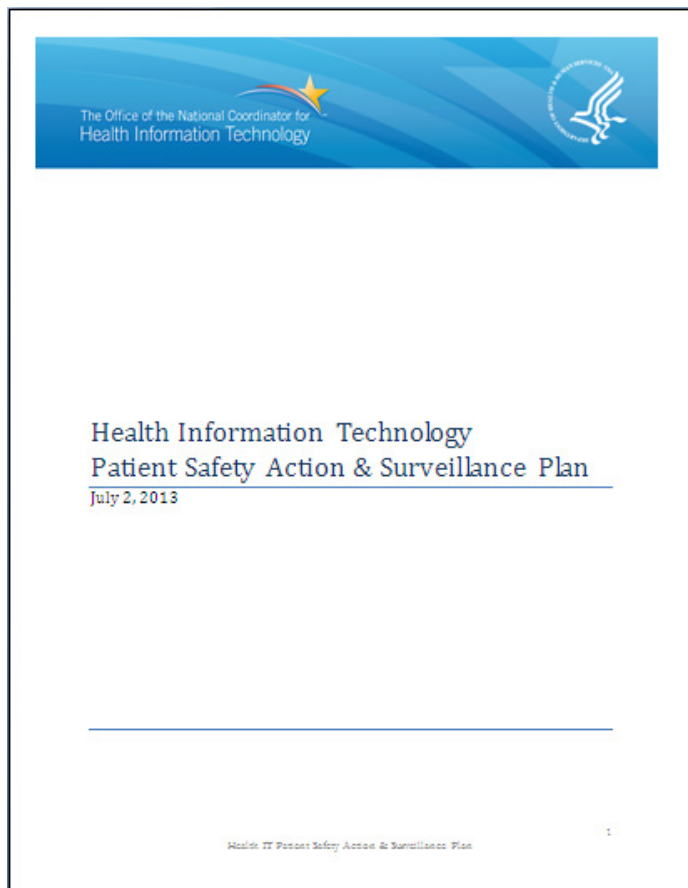
# ONC Policy and Program Update

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1. Health IT Patient Safety Action & Surveillance Plan (“HIT Safety Plan”)
2. Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Strategic Opportunities Project
3. Updated Toolkits
4. Recent Guides & Reports

# Health IT Patient Safety Action & Surveillance Plan (“HIT Safety Plan”)



- Final Plan released July 2, 2013
- Developed by ONC on behalf of and with collaboration across HHS
- Also reflects input from:
  - IOM (2011 Report\*)
  - HITPC Certification & Adoption and FDASIA workgroups
  - Public comments on Draft Plan (released Dec. 21, 2012)

\* The Final Plan and related materials are available at:

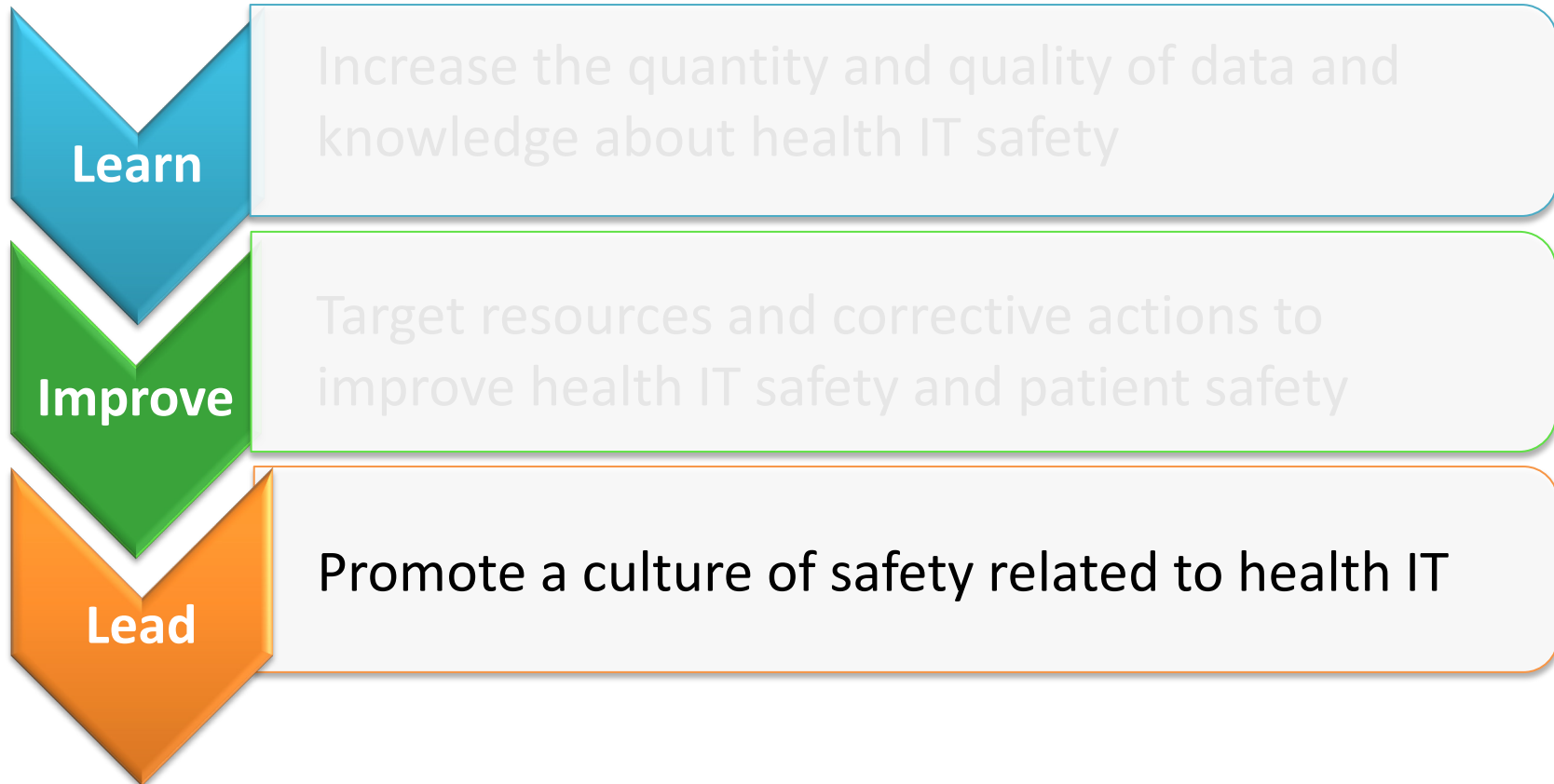
<http://healthIT.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/health-it-and-patient-safety>

- Goal: Advance patient safety in an increasingly HIT-enabled healthcare system
- Landscape:
  - HIT adoption and use continue to grow
  - HIT is increasingly integrated with care delivery
  - Relevant technologies are new and rapidly evolving
- HIT implications for patient safety:
  - Potential benefits (substantial, as is widely acknowledged)
  - Potential risks (types and magnitude still unknown)
- Need for deliberate and coordinated action by both government and the private sector

## **Objectives:**

1. Use health IT to make care safer
2. Continuously improve the safety of health IT

## **Strategies:**



## Learn

Increase the quantity and quality of data and knowledge about health IT safety

### **Encourage and make reporting easier**

- Standardized reporting formats (AHRQ's Common Formats)
- CEHRT functionality that streamlines reporting

### **Support and strengthen Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs)**

- AHRQ will help to deidentify and aggregate data

### **Analyze data from multiple sources**

- PSOs, FDA MAUDE Database, AHRQ's QSRS
- ONC surveillance (**see slide ###**)
- The Joint Commission sentinel events program (**see slide ###**)



Improve

Target resources and corrective actions to improve health IT safety and patient safety

**Establish and advance HIT patient safety priorities**

- ONC will lead a public-private process to develop improvement priorities
- CMS & ONC will continue to use MU and S&CC to advance priorities

**Develop and disseminate tools and interventions**

- ONC is developing SAFER Guides

**Investigate serious events and take corrective action**

- The Joint Commission will investigate HIT-related events and hazards in hospitals and ambulatory practices
- CMS will train its surveyors on HIT safety
- An HHS multi-agency committee will prepare for & respond to systemic issues



Lead

## Promote a culture of safety related to health IT

### **Encourage private sector leadership and shared responsibility**

- Encourage HIT industry groups to educate their members on shared responsibility
- Encourage providers, professional associations, and PSOs to integrate HIT safety into existing patient safety programs and organizations
- Encourage business practices that promote transparency and accountability

### **Establish ONC HIT Safety Program**

- Coordinate implementation of the Safety Plan

### **Develop an appropriate risk-based regulatory framework (FDASIA)**

- Complements actions described in the Safety Plan



## Surveillance of Certified EHR Technology

- ONC issued guidance on July 2, 2013
- In CY14, ONC-ACBs will be expected to perform live surveillance of:
  - Safety-related capabilities
  - Developers' complaint processes
- ONC-ACBs will be encouraged to make surveillance results public

## Collaboration with The Joint Commission

- 1 year contract with option year; performance began June 3, 2013.
- Expected outputs:
  - Provides much-needed near-term data/analysis
  - Supports early detection and mitigation of serious events & hazards
  - Examines and provides recommendations on the role of external oversight bodies in ensuring HIT patient safety

- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Strategic Opportunities contract awarded
- Will explore standards, policies and services required to establish PCOR infrastructure
- Documents will be posted for public input

- New technical resources added
  - Consolidated CDA Overview
  - SOAP + XDR/XDM deep dive
  - Cross-vendor exchange overview

- More info available at:

<http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/resources>

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**UPDATE ON THE ADOPTION OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
AND RELATED EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE ELECTRONIC USE AND  
EXCHANGE OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

A REPORT TO CONGRESS

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