

HIMSS

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We HIMSS share the principle that to achieve an open, connected care for our communities, we all have the responsibility to take action. To further these goals, we commit to the following principles to advance interoperability among health information systems enabling free movement of data, which are foundational to the success of delivery system reform.

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.
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).
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.

To implement these commitments we will continue engaging with health IT stakeholders with the following resources:

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HIMSS Value Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The HIMSS Health IT Value Suite provides both a structure and vocabulary with which your enterprise can organize its value strategy.- The suite highlights hundreds of examples of hospitals, physician practices, communities and accountable care organizations that have realized the full value of Health IT.- Resources include many detailed case studies that reveal strategy, tactics and the measures used to document value.- Website: http://www.himss.org/ValueSuite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consumer Access- No Blocking /Transparency

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ConCert By HIMSS™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Concert by HIMSS certification is a comprehensive program that tests and certifies electronic health record (EHR) and health information exchange (HIE) vendors committed to advancing interoperability and enabling secure, reliable transfer of data within and across organizational and state boundaries. - The ConCert by HIMSS program streamlines the certification of interoperability in health IT and helps you evaluate vendor claims, simplifying the task of selecting the right information systems for your organization. - Website: http://www.himssinnovationcenter.org/concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standards - No Blocking/ Transparency
ConCert By HIMSS™ Champions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ConCert by HIMSS Champions are those organizations that want to be assured that health IT products are interoperable and include the ability to store, access and share the health information that an organization and its patients require. We are looking for organizations of like-minded colleagues to become Champions. These organizations share a similar vision of more rapidly advancing interoperability leading to health information exchange, and support ConCert by HIMSS. - Website: http://www.himssinnovationcenter.org/concert/become-a-champion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer Access - Standards - No Blocking/ Transparency
HIMSS Innovation Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The HIC is the only physical and virtual state-of-the-art, testing, exhibition and conference facility that offers real-time demonstration of how healthcare technologies contribute to safer, higher quality and more cost-effective care and ensures that information gets to the right people at the right time to enable informed decisions. - Website: http://www.himssinnovationcenter.org/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer Access - Standards - No Blocking/ Transparency

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HIMSS Interoperability Showcase™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held at HIMSS conferences at locations across the globe, HIMSS Interoperability Showcases™ are unique events where healthcare stakeholders come together to demonstrate the benefits of using standards-based interoperable health IT solutions for effective and secure health data information exchange. - The Showcases serve the healthcare community by promoting uptake of standards-based solutions that improve the potential for health information exchange between systems, providers, and organizations in order to optimize clinical care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Blocking/ Transparency - Standards - Consumer Access
HIMSS Resources about Interoperability & Standards, Health Information Exchange, and Privacy & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Here are a few examples that illuminate the three goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o FAQ: HL7® FHIR® and its Implications o FAQ: Standards in Health IT o FAQ: Health Information Exchange (HIE) o HIE Toolkit o Interoperability & Standards Toolkit o Patient Identity Integrity Toolkit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Blocking/ Transparency - Standards - Consumer Access
IHE USA Connectathon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IHE Connectathons are a cross-vendor, live, supervised and structured testing event where 100+ organizations and 550+ engineers and IT architects test implementations of IHE Profiles defined in IHE's Technical Frameworks. - Website: http://www.iheusa.org/connectathon.aspx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Blocking/ Transparency - Standards - Consumer Access
IHE USA Implementation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The mission of the Implementation Committee is to ensure and document successful implementation of IHE International and US Extension specifications in the deployment of health information technology (HIT) in the US ecosystem. - Collaborate as appropriate in the development of those specifications to help advance IHE USA HIT interoperability and information exchange, including those to support the ConCert by HIMSS™ testing and certification program. - Website: http://www.iheusa.org/IHEUSA-Membership-Committees.aspx#commbenefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standards - No Blocking/Transparency

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Personal Connected Health Alliance (PCHA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitates the development and adoption of personal health solutions that foster independence and empower people to better manage their health and wellness from anywhere, at any time. PCHA publishes the <i>Continua Design Guidelines</i>, an implementation framework linking recognized interoperability standards into a comprehensive system, and certifies devices' compliance with these guidelines. - PCHA collaborates with governments, companies, and standards development organizations around the world to further device and system-level interoperability. - Website: http://www.pchalliance.org/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Blocking/ Transparency - Standards - Consumer Access
Health Story Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Health Story Project began in 2006 as an alliance of healthcare vendors, providers and associations that pooled resources in a rapid-development initiative. In a span of three years, the Health Story Project produced eight Health Level Seven (HL7) data standards for the flow of information using common types of healthcare documents. Today, the Health Story is managed by HIMSS and participation is open to all HIMSS members and convenes educational roundtables that promote the vision of comprehensive electronic records that tell a patient's complete health story. - Website: http://www.himss.org/library/health-story-project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Blocking/ Transparency - Standards
Clinical Engineering/IT Collaboration (CE IT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clinical Engineering & IT Community, co-sponsored by AAMI, ACCE and HIMSS, convenes thought leaders addressing medical device integration issues facing healthcare today. - Website: http://ceitcollaboration.org/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Blocking/ Transparency - Standards - Consumer Access
Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform (TIGER) Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enables nurses and interprofessional colleagues to use informatics and emerging technologies to make healthcare safer, more effective, efficient, patient-centered, timely and equitable by interweaving evidence and technology seamlessly into practice, education and research fostering a learning healthcare system. - Website: http://www.himss.org/professional-development/tiger-initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer Access - No Blocking /Transparency