

## **QSI NextGen**

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### **ONC Interoperability Pledge-QSI NextGen Healthcare**

We, QSI NextGen Healthcare, believe that the electronic exchange of health information is a crucial factor in advancing the delivery of quality healthcare for individuals and communities. We believe that all healthcare stakeholders share the responsibility to ensure that health information can follow a patient where and when it is needed, across organizational, vendor, and geographic boundaries. To further these goals, we commit to the following principles to advance interoperability:

1. To help consumers easily and securely access their electronic health information. While out of our control, we also support the goal that patients be able to 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. To help providers share individuals' health information with other providers for care and when permitted by law, and to not intentionally block the sharing of information.
3. To 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.

As an industry leading provider of health IT solutions and services to approximately 90,000 ambulatory health care providers nationwide, QSI NextGen Healthcare has long been committed to the concept of interoperability. Our acquisition of interoperability leader Mirth Corporation in 2013 expanded and enhanced our interoperability capabilities and represents our commitment to these principles. By integrating Mirth's vendor agnostic web-based technologies into our NextGen Ambulatory EHR, we have taken a centralized and vendor agnostic approach to interoperability. Our easy-to-deploy, all-in-one health information exchange solution NextGen Share allows all NextGen Healthcare clients to share information with each other through DIRECT completely free of cost. We offer access to a number of specialty registries for no additional charge beyond that levied by the registry themselves.

We recently announced our commitment to be one of the five initial implementers of the Sequoia Project's new Carequality Interoperability Framework. We are also currently participating in numerous other interoperability initiatives across the industry, including the Argonaut Project, HIMSS ConCert interoperability testing and certification program, and the Surescripts National Record Locator Service. We support the development of FHIR and plan to leverage FHIR standards to provide both patients and third-party application developers with an open application programming interface (API).

While we believe that interoperability standards and industry initiatives will continue to evolve in the future, we believe that the industry is making great progress towards achieving the promise of interoperability and we pledge to continue to provide innovative ways to allow our clients to securely share patient data with those directly involved in patient care so the data is available when and where it's needed most.