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ONC Update to NCVHS

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General Program Update

- Proportion of primary care physicians with a basic EHR: 19.6% in 2008, 29.6% in 2010.
- 81% of hospitals, and 41% of office-based physicians expressed intent to reach meaningful use (2/3 of hospitals 2011-2012,4/5 of practices aim for MU this year)
- 350 certified EHR products (http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert/chplhome)
- ~ 38,000 providers have enrolled in REC assistance programs (62 extension centers).
- ~ 3,400 students enrolled in six-month community college health IT programs; 645 enrolled in 1-2 year university programs.

Two Recent Workshops

Public reports available soon:

- "Images, EHRs, and Meaningful Use" (co-sponsored with NIH/NIBIB), January 10-11
  - Roles of image data (not reports)
  - What we can learn from image exchange

- "Next Generation Interoperability for Health", January 20-21
  - Integrating: PCAST health IT report, "Ultra Large Scale" systems engineering, semantic web

PCAST Report: Released December 8, 2010

Realizing the Full Potential of Health Information Technology to Improve Healthcare for Americans: The Path Forward

1. Accelerate progress toward a robust exchange of health information.

2. Establish an exchange architecture with a universal exchange language, supporting infrastructure, and strong privacy and security safeguards. The exchange architecture will enable physicians and patients to assemble a patient's data across organizational boundaries, consistent with persistent patient privacy preferences.

3. Establish an evolutionary transition that builds upon existing EHR installations and the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA).

ONC's PCAST Workgroup

- Workgroup of both the HIT Policy Committee and HIT Standards Committee (17 members)

Charge:

- Assist ONC synthesize and analyze the public comments and input to the PCAST report;

- Discuss the implications of the report and its specific recommendations to ONC on current ONC strategies

- Assess the feasibility and impact of the PCAST report on ONC programs;

- Elaborate on how these recommendations could be integrated into the ONC strategic framework.

Public Hearing: February 16-17

Final Report: April 13

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