

## About the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC)

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) was created by the passage of HB 2009 within the Oregon Health Authority. The Council is comprised of eleven individuals appointed by the governor, and is charged with developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan for electronic health information exchange, coordinating public and private efforts to increase adoption of electronic health records, setting technology standards, ensuring privacy and security controls, and creating a sustainable business plan to support meaningful use of health information technology to lower costs and improve quality of care.

## [HITOC Member Photos & Bios](#)

## Upcoming HITOC Meetings:

**Thursday, June 2, 2011**

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Oregon State Library, Rooms  
102-103

250 Winter St. NE  
Salem OR 97302

**Thursday, July 7, 2011**

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Portland State Office Building,  
1D

800 NE Oregon St.

Portland, Oregon 97232

## Federal Officials Visit Oregon and Attend HITOC Meeting

Oregon hosted two representatives of the federal agency that oversees health information technology, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) in early May.

ONC Program Officer Sheetal Shah and Ross Martin, MD, MHA a lead Deloitte consultant with ONC, spent three days in Portland. They attended the May 5 HITOC meeting, visited with leaders of the Oregon Office of Rural Health and OHSU Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology and toured medical clinics in Beaverton and Portland.

Dr. Martin noted that Oregon is perceived by the agency as a high-performing state on developing HIT and HIE plans and that he would be using the site visit to identify best planning practices to share with other states.

“I think that we can all be very proud to be in that position,” noted Carol Robinson, HITOC Director and Oregon’s Coordinator of Health IT. “It is only because of the amazing dedication and hard work of all the hundreds of stakeholders and staff involved in this effort. Now, we need to show that we can effectively move from our planning success to a high-performing implementation state.”

Oregon will again host the ONC when agency director Dr. Farzad Mostashari comes to Portland to serve as keynote speaker at Oregon’s first annual HIE stakeholder meeting on Sept. 14.

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## Providers: Meaningful Use Call Will Explain It All

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a national provider education call about meaningful use on Thursday, May 19 at 11:30 am.

This call will cover:

- The definition of meaningful use
- The requirements for Stage 1 of meaningful use (2011 and 2012)
- How to attest to having met meaningful use
- Overview of the meaningful use objectives specification sheets
  - [Stage 1 EHR Meaningful Use Specification Sheets for Eligible Professionals](#)
  - [Stage 1 EHR Meaningful Use Specification Sheets for Eligible Hospitals](#)
- Q&A about meaningful use

To receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. It is important to note that if you are planning to sit in with a group, only one person needs to register to receive the call-in data. This registration is solely to reserve a phone line, not to allow participation.

**When: Thursday May 19, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

**Register: Visit <http://www.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/051911>.**

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## First Annual HIE Meeting Taking Shape

Oregon's first annual health information exchange stakeholder meeting is scheduled for September 14. It will be an all-day event held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Farzad Mostashari, the National Coordinator for Health IT.

The conference's theme is "Accelerate, Innovate, Motivate," focusing on the promise of health information exchange to accelerate and support health care improvement efforts.

For information on exhibiting as a vendor or adding your name as a sponsoring organization, please contact us at: [HITOC.info@state.or.us](mailto:HITOC.info@state.or.us).

### HIMSS Webinar May 19 Focuses on HIT Job Prospects

The Oregon chapter of the Health Information Management Systems Society is offering an online webinar about the HIT workforce.

The webinar will feature HIT recruiters and employers from the consultant, vendor and provider communities to discuss the current and future outlook of informatics jobs for graduating students and career changers.

It will be on Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. [Register online](#).



### Oregon HIT In the News



#### OCHIN assists Oregon critical-access hospitals

Not-for-profit IT group OCHIN is partnering with the Oregon Rural Health Quality Network to help 25 critical-access hospitals become meaningful users of EHRs. The hospitals will have access to low-cost or free assistance with MU evaluation, EHR selection and implementation, security and privacy issues, and education and training. See the full coverage in [Modern Healthcare](#).

#### Mid-Valley IPA Makes Strides in EMRs

A [recently published study](#) in the Journal of the American Informatics Association describes the promise of using electronic medical records in community-based settings. See the article in the [Lund Report](#), which includes a link to the journal article, evaluating a clinical decision support model in small clinics.

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#### Recent Articles of Interest

- [Expert calls for greater telemedicine focus in federal HIT efforts](#) (Healthcare IT News)
- [Study maps barriers to e-Rx use among providers](#) (Modern Healthcare)
- [Groups Push for Consumer Role in Health IT Standards, Projects](#) (Health Data Management)