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1. Purpose of AMIA Hill Day

- Represent AMIA and build valuable relationships in Congress
- Educate Congress about issues important to AMIA and its members
- Present AMIA and yourself as a resource to your member of Congress
- Spread awareness about AMIA, health information technology and informatics
- Make a difference for the biomedical and health informatics community
2. Overarching Hill Day Focus

- Share information with Congressional staff and strengthen relationships
- Offer availability of AMIA for informatics expertise, advice, and assistance
- Strengthen and expand recognition and funding for biomedical and health informatics education, practice, and research
- Advocate for a trained and competent biomedical and health informatics workforce
- Support funding for core biomedical and health informatics research and training programs and services
- Advocate for sound implementation and evaluation of health information technology (health IT)
3. New for Hill Day 2012

- Orientation
  - Selected Talking Points
  - Background on Congressional Offices/Committees
  - Networking with your “Groups”
- Targeted Participation
- Facilitated Panel Discussions: “What Can AMIA do for You?”
  - Selected Committee Staff
  - Selected Agencies
### 3. Hill Day Schedule

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<td>7:45 am</td>
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<td>8:15 am</td>
<td>Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks – Gil Kuperman, AMIA BOD Chair; Kevin</td>
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<td>Fickenscher, AMIA President and CEO; Margo Edmunds, AMIA PPC Chair</td>
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<td>8:45 am</td>
<td>Review: Agenda; Logistics; AMIA Public Policy Priorities/Talking Points; Overview of</td>
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<td>Congressional Offices, Staff, and Committees — Margo Edmunds, Meryl Bloomrosen and Doug</td>
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<td>9:45 am</td>
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<td>Facilitated Discussions with Agency Staff</td>
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<td>11:45 am</td>
<td>Proceed to Group Appointments (participants have lunch on their own)</td>
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<td>5:00 pm</td>
<td>Optional Debrief at Bullfeathers (meet after last appointment)</td>
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<td>6:30 pm</td>
<td>Optional Reception in Bethesda</td>
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4. Congressional Visits: Hill Day Groupings

- **CA/UT/WA** - Scott Evans, Paul Fu, Sara Ingersoll, Tom Payne
- **MD/MN** - Kevin Fickenscher, Chris Lehmann, Bonnie Westra
- **NY/MA** – Michael Cantor, Gil Kuperman, Rainu Kaushal, Blackford Middleton
- **VA/DC/TN/IL** - Don Detmer, Margo Edmunds, Gail Keenan, Nancy Lorenzi, Justin Starren, Robert Wah, Laura Wiley
4. Congressional Visits: Hill Day Appointments

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<td>Annie Walden-Newman</td>
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<td>Franken (MN)</td>
<td>Emily Higgin</td>
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<td>Davis (IL)</td>
<td>Caleb Gilchrest</td>
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<td>Cummings (MD)</td>
<td>Suzanne Owen</td>
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<td>Holmes Norton (DC)</td>
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<td>Maloney (NY)</td>
<td>Orly Issacson</td>
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<td>Klobuchar (MN)</td>
<td>Andrew Hu</td>
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<td>Frank (MA)</td>
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<td>Ellison (MN)</td>
<td>Scott Ferris</td>
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<td>Durbin (IL)</td>
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5. AMIA’s Ongoing Policy Interests

- Biomedical, clinical, translational, population/public health and applied health informatics practice and research
- Data analytics, use, governance and stewardship
- Evidenced-based practice
- Health information exchange
- HIPAA (privacy, confidentiality and security)
- Interoperability
- Meaningful Use
- Personal health records/patient-centered care
5. AMIA’s 2012 Policy Priorities

- **Impact of health IT on Patient Safety and Quality of Care**
  - Meaningful Use (CMS and ONC)
  - Ensuring safe, effective use of health IT and EHRs
  - Patient centeredness

- **Informatics Research and Funding**
  - AHRQ - NIH – NLM – NINR - ONC

- **Informatics and health IT Workforce (includes education and training)**
  - Certification of informatics as a clinical subspecialty
  - Recognition of informaticians as a profession
  - Informatics core competencies and curriculum
  - Funding for training programs; pipeline of trainees

- **EHR/HIT Best Practices, Lessons Learned and Successes**
  - EHR evaluation
  - EHR usability
  - Evolution of clinical decision support
6. AMIA Talking Points: Impact of Health IT on Patient Safety and Quality of Care

• Quality measurement, reporting, and improvement require an interoperable health information system based on EHRs and evidence-based clinical decision support systems within learning care systems

• Current Federal programs are beneficial in terms of encouraging adoption but there is still a long way to go

• Clinical decision support is key for achieving value from electronic health records

• Safe use of EHRs depends on organizational leadership and a workforce that is attuned to the challenges, pitfalls, and potential of health IT

• Successful implementation and use of health IT depends on many technical, sociological and organizational factors
6. AMIA Talking Points: Informatics Research and Funding

- Informatics research is critical to insure that the country receives value from implementation in electronic health records
- Much of this research comes via funding from the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Library of Medicine (NLM), and Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)
  - Informatics research – from basic to clinical – can improve health outcomes for individuals and the whole population.
  - Planned and systematic testing, evaluation, and implementation research are needed to demonstrate achievement of meaningful use, interoperable health systems, and improved quality of care.
  - Funding is needed to stimulate the creation of more advanced informatics training opportunities, both through increased numbers of positions in existing programs and the creation of new academic units and degree programs in universities and health science schools.
6. AMIA Talking Points: Informatics Research and Funding: NLM

- The NLM is more than just another medical library. It represents a major research institute at the NIH and has a vibrant extramural program that supports research and training in informatics.

- Much of the current technology that is the center of attention in the HIT world emerged from NLM over the last 4 decades. NLM is the source of new ideas and technologies that in turn get moved into the "real world" and are adopted by the vendor community.

- NLM supports the availability of tools for researchers, clinicians and the general public – (PubMed/MEDLINE, UMLS, Visible Human, GenBank, BLAST, ITK toolkit).

- NLM has played a key role in workforce development (both research and applied) since the field evolved in the early 1970s; graduates of NLM training programs will teach the next generation of health IT workers.

- Lack of awareness about the NLM and its role have led to inadequate funding of its research and training programs; unless this is addressed, the pipeline of new ideas and methodologies will be compromised.
6. AMIA Talking Points: Informatics and Health IT Workforce

• We need a new generation of informaticians to lead the needed transformation in health care
• Core competencies for future healthcare workers include working in inter-professional teams, delivering patient-centered care, using evidence-based practices, and applying informatics
• The U.S. needs ongoing public and private investment in education and training in order to assure a sustainable healthcare system
• The health IT workforce needs advanced training opportunities, including increased numbers of positions in existing programs and new academic units and degree programs in universities and health science schools
• Informatics related fellowship, research, and training programs such as those offered by NIH, National Library of Medicine, and the Fogarty Center should remain fully funded and supported
6. EHR/HIT Best Practices, Lessons Learned and Successes

- As providers increasingly adopt electronic health records and implement HIT systems, the federal government should work with stakeholders to catalyze information-sharing on lessons learned, best practices, and success stories.
- Encourage system designers and implementers to focus on the use of HIT to contribute to the ultimate goal of improvement in patient experience and outcomes.
- Additional research is needed to support ongoing identification of unintended consequences of HIT design and implementation efforts and the situations in which they are most likely to occur.
- The federal government should build on existing models and work with stakeholders to lead the development of procedures, systems and entities to ensure the safe and effective use of health IT including usability guidelines, as well as proven technical and organizational safeguards to ensure privacy.
6. ICD-10

• We accept HHS’s proposal to delay implementation for an additional year, until October 2014
• We understand that some stakeholders have concerns about the implementation timeline in light of competing priorities such as meaningful use, electronic prescribing, and performance measures
• A delay until October 2014 if properly utilized to address specific challenges and problems could prove beneficial to all stakeholders.
  – testing legacy and new systems for ICD-10 “readiness”
  – updating and testing related health IT products
  – training and educating clinicians (specific documentation and clinical data requirements) and coders
  – mapping to/from ICD-9-CM and ICD-10
• We would not support further delay of ICD-10 implementation beyond October 2014
• We believe that proposals to ‘skip’ ICD-10 and await ICD-11 are ill-advised at this time
  – the technical difficulties in transitioning directly from ICD-9-CM to ICD-11
  – a US Clinical Modification of ICD-11 (if needed) will likely not be available until 2020+
7. Hill Day Logistics

- If you are running late please call (see phone numbers at end of slides)
- Allow enough time; security is tight
  - Leave luggage at hotel
  - Any bag larger than 14" wide x 13" high x 4" deep is prohibited. All bags are subject to a lengthy search and security screening.
- Take Metro or taxi (maps at end of slides)
- Dress for the weather (bring umbrella if raining)
- Wear COMFORTABLE shoes
- Groups of participants (usually based on geography) will visit Congressional offices.
- Each group will have a designated AMIA lead
- AMIA will provide packets containing AMIA leave behinds and talking points for you to use during your visits
- Please familiarize yourself with AMIA talking points and materials
- The Senate and House office buildings have cafeterias located on the ground or basement floors
7. Hill Day Logistics: Congressional Visits

- Group LEAD typically “kicks off” the conversation
- Know whether you are in a Democrat or Republican office
- Please be prompt.
- Introduce yourselves - emphasize yourself as a constituent - make a personal connection
- Be prepared - be brief - be polite - be personal
- Avoid jargon
- Expect the unexpected
- Listen to the congressional staff
- Get contact information for possible follow up
- Accentuate the positive
- Take notes
- Bring business cards
- Leave behind AMIA informational materials/packets
- Write a thank-you note
8. President’s FY 2013 Budget Proposal

(In millions)

AHRQ:
- 2012: $405
- 2013: $409

CDC:
- 2012: $5,732
- 2013: $5,068

HRSA:
- 2012: $6,228
- 2013: $6,088

FDA:
- 2012: $3,832
- 2013: $4,486

NIST:
- 2012: $750.8
- 2013: $857

NIH:
- 2012: $30,702
- 2013: $30,702 (no change from 2012)

ONC:
- 2012: $61
- 2013: $66

www.amia.org
8. President’s FY 2013 Budget Proposal

- Of the funding levels proposed for NIH, NLM was the recipient of one of the greatest increases
  - National Library of Medicine’s proposed funding level is set to increase from $338 million to $373 million – 10.4%
- ONC is set to receive $66 million, an increase of $5 million above FY12

http://www.hhs.gov/budget/
http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/hhs.pdf
9. Overview of Congress

- Congress plays a major role in development of health policy
  - Medicare
  - Medicaid
  - Veterans Affairs
  - National Institutes of Health
  - Health care reform
- Health policy is a bi-partisan priority
- Authority spread across several committees
- Involvement includes regulatory, programmatic, financing, and oversight

Source: KaiserEDU.org

Leadership

- Majority Leader: Harry Reid (D-NV)    Minority Leader: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
- Majority Whip: Richard Durbin (D-IL)    Minority Whip: Jon Kyl (R-AZ)

Key Committees

**Finance**
- Chairman: Max Baucus (D-MT)
- Ranking: Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

**Health, Education, Labor, Pension**
- Chairman: Tom Harkin (D-IA)
- Ranking: Michael Enzi (R-WY)

**Budget**
- Chairman: Kent Conrad (D-ND)
- Ranking: Jeff Sessions (R-AL)

**Appropriations**
- Chairman: Daniel Inouye (D-HI)
- Ranking: Thad Cochran (R-MS)

Source: KaiserEDU.org

### Leadership

- **Speaker:** John Boehner (R-OH)
- **Majority Leader:** Eric Cantor (R-VA)
- **Minority Leader:** Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- **Majority Whip:** Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
- **Minority Whip:** Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

### Key Committees

#### Energy and Commerce
- **Chairman:** Fred Upton (R-MI)
- **Ranking:** Henry Waxman (D-CA)

#### Ways and Means
- **Chairman:** Dave Camp (R-MI)
- **Ranking:** Sander Levin (D-MI)

#### Budget
- **Chairman:** Paul Ryan (R-WI)
- **Ranking:** Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

#### Appropriations
- **Chairman:** Harold Rogers (R-KY)
- **Ranking:** Norman Dicks (D-WA)
9. Overview of Congress: Senate Committee on Appropriations

- Chairman: Sen. Daniel Inouye [D-HI] Ranking Member
- Ranking Member: Sen. Thad Cochran [R-MS]
- Democrats 16
- Republicans 14
- Subcommittees
  - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
  - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
  - Defense
  - Energy and Water Development
  - Financial Services and General Government
  - Homeland Security
  - Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
  - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
  - Legislative Branch
  - Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
  - State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
  - Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

http://appropriations.senate.gov/

- Chairman: Sen. John “Jay” Rockefeller [D-WV]
- Ranking Member: Sen. Kay Hutchison [R-TX]
- Democrats 13
- Republicans 12
- Subcommittees
  - Aviation Operations, Safety, & Security
  - Communications, Technology, and the Internet
  - Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion
  - Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance
  - Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard
  - Science and Space
  - Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security

http://commerce.senate.gov/public/
9. Overview of Congress: Senate Committee on Finance

• Chairman: Sen. Max Baucus [D-MT]
• Ranking Member: Sen. Orrin Hatch [R-UT]
• Democrats 13
• Republicans 11
• Jurisdiction
  – The Committee concerns itself with matters relating to: taxation and other revenue measures generally, and those relating to the insular possessions; bonded debt of the United States; customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery; reciprocal trade agreements; tariff and import quotas, and related matters thereto; the transportation of dutiable goods; deposit of public moneys; general revenue sharing; health programs under the Social Security Act, including Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and other health and human services programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund; and national social security.

http://finance.senate.gov/
9. Overview of Congress: Senate Committee on Finance con’t

Chief Health Responsibilities:

– Health programs under the Social Security Act and including:
  • Medicaid- including ACA expansions, Center for Consumer Information, and Insurance Oversight
  • Medicare
  • CHIP
  • Welfare (TANF)
  • Maternal and Child Health block grant
  • Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  • ERISA (w/HELP Committee)

– Revenue measures

Source: KaiserEDU.org

- Chairman: Sen. Thomas “Tom” Harkin [D-IA]
- Ranking Member: Sen. Michael Enzi [R-WY]
- Democrats: 11
- Republicans: 10
- Independents: 1

Subcommittees
- Primary Health and Aging
- Employment and Workplace Safety
- Children and Families

http://www.help.senate.gov/
9. Overview of Congress: Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) con’t

Chief Health Responsibilities

– Public Health
– Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), (shared with Finance Committee)
– Individuals with disabilities
– Occupational safety and health
– Biomedical research and development
– Aging

Source: KaiserEDU.org
9. Overview of Congress: House Committee on Appropriations

- House Committee on Appropriations
- Chairman Rep. Harold “Hal” Rogers [R-KY5]
- Ranking Member Rep. Norman “Norm” Dicks [D-WA6]
- Republicans 29
- Democrats 21

http://appropriations.house.gov/
9. Overview of Congress: House Committee on the Budget

- House Committee on the Budget
- Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan [R-WI1]
- Ranking Member
- Rep. Christopher “Chris” Van Hollen [D-MD8]
- Republicans 22
- Democrats 16

http://budget.house.gov/
9. Overview of Congress: House Committee on Education and the Workforce

- House Committee on Education and the Workforce
- Chairman Rep. John Kline [R-MN2]
- Ranking Member Rep. George Miller [D-CA7]
- Republicans 23
- Democrats 16

http://edworkforce.house.gov/

- Chairman Rep. Frederick “Fred” Upton [R-MI6]
- Vice Chairman Rep. Sue Myrick [R-NC9]
- Ranking Member Rep. Henry Waxman [D-CA30]
- Republicans 31
- Democrats 22

- Subcommittee on Health
  - Jurisdiction: Public health and quarantine; hospital construction; mental health and research; biomedical programs and health protection in general, including public and private health insurance; Food and drugs; and, Drug abuse.

http://energycommerce.house.gov/
Chief health responsibilities

- Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program
- Medicare (Part B, Parts C and D shared with Ways & Means)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), including the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
- Aging policy, individuals with disabilities
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Domestic activities of the American National Red Cross
- Occupational safety and health, including the welfare of miners
- Public Health

Source: KaiserEDU.org
9. Overview of Congress: House Committee on Ways and Means

- Chairman Rep. David “Dave” Camp [R-MI4]
- Ranking Member Rep. Sander Levin [D-MI12]
- Republicans 22
- Democrats 15

Subcommittee on Health
- Wally Herger, CA, Chairman
- Tom Price, GA
- Vern Buchanan, FL
- Fortney Pete Stark, CA Ranking Member
- Mike Thompson, CA
- Ron Kind, WI
- Sam Johnson, TX
- Paul Ryan, WI
- Devin Nunes, CA
- Dave Reichert, WA
- Peter Roskam, IL
- Jim Gerlach, PA
- Earl Blumenauer, OR
- Bill Pascrell, Jr., NJ

http://waysandmeans.house.gov/About/Members.htm
9. Overview of Congress: House Committee on Ways and Means con’t

- Chief Health Responsibilities:
  - Government payments for programs in Social Security Act:
  - Medicare (Part A, Parts B, D joint with E&C)
  - Welfare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Social Services (Title XX)

- Tax credits and related matters in tax code dealing with health insurance premiums

Source: KaiserEDU.org
9. Overview of Congress: Senate and House Committees on Appropriations

- Allocates discretionary funding to federal agencies, departments, and programs
- Sub-committees prepares funding allocations for programs within jurisdiction
- Subject to spending levels established in budget resolution
- Major authority over discretionary, non-entitlement programs

Source: KaiserEDU.org
9. Overview of Congress: Senate and House Committees On Budget

- Review and evaluate President’s budget proposal
- Formulate budget resolution establishing Congressional spending and revenue levels
- Submit resolution to full chambers for vote and negotiations in conference
- Monitoring budget “reconciliation” process
- Oversight of Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

Source: KaiserEDU.org
10. Other Supporting Materials and Resources

- AMIA: Who We Are
- AMIA: Our Mission
- In Case They Ask: What is Informatics?
- Relevant Web Sites
- Recent Requests for Comments
- Relevant Policy Related Events
- Prior AMIA Statements and Policy Comments
10. AMIA- Who We Are

- AMIA and its multidisciplinary members advance the use of health information technology (HIT) in clinical care, research, public and population health, personal health management, and translational science.
- Our more than 4000 members are health professionals, researchers, teachers, and thought leaders who work in academic, government, private health care delivery, research, and commercial settings.
- AMIA is regarded as an authoritative and objective source within the informatics community, the policy community, and the health care industry.
- AMIA members’ expertise spans a wide range of disciplines including biomedical and health sciences, computer and communications technology, organizational behavior, cognitive science, biomedical and health sciences library and information science, and consumer health.
10. AMIA’s Mission

• With others, create health information technology and systems that transform health care and measurably improve health status

• Strengthen the ability to create and manage the science and knowledge base of health and health care, including its timely access

• Actively participate in global health information policy, technology, and informatics with particular emphasis on needs of underserved populations
10. What is Informatics?

• A general term used to refer to biomedical informatics and its many areas of application and practice (e.g., bioinformatics, clinical informatics, public health informatics)

• Biomedical informatics (BMI) is the interdisciplinary, scientific field that studies and pursues the effective uses of biomedical data, information, and knowledge for scientific inquiry, problem solving and decision making, motivated by efforts to improve human health and health care delivery

http://www.amia.org/about-amia/science-informatics
10. AMIA’s Invitational Health Policy Meetings

- **2006**: Toward a national framework for the secondary use of health data: an American Medical Informatics Association White Paper.
- **2007**: Advancing the framework: use of health data— a report of a working conference of the American Medical Informatics Association
- **2008**: Informatics, evidence-based care, and research; implications for national policy: a report of an American Medical Informatics Association health policy conference
- **2009**: Anticipating and Addressing Unintended Consequences of HIT and Policy
- **2010**: The Future of Health IT Innovation and Informatics
- **2011**: Future State of Clinical Documentation and Data Capture
- **2012**: Health Data Use, Stewardship and Governance
10. Relevant Web Sites

- Capitol Hill Visitors Center: [www.visitthecapitol.gov/index.html](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/index.html)
- Capitol: [www.aoc.gov](http://www.aoc.gov)
- DC Metro Rail: [www.wmata.com/](http://www.wmata.com/)
- Thomas: [www.thomas.loc.gov](http://www.thomas.loc.gov)
- U.S. Senate: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)
10. More Web Sites

U.S. Senate Committee Websites
• Budget Committee (www.budget.senate.gov)
• Finance Committee (www.finance.senate.gov)
• Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (www.help.senate.gov)
• Appropriations Committee (www.appropriations.senate.gov)

U.S. House of Representatives Committee Websites
• Energy and Commerce Committee (www.energycommerce.house.gov)
• Ways and Means Committee (www.waysandmeans.house.gov)
• Budget Committee (www.budget.house.gov)
• Appropriations Committee (www.appropriations.house.gov)

Other Websites
• Kaiser: www.KaiserEDU.org
• Pew: www.pewinternet.org/
• RWJF: http://www.rwjf.org/healthpolicy/
10. Relevant Requests for Comments


- **FDA Issued Draft Guidance for Oversight of Mobile Medical Applications.** Through draft guidance released in July 2011 the FDA defined a small subset of mobile medical apps that may impact on the performance or functionality of currently regulated medical devices and as such, will require FDA oversight. [http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/ucm255978.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/ucm255978.htm)


- **DHHS Proposed Delay of ICD-10 Implementation Until October 1, 2014** - HHS proposed to postpone the date by which certain health care entities have to comply with International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition diagnosis and procedure codes (ICD-10). The final rule adopting ICD-10 as a standard was published in January 2009 and set a compliance date of October 1, 2013 - a delay of two years from the compliance date initially specified in the 2008 proposed rule. Comments due May 16, 2012

- **ONC Mobile Devices** Convened a Roundtable: Safeguarding Health Information on March 29, 2012. Also public input was sought on privacy and security issues and best practices related to the use of mobile devices by providers and other health care delivery professionals to access, store, and/or transmit health information. Due March 30, 2012.

- **Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues Input on Human Genome Sequence Data** - Requesting public comment on the ethical issues raised by the ready availability of large-scale human genome sequence data, with regard to privacy and data access and the balancing of individual and societal interests Due May 24, 2012

10. Recent Relevant Events

- **Creation of DOL occupation code for “Public Health Informatician”** - Announcement and signing ceremony on April 25, 2012

- **FTC Issues Final Report on Protecting Consumer Privacy**. Report notes best practices to protect the privacy of consumers and give them greater control over the collection and use of their personal data. Also recommends that Congress consider enacting general privacy legislation, data security and breach notification legislation, and data broker legislation. [http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2012/03/privacyframework.shtm](http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2012/03/privacyframework.shtm)

- **NeHC’s Releases Report on Health Information Exchange** National eHealth Collaborative (NeHC) is a public-private partnership established via grant from the ONC to build on the accomplishments of the American Health Information Community (AHIC), a federal advisory committee to the DHHS) until 2008. The report entitled, Health Information Exchange Roadmap: The Landscape and a Path Forward. [http://www.nationalehealth.org/hie-roadmap](http://www.nationalehealth.org/hie-roadmap)

- **GAO**
  - **AHRQ’s CER Grant Funding** [http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-332](http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-332)
  - **Report on FDA and Medical Devices** The report is entitled “FDA Has Met Most Performance Goals but Device Reviews Are Taking Longer” and finds that the FDA is taking a long time to make final decisions on medical devices. See: [http://www.gao.gov/assets/590/588969.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/assets/590/588969.pdf)
10. Recent Relevant Events con’t

- **IOM Ongoing Studies and Recent Workshops/Forums**
  - Best Practices Innovation Collaborative (team-based care)
  - Global Forum on Health Professional Education (interprofessional education and training)
  - HIT and Patient Safety
  - Workshop: Informatics Needs and Challenges in Cancer Research
  - Workshop on Data Quality

- **NIH**
  - **Public Private Partnership on mHealth** - Brought together stakeholders in mHealth to help foster a dialogue about priorities, data needs, data standards, mHealth activities and sharing, and to assess whether meaningful partnerships and collaborations are possible and under what terms. The meeting also assessed interest to establish a framework, processes and governance for a public-private partnership.

- **NIST**
10. Recent Relevant Events con’t

- **ONC Releases Enhanced Health IT Teaching Materials** - ONC provided an enhanced set of 20 curriculum components to the public at no cost. [http://www.onc-ntdc.org](http://www.onc-ntdc.org)

- **A Report from Senator Sheldon Whitehouse for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions**
  [http://whitehouse.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Health%20Care%20Delivery%20System%20Reform%20and%20The%20Affordable%20Care%20Act%20FINAL2.pdf](http://whitehouse.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Health%20Care%20Delivery%20System%20Reform%20and%20The%20Affordable%20Care%20Act%20FINAL2.pdf)

- **White House**
  - **Big Data” Initiative** - A new initiative to harness massive amounts of information. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)—with several Federal departments and agencies—created the Big Data Research and Development Initiative.  
  - **Administration “Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights** Seeks to protect all Americans from having their information misused by giving users new legal and technical tools to safeguard their privacy.
10. Selected AMIA Positions and Comments

- NIST Usability Guidance
- Testimony on HIT And Patient Safety
- DHHS Common Rule
- NQF Quality Data Model
- FDA Mobile Medical Apps Draft Guidance
- Presentation on Clinical Decision Support
- Letter to ONC Regarding Vendor Agreements
- EHR Certification and Meaningful Use

11. Map of Capitol Buildings
11. Nearby Metro Stations
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