

**Federal Advisory Committee Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC) Meeting,  
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Comments made by Shelly Spiro, Pharmacy HIT Collaborative Executive Director

My name is Shelly Spiro; I'm the Executive Director of Pharmacy HIT Collaborative (PHIT) representing over 250,000 members of the majority national pharmacy associations including pharmacy education and accreditation. Our members include key pharmacy organizations involved in Health Information Technology (IT) including the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) and 17 associate members representing e-prescribing and health information networks, transaction processing networks, pharmacy companies, system vendors, pharmaceutical manufactures and other organizations that support pharmacists' services.

The PHIT's vision is to assure US Health IT infrastructure will better enable pharmacists to help optimize person-centered care. Our mission as the leading authority in pharmacy health IT, the Collaborative advances and supports the use, usability, and interoperability of health IT by pharmacists to help optimize person-centered care.

A major focus of the Collaborative is to assure pharmacists in all practice settings (community, health-system, hospital, managed care, behavior health and long-term and post-acute care) are integrated in the national health IT infrastructure.

On behalf of the pharmacy profession, the Collaborative over the last 9 years have dedicated our efforts to define and promote the use standards within clinical documentation systems used by pharmacists. The Collaborative supports the efforts of Interoperability Standards Priorities Task Force Final Draft Report and U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Final Draft Recommendations. We encourage ONC to recognize the high level of nation adoption of the Pharmacist eCare Plan. These efforts in the codification and standardization of pharmacist-

provided clinical services is exemplified by sharing structured and standardized data following USCDI using C-CDA and FHIR standards.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Spiro, RPh, FASCP

**Response:** None