

# Coalition for Improving Patient Care through Information Technology (CIPCIT)

Dedicated to the effective use of federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

*- Using Information Technology to Save Lives -*

**Mission:** To influence the implementation of information technology that will improve the quality of patient care.

**Objective:** To facilitate an open dialogue in government and the healthcare industry regarding how technology should be used to improve patient care instead of documenting patient care transactions.

**Key Observations:** The ARRA has presented a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to force healthcare providers to improve patient care through implementation of new information technology.

Electronic medical and healthcare records have been adopted and successfully implanted by only 10% of the 5,000+ healthcare hospitals and systems in the U.S. The rate of adoption has been hindered by lack of support by physicians and other clinicians, cost, complexity, lack of compatibility with legacy systems, and technological limitations. There is an exciting opportunity to greatly expand the capability of EHRs and EMRs to improve diagnostics, accessibility, quality measurements and links to advanced developments in medicine to benefit patient care.

This unique opportunity to improve patient care may not be realized, and may even be hindered, unless this unprecedented cache of government stimulus funds is used to implement technology solutions that improve patient care and quality.

**The Coalition:** CIPCIT is a not-for-profit, broad-based coalition of healthcare professionals, scholars, information technology experts, and others committed to taking this unique opportunity to ensure that federal stimulus funds are used to develop and implement new healthcare information that improves patient care and quality as mandated by the ARRA.

We want improved patient care in the U.S.—if you do, please contact:

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