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# Agenda

Monday, September 10, 2012		
11:00am	Lunch, Networking	Ballard/Lahey Rooms
1:00pm	Introduction <b>Kenneth Mandl</b> Director, Intelligent Health Lab, Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program; Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School	Minot Room
1:15pm	Making EHR Apps Substitutable: Theory & Experience <b>Joshua Mandel</b> Lead Architect, SMART Platforms; Research Faculty, Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program; Instructor, Harvard Medical School	Minot Room
1:45pm	Apps & APIs: Innovating With and Around Vendor and Homegrown EHRs <b>Moderator: Brian Athey</b> Chair, University of Michigan Medical School, Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics; Professor, UM Medical School <b>Howard Goldberg</b> Senior Corporate Manager, Partners Health Care; Lecturer, Harvard Medical School <b>John Halamka</b> Chief Information Officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Co-Chair, National Health IT Standards Committee; Professor, Harvard Medical School <b>John Hutton</b> Director of Biomedical Informatics, Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Professor, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine <b>John Mattison</b> Chief Medical Information Officer, Kaiser Permanente	Minot Room
3:00pm	Keynote Address: "Data, Predictions, and Decisions: On Computational Futures for Evidence-Based Healthcare" <b>Eric Horvitz</b> Distinguished Scientist & Deputy Managing Director, Microsoft Research	Minot room
4:00pm	Break	Ballard/Lahey Rooms
4:30pm	Apps & APIs: Meeting Customer Demand for Physician and Patient Users <b>Moderator: Isaac Kohane</b> Henderson Professor, Harvard Medical School; Director, Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program; Co-Director, HMS Center for Biomedical Informatics <b>Stanley Crane</b> Chief Innovation Officer, Allscripts <b>Sean Nolan</b> Chief Architect and General Manager, Microsoft Health Solutions Group <b>Marc Overhage</b> Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Siemens Healthcare	Minot Room
5:45pm	Email Break	
6:00pm	<b>Dinner, Music</b>	Lower Level 1

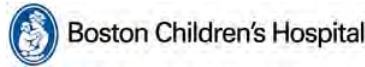
## Tuesday, September 11, 2012

7:30am	Breakfast, Networking	Ballard/Lahey Rooms
8:00am	Observations from Day 1 <b>Kenneth Mandl</b>	Minot Room
8:30am	Keynote Address <b>Clayton Christensen</b> Kim B. Clark Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School	Minot Room
9:30am	Discussion	Minot Room
10:00am	Break	Ballard/Lahey Rooms
10:30pm	SMART-Enabled Platforms <b>Moderator: David Kreda</b> Business Translation Consultant, smartplatforms.org <b>Joseph Dal Molin</b> President, E-Cology Corporation; Chairman, WorldVistA <b>Travers Franckle</b> Research Software Engineer, Indivo, Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program <b>Carl Kesselman</b> Professor, University of Southern California <b>Daniel Nigrin</b> Senior VP for Information Services & CIO, Boston Children's Hospital; Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School <b>Sims Preston</b> CEO, Polyglot Systems <b>Nich Wattanasin</b> Team Leader & Project Manager, i2b2, Partners Healthcare	Minot Room
12:15pm	Lunch	Ballard/Lahey Rooms
1:15pm	Apps, Meaningful Use, and Accountable Care <b>Moderator: Kenneth Mandl</b> <b>Ken Majkowski</b> Vice President of Strategy and Innovation, Surescripts <b>Joshua Mandel</b> <b>Shawn Murphy</b> Medical Director of Research Computing and Informatics, Partners HealthCare Research Computing; Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School; Associate Neurologist Massachusetts General Hospital <b>Jonathan Perlin</b> President, Clinical and Physician Services and Chief Medical Officer, Hospital Corporation of America <b>Claudia Williams</b> Senior Advisor, Health IT at White House Office of Science and Technology Policy	Minot Room
2:30pm	Sparking the Ecosystem	Minot Room
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September 10, 2012

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the Harvard Medical's School Center for Biomedical Informatics and Children's Hospital Informatics Program invitation-only meeting on developing a national *Health Information Technology Platform* supporting *Substitutable Apps* (loosely, an "App Store for Health").

You are joining key stakeholders from industry, government, academia and the public sector to follow up the work begun three years ago at [www.ITdotHealth.org](http://www.ITdotHealth.org). **Eric Horvitz** of Microsoft Research opens the first day with a keynote and **Clayton Christensen** of Harvard Business School will keynote on the second day.

We have powerful senior representation from the EMR industry, government, pharma, pharmacy, care management, academia, and for-profit, not-for profit health care, military, and public health care. At this signal moment for HIT, we engage together in a conversation. Our goal is to develop a mutual understanding, set of principles, and agreement on next steps to guide key aspects of the formation of a national system for safe, accountable and cost-effective health care.

Underpinning our discussions is the notion of an information technology platform which we presented in a paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, called "No Small Change for the Health Information Economy," suggesting that EMRs should look a lot more like an iPhone than they currently do. The platform approach to software design can be used to create and support an extensible ecosystem of applications and to stimulate a market for competition on value and price. An infrastructure based on "substitutable" components is a highly promising way to drive down healthcare technology costs, allow flexibility, support standards evolution, accommodate differences in care workflow, foster competition in the market, and accelerate innovation. We have developed a model for such a system—the SMART Platform (Substitutable Medical Applications Reusable Technologies, funded by the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology under the SHARP Program) from which we have learned important lessons about the technical, regulatory, and business implications of this transformative and rapidly evolving trend. Several EMR vendors have signaled movement toward a platform model.

Unlike exploratory meetings, pure business conferences and conventional academic colloquia, the 2012 ITdotHealth meeting is intended to forge interdisciplinary partnerships, combining 18 years of federally funded research at Harvard with the know-how of industry leaders, governments, NGOs, and leading academics.

**There are no “canned” talks.** There are no breakouts. We will all work together. There will be very few slides. In addition to the keynote sessions, four moderated discussions—each initiated with brief presentations by panels of experts--focus on:

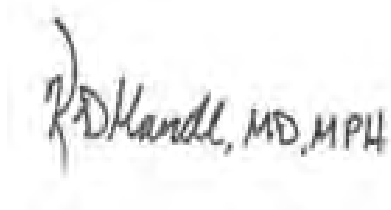
- Innovating with and around the base transactional EHRs from both the customer and vendor perspectives
- Experiences of platforms and apps that have experimented with implementing the SMART API
- The role of apps in meaningful use, research, and accountable care

Tweeting is encouraged, but so that people can speak freely, we discourage direct attribution. A hashtag will be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

Sessions are all recorded and video will be made available on the [smartplatforms.org](http://smartplatforms.org) website.

Thank you for participating!

Kenneth D. Mandl, MD, MPH

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K.D. Mandl, MD, MPH". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

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Isaac S. Kohane, MD, PhD

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# Keynote Speakers

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## Eric Horvitz

Microsoft Research | Distinguished Scientist & Deputy Managing Director

Eric Horvitz is Distinguished Scientist and Deputy Managing Director at Microsoft Research. He has pursued research on machine learning, inference, and decision making, with contributions spanning theory and practice. His efforts have contributed to the fielding of applications and services in healthcare, information retrieval, human-computer interaction, and e-commerce. He has been elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He has served as President of AAAI and is incoming chair of the AAAS Section on Information, Computing, and Communication. He has also served on the NSF CISE Directorate advisory board, council of Computing Community Consortium (CCC), Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC), and the DARPA ISAT Study Group. He received his PhD and MD degrees at Stanford University. More information can be found at <http://research.microsoft.com/~horvitz>. A list of technical publications is available at <http://research.microsoft.com/~horvitz/abstracts.htm>.



## Clayton Christensen

Harvard Business School | Kim B. Clark Professor of Business Administration

Professor Christensen holds a B.A. from Brigham Young University and an M.Phil. in applied econometrics from Oxford University where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. He received an MBA and a DBA from the Harvard Business School, where he is currently the Kim B. Clark Professor of Business Administration. He is regarded as one of the world's top experts on innovation and growth.

Christensen founded a number of successful companies and organizations which use and apply this theories in various ways: Innosight, a consulting firm helping companies create new growth businesses; Rose Park Advisors, a firm that identifies and invests in disruptive companies; and Innosight Institute, a non-profit think tank whose mission is to apply his theories to vexing societal problems such as healthcare and education.

Professor Christensen is the best-selling author of eight books and more than a hundred articles, including the New York Times best-selling, *How Will You Measure Your Life?* He received the Global Business Book Award for *The Innovator's Dilemma* and *The Economist* named it as one of the six most important books about business ever written. In 2011 in a poll of thousands of executives, consultants and business school professors, Christensen was named as the most influential business thinker in the world.

Professor Christensen was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. He worked as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Republic of Korea from 1971 to 1973 and continues to serve in his church in as many ways as he can. He and his wife Christine live in Belmont, MA. They are the parents of five children and grandparents to five grandchildren.



# Meeting Co-Chairs



## Kenneth Mandl

Harvard Medical School | Associate Professor  
Intelligent Health Lab, Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program | Director

Kenneth D. Mandl, MD, MPH is an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and the Louis Diamond Investigator at Children's Hospital Boston, where he directs the Intelligent Health Laboratory within "CHIP", the Children's Hospital Informatics Program.

Mandl has pioneered and published extensively in the areas of personal health records and biosurveillance. Under a major a HHS initiative, he co-leads the SMART Platforms project, which seeks to create an "app store" for health. He co-directs a CDC Center of Excellence in

Public Health Informatics working to define the role of online social networks in healthcare and public health. Recognized for his teaching and research, he has received the Barger Award for Excellence in Mentoring at Harvard Medical School and the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the United States government to outstanding scientists and engineers. He has been an advisor to two Directors of the CDC and now chairs the Board of Scientific Counselors of the NIH's National Library of Medicine.

Dr. Mandl has published over 130 papers in the medical literature and has been elected to multiple honor societies including the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Society for Pediatric Research, the American College of Medical Informatics and the American Pediatric Society. He leads two postdoctoral training programs in clinical and informatics research and directs the Population Health Track of the new Masters Degree in Biomedical Informatics at HMS. Mandl is a faculty member in the HMS Center for Biomedical Informatics and in the Division of Health Sciences and Technology at Harvard and MIT.



## Isaac Kohane

Harvard Medical School | Henderson Professor  
Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program | Director  
HMS Center for Biomedical Informatics | Co-Director  
HMS Countway Library of Medicine | Director

Isaac (Zak) Kohane is the director of the Children's Hospital Informatics Program and is the Henderson Professor of Pediatrics and Health Sciences and Technology at Harvard Medical School (HMS). He is also the co-Director of the HMS Center for Biomedical Informatics and Director of the HMS Countway Library of Medicine. Dr. Kohane leads multiple collaborations at Harvard Medical School and its hospital affiliates in the use of genomics and computer science to study diseases (particularly cancer and autism) through the perspective of biological development. He also has developed several computer systems

to allow multiple hospital systems to be used as "living laboratories" to study the genetic basis of disease while preserving patient privacy. Among these, the i2b2 (Informatics for Integrating Biology and the Bedside) National Computing Center has been deployed at over 52 academic health centers internationally. Dr. Kohane has published over 180 papers in the medical literature and authored a widely used book on Microarrays for an Integrative Genomics. He has been elected to multiple honor societies including the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American College of Medical Informatics, and the Institute of Medicine. He leads a doctoral program in genomics and bioinformatics at the Division of Health Sciences and Technology at Harvard and MIT. He is also a practicing pediatric endocrinologist and father of three energetic children.

# September 10 Panelists & Presenters

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## MAKING EHR APPS SUBSTITUTABLE: THEORY AND EXPERIENCE



**Joshua Mandel, MD**

SMART Platforms | Lead Architect  
Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program | Research Faculty  
Harvard Medical School | Instructor

Josh is a physician and software engineer interested in improving clinical care through information technology. After earning an S.B. in computer science and electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.D. from the Tufts University School of Medicine, he joined the faculty of the Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program and Harvard Medical School, where he serves as lead architect of the SMART Project (<http://smartplatforms.org>). Josh has a special interest in tools and interfaces that support software developers who are new to the health domain.

## APPS & APIS: INNOVATING AROUND VENDOR & HOMEGROWN EHRs

### MODERATOR



**Brian Athey, PhD**

University of Michigan Medical School | Professor  
UM Medical School, Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics | Chair

Brian Athey, Ph.D. is Collegiate Professor and Inaugural Chair of the Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics at the University of Michigan Medical School. He is also a Professor of Psychiatry and of Internal Medicine. He is the founding Principal Investigator of the NIH National Center for Integrative Biomedical Informatics (NCIBI), one of eight NIH National Biomedical Computing Centers. He also serves as US Academic lead and Co-PI of tranSMART, an emerging US and EU consortium to create and support an open data and analytic software "Apps Store" to accelerate clinical and translational research. Brian also serves as the Biomedical Informatics Core Director of Michigan's Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), and is Associate Director of the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR). Brian has served as Director of Academic Informatics for the Medical School. Brian is an active teacher and mentor, being the Principal Investigator of the U-M NIH/NIGMS Bioinformatics Training Grant; he has trained more than 15 Ph.D. students and Post-Doctoral Fellows.

Brian led the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Next-Generation Internet (NGI) Visible Human Project and the DARPA Virtual Soldier Project. He has over 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications and proceedings, ranging from bioinformatics, metabolomics, computational biology, optical imaging, and grid computing. Brian is a highly sought after speaker and has been honored with several awards for his work. He has served as a special advisor to the CIO of the NIH and to the DARPA Defense Science Office (DSO). Brian is the Chairmen of the Technical Advisory Board Chairman of the 1Mind4Research, an emerging neuroscience Public Private Partnership. He is also a founding member and former Board Chairman of the non-profit Scientists & Engineers of America (SEA), based in Washington, D.C. He received his Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Biology (Biophysics concentration) from the University of Michigan, where he and collaborators were the first to propose the double helical 'crossed-linker' for chromatin structure. His is still a very active researcher in this field.

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## APPS & APIS: INNOVATING AROUND VENDOR & HOMEGROWN EHRs (CONT.)



**Howard Goldberg, MD**

Partners Health Care | Senior Corporate Manager

Harvard Medical School | Lecturer

Howard S. Goldberg, MD, Corporate Manager for Enterprise Clinical Informatics and Infrastructure Services (ECIIS) and Lecturer in Medicine, HMS, is a well-known medical informatician with over twenty years experience in Healthcare IT with numerous peer-reviewed publications. Goldberg, a board-certified general internist, received his MD degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Boston University Medical Center, and completed a fellowship in Medical Informatics/Clinical Decision-Making at New England Medical Center. Goldberg participated on the team at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the early 1980's that built the first networked clinical information system centered around a relational database. Prior to joining Partners Healthcare in 2005, Goldberg served as the Associate Director for the Clinical Informatics Unit at the Deaconess Hospital, on the faculty at the Center for Clinical Computing

at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and as Director for R&D / Vice President of Product Development at Clinician Support Technology, a pioneering start-up in patient-facing portals. Since 2009, Goldberg has also served as a US representative to the Clinical Content Committee of IHTSDO, the international organization responsible for the maintenance of SNOMED-CT.

Since joining Partners Healthcare and Clinical Informatics R&D in 2005, Goldberg has been leading a team of informaticians and IT professionals in the development of a centralized infrastructure for informatics services. The Partners' informatics infrastructure provides a broad array of terminology services, standards-based interoperability services to create and deconstruct CDA-based documents, and a centralized enterprise decision support system for the next generation of clinical decision support, leveraging the use of commercial business rules management systems. As Services Team Lead for the Clinical Decision Support Consortium and as PI in other ongoing investigations, Goldberg and his team are demonstrating the feasibility of providing remote, service-based decision support on a regional and national level. By establishing a single set of standards for the multiple institutions comprising Partners, Goldberg and his team hope to improve the quality of information captured at the point of care, simplify semantic interoperability between diverse systems, and lay the groundwork for enhanced decision support and data mining capabilities.



**John Halamka, MD, MS**

Harvard Medical School | Professor

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center | Chief Information Officer

National Health IT Standards Committee | Co-Chair

John D. Halamka, MD, MS, is a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Chief Information Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Chairman of the New England Healthcare Exchange Network (NEHEN), co-Chair of the national HIT Standards Committee, co-Chair of the Massachusetts HIT Advisory Committee and a practicing Emergency Physician.

As Chief Information Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, he is responsible for all clinical, financial, administrative and academic information technology serving 3000 doc-

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## APPS & APIs: INNOVATING AROUND VENDOR & HOMEGROWN EHRs (CONT.)

tors, 14000 employees and two million patients. As Chairman of NEHEN he oversees clinical and administrative data exchange in Eastern Massachusetts. As co-Chair of the HIT Standards Committee he facilitates the process of electronic standards harmonization among stakeholders nationwide. As co-Chair of the Massachusetts HIT Advisory Committee, he engages the stakeholders of the Commonwealth to guide the development of a statewide health information exchange.



**John Hutton, MD**

Cincinnati Children's Hospital | Director of Biomedical Informatics  
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine | Professor

John J. Hutton MD is Director of Biomedical Informatics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He also serves as Director of the Biomedical Informatics Core of the UC CTSA. His group is responsible for the research data center, high performance computing, data warehousing and mining, software development, and IT security. Dr. Hutton has served as Principal Investigator of an IAIMS award from NIH/National Library of Medicine to support innovative research in and development of information management systems and is presently the Principal Investigator of an award from AHRQ to build modular chronic disease registries to support quality improvement and comparative effectiveness research in pediatrics. From 1987 until 2002, he was Dean of the UC College of Medicine and Chair of the Board of UC Physicians, the faculty practice organization. While Dean, he served two four year terms as a member of the Administrative Board of the Council of Deans of the Association of American Medical Colleges, a seven year term on the Executive Council of the Association of American Medical Colleges, and a 3 year term as a member of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting body for US and Canadian medical schools. He was a member of national task forces on primary care, clinical research, and graduate education. In recognition of his services to medical education, Dr. Hutton was elected a Distinguished Service Member of the Association of American Medical Colleges. He is the author of numerous research papers in mammalian molecular biology and genomics. He has received awards for distinguished service from the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the American Society of Hematology.



**John Mattison, MD**

Kaiser Permanente | Chief Medical Information Officer

John began his medical career at UC San Diego and Scripps Clinic, where he practiced in many clinical settings including primary care, critical care, preventive medicine, hyperbaric medicine, trauma and helicopter medicine, and held several directorships while at Scripps Clinic, including Quality, Utilization, and Critical Care. He joined Kaiser Permanente in 1989, and was appointed as Assistant Medical Director and Chief Medical Information Officer in 1992.

He has designed, built, and/or implemented seven different Electronic Health Record systems, most recently KP HealthConnect, which has resulted in numerous national recognitions for quality, including HIMSS Level 7 awards for all KP hospitals in SCAL, and 6 of those hospitals were recognized among the top 24 hospitals nationwide as "Most Connected Hospitals in the US" by US News and World Report earlier this year. His team received the prestigious Davies Award at HIMSS 2012.

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## APPS & APIs: INNOVATING AROUND VENDOR & HOMEGROWN EHRs (CONT.)

Currently, John actively oversees all information systems for the SCAL region of Kaiser Permanente and is an active member of local, state, and federal governing bodies that oversee Health Information Exchange. He is the founding chair of the HL7 XML committee that has produced the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) and Continuity of Care Document (CCD), and was the first clinician member of the SNOMED International board where he served for six years. He is an active supporter of the Open mHealth initiative for an open source mobile app architecture.

He is actively involved in health policy at both state and federal levels, and is currently a member of the California State Privacy Steering Committee and subcommittee on Secondary Use. He is also a charter member of the NwHIN coordinating committee, and the 2012 FACA on Federal Governance of HIE. He has given formal testimony on policy issues associated with Health IT at the PCAST hearings and NCVHS. He is an active participant in AMIA's annual Policy Conference.

He has published numerous papers in the field of medical informatics, has hosted dozens of delegations from around the world interested in the work done by his teams, and gives keynote addresses at numerous conferences nationally and internationally on both Health IT and Consumer Health issues and perspectives, in addition to international consultation in health IT.

## APPS & APIs: MEETING CUSTOMER DEMAND FOR PHYSICIAN AND PATIENT USERS

### MODERATOR

Isaac Kohane



### Stanley Crane

Allscripts | Chief Innovation Officer

At Allscripts, Stanley's development teams created the beginnings of Allscripts Open Platform – a set of API's that would enable internal and external developers to create companion products. Internally those API's have most recently been used to create Allscripts Wand for iPad.

Allscripts platform API's are used today by twenty clients and third products, with over 100 applications in development.

Prior to spending more than a decade in healthcare software, Stanley was involved in Silicon Valley where he held positions with many well-known software

companies. As the General Manager of Lotus cc:Mail, he created the first remote mail products. He was also the Vice President of Engineering at WordStar International, Director of Applications at Ashton-Tate, managing their Macintosh products as well as dBase IV.

Stanley holds a BA in mathematics from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and an MA also in mathematics from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming.

Stanley also served on the CCHIT Foundation Workgroup in 2007.

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## APPS & APIS: INNOVATING AROUND VENDOR & HOMEGROWN EHRs (CONT.)



### Sean Nolan

Microsoft Health Solutions Group | Chief Architect and General Manager

As Distinguished Engineer for the Health Solutions Group at Microsoft Corp., Sean Nolan directs all aspects of product development and operations for the division's consumer and enterprise health platforms.

Before rejoining Microsoft in 2006, Nolan served as founder and president of Software Poetry Inc., a software and management consultancy. While at Software Poetry, Nolan worked with venture capital firms to deliver technical diligence on early-stage investments, and provided product definition, strategy and execution services to startup ventures, focusing on the online advertising and e-commerce sectors.

Before Software Poetry, Nolan was chief technical officer for drugstore.com Inc.,

where he led the design and implementation of its award-winning e-commerce systems. While there, he was honored as one of the nation's Premier 100 IT Leaders for 2001 by Computerworld magazine.

Nolan has co-founded a number of other technology ventures, including Cognisoft Corp., where he architected one of the first Web-based knowledge management systems. Cognisoft was ultimately acquired by Verity, where Nolan served as vice president of Technology for Information Applications.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Nolan began his software career at Microsoft, where he was the development manager for the original Microsoft Network (MSN®) client tools and their conversion to Internet technologies.



### Marc Overhage

Siemens Healthcare | Chief Medical Informatics Officer

Dr. Overhage is the Chief Medical Informatics Officer for Siemens Healthcare. Prior to joining Siemens he was the founding Chief Executive Officer of the Indiana Health Information Exchange and was Director of Medical Informatics at the Regenstrief Institute, Inc., and a Sam Regenstrief Professor of Medical Informatics at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

He has spent over 25 years developing and implementing scientific and clinical systems and evaluating their value. With his colleagues from the Regenstrief Institute, he created a community wide electronic medical record (called the Indiana Network for Patient Care) containing data from many sources including laboratories, pharmacies and hospitals in central Indiana. The system currently connects a majority of acute care hospitals in Indiana and includes inpatient and outpatient encounter data, laboratory results, immunization data and other selected data for 12 million patients. In order to create a sustainable financial model, he helped create the Indiana Health Information Exchange, a not-for-profit corporation. In addition Dr. Overhage has developed and evaluated clinical decision support including inpatient and outpatient computerized physician order entry and the underlying knowledge bases to support them. He practiced general internal medicine for over 20 years including the ambulatory, inpatient and emergency care settings.

Over the last decade, Dr Overhage has played a significant regional and national leadership role in advancing the policy, standards, financing and implementation of health information exchange. He serves on the Health Information Technology Standards Committee as well as serving on the Board of Directors of the National Quality Form and being engaged in a number of national healthcare initiatives.

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## SMART-ENABLED PLATFORMS

### MODERATOR



**David Kreda**

**SMARTplatforms.org | Business Translation Consultant**

David is an independent business and informatics consultant. He currently serves as the Translation advisor for the SHARP-III grant. Prior to his current work, he co-founded GivingCapital Inc., a software-as-a-services platform enabling financial advisors to sell and deliver asset-based charitable products. His earlier career was focused on financial modeling and trading systems at Reuters and SunGard, and analytical work at McKinsey & Co.



**Joseph Dal Molin**

**e-cology corporation | President**

**WorldVistA | Chairman**

Joseph is an internationally recognized expert in health IT, open innovation strategy, open source development and implementation, with over 25 years private/public sector experience which includes manager Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) Canadian healthcare business, VP Stentor Innovation Centre, a joint venture, e-health business incubator of Canada's major telecom companies, and co-founder of WorldVistA. Joseph is a co-recipient of the 2007 Wired Magazine Rave Award Medicine recognizing the WorldVistA team's community building and contribution to the worldwide adoption of VistA.

Joseph's pioneering work in open source began in 1998, establishing the business plan and strategy for McMaster University's Dept. of Family Medicine very successful OSCAR primary care EHR and the European Commission funded SPIRIT collaborative. In 1999 He founded E-cology Corp., focusing on open innovation and open source strategy, clients include the OECD, Canada Health Infoway, US Centers for Medicaid, Industry Canada, and UCLA and Harvard Medical Schools and Hewlett Packard.

His accomplishments include leading the development and certification of WorldVistA EHR, advising on and facilitating open source adoption in health systems internationally in the UK Thailand, Iraq, Ireland, Malaysia and China. Joseph served as chief adviser to Jordan's Royal Hashemite Court and Electronic Health Solutions (EHS) nonprofit, helping design, incubate and implement Hakeem, Jordan's national open source, integrated e-health infrastructure programme. E-cology is currently under contract to Harvard to SMART-enable the US VA's highly acclaimed VistA EHR.



**Travers Franckle**

**Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program | Research Software Engineer**

Travers Franckle is a Research Software Engineer at Boston Children's Hospital, and the Lead Architect of the Indivo X project. He has been developing software professionally for the past 7 years, and earned a B.S. in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology and an M.S. in Computer Science from Emory University.

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## SMART-ENABLED PLATFORMS



**Daniel Nigrin, MD, MS**

Boston Children's Hospital | Senior VP for Information Services & CIO  
Harvard Medical School | Assistant Professor

Daniel J. Nigrin, MD, MS, is the Senior Vice President for Information Services and Chief Information Officer at Children's Hospital Boston, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, a senior staff member of the Children's Hospital Informatics Program (CHIP), and an active and practicing member of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology at Children's

Hospital Boston.

Dr. Nigrin received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Johns Hopkins University in 1987 and 1991, respectively, and then pursued his pediatric residency training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, which he completed in 1994. He then did simultaneous fellowships in Pediatric Endocrinology at Children's Hospital Boston and in Medical Informatics through the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology, receiving a Master's degree in Medical Informatics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1999. Dr. Nigrin joined the faculty of Harvard Medical School in 1995, and he is board-certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Endocrinology.

Dr. Nigrin's research interests developed at CHIP include large-scale clinical data mining and electronic patient-physician communication systems. In 1998, he was awarded First Prize in the student paper competition at the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium, and in 2000, he was a finalist for Best Overall Paper at the AMIA Symposium. In 2005, Computerworld Magazine chose Dr. Nigrin as one of its 100 Premier IT Leaders. In 2010, HIMSS Analytics awarded Children's Hospital Boston a Stage 7 designation on its EMR Adoption Score.



**Sims Preston**

Polyglot Systems | CEO

Sims Preston is the CEO of Polyglot Systems, Inc., whose technology improves the quality and efficiency of healthcare by improving patient understanding. Prior to joining Polyglot, Sims spent fourteen years as a lawyer, both in private practice and as in-house counsel for some of the world's most dynamic and innovative companies. Sims was Associate General Counsel at Quintiles Transnational Corp., a leading provider of research services to the pharmaceutical industry, and was Senior Legal Counsel at Nuance Communications, Inc., a leading provider of voice recognition, text to speech, optical character recognition and other cutting edge technologies. Mr. Preston earned a BA from Columbia University and is a cum laude graduate of Duke University School of Law.



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## SMART-ENABLED PLATFORMS (CONT.)

### Nich Wattanasin

Partners Healthcare | Team Leader & Project Manager, Research Computing

Nich Wattanasin is currently involved in health and medical informatics research and technical operations at Partners HealthCare in Boston. As a team leader and project manager, he participates in the R&D of various health informatics initiatives such as Informatics for Integrating Biology and the Bedside (i2b2) an NIH National Center for Biomedical Computing, the Shared Health Research Informatics Network (SHRINE) consisting of a federated query tool connecting multiple i2b2 instances across the country, and the Substitutable Medical Apps Reusable Technologies (SMART) project as part of the ONC's Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP) program. With a background in Computer Science, Biology, and IT Management, Nich is also an adjunct instructor at Brandeis University as part of its Health and Medical Informatics Master's degree program.

### Carl Kesselman

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### Ken Majkowski, Pharm.D

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Ken Majkowski Pharm.D, Vice President, Strategy and Innovation, Surescripts, LLC, has over 30 years of healthcare experience. Ken received his Bachelors in Pharmacy from Purdue University and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Minnesota. He has experience in E-Health, Managed Care, Transplant Services, Pharmacy Mail Services, Medical Devices and Drug Delivery Systems, Home Infusion Therapy and Hospital and Retail Pharmacy.

At SureScripts-RxHub, Ken has served as Director of Product Management and Director of Account Management and Vice President of Business Development and Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Product Strategy prior to moving into his present role as Vice President of Strategy and Innovation.

Prior to joining RxHub, Ken was Director of Trade Relations and Director of Data Services for HealthNexus, the exchange funded by McKesson, Cardinal Health Systems, AmeriSourceBergen, and Fisher Scientific. Prior to HealthNexus, he was Vice President for Supplier Relations at Embion, an e-procurement service. Ken was also the Vice President for Medical Affairs at United Resource Networks, the Transplant Center of Excellence Division of United Health Group. He served as Director of Transplant Pharmacy Services at Chronimed, a nation wide specialty pharmacy and Director of Clinical Development at Pharmacia Deltec, a medical device company. Ken has 14 years of clinical pharmacy experience in retail, hospital and home care pharmacy.

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**Joshua Mandel, MD**

SMART Platforms | Lead Architect

Boston Children's Hospital Informatics Program | Research Faculty

Harvard Medical School | Instructor



**Shawn Murphy, MD, PhD**

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Dr. Murphy is the Medical Director of Research Computing and Informatics at Partners HealthCare and is Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. He holds a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Physiology from the University of Chicago. He completed his medical school training at the University of Chicago in

1991, and his residency in Neurology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1995. He completed a fellowship in Medical Informatics at the Massachusetts General Hospital Laboratory of Computer Science, where he serves as the Associate Director.

Dr. Murphy developed and currently directs the Research Patient Data Registry (RPDR) for Partners HealthCare. The RPDR is a large data warehouse with 5 million patients and 1.4 billion rows of clinical data, serving as a central clinical data registry for inpatient and outpatient encounters in order to support clinical research. The RPDR brings clinical information to the fingertips of over 2600 active researchers. Dr. Murphy is also the chief architect and software development manager for the NIH Sponsored Informatics for Integrating Biology and the Bedside (i2b2), an open source project that integrates data from the hospital medical record and the bioinformatics community into a common software platform, with over 60 operating installations worldwide. Dr. Murphy operates the pharmacovigilance platform at Partners HealthCare where the above tools are integrated into a shared resource for finding medication-based adverse events.



**Jonathan Perlin, MD, PhD, MSHA, FACP, FACMI**

Hospital Corporation of America | President, Clinical and Physician Services; Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin is President, Clinical and Physician Services and Chief Medical Officer of Nashville,

Tennessee-based HCA (Hospital Corporation of America). He provides leadership for clinical services and improving performance at HCA's 166 hospitals and more than 800 outpatient centers and physician practices. Current activities include implementing electronic health records throughout HCA, improving clinical "core measures" to benchmark levels, and leading patient safety programs to eliminate preventable complications and healthcare-associated infections.

Before joining HCA in 2006, "the Honorable Jonathan B. Perlin" was Under Secretary for Health in the U.S.

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Department of Veterans Affairs. Nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, as the senior-most physician in the Federal Government and Chief Executive Officer of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Dr. Perlin led the nation's largest integrated health system.

At VHA, Dr. Perlin directed care to over 5.4 million patients annually by more than 200,000 healthcare professionals at 1,400 sites, including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, counseling centers and other facilities, with an operating and capital budget of over \$34 billion. A champion for implementation of electronic health records, Dr. Perlin led VHA quality performance to international recognition as reported in academic literature and lay press and as evaluated by RAND, Institute of Medicine, and others.

Dr. Perlin has served previously on numerous Boards and Commissions including the National Quality Forum and the Joint Commission, and currently on the Boards of the American Hospital Association, National Patient Safety Foundation and Meharry Medical College. He chairs the U.S. HHS Health IT Standards Committee. Broadly published in healthcare quality and transformation, he is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Medical Informatics. Dr. Perlin has a Master's of Science in Health Administration and received his Ph.D. in pharmacology (molecular neurobiology) with his M.D. as part of the Physician Scientist Training Program at the Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

Recognized perennially as one of the most influential physician executives in the United States by *Modern Healthcare*, Dr. Perlin has received numerous awards including Distinguished Alumnus in Medicine and Health Administration from his *alma mater*, Chairman's Medal from the National Patient Safety Foundation, the Founders Medal from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, and is one of a dozen honorary members of the Special Forces Association and Green Berets.

Dr. Perlin has faculty appointments at Vanderbilt University as Adjunct Professor of Medicine and Biomedical Informatics and at VCU as Adjunct Professor of Health Administration. He resides in Nashville, Tennessee, with his wife, Donna, an Emergency Pediatrics Physician, and children, Ben and Sarah.



### Claudia Williams

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy | Senior Advisor, Health IT

Claudia Williams is Director of the State Health Information Exchange Program in HHS's Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT where she leads ONC's efforts to enable health information exchange to support provider achievement of meaningful use and sustainable improvements in health and health care efficiency. In addition to her role at ONC, Claudia currently serves as the Health IT lead for the White House Chief Technology Officer. She came to ONC from the Markle Foundation where she was Director of Health Policy and Public Affairs and helped direct Markle Connecting for Health, a coalition of health care leaders from across the spectrum of perspectives including technology innovators, leading provider groups and consumer organizations who advance recommendations for using health IT to make rapid improvements in health care system performance. Prior to joining Markle, she directed the Synthesis Project for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, an initiative to inform key coverage, health market, public health and care delivery policy decisions with strong research evidence. She has also held senior positions at the Lewin Group and in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation at HHS. Ms. Williams holds an MS in Health Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health and a BA from Duke University.

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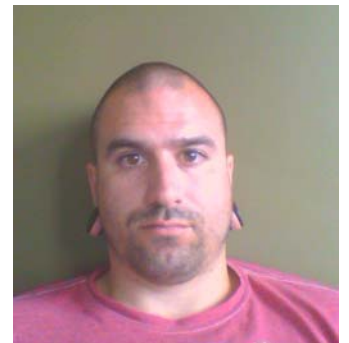
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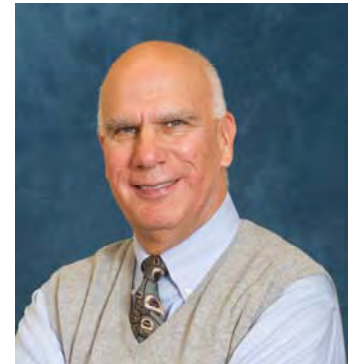
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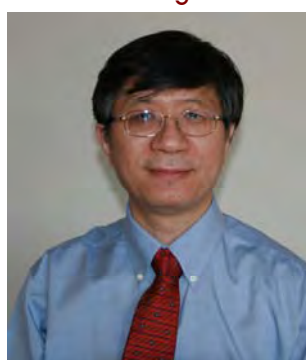
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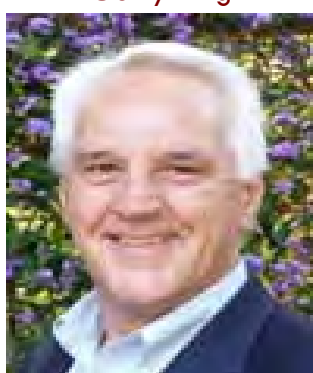
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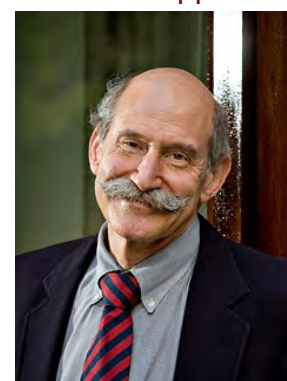
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As a volunteer executive with WorldVistA, Madeline has been involved in promoting the adoption of open source in healthcare for nearly ten years helping plan and implement numerous VistA community meetings across the US and currently serves as WorldVistA's Secretary. At E-cology, Madeline has assisted in business development, project administration and management on several initiatives including E-cology's efforts to SMART-enable VistA the Veterans Administration's open source EHR as part of the Harvard led SMART program. She also contributed to Jordan's successful adoption of WorldVistA EHR as the foundation for its national health system by helping adapt the VA's VistA EHR policy and procedures to the Jordanian context. Madeline has a strong interest in open source personally controlled health records and primary care EHRs and is currently providing consulting and program management services in these areas. Madeline is a graduate of the University of Waterloo's Honours Arts and Business co-op program.

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Brian is honored to work for Vanguard Health Systems (VHS), a nationwide health system with busi-

ness operations in 6 states. VHS is a \$4.9 Billion publicly traded organization with 28 hospitals and over 6 thousand beds. As VP, Growth & Innovation, Brian is responsible for the technology strategy and implementation of the growth platform. The platform is being created to help patients find facilities easier, access services more easily, and improve their overall health. Two primary drivers are behind the design: 1) increase patient engagement, and 2) increase physician alignment. Patient engagement is measured on several dimensions: ranging from growth in net new patients through targeted marketing, to insights derived from clinical analytics about risks, to improved health through closing gaps in care. Physician alignment is also measured on several dimensions: ranging from increased physician referrals to engagement with clinical decision support tools to drive evidence-based decisions. The key technology components of the platform include data integration, health information analytics, web and mobile services, and search engine optimization (SEO) components. The growth platform will serve both traditional inpatient services, outpatient services, as well as facilitate Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and population health services. On a personal note, Brian is an independent developer of mobile coaching apps for the iOS platform (iPhone and iPad). He also holds a 2nd degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and is cross-trained in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Chi-Gong. He teaches self-defense on the weekends. His enduring love is his family.

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"It's about the patient." is the mantra that is the fo-



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cus of the organization and the main reason for Mr. Barwick's move to Central Wisconsin. His focus is on many aspects of the Software Architecture including Real-Time Analytics, Data Warehousing, Data Platform, Data Instrumentation, Service Layers, iPad/iPhone integration and various other activities. His personal goal is to continually improve information presentation, giving the provider the means to make more informed decisions throughout the Care Delivery Process.

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Doug has held a variety of healthcare information technology positions for over 20 years with a focus on

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## Michael Brown, MD, MPH

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Michael is the Chief Information Officer at Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) where he oversees the university health service information system department. HUHS has completed a transition of its ambulatory medical record to an electronic medical record system, and he is working within his organization to take full advantage of the new technologies. The EMR system that was originally developed at HUHS is now at use in over 150 other universities.

Michael is an instructor at the Harvard School of Public Health where he teaches an IS course to senior physician executives and advises students in their management practicum projects.

Michael graduated with B.S. in Natural Sciences from the Johns Hopkins University. He has a M.S. (Cell Biol-

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ogy) and an M.D. degree from New York University. He completed his internship in Internal Medicine at Scripps Clinic in San Diego, and performed a two year research fellowship at the Scripps Research Institute. In June '07, he completed a Masters in Health Care Management from the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Narath is currently a senior resident in Internal Medicine, Global Health and Social Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and an MPH candidate at Harvard's School of Public Health. Having grown up in Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, Narath is interested in medical systems that extend services to people in need and quality improvement in healthcare, both through education and through the use of appropriate technologies. Prior to medical school, Narath trained as a software engineer, and co-founded and acted as Chief Technical Officer of an educational software company specializing in science education, where he developed a patented evaluation-based learning software engine as well as applications for various clients including the Government of Canada. In 2008 Narath was the first James Strickler Clinical Fellow at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, sponsored by the Dickey Center Global Health Initiative. During his work at Muhimbili, he identified a need and devised systems for hand hygiene and a cell phone-based paging system (Open Cell Pager), both of which have since been implemented at the hospital. Narath was a student advisory board member for the IHI Open School, is a Schweitzer fellow, a member of the Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor society, and has received an AMA Excellence in Medicine award. Narath's goal is to help improve quality in healthcare using cost-effective, agile technology solutions, and is passionate about the possibilities for personalized health records and health apps to radically improve healthcare. His current master's work is focused on understanding and describing the diffusion of innovation in health care, and in global health settings in particular.

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Michael Coene is currently the Chief Technology Officer at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In this role, Michael is responsible for FDA's Workforce Mobility and Virtualization capabilities and evaluating new technologies and innovative approaches to enhance FDA's mission.

Michael has been at FDA since 1989 in many different roles. In December of 2011, he retired from the U.S. Public Health Service as a Captain and returned to FDA as a civil servant. He spent nearly two years as Deputy Chief Information Officer responsible for the overall operations of IT at FDA. He led the Application Development Division for six months, overseeing the development of over 200 applications. He was Deputy of Infrastructure for over one year responsible for keeping the 280+ locations all over the world online and modernizing the FDA infrastructure by implementing a private cloud. His first 18 years at FDA, he worked in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health in various roles managing and developing soft-

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ware applications to support premarket, compliance, and post market programs.

He has led a team developing an iOS application to perform retail tobacco inspection; the application was developed in three months and has performed 50,000 inspections to-date. He has also developed applications for doing egg farm inspections using mobile technology that has improved efficiency by 50%.

During his career in the PHS, he was deployed several times for national emergencies. During Hurricane Katrina, he was responsible for providing logistical support for all the PHS missions in the state of Louisiana. During Hurricane Ike, he was stationed at College Station, Texas where he was responsible for providing logistical and IT support for running a 250 bed federal medical shelter and deploying a mobile EMR system for the first time during an emergency. Michael has a M.S. in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University and holds a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Marquette University. Michael's personal interests include being a husband and dad, playing competitive soccer, sailing, photography, and watching his children grow up and play sports.

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Mark joined Cerner Corporation as a Software Engineer with the Innovations group after acquiring his BS in Computer Science from University of Kansas. During the first year of employment he worked on developing new concepts around mobile and web based platforms called "MPages" for supporting better user interface, easier workflow and clinical decision support. Most of his work helped Cerner advance physician usability in ED and Inpatient Venues. In his new role Mark, leads an agile development team focusing on Medication Clinical Decision Support and MPages around Inpatient, ICU and ED venues.

He continues to work for the Innovations Development team within Cerner to contribute to the systemic improvement of health care delivery and the health of the community by pushing the boundaries of MPages.

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Marc Dumontier has worked in the health informatics field for 11 years. Trained in Computer Science, he immediately went to work in the bioinformatics space, and worked on genomic and proteomic databases, focusing on developing solutions using large scale cluster based parallel computing. He went on to focus his efforts on developing the BIND molecular interaction database at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

In 2005, Marc moved on to working on developing solutions in the health integration space with the CAISI group in Toronto under the guidance of Dr. Tomislav Svoboda; extending the OSCAR EMR. Since 2009, Marc has been working primarily on the OSCAR EMR, focusing his efforts on specialist customizations, and integrations.

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Mr. Duncan holds a post-graduate degree in economics from Balliol College, Oxford, and is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, the Institute of Actuaries (London) and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. He is active in public policy and healthcare reform, and serves on the board of directors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Health Insurance Connector Authority, and the Advisory Board of Bryan University, Tempe AZ. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed papers, and several books and book chapters. His latest book

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## Charles Friedman

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Charles Friedman joined the University of Michigan last year as Professor of Information and Public Health, and Director of Michigan's new health informatics program. For the previous eight years, Dr. Friedman held several positions in the federal government, prior to which he served for 26 years as a university faculty member and administrator. Most recently, Dr. Friedman held executive positions at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. From 2007 to 2009 he was Deputy National Coordinator and from 2009 to 2011 he was ONC's Chief Scientific Officer. While at ONC, Friedman oversaw a diverse portfolio of nationwide activities that included development of a “learning health system”; health IT research and workforce development programs; clinical decision support; evaluation of ONC's programs; and international cooperation for eHealth. He was the lead author of the first national health IT strategic plan which was released in June of 2008 and the architect of an EU-US Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in health IT.

From 2003 to 2006 he was a senior scholar at the National Library of Medicine and from 2006 to 2007, he served as an Associate Director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. He was part of the NIH team that created the program of National Centers for Biomedical Computing.

Prior to his work in the government, Dr. Friedman was Professor, Associate Vice Chancellor for Biomedical Informatics, and Founding Director of the Center for Biomedical Informatics at the University of Pittsburgh. He also served for many years in a range of faculty and administrative roles at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He directed UNC's Office of Educational Development and served as Assistant Dean for Medical Education and Medical Informatics.

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Jain also served as Special Assistant to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). At the ONC, Jain worked with David Blumenthal to implement the HITECH Provisions of the Recovery Act and to achieve broader alignment between health plans and federal meaningful use policies and enhance electronic health record usability. He also led private sector engagement efforts on behalf of ONC.

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Professor Koppel focuses on the use of computer system in situ. His work combines ethnographic research, extensive statistical analysis, surveys, and usability studies. Recently he coauthored the AHRQ Guide to reducing unintended consequences of HIT, [www.ucguide.org](http://www.ucguide.org). His newest book, *First Do Less Harm: Confronting the Inconvenient Problems of Patient Safety* (Cornell Univ. Press, 2012) was published this May.

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cumstances (such as when a vendor creates a PHR specifically for a covered entity), vendors such as Microsoft and Google are not covered by HIPAA. Microsoft says it will seek patients' consent before sharing data with third parties, but none of these application suppliers are covered by HIPAA. Whatever the business model for PHRs, lawmakers should require that the consumer user be clearly informed about the identity of the system's operator and the financial terms of any direct or indirect use of patient data.

It's difficult to predict what roles Google, Microsoft, and health plans will play in the PHR marketplace in the long run. There aren't major technical barriers to entry, but data sharing will require the development and adoption of technical and content standards — and a desire on the part of physicians and patients to contribute information to commercial repositories, with their growing contin-

gents of third-party application developers. Since the majority of physicians still don't have electronic medical records, and patients often seek care outside their providers' delivery system, these stand-alone PHRs may serve as data intermediaries. However, if the Obama initiative to replace paper records with interoperable EHRs in the next 5 years succeeds, the landscape will change dramatically, and the need for intermediaries may disappear.

Users of integrated PHRs have demonstrated that creating shared records for patients and their health care team can enhance patients' ability to become active partners in their own health care.<sup>5</sup> This is a try-it-you'll-like-it type of innovation. As physicians increasingly adopt EHRs, we expect community interest in PHRs to grow organically. Ultimately, it will no doubt become difficult for physician groups to survive in the marketplace without them.

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The economic stimulus package signed by President Barack Obama on February 17 included a \$19 billion investment in health information technology. How can we best take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity to computerize health care and stimulate the health information economy while also stimulating the U.S. economy? A health care system adapting to the effects of an aging population, growing expenditures, and a diminishing primary care workforce needs the support

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Flexibility is critical, since the system will have to function under new policies and in the service of new health care delivery mechanisms, and it will need to incorporate emerging information technologies on an ongoing basis. As we seek to design a system that will constantly evolve and encourage innovation, we can glean lessons from large-scale information-

technology successes in other fields. An essential first lesson is that ideally, system components should be not only interoperable but also substitutable.

The Apple iPhone, for example, uses a software platform with a published interface that allows software developers outside Apple to create applications; there are now nearly 10,000 applications that consumers can download and use with the common phone interface. The platform separates the system from the functional-

ity provided by the applications. And the applications are substitutable: a consumer can download a calendar reminder system, reject it, and then download another one. The consumer is committed to the platform, but the applications compete on value and cost. The Facebook social networking site is another example: it allows users to connect their core accounts to applications that add value for them, from family-tree builders to programs that track flulike symptoms or encourage blood donation. And of course, there is the Web itself, which supports myriad applications — some proprietary, some not — many of which interoperate. For example, users with a personalized Google home page can populate it with widgets from Yahoo. Again, all these programs compete with each other and can be substituted for one another, entirely and modularly.

The platform approach to software design can be used to create and sustain an extensible ecosystem of applications and to stimulate a market for competition on value and price. We believe that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) should encourage the development of such a platform for health care — one that will support applications for communication and computation that span the domains of clinical care, public health, and research. There are early-stage examples of platforms in health care already. For instance, the emerging model of personally controlled health records (PCHRs) is based on a platform that has been adopted by Microsoft and Google, as well as by the Dossia consortium of large employers for its rollout of

Categories of Substitutable Applications with Selected Examples.*	
Purpose of Application	Examples
Medication management	Prescribing Clinician-order entry Medication reconciliation Drug-safety alerts
Documentation	Structured text entry Dictation
Panel management	Disease management Appointment and testing reminders Care instructions Results notification Patient behavior modification
Quality improvement	The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) Management of patient transfer and transition
Administrative tools	Billing Referral management Risk stratification
Communication	Doctor-patient communication Multispecialty or team communication Patient support Patient or clinician social networking
Public health reporting	Notifiable disease reporting Biosurveillance Pharmacosurveillance
Research	Clinical trial eligibility Cohort study tools Electronic data capture for trials
Decision support	Laboratory-test interpretation Genomics Guideline management
Data acquisition (subscription)	Laboratory data feed Dispensed medication feed Personally controlled health record data feed Public health data feeds (e.g., local context for infectious diseases)

\* The proposed platform would allow a clinical practice or hospital to select the combination of applications that are most useful for the local environment. As alternative applications are developed by competitors, the existing ones may be replaced, or new ones added.

the Indivo product to employees of consortium companies.<sup>1</sup> There is now an active marketplace of enterprises building PCHR applications.

We take it as a given that health care software must be interoperable and secure and must protect patient privacy. But these qualities are not sufficient to pro-

duce an optimal system, which must evolve on a health care platform that extends beyond PCHRs to include other critical infrastructural components, such as medical-practice-based electronic health records (EHRs) and applications that support the complex communication required in health care. We believe that such

a platform should have a number of additional key characteristics.

First, there should be liquidity of data. The platform and its applications should reduce impediments to the transfer of data, in an agreed-upon form, from one system to another. In the banking industry, the automatic teller machine (ATM) is predicated on highly standardized, simple operations. Participation requires at least a minimal amount of data liquidity — ATMs enable consumers from virtually any bank to withdraw money, although only some ATMs can provide a given consumer with his or her account balance.

Second, there should be substitutability of applications (see table). The system should be sufficiently modular and interoperable so that a primary care provider could readily use a billing system from one vendor, a prescription-writing program from another, and a laboratory information system from yet another. Individual systems do not need to perform all functions. (Analogously, a customer cannot apply for a mortgage at an ATM.)

But substitutability goes beyond interoperability. Just as consumers may swap out applications on their iPhones, physicians should be able to readily replace one referral-management system with another. Companies are beginning to offer modular services driven by common data elements found in claims, EHRs, and PCHRs.<sup>2</sup>

Third, the platform should be built to open standards, accommodating both open-source and closed-source software. Though installation of open-source software is not free, its use decouples the software code from implementation and integration

tasks and facilitates customization, extension, and innovation.

Finally, just as evolution requires variety in order to create ecosystem niches, a platform that supports diverse applications will lead to a robust health information economy. This architecture reduces dependence on individual systems by allowing competition and “natural selection” for high-value, low-cost products. This approach contrasts sharply with design of a national system by committee. Like standards, system design must be driven by successful, real-world innovations; an incremental and iterative process is more likely than a wholesale advance prescription to be successful.<sup>3</sup> The platform model allows disruptive technologies to emerge and enables evolution to proceed organically. New companies and players that will contribute to transformation must be recognized and welcomed.

The DHHS could promote the creation of such a system by taking certain actions in terms of regulation, the creation of incentives, and the evaluation of results. Although the platform we envision would support a free marketplace of products and ideas, oversight and regulation are important. The DHHS should ensure that the dominant driving force is the maximization of health and that adequate privacy protection is in place. We must decide as a society what kinds of transactions such a system would be permitted to support. For example, should the platform permit direct-to-consumer advertising or procurement of samples for research?

At the same time, federal incentives should be offered to providers to make use of health information technology in clinical

decision making and in efforts to improve the quality of care and acquire population data for public health. The design of incentives should be built on a realistic respect for physicians' time and effort in order to avoid turning physicians into scribes. A positive step would be to reduce demands for excessive documentation to support billing and medicolegal defense, so that valuable data-entry efforts could serve nobler goals.

In addition, the DHHS should institute a transparent process for evaluation of the platform, individual applications, and the effects of the system on outcomes (health, patient safety, and public health), process measures (physicians' workflow), and costs (of the information technology as well as the provision of health care that relies on it). Ideally, the platform would support applications that would readily allow trials and observational studies of the technology and of therapies and delivery models, promoting what the Institute of Medicine calls a learning health care system.

To get started on this platform, the DHHS should demonstrate at least the kind of interoperability and substitutability that banks have instituted with ATMs. For example, can we produce a medication list for every American that can be obtained through standards-based,<sup>4</sup> interoperable, substitutable applications? It would be a catalytic investment on the part of the government to ensure that such functionality is comfortably seated on a platform that stimulates evolution and competition among contending, substitutable applications.

Medicine is increasingly becoming a knowledge and information

industry, but it did not invent information technology or the Web.<sup>5</sup> It makes sense to draw on other sectors' successes in making this type of transition, and they teach us that if we are to use information technology to improve health care, the variety of practice sizes and styles needs to be complemented by collections of information functions that are packaged on a consistent platform. The applications enabling these functions should be as substitutable

as different stethoscopes in a doctor's office.

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# The SMART Platform: early experience enabling substitutable applications for electronic health records

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective** The Substitutable Medical Applications, Reusable Technologies (SMART) Platforms project seeks to develop a health information technology platform with substitutable applications (apps) constructed around core services. The authors believe this is a promising approach to driving down healthcare costs, supporting standards evolution, accommodating differences in care workflow, fostering competition in the market, and accelerating innovation.

**Materials and methods** The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, through the Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP) Program, funds the project. The SMART team has focused on enabling the property of substitutability through an app programming interface leveraging web standards, presenting predictable data payloads, and abstracting away many details of enterprise health information technology systems. Containers—health information technology systems, such as electronic health records (EHR), personally controlled health records, and health information exchanges that use the SMART app programming interface or a portion of it—marshal data sources and present data simply, reliably, and consistently to apps.

**Results** The SMART team has completed the first phase of the project (a) defining an app programming interface, (b) developing containers, and (c) producing a set of charter apps that showcase the system capabilities. A focal point of this phase was the SMART Apps Challenge, publicized by the White House, using <http://www.challenge.gov> website, and generating 15 app submissions with diverse functionality.

**Conclusion** Key strategic decisions must be made about the most effective market for further disseminating SMART: existing market-leading EHR vendors, new entrants into the EHR market, or other stakeholders such as health information exchanges.

## BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

The structure, function, and cost of the US healthcare system are under ever-increasing scrutiny. But for the system to adapt to the impact of an aging population, growing expenditures, and a diminishing primary care workforce, innovation in medical practice will have to be supported by information technology (IT) that enables rather than hinders experimentation and innovation. The

proprietary electronic health record (EHR) offerings currently on the market tend to be architected monolithically, making modification difficult for hospitals and physician practices. In 2009, we proposed that EHRs instead should be designed as platforms supporting a selection of 'substitutable' modular third party applications (apps).<sup>1</sup>

We drew an analogy with mobile phone platforms such as iPhone and Android, which lower the barrier to app development by providing a software platform with a published interface to a set of core services such as camera, address book, geo-location, and cell and wireless networks. The platform functionally separates the core system from the apps, and the apps are substitutable. Thus, for example, a consumer can download a calendar reminder system, reject it, and replace it with another one. Through substitutable apps, the iPhone and Android platforms now support myriad capabilities that the original platform designers never imagined.

A platform with substitutable apps constructed around core services is a promising approach to driving down healthcare technology costs, supporting standards evolution, accommodating differences in care workflow, fostering competition in the market, and accelerating innovation. With the cost of switching kept low, the platform enables a physician using an EHR, a Chief Information Officer running a hospital IT infrastructure, or a patient using a personally controlled health record (PCHR) to readily discard an underperforming app and install a better one. Competition on quality, cost, and usability is enabled, and the pace of innovation increases. This model stands in stark contrast with the largely monolithic and slow-to-evolve health information systems that have been designed and implemented to date, where one size has to fit most providers, customization is arduous and expensive, and only the few established EHR vendor developers can innovate.

The principle of substitutability is the central focus of the Substitutable Medical Applications, Reusable Technologies (SMART) Platforms project. By defining an app programming interface (API) that consistently presents well-specified data, we seek to (a) enable purchasers, users, and administrators of platform-based systems to be able to install and subsequently substitute apps from different vendors without software programming and (b) create a broad market for app developers

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across multiple systems, including EHRs, PCHRs, and health information exchanges. The SMART Platforms project is funded by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology as a part of the Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP) Program.<sup>2</sup> Here we report on challenges and successes faced during the first year of the project, and describe the architecture of the system.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

We present a fictional scenario to convey the need for SMART Platforms.

A company—Medtastic—has designed an elegant medications-management app which needs access to a current medications list from the EHR. While the user-interface design is considered exemplary, and it market tests extraordinarily well with end users, the company finds that the necessity of having a long and involved sales cycle at each possible install location is draining their venture capital funds. They had hoped to exercise the 80:20 rule and focus on integration with the top five vendors, but: (1) only two of those are willing to entertain the proposition; (2) the technical teams of those vendors are not enthusiastic about prioritizing the work; (3) the Medtastic technical team has found that there is such variation across different instances of each brand of EHR—because of versioning and extensive local customization—that installation of their app will not be turnkey in any way.

The first year of the SMART Platforms project has focused on defining an API that would enable a company like Medtastic to succeed by providing apps with a common interface for working with health data. The interface must be a simplified and semantically precise abstraction of a medical record with well-structured, normalized data elements that app developers can understand. The approach is to harness standards and technol-

ogies behind successful web APIs and to employ open standards and specifications wherever possible.

SMART provides specifications allowing apps to run against existing health IT systems. Our intent is to specify, in detail, everything app developers need in order to create apps rapidly and independently of the SMART team. The scope of the specification encompasses user-interface integration, authentication, authorization, API access, and data payloads.

### Definitions

We define ‘SMART containers’ as health IT systems, such as EHRs, PCHRs, and health information exchanges, that have implemented the SMART API or a portion of it. Containers marshal ‘data sources’ and present them consistently across the SMART API. ‘SMART applications’ consume the API and are substitutable.

### Developer focus

The SMART architecture aims to reduce barriers that app developers face in building apps on health IT systems. By leveraging web standards, presenting predictable data payloads, and abstracting away many details of enterprise health IT systems, SMART allows app developers to focus on core tasks. In figure 1, a sample app called ‘Got Statins?’ illustrates the point. ‘Got Statins?’ is a complete ‘hello world’-style SMART app that obtains a patient’s medication list, iterates through each entry, and makes a simple determination. The entire app fits in 50 lines of HTML and JavaScript.

### Containers

Any SMART container must present normalized clinical data to SMART apps in a reliable and consistent fashion, abstracting away details of the underlying health IT infrastructure. Thus, the same app could run inside our public reference container, an EHR, a PCHR, or a health information exchange.

To enable such substitutability, the SMART architecture imposes a substantial burden of normalization on any container, allowing apps to know upfront what data to expect and what each data element means. An important implication is that

**Figure 1** ‘Got Statins?’ is a complete SMART application (app) in 50 lines of HTML and JavaScript. The app includes an external SMART JavaScript library, then makes a call to obtain all medications for the in-context patient record. A list of drug names is created, and a loop checks each drug name against a list of known statin drugs. ‘Got Statins?’ is designed merely to illustrate the SMART API. A more robust approach would incorporate drug class data from a reference source such as NDF-RT.<sup>3</sup>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head><title>Got Statins?</title></head>
<body>
<h1>Got Statins?</h1>
<a id="TheAnswer">...</a>
<script src="http://sample-apps.smartplatforms.org/framework/smart/scripts/smart-api-page.js"></script>
</script>

SMART.MEDS_get_all(function(meds) {
  var med_list = meds.where("?m rdf:type sp:Medication")
    .where("?m sp:drugName ?n")
    .where("?n dct:terms:title ?drugname");

  var answer = false;
  for (var i = 0; i < med_list.length; i++) {
    if (is_a_statin(med_list[i].drugname.value)) {
      answer = true;
    }
  }
  document.getElementById("TheAnswer").innerHTML = answer ? "Yes." : "No.";
});

var is_a_statin = function(drug) {
  if (drug.match(/statin$/i)) return true;
  if (drug.match(/Advicor/i)) return true;
  // ... additional drug names cut for clarity
  if (drug.match(/Zocor/i)) return true;
  return false;
}
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

**Figure 2** Example of a SMART data payload.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:sp="http://smartplatforms.org/terms#">
  <sp:Problem>
    <sp:onset>2007-06-12</sp:onset>
    <sp:problemName>
      <sp:CodedValue>
        <sp:code rdf:resource="http://www.ihstdo.org/snomed-ct/concepts/37796009"/>
        <dcterms:title>Migraine (disorder)</dcterms:title>
      </sp:CodedValue>
    </sp:problemName>
  </sp:Problem>
</rdf:RDF>
```

some containers may need to reshape underlying data to support the SMART API.

The container's job is best understood through an example. Health IT systems take a variety of approaches to representing medical problems or diagnoses. Some represent a problem as an entity with a start date and a resolution date, persisting over time; other systems represent problems as a series of observations over time. To allow substitutability, SMART takes the stance that a problem has an onset date, resolution date, and a SNOMED CT disorder code. The container must reshape existing data, and the details of transformation will vary case-by-case, but we expect that, in many instances, simple transformations can be computed on-the-fly. For example, an EHR may maintain a discrete list of dates and ICD9 codes indicating that a patient experienced migraine headaches. To format the appropriate SMART problem list, the EHR would need to bundle up related ICD9 diagnoses into a SMART problem element with an appropriate onset date, resolution date (which may be null for ongoing problems), and a SNOMED CT disorder code for migraine. Figure 2 provides an example.

We emphasize that reshaping data in such ways may not always be a straightforward or even well-defined task. Some systems may be unable to implement the complete SMART API—for example, if underlying data models are too divergent from the SMART specifications. Such limitations arise because substitutability is a high bar.

### Data models, coding, and normalization

In practical terms, substitutability is a high bar because it imposes a need for 'semantic interoperability' between apps and containers. To achieve this interoperability, SMART defines a highly normalized abstraction of a medical record that is designed to be intuitive and easy to learn. Key features include: (a) developers work directly with concrete types such as allergy, medication, or problem, not abstract types such as entity, actor, or role; (b) the SMART specification is 'opinionated,' making upfront choices about how data are represented so that developers know what to expect—for instance, every problem in a SMART record is associated with a SNOMED CT<sup>4</sup> disorder code; (c) SMART defines a limited set of broadly applicable data types, rather than permitting a proliferation of interface-specific definitions.

We take this approach because poorly normalized data require developers and apps to expend tremendous effort just 'making sense' of the payloads they receive. For example, consider an app that obtains a list of medications from a container to assess for polypharmacy. If some of the medications are coded with National Drug Codes (NDC),<sup>5</sup> others with RxNorm<sup>6</sup> codes, and still others with codes from a local dictionary, the app must first go through the considerable effort of remapping these codes into

some common vocabulary, reducing the integrity of the medication list while creating additional work for an app developer.

Concretely, SMART represents a medical record as a series of statements or 'triples' according to the Resource Description Framework.<sup>7</sup> Multiple statements together form a 'graph' of patient data. The meaning of each element in this graph is precisely defined by the SMART ontology in OWL2 DL,<sup>8</sup> a web standard for representing knowledge based on formal description logics. Thus, each SMART medical record has an explicit, formally defined meaning—but app developers performing simple operations with SMART medical records do not need any deep understanding of OWL2.

Importantly, SMART data models are still a work in progress, and they are limited in scope: the intention is not to provide a detailed model for every possible aspect of a patient's medical history. Rather, at this stage, SMART attempts to provide highly consistent views for the most common data elements. The SMART data models are freely available.<sup>9</sup>

### App programming interface

The current version of the SMART API provides a read-only view of the patient record. An app can access the API through two distinct routes: SMART Connect and SMART REST. SMART Connect is the browser-based JavaScript interface illustrated in the 'Got Statins?' app (figure 1), designed to offer a lightweight approach for developers building apps with rich client-side functionality. SMART REST provides a representation state transfer interface to the medical record, allowing an app's back-end component to communicate directly with a container.

Regardless of whether data are accessed through SMART Connect or SMART REST, the set of API calls and payload formats are the same. Each patient, and each clinical statement about that patient, is represented as a resource with a URI. The structure of these URIs is specified with respect to a container's 'base URI.' For example, a public SMART sandbox container is hosted with the base URI: <http://sandbox-api.smartplatforms.org/>. (The user interface associated with this public sandbox is presented at <http://sandbox.smartplatforms.org/>.) An individual patient in the sandbox might be identified by: <http://sandbox-api.smartplatforms.org/records/123>. A single medication on that patient's medication list is represented as: <http://sandbox-api.smartplatforms.org/records/123/medications/456>.

### Authentication and authorization

Installing a SMART app on a container is a statement of trust in the app about its functions and handling of privacy and security of data. In this respect, installing a SMART app is no different than installing any other clinical IT system. The SMART architecture is flexible, allowing apps to be hosted within an institutional intranet, or remotely 'in the cloud'. Existing health IT

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systems have heterogeneous methods of authentication and authorization. To allow a single app to run against heterogeneous systems, the SMART specification standardizes the authentication of API access but allows an underlying container to apply its own authorization mechanisms. This means that, when an app makes an API call, the container can be certain that the call has not been forged. But the container retains full power to determine whether the app is, in fact, authorized to retrieve the data it has requested. Two authentication schemes are employed, one for SMART Connect and one for SMART REST calls.

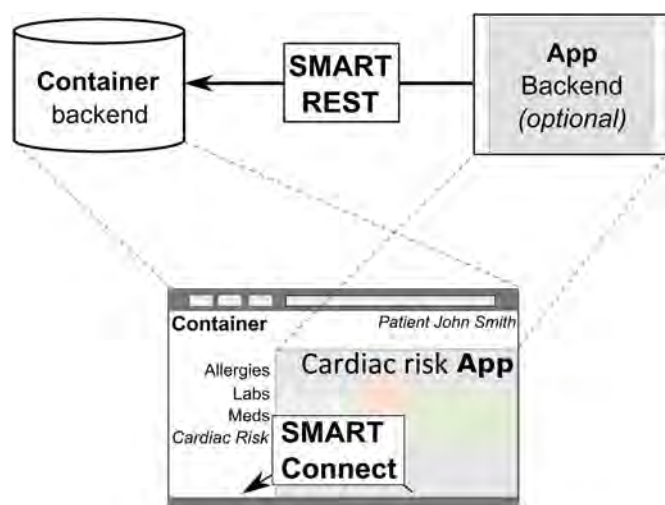
Since SMART Connect calls happen in-browser, they are by definition made in the context of an established user session. In this case, no additional authentication is explicitly required by the SMART specification. SMART REST calls, on the other hand, are made server-to-server and are signed using a token and shared secret via the OAuth 1.0a protocol—an open protocol for secure API authentication.<sup>10</sup> The scope of access tokens is kept narrow so that, for instance, an app requires a separate access token for each patient record it wishes to query. Figure 3 illustrates the SMART API functionality.

### User-interface apps

SMART user-interface apps are user-facing, browser-based apps written as HTML5 web apps, which are platform-independent and run in all modern web browsers on desktops or mobile devices. They integrate into an existing health IT system via the HTML inline-frame element. If an existing health IT system is web-based, SMART apps may be integrated by adding an IFRAME to an existing web interface. If an existing health IT system runs a ‘thick client,’ inclusion of a SMART app may require augmenting the client with a ‘web view’ widget or launching a separate browser instance.

### Background apps

Background apps employ the same API calls as user-interface apps but perform data processing and analysis without the need for user



**Figure 3** At the center, a web browser window presents two principal components: (1) a white border region belongs to the SMART container, displaying a list of available applications (apps) as well as patient context; (2) a larger gray block belongs to a single ‘Cardiac Risk’ app. As illustrated, the ‘Cardiac Risk’ app can request data from the container directly inside the browser via SMART Connect; an app with a back-end component may request data with a server-to-server call via SMART REST. In either case, the SMART-enabled electronic medical record or personally controlled health record responds with the same SMART RDF data payload.

interaction. Since these background apps do not run in the context of a web-browsing session, they must access patient data via SMART REST, not SMART Connect. In addition, SMART provides a preliminary interface for background apps to loop through the patients in a container one-by-one, fetching and processing data for each. Hence, background apps can be used for batch-processing tasks such as executing clinical rules or computing quality measures. Background apps might also be used to simulate population-level queries by serially evaluating one patient at a time, although this approach is unlikely to scale to large datasets.

## RESULTS

In addition to development of the API, the first-year efforts centered on SMART-enabling select containers and creation of a small set of charter apps to demonstrate functionality and inform system design.

### Apps challenge

A focal point of the first year was the SMART Apps Challenge. Sponsored by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, we launched a developer-focused challenge on the Administration’s Challenge.gov website.<sup>11</sup> The contest, offering a US\$5000 prize and judged by a blue ribbon panel,<sup>12</sup> was announced by the President’s Chief Technology Officer, Anesh Chopra, at the 2010 mHealth Conference during his shared Keynote with Bill Gates,<sup>13</sup> and on his White House blog.<sup>14</sup>

The SMART team created a reference container deployed in a ‘sandbox’ environment for challenge entrants populated with a hybrid of anonymized and synthesized clinical data for 50 sample patients, published for open use and redistribution.<sup>9</sup> The challenge was to build a SMART app that provides value to patients, providers, or researchers, using patient-level data delivered through the SMART API.

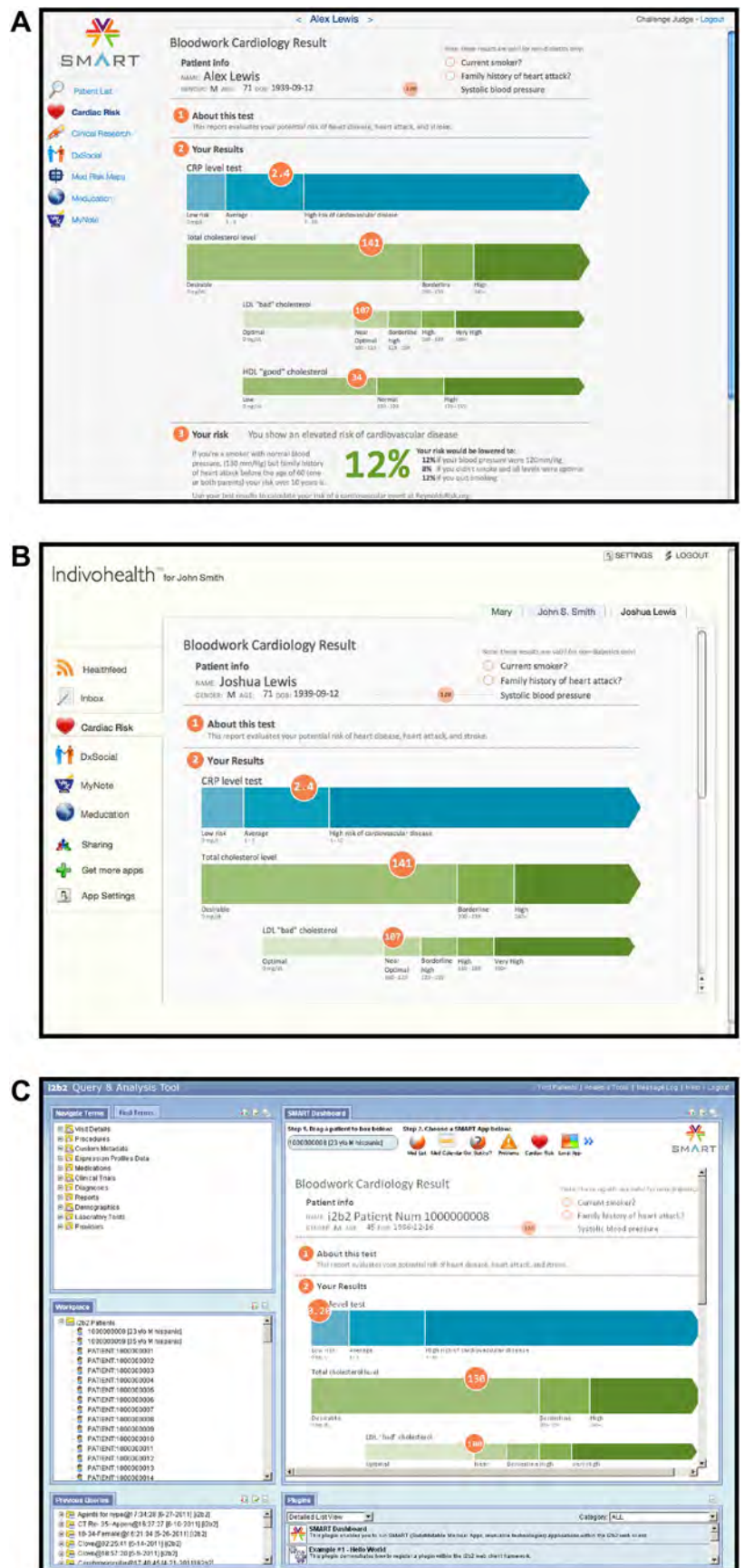
There were 15 entries with functionality such as generating multi-lingual patient-facing medication instructions, or providing a public health dashboard that links EHRs with immunization registry and syndromic surveillance data. The winner was the Meducation app by Polyglot. Meducation pulls the patient’s medication list across the API and joins it to simplified patient-friendly instructions for the individual medications in 12 languages. Polyglot is a small company whose business model would clearly be advanced by SMART API access to the wider IT infrastructure. The challenge achieved several objectives: (1) forcing an early (10 months into the project) release of the API and sandbox; (2) necessitating early development of charter apps (see below); (3) requiring extensive documentation and creation of website and promotional materials; (4) widely publicizing the platform; (5) for only a US\$5000 investment, generating 15 intriguing apps; (6) demonstrating a key property of SMART—the challenge apps were able to run, unmodified, across multiple platforms.

### Building SMART containers

A three-step process converts an existing health IT system into a SMART container: exposing data through the SMART API, providing a place for apps within or alongside the existing health IT system’s user interface, and implementing appropriate authentication. In addition to the SMART reference container, we are SMART-enabling three open source systems: the Indivo PCHR<sup>15–17</sup>; the Informatics for Integrating Biology and the Bedside analytic platform—i2b2<sup>18 19</sup>; and the Open Medical Record System (OpenMRS).<sup>20 21</sup>

Using published Cerner APIs, we are working to implement a portion of the SMART API on top of the Children’s Hospital

**Figure 4** The 'Cardiac Risk' app, based on David McCandless' design (released under a Creative Commons license) shown running unmodified in (A) the SMART reference container, (B) the Indivo PCHR, and (C) the i2b2 analytic platform.

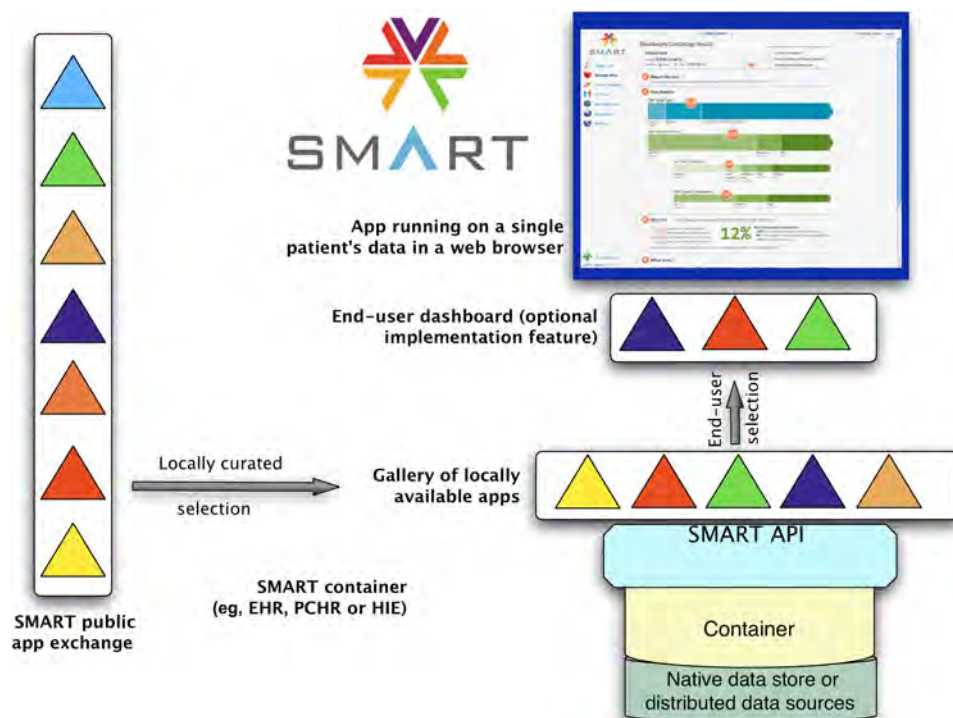


Boston Cerner Millennium installation, with a goal of deploying the 'Pediatric Blood Pressure' app described below. Our initial approach involves loose coupling on the front-end, allowing

clinicians to click a link within Cerner's PowerChart patient view to launch a SMART app in a new browser window. On the back-end, we have built a thin translation layer that exposes a few key

## Research and applications

**Figure 5** The envisioned SMART ecosystem. Health IT systems, such as electronic health records (EHR), personal health records (PCHR), and health information exchanges (HIE), that use the SMART application (app) programming interface (API) or a portion of it marshal data sources and present data simply, reliably, and consistently to apps. Apps are made available, under a business model to be specified, in one or more app exchanges. Administrators of individual SMART container installations (eg, vendors, chief information officers, practice leaders) can choose which apps are made available to their end users. End users can create a 'dashboard' of apps that they use in their workflow.



data elements including patient demographics, encounters, and vital signs, by issuing queries against the Cerner published 'Millennium Objects' SOAP interface, and translating results to SMART RDF on-the-fly. Early experience indicates that on-the-fly translation is feasible, but pre-fetching and caching results may be required for acceptable performance on larger datasets. The source code for the translation layer, including hooks into the SMART Reference EHR, is available from [https://github.com/chb/smart\\_grails\\_proxy](https://github.com/chb/smart_grails_proxy). In addition, Microsoft has produced a proof-of-concept SMART-enabled version of their HealthVault PCHR.

### Charter apps

We have created several charter apps, briefly described here.

The 'Cardiac Risk' app is based on a conceptualization by David McCandless of a consumer-friendly presentation of cardiac risk based on laboratory information about cholesterol, demographics, and risk factors. The image appeared in *Wired* magazine<sup>22</sup> and is posted on McCandless' website for use under the Creative Commons license.<sup>23</sup> The SMART team, programming against the SMART reference container, created a functional, interactive app faithful to McCandless' aspiration. Figure 4 shows the app running in the SMART reference container, on the Indivo PCHR and the i2b2 analytic platform.

The 'Adherence' app accepts medication fulfillment histories, displays gaps in medication possession, and predicts future non-adherence.<sup>24</sup> The 'Blood Pressure' app is the first SMART app designed for a defined population of real-world clinical users; developed according to clinician-derived specifications at the Children's Hospital Boston, it connects to a SMART-enabled Cerner EHR and monitors trends in blood pressure, flagging hypertension in pediatric patients by applying NIH guidelines that incorporate a child's age, gender, and height.

### Upcoming research areas and strategic decisions

#### App distribution and access

While the full business model for distribution of SMART apps is still emerging, a few principles are clear. First, while the SMART

API will remain open source and available under the Apache 2.0 license, there is no such obligation for externally developed apps, which may be open or closed source code. Second, we are not committed to a single iTunes-like app store, but rather envision that there may be one or several app exchanges. Assessing quality of apps will be a multi-input process, no doubt involving local opinion leaders, professional organizations, and possibly certification bodies. Administrators of individual SMART container installations (eg, vendors, chief information officers, practice leaders) can choose which apps are made available to their end users (figure 5). End users can create a 'dashboard' of apps that they use in their workflow. Security concerns may inform deployment decisions at a given site. For example, a hospital may want to install all SMART apps on locally hosted servers within the hospital intranet to help ensure the proper treatment of protected health information. By contrast, a PCHR may have much greater tolerance for running cloud-hosted apps, allowing individual patients to determine with which apps they wish to share data.

### Write API

To date, the SMART API provides a read-only view of the patient record. We have constrained the API in this fashion in order to lower the barriers for existing health IT systems to adopt SMART and benefit from a growing community of apps. Allowing apps to write data back to a container considerably increases the complexity of implementation. We plan to add write capabilities gradually, as support for the read-only API grows.

### Standards

With a goal of maintaining an open stack, we use web standards extensively (eg, HTML, JavaScript,<sup>25</sup> OAuth, RDF) and medical standards for coding systems (eg, RxNorm, LOINC,<sup>25</sup> SNOMED). The space of open clinical data models is underdeveloped. There is no widely implemented, developer-friendly open standard, for example, for what a medication, fulfillment,

or blood pressure looks like. Hence, we have been defining a simple set of abstractions, which we are refining over time.

We believe that the SMART standards and a modern web-based app platform are strong initial steps toward a universal exchange language suggested by the Presidential Council of Advisors on Science and Technology in their report to the President on Health Information Technology.<sup>26</sup> The report recognizes lack of interoperability as a major barrier to health IT adoption and recommends abandoning traditional health data standards and allowing the market to drive semantic harmonization. SMART puts forth a clear model for common health data, starting with medications and fulfillments, problems, allergies, and simple blood laboratory results. The model will continue to evolve, especially over the next year, as the apps market requirements become clear. We have not abandoned current standards, and rely heavily on SNOMED, RxNorm, and LOINC. Our modeling approach allows expression of atomic data points such as single allergies, problems, or a single blood laboratory value, exactly as recommended by the Presidential Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Further, it allows for the addition of additional semantics over time, without the existing data being affected, or the existing software that relies on these data.

## CONCLUSION

Over a period of less than 14 months, we have gone from the point of defining an approach to building a working API which has been used as the basis of several EHR apps developed by groups with no relationship to the SMART team. Nonetheless, we recognize several important challenges and questions. First, where is the most effective market for further disseminating SMART? Is it with the existing market-leading EHR vendors, with the new entrants into the EHR market, or with other stakeholders such as health information exchanges and accountable care organizations? At this time it remains unclear where the major adoption is going to occur. We are currently experimenting with three models of technology diffusion: (1) integration with legacy systems (as described above in our Cerner integration); (2) deployment of apps in health information exchanges; (3) deployment of apps running on a parallel platform (i2b2) with real-time extraction, transformation, and loading from the EHR.

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## Summary

The Informatics Program at Children’s Hospital Boston (CHIP) recently convened a meeting of leading experts in health, innovation and technology to define ten core principles of a platform that would support healthcare information technology.

The meeting was held May 13 at the Harvard Medical School Center for Biomedical Informatics and took the form of a workshop. It followed publication of a *New England Journal of Medicine* Perspective article authored by CHIP researchers entitled, “[No Small Change for the Health Information Economy.](#)”<sup>1</sup> In the paper, the authors argued that a vibrant and evolving health system requires a healthcare information technology infrastructure based less on monolithic, pre-defined products and more on a general-purpose platform that would support a collection of simple applications each doing a single task consistently and reliably. Under this view of a healthcare infrastructure, as one’s needs evolve, one could substitute simple applications within a platform, rather than substitute in an “all or nothing” way, one vendor product for another. The platform would allow a clinical practice or hospital to select the combination of applications that are most useful for the local environment. A practice or a hospital would be able to download, for example, a medication management application from one vendor and a notifiable disease reporting tool from another. As alternative applications are developed by competitors, the existing ones may be replaced, or new ones added.

The authors of the *New England Journal of Medicine* perspective held up the Apple iPhone as an example of the success of substitutability. The iPhone is one of several products that employ a software platform with a published interface to facilitate a low-cost, efficient, and reliable software development process open to the market; there are now more than 20,000 applications that consumers can download and use with the iPhone. The iPhone separates the platform from the functionality provided by the applications, which are easily substitutable by the lay person. One can download a calendar reminder system, reject it, and download another one instead. The consumer commits to the platform because of its flexibility and commits to various applications on the basis of need, value, usability, and cost.

Participants of the May workshop believe that an infrastructure based on “substitutable” components is a highly promising way to drive down healthcare technology costs, allow flexibility, support standards evolution, accommodate differences in care workflow, foster competition in the market, and accelerate innovation. The model stands in stark contrast to the vast majority of health information systems that have been designed and implemented to date. The current trajectory of health information systems development, we fear, may not scale, may not be sufficiently adaptable, and may not meet even near-term national expectations, much less adapt rapidly to innovations in healthcare delivery.

The workshop participants believe this dramatically different, platform-based “substitutable” model is sufficiently promising to warrant consideration by the Department of Health and Human Services, and many other stakeholders, as they consider means of implementing the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act.

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## Ten Principles for Fostering

### Development of an “iPhone-like” Platform for Healthcare Information Technology

- 1. Technology platforms that support substitutable applications should be promoted.** We suspect that low rates of technology adoption in practice settings may largely be explained in terms of the mismatch between system needs and available products. Rather than ask: “What electronic health record (EHR) is ideal for my practice?” perhaps we should ask, “What tasks do I ‘hire’ my EHR to support?” Some of these tasks—particularly basic clinical and administrative tasks—are fairly well-defined. But in many instances, we simply do not have a census on the specific work activities across the ever-growing number of settings in which technology can support and enable better healthcare. Those who understand these tasks are not empowered to create useful applications to support those tasks, because no platform exists to easily adopt such applications. Platforms composed of substitutable components would promote the creation of, and enable the incremental adoption of, useful task-specific applications with low switching costs. Such an approach is ideal when organizations are adapting to external changes in their practice environment, and discovering more effective means of performing their internal work. A platform of such applications also removes the constraint of *a priori* determination of tasks and avoids an over-specification of system requirements.
- 2. Messages and protocols for data exchange should be allowed to emerge on demand in a market-driven approach, and specified transparently at every level.** The rapid and recent progress in the standards debate suggests a convergence nationally along a greatly restricted set of standards that can be made interoperable as the need arises and the market dictates. Substitutable applications enable interoperability to evolve with the evolving healthcare system from the bottom up. For example, a suite of wellness applications linked to everyday activities may require unique protocols, but these protocols are currently a matter of debate, and perhaps best resolved through the actual needs of the users of applications—not through forced consensus. While top-down approaches to such problems are at times necessary, they do not foster the nimbleness required to adopt the best of technology in addressing important healthcare needs.
- 3. Protocols and application programming interfaces should allow the possibility of multiple platforms co-existing.** Successful evolution of a platform model may involve development of multiple competing platforms as long as each remains open to substitutable third party applications.
- 4. Application programming interfaces should be open.** Third-party vendors should be able to develop plug-and-play applications and play without barriers.
- 5. Substitutable application or platform vendors should not have control over what is installed on the platform.** In response to provider/practitioner requests, local systems administrators should be able to install modules without permission from the vendor. As long as application developers demonstrate that their software does not adversely interact with other applications, and provides the specified services accurately, consistently, and reliably, platform vendors should have no control over what applications may be created, made available, or installed. Other mechanisms to certify, regulate, or recommend applications should be developed (e.g., through professional societies).

6. **Application installation should be turnkey.** Administrators of platform-based systems should be able to install applications from different vendors without software programming.
7. **The intellectual property of platforms and applications should be kept separate.** Only freely available application programming interfaces should be used for all application development. Undocumented access to platform internals should be prohibited, particularly by platform vendors.
8. **All applications should be removable and none should be required to run a platform.** To avoid “vendor lock,” even base system platform software bundled with substitutable applications should provide an option to remove those applications.
9. **The platform should have a highly efficient delivery mechanism for applications.** Successful platforms, such as the Apple iPhone platform, have demonstrated the importance of efficient mechanisms for delivering applications to customers.
10. **Certification requirements for platforms and applications should be kept minimal to maximize substitutability.** This approach moves away from definition of a product, and toward definition of a platform that supports substitutable applications that meet the tasks they are “hired” to perform. Each application must be rigorously shown to have reliable and proven interactions with the base platform, but should not be required to certify specific user functionality. Such an approach eliminates the risk of premature definitions of products like “EHRs,” and rightly returns the focus towards technologies that accomplish the tasks people “hire” these applications to do.

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