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**The Role(s) of the Public and Private
Sectors in Improving Healthcare
Through Information Technology**
The Role of a Professional Society

American College of Physicians

ACP as a Professional Society

- Establishes and promotes standards
- Champions quality improvement
- Leads in policy development and implementation
- Collaborates with stakeholders, including other professional societies.

Medical Professionalism in the New Millennium: A Physician Charter

Principles

- *Principle of primacy of patient welfare*
- *Principle of patient autonomy*
- *Principle of social justice.*

Set of Professional responsibilities

- *Commitment to improving quality of care*

Project of the ABIM Foundation, ACP Foundation, and European Federation of Internal Medicine

Ann Intern Med. 2002;136:243-246. (Simultaneously published in *The Lancet*)

Medical Professionalism in the New Millennium: A Physician Charter

Commitment to improving quality of care

“Physicians, both individually and through their professional associations, must take responsibility for assisting in the creation and implementation of mechanisms designed to encourage continuous improvement in the quality of care.”

Safety and Quality - IOM

- **To Err is Human: Building A Safer Health System (1999)**
- **Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century (2001)**
- **Fostering Rapid Advances in Health Care: Learning from System Demonstrations (2002)**



Crossing the Quality Chasm

Recommendation #7

- **“Use of Information technologies to improve access to clinical information and support clinical decision making”**
- **“Redesign of care processes...”**
- **“Knowledge and skills management”**
- **“Incorporation of performance and outcome measures for improvement and accountability”**

Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st century (2001) The National Academy of Sciences

Measurement and Improvement

“Without measurement there is no improvement; to improve, however, the measurement has to be taken consistently over time. Physicians are trained to observe, measure and record symptoms or test results....

To accelerate the adoption of quality principles, professional societies have to engage their membership in targeted quality efforts.”

Don Berwick

What is ACP doing about HIT Adoption?

Strategic Plan Outlining ACP's Health IT Efforts (July 2004)

ACP Policy:

- **March 2004 “The Paperless Medical Office: Digital Technology's Potential for the Internist”**
(<http://www.acponline/hpp/paperless.htm>)
- **April 2004 “Enhancing the Quality of Patient Care Through Interoperable Exchange of Electronic healthcare Information”**
(http://www.acponline.org/hpp/quality_care.pdf).
- **April 2004 “The Use of Performance Measurements to Improve Physician Quality of Care”**
http://www.acponline.org/hpp/performance_measure.pdf

ACP and HIT Adoption

- **Advocating for national electronic health information infrastructure;**
- **Participating in public and private sector initiatives to support the development and implementation of interoperable electronic health information systems;**
- **Facilitating internists' participation in demonstration projects on interoperable electronic health information systems;**



ACP and HIT Adoption

- Providing clinical decision support tools, such as ACP's real-time point-of-care tool the Physicians' Information and Education Resource (PIER), which can be integrated into office-based electronic health information systems; and
- Providing physician and technical input into the development and implementation of voluntary quality performance measures and health information systems industry standards;
- Providing practice management assistance to internists to help them make informed decisions on acquiring components compatible with interoperable electronic health information systems, particularly in small and medium-sized practices.



Physicians Information and Information Resource (PIER) Clinical Decision Support

ACP PIER - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Clinical Guidance from ACP

Welcome

PIER: The Physicians' Information and Education Resource.
Find authoritative, evidence-based guidance to improve clinical care.
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8/03/04 NEW MODULE: [Bullous Pemphigoid](#)

7/30/04 NEW MODULE: [Pregnancy-associated Liver Disease](#)

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ACP and HIT Adoption

Supporting National Initiatives:

- **NHII Strategic Plan**



- **eHealth Initiative**



- **Connecting for Health Roadmap**



- **Certification Commission for Health Information Technology**

Closing Thoughts

- **Professional societies play a major role in HIT adoption and quality improvement.**
- **Patients and their care are the priorities of professional society activity.**
- **The goals of quality improvement and HIT adoption must be more closely aligned and communicated among the stakeholders.**
- **The barriers to HIT adoption and QI must be systematically addressed as a national priority**