



**PARTNERSHIP** for  
HEALTH IT PATIENT SAFETY  
*Making healthcare safer together*

# National Collaboration to Advance Health IT Safety

## ECRI Institute convening stakeholders to prioritize action

Health information technology (IT) is transforming healthcare. Health IT—when it works as intended—improves care and patient safety; it also introduces new types of risk.

ECRI Institute is now responding to the call for a national collaborative to address health IT safety, through the following actions:

- Leading coordinated efforts to identify, examine, address, and measure progress on safety concerns;
- Advancing the principle of shared responsibility by engaging clinicians, hospitals and other providers, health IT developers, patient safety organizations, patients, and safety experts;
- Aggregating data from multiple sources to identify and prioritize emerging risks and provide the rationale for safety improvements; and
- Serving as a clearinghouse to disseminate health IT safety tools, solutions, best practices, and resources.

ECRI Institute, a trusted voice on healthcare safety, convened the *Partnership for Health IT Patient Safety* in 2014. Now engaging more than 100 collaborators, the *Partnership* is transforming to a national HIT Safety Collaborative.

“Safety challenges cannot be solved, or even fully identified, without multiple players working in a collaborative learning environment,” says Ronni Solomon, JD, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, ECRI Institute.

Learn more about the national health IT safety collaborative by visiting [hitsafety.org](http://hitsafety.org) or sending us an email at [hit@ecri.org](mailto:hit@ecri.org).

## Building on this shared vision, the National Collaborative will:

 <b>Foster Innovation and Improvement for Safer Patient Care</b>			
 <p>Broaden Shared Responsibility through Collaboration</p>	 <p>Use Data and Evidence to Identify National Priorities</p>	 <p>Disseminate, Coordinate, and Share Tools and Best Practices</p>	 <p>Measure National Progress on Technology Safety</p>

### Join the National Collaborative for Health IT Safety to:

- Define national priorities
- Share tools and best practices
- Measure national progress on technology safety
- Build a learning health system for safety

Invest in this shared responsibility and help us shape the future of health IT.

By working together, we provide safer care to patients.

## Join Now

Visit [hitsafety.org](http://hitsafety.org) or send us an email at [hit@ecri.org](mailto:hit@ecri.org).



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## About ECRI Institute

For 50 years, ECRI Institute, a nonprofit organization, has been dedicated to bringing the discipline of applied scientific research to discover which medical procedures, devices, drugs, and processes are best, all to improve patient care. We are designated an Evidence-Based Practice Center by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and listed as a federal Patient Safety Organization by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Our more than 5,000 members include healthcare organizations, public and private payers, medical professional liability insurers, U.S. federal and state government agencies, ministries of health, associations, and accrediting agencies worldwide.

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## About the *Partnership for Health IT Patient Safety*

The *Partnership for Health IT Patient Safety* is a multi-stakeholder collaborative whose goal is to make health information technology safer together. The *Partnership* provides a non-punitive learning environment and includes healthcare providers, health IT developers, academic researchers, patient safety organizations, liability insurers, professional societies, and patient advocates. The *Partnership* receives funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

The *Partnership* gathers and analyzes safety data with an eye toward improving the safe design and use of health IT, and identifying the potential for health IT to make care safer for patients. The *Partnership* convenes regular meetings and disseminates lessons learned. Workgroups convened by the *Partnership* conduct in-depth study of focused safety topics and issue safe practice recommendations and toolkits. For a set of implementation resources on *Copy and Paste*, *Patient Identification*, *Developing a Health IT Safety Program*, and *Closing the Loop*, go to [www.hitsafety.org](http://www.hitsafety.org). The *Partnership* publicly disseminates these materials and encourages their use and distribution.

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