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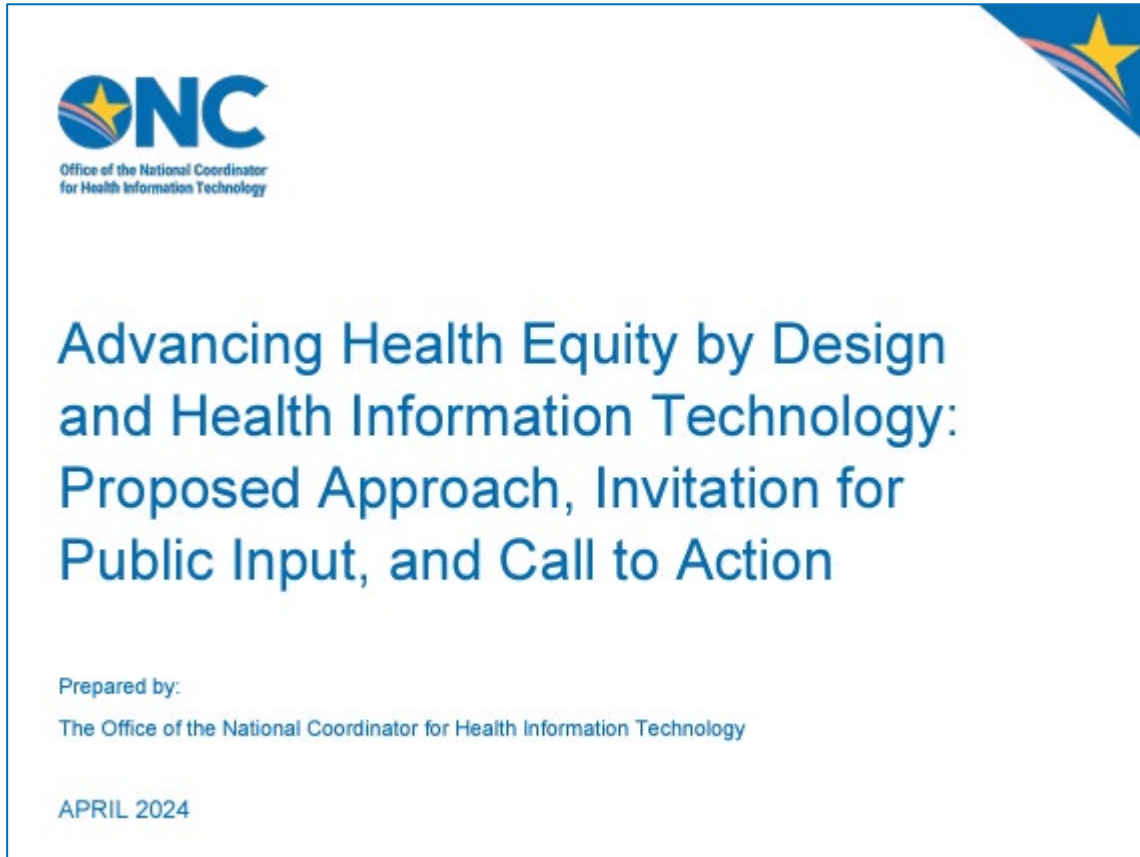
# Advancing Health Equity by Design and Health Information Technology

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# ONC's Proposed Approach for Health Equity by Design



## Purpose:

- Identify how health care systems, public health agencies, and others within the health industry are incorporating health equity principles and actions into their health IT design, development, deployment, analytics, policies, and workflows.
- Determine how ONC can best support and advance health equity by design in health IT nationwide through standards, policies, and programs.
- Provide a call to action to catalyze efforts to advance and incorporate health equity by design in health IT nationwide.

# Health IT Advisory Committee

## Discussion Questions



1. What actions should ONC consider to address health equity by design and existing barriers?
  - How should ONC approach health equity by design as it relates to standards, health IT certification, electronic health information exchange, coordination, and measurement and monitoring?
  - What aspects of health equity by design should ONC prioritize for further HITAC consideration and deliberation?
  - What additional policies or programs are needed to ensure commitment to and accountability for incorporating health equity principles and practices into health IT nationwide?
  
2. How do your organizations design and integrate health equity into your health IT infrastructure and practices (including examples related to health information collection, exchange, and use)?
  - For organizations that do not directly deliver care, how do your organizations account for health equity in your standard business practices?