



Health IT Advisory  
Committee

# Annual Report Workgroup Meeting

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# Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Opening Remarks
- Update on Workgroup Plans
- Discussion of Draft Crosswalk of Topics for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24
- Discussion of Illustrative Story Ideas for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24
- Public Comment
- Next Steps and Adjourn



# Update on Workgroup Plans

# Meeting Schedule for the Annual Report Workgroup

| Meeting Date           | Action Items/Deliverables to Review   |
|------------------------|---|
| June 3, 2024           | Develop list of topics for FY24 Annual Report                                   |
| June 17, 2024          | Develop list of topics for FY24 Annual Report                                   |
| July 8, 2024           | Develop crosswalk of topics for FY24 Annual Report                              |
| July 22, 2024          | Develop crosswalk of topics for FY24 Annual Report                              |
| August 5, 2024         | Develop crosswalk of topics for FY24 Annual Report                              |
| August 26, 2024        | Develop crosswalk of topics for FY24 Annual Report                              |
| September 9, 2024      | Develop crosswalk of topics and illustrative story ideas for FY24 Annual Report |
| September 23, 2024     | Develop crosswalk of topics and illustrative story ideas for FY24 Annual Report |
| October 7, 2024        | Develop draft FY24 Annual Report for HITAC review                               |
| October 29, 2024       | Update draft FY24 Annual Report for HITAC approval                              |
| November/December 2024 | Ready FY24 Annual Report for transmittal  |

# Meeting Schedule for the Full Committee

| Meeting Date       | Action Items/Deliverables to Review                                     |
|--------------------|---|
| June 13, 2024      | Update on status of FY24 Annual Report development                      |
| July 11, 2024      | Update on status of FY24 Annual Report development (discuss topic list) |
| August 15, 2024    | Update on status of FY24 Annual Report development (discuss crosswalk)  |
| September 12, 2024 | Update on status of FY24 Annual Report development                      |
| October 17, 2024   | Review draft FY24 Annual Report   |
| November 7, 2024   | Approve final FY24 Annual Report  |

# Next Steps for Development of the HITAC Annual Report for FY24

- The workgroup completes the proposed tiers for the topics and discusses illustrative story ideas today
- The workgroup reviews the draft report on October 7, 2024
- The workgroup presents the draft report to the HITAC on October 17, 2024
- After further edits, the HITAC votes to approve the report and transmits it to the National Coordinator in November 2024
- ASTP forwards the final report to the HHS Secretary and Congress and posts it on [healthit.gov](https://healthit.gov)



# Discussion of Draft Crosswalk of Topics for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24

# Draft Crosswalk of Topics for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24

- Please refer to draft crosswalk of topics for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24
- Assign a proposed tier for each topic:
  - Immediate (calendar years 2025-2026)
  - Longer-Term (calendar years 2027-2030 and beyond)





# Discussion of Illustrative Story Ideas for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24

# Illustrative Story Ideas for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24

- The illustrative stories are aspirational, demonstrating examples of what the Recommended HITAC Activities will enable in the future rather than describing the current state. The following are initial ideas for each target area. Please suggest others as well.
- **Health Equity: Addressing Bias in AI Models for Clinical Care**
  - A health system dermatology department uses an AI tool trained on diverse data, including minority group representation
  - Clinicians can better diagnose skin conditions on darker skin tones with the user-friendly, transparent AI tool
  - Staff training and bias mitigation have improved diagnosis speed and reduced disparities in treatment of cancer, psoriasis, and eczema

# Illustrative Story Ideas for the HITAC Annual Report for FY24

- **Public Health: Leveraging the TEFCA for a Viral Outbreak**
  - A female patient visits an urgent care clinic in the evening, complaining of cough and fever
  - Her health data are updated in real-time through the TEFCA during her urgent care visit
  - Public health authorities use the de-identified data to identify and monitor a viral outbreak in her town
  - The TEFCA enables collaboration among state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) authorities, ensuring resources are deployed efficiently to outbreak hotspots

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- **Interoperability: Enhancing Post-Surgical Care Coordination**

- A senior patient is transferred from the hospital to a post-acute care facility after hip replacement surgery
- The post-acute care facility uses a certified Health IT Module for seamless data exchange with providers
- Radiological images and progress reports are shared with the surgeon and primary care provider (PCP), ensuring coordinated care
- The availability of post-surgery recovery data aids follow-up care, with imaging updates added to the patient's longitudinal record

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- **Privacy and Security: Accessing PHI Disclosures**

- A patient with sickle cell anemia has been seeing her hematologist for five years and participated in a sickle cell study at her doctor's suggestion
- She is concerned about her privacy and curious about where her protected health information (PHI) has been disclosed
- A new patient portal feature of the hematologist's EHR system allows patients to request an accounting of PHI disclosures for the past six years, in accordance with recently enacted HIPAA regulations
- The feature was developed through a public-private partnership between the federal government and medical providers to simplify the disclosure tracking process
- The system tags PHI disclosures, presenting the information in layperson's terms at a sixth-grade reading level

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- **Patient Access to Information: Reducing Patient Burden**
  - A woman who speaks English as a second language sees multiple healthcare providers in different networks for several health conditions, resulting in extra effort to gather her health data from various specialists
  - Health IT developers have implemented features such as multiple languages, instructions in plain language written at a sixth-grade level, and both digital literacy and health information tutorials
  - As a result of the new patient portal functionality and the TEFCA, she is able to consolidate her health information from across multiple providers and spend less time coordinating her care

# Public Comment

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*Written comments will not be read at this time,  
but they will be delivered to members of the workgroup and made part of the public record*

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# Meeting Adjourned