

Follow the ONC Road: Interoperability Map Plots Path to a Learning Health System

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The lack of interoperable health information systems and IT has long been a barrier to achieving a learning health system (LHS) in the US. As the Institute of Medicine defines it, a LHS is a system in which “progress in science, informatics, and care culture align to generate new knowledge as an ongoing, natural byproduct of the care experience, and seamlessly refine and deliver best practices for continuous improvement in health and health care.” Creating an evidence-based healthcare system requires a reliance on a robust national health IT system.

This infographic created by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) from its recently released Health IT Interoperability Road Map explains how the government agency plans to help achieve interoperability, mile by mile, within 10 years. To view the complete infographic, visit www.healthit.gov/newsroom/shared-nationwide-interoperability-roadmap-journey-better-health-and-care.

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