

# The Pulse

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## Subscribers Corner

Welcome to all the new subscribers this month! We hope the [HIPAA webinars](#) helped further your understanding of the new compliance rules. We are currently producing new webinars that will expand the knowledge base of our library. Look for topics on HITECH Grants, selecting an EHR, and web presence for physicians.

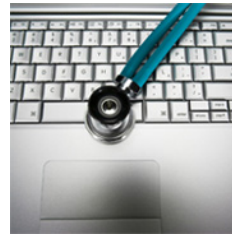
[Check out the new sections to subscribers pages.](#) The webinars are now being cataloged on pages with on going articles and resources related to the webinar topics.

## MD-to-MD

[Check out our new page.](#) Each week we add a new MD blog that we think will make a good resource for other doctors looking to hear from their peers or for non-physicians looking to gain insight on challenges doctors are facing.

## HITECHAnswers

An independent analysis of the Health Care Stimulus Package



*Thank you for signing up for our newsletter.*

*This is an extension of our website to bring you updated information on the impact of the health care portions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.*

*Each month as we add webinars, white papers, and features, the subscription price will increase. The earlier you subscribe the more you will save. Subscriptions run through March 2010. October subscription price is \$144.*

*For our subscribers: thank you for all the suggestions on what you would like to know and how the subscriber pages can help. We are always happy to hear from you.*

*This month we have added our [MD-to-MD](#) page of physician bloggers. Look for weekly additions. Check out our new [About](#) page with current information on the HITECH Act. And if you haven't visited the [Acronyms](#) page recently you are missing out!*

## Keeping Up



### HITECH Updates

Visit [HITECH Updates](#) to read full post on what happened in August.

Read the "**Waiting Room**" post on what's on the horizon for the coming week. Read the "**Recovery Room**" post on recent events of interest.

## What's been happening?

1. The monthly HIT Standard Committee was held on September 15th. We heard updates from the three workgroups.
2. The HIT Policy Committee heard testimony in their initial informational public hearing on privacy policies and security function recommendations for 2013 and 2015.
3. The Chief Medical Officer for ONCHIT, Dr. David Hunt spoke in Boston at the Health Data Management's Health IT Stimulus Summit on the 17th.

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*This month's Twitter picks to follow*

[Dr Murray](#)

[Dr Centor](#)

[Chris Bowen](#)

[Dr Kim](#)

## **Quick Links**

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4. September 20, Dell acquired Perot Systems.
5. The week of September 21 was National Health IT Week.
6. HIPAA interim Security Breach Notification rules went into effect on September 23.
7. Registration is open for the 2009 Health 2.0 Conference in San Francisco in October, register now before it is sold out.

## **Department of Health and Human Services**



### **HIT Policy Committee.**

Keep up to date on Meaningful Use by [visiting our page](#) devoted to "meaningful use".

The next meeting will be a 2-day event on October 27-28, 2009.

### **HIT Standards Committee**

The October meeting will be on the 14th.

All HIT meetings are public and you can participate over the web.

Stay informed on these committees and get the links for committee recommendations, meeting agendas, materials, and how to participate on our [Committee page](#).

[Meet the members of the committees](#). Check out the interesting interviews we have found on some of the committee members.

### **HITECH Grants**

For more information visit the [HealthIT website](#).