



# The Pulse

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## Subscribers Corner

Welcome to all new subscribers!

This month, we added two features: an EHR Resources page and an events calendar.

The EHR Resources page pulls all of the information we've gathered to date on EHR adoption. We will be adding new resources to this page regularly.

The events calendar is simply a compilation listing of webinars and conferences that we have found in our search efforts. While we aren't affiliated with these events, we think our subscribers will find them of interest.

You can access both at the Subscribers Only section on [HITECH Answers](#)

If you've lost your password, please e-mail: [info@HITECHAnswers.com](mailto:info@HITECHAnswers.com)



# 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 April 2010. November 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 went viral - in a social way. We re-posted "Selecting an EHR - Getting down to basics" to our LinkedIn groups with the catchy headline "You like tomatos...and I like tomahtos". and got so many comments we were a little awestruck. This re-affirmed three things for us: 1) there really is a great deal of confusion over EHR/EMR terminology, 2) even the definitions we provided in this post - direct from the horse's NAHIT mouth - weren't enough to sway some folks from their position that EHR and EMR are interchangeable (they're not) and 3) there are a lot of people passionate about the song "Let's call the whole thing off." Who knew?*

## Keeping Up

### HITECH Updates

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

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



## Selecting an EHR

If you're ready to start your search, then begin with our free six-page [EHR checklist](#).

Also check out our posts on [EHR Selection](#).

[Selecting an EHR](#)

[Getting Down to Basics](#)

## Follow Us on Twitter



*This month's Twitter picks to follow*

[Dr Mark Drapeau](#)

[Brian Ahier](#)

[Dr Tom Henson](#)

### Quick Links

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## What's been happening?

1. October 1st, Secretary Sebelius releases report on how health information technology can improve health care for Americans living in rural communities.
2. Microsoft launches "My Health Info" which connects to its HealthVault.
3. October 5th, three Americans, two are women, win the 2009 Nobel prize for Physiology & Medicine.
4. CCHIT launches new and updated 2011 Certification Program, Oct. 7th.
5. October HIT Standards Committee met on the 14th.
6. HIT Policy meeting plus public hearing happened on the 27th and 28th this month.
7. ONC launches its new Blog on October 28.
8. Newly formed Implementation workgroup for the Standards committee held public hearing on the 29th.
9. Buzz Aldrin and Bill Clinton mingled with the Health Care conference scene this month.

## Department of Health and Human Services

### HIT Policy Committee.

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



There will be no November meeting, the next meeting will be on December 15th.

### HIT Standards Committee

The November meeting will be on the 17th. 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](#). Read the new [ONC Blog](#).

### HITECH Grants

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