



Understanding the facts about **Health Information Technology**

Key Health Information Technology Terms

Electronic Health Record

An electronic health record contains your health information. Only authorized doctors, nurses, and staff can create, view, and update these records. An electronic health record should meet the technical rules that ensure that it can be shared between, for example, hospitals, doctors' offices, and clinics.

Personal Health Record

A personal health record contains your electronic health information. It is controlled and managed by you. You decide who you would like to share your health information with. A personal health record should meet the technical rules that ensure that it can be shared between, for example, hospitals, doctors' offices, and clinics.

Health Information Exchange

Health information exchange is when hospitals, doctors' offices, and others share health information electronically. The exchange of health information should be done securely, maintaining your privacy.

Electronic Prescribing (e-Prescribing)

Electronic prescribing is when a doctor sends a prescription electronically to a pharmacy.

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