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eHealth Initiative Launches 2010 HIE Survey

The eHealth Initiative has launched the 2010 Annual Survey on Health Information Exchange (HIE). This year's survey is designed to capture health information exchange activities across the country and the results will be used to identify trends, inform policy, and support the forward movement of HIE. The results of this year's survey will be released on July 22, 2010, at [eHealth Initiative's National Forum on Health Information Exchange](#) in Washington, DC. Click here for [more information](#).

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eHI Patients & Technology Briefing on Capitol Hill



To kick off the events of National Health IT Week in Washington, the eHealth Initiative hosted a briefing on Capitol Hill today to discuss the importance of engaging patients in their health care through the use of technology. The event included an address from ONC's Josh Seidman, which was followed by a panel discussion that included perspectives from Eva Powell, Dr. Kate Christensen, Dr. Rushika Fernandopulle, and ePatient Paul Berger. Congressman Michael Burgess, MD, gave the keynote address and stressed the importance of engaging patients in their health stating, "Informed patients are a vital part of delivering quality health care, and health information technology empowers patients to know and understand more about their health and the health care decisions they make with their doctors. The future of medicine must include involved and informed patients, and this starts with health information technology." Overall, the speakers' comments lead to the conclusion that, while there has been an increase over recent years in the availability of health information technology tools for consumers – both simple and complex, a sustained, collaborative effort is needed to promote adoption and truly engage patients in a meaningful partnership with their physicians. The eHealth Initiative plans to host additional events on this important issue in the near future. [Click here](#) for meeting materials.

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