



**Alliance for Nursing Informatics
Pledge to Support the Consumer eHealth Program
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In order to effectively achieve health outcome improvements, patients and families will need to become an integral part of the care team, with access to their health information in order to participate in decision making about their wellness and illness care. Nurses serve as patient advocates for encouraging adoption of these collaborative practices. Patients and families also need health education services delivered in a patient-appropriate learning environment and format. Nurses have an extensive knowledge base in patient education methods and tools. A key recommendation of the IOM Future of Nursing¹ report states that interoperable EHRs linked with personal health records and shared support systems will influence how collaborative care teams work and share clinical activities. Personal health information is a valuable resource to individuals, their families, and the doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who provide treatment and care. The ultimate goal is to help clinicians offer a wider range of considerations and options for patients, while also providing patients with resources that encourage proactive behavior and empowering them to be active partners in their health plan.

The ANI pledges to support the ONC Consumer eHealth Program beginning November 2011 by:

- Coordinating a campaign with national nursing organizations to promote consumer use of PHRs and other Health IT resources.
- Sharing resources through the ANI website about the value of consumer engagement through health IT to partner with health providers to improve health outcomes .
- Increase consumer access to PHRs to 15% with 12 months and 25% within 24 months.
- Encouraging health employers to prioritize use of PHRs and consumer portals for improving access to health care and engaging consumers in managing their health.

¹<http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2010/The-Future-of-Nursing-Leading-Change-Advancing-Health.aspx>



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