Building a Nationwide Health Information Network

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Abstract
In 2006, IBM was under a contract to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), and was charged with development and demonstration of a standards-based, reliable, and secure nationwide architecture prototype for the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN). In this talk, we will describe the architecture that IBM developed for the NHIN, addressing the key requirement to enable interoperability among the various producers and consumers of medical records, i.e., secure information sharing among hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, physicians and public health authorities.

Refreshments will be served in 401 Daniels Hall at 4:00 p.m.