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1. General Resources

www.cchit.org: Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology. A voluntary, private-sector organization launched in 2004 to certify health information technology (HIT) products such as electronic health records and the networks over which they interoperate.
http://www.raconline.org/: The Rural Assistance Center web page includes information guides on HIT, HIPAA, Technology and Telehealth (FAQs, Tools, Funding, Documents, Organizations, Terms and Acronyms, Success Stories, Bibliographies and News). Also contains Search Option to identify other HIT publications and resources.
http://www.ahima.org/about/about.asp: The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) has 51,000 members dedicated to the effective management of personal health information needed to deliver quality health care.
http://himss.org/ASP/index.asp: The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is the healthcare industry's membership organization exclusively focused on providing leadership for the optimal use of healthcare information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare.
http://www.nahit.org/aboutNAHIT/about.asp: The National Alliance for Health Information Technology is a diverse partnership of senior healthcare executives representing over 50 organizations.
www.ruralcenter.org: Program Tools and Resources contains links to tools, organizations, documents, dictionary, funding, legislation, state profiles, events and news
http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/: Web site for the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT; HIT coordinated through the American Health Information Community
http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/: HRSA health HIT homepage lists related links
http://healthit.ahrq.gov: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality National HIT Resource Center; includes background information and the latest evidence on key topics from the field of health IT:

- Electronic Medical/Health Records
- Electronic Prescribing
- Health IT in Small and Rural Communities
- Health Information Exchange
- Telehealth

http://www.ehealthinitiative.org: Mission to drive improvement in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare through information and information technology.
www.boundary.net: Resource for HIT certification

http://www.hitsp.org/webinars.aspx: During the Summer of 2008, the HITSP Education, Communications and Outreach Committee organized a series of nine free webinars to inform the public of the work that is currently underway to support the exchange of healthcare information in the U.S. By viewing the archived webinar files, interested stakeholders can learn how to engage in shaping the future of HIT interoperability

2. Definitions

www.ruralcenter.org: Program tools and Resources contains dictionary with definitions and acronyms

http://ruralhealth.und.edu: contains The National Alliance for HIT Report to the ONC on defining key HIT Terminology (April 2008)
http://www.wiqualitycollaborative.org: The Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality**,** *Glossary of Terms.*
http://definitions.nahit.org/doc/HITTermsFinalReport 051508.pdf : NAHIT's report to ONCHIT, including the definitions.

3. *Statewide Collaboration and information Dispersal*

http://healthinfo.montana.edu/healthit.html: Health Share Montana is a non-profit organization that has grown out of a collaborative effort to increase the use of health information technology in Montana.

4. *Health Information Exchange (HIE): Forming Networks and Encouraging HIE*

http://healthit.ahrq.gov: contains HIE evaluation toolkit.
http://www.staterhio.org/: State level health information exchange initiatives.

5. *Telemedicine and Telehealth*

http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=5554&mode=2&holderDisplayURL=http://prodportallb.ahrq.gov:7087/publishedcontent/publish/communities/k_o/knowledge_library/key_topics/health_briefing_01242006121308/telehealth.html
http://ehealthvirginia.org**:** This is the website for the Virginia Telehealth Network.

Center for Telehealth and e-Health Law: The purpose of the Telehealth Resource Centers (TRC) is to assist health care organizations, health care networks, and health care providers in the implementation of cost-effective telehealth programs to serve rural and medically underserved areas and populations. The five regional TRC's serve as a focal point for advancing effective use of telehealth technologies in their respective communities and regions of the nation.

Primary Service Area: National

California Telemedicine and eHealth Center
Primary Service Area: California

Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center
Primary Service Area: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota

Midwest Alliance for Telehealth and Technology Resources
Primary Service Area: Michigan, Indiana and Kansas

Northeast Telehealth Resource Center
Primary Service Area: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York

Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center
Primary Service Area: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, Hawaii and US-Affiliated Pacific Islands

6. Electronic Medical Records

www.EHRDecisions.com: CCHIT has developed a web page to assist physicians with understanding EHR issues.

7. *Infrastructure*

http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/index.htm?job=broadband_home: Site discusses broadband opportunities for rural America

8. *Funding Rural HIT*

http://cchit.org/: The Certification Commission for HIT (CCHIT) plans to post a report summarizing incentive funding for HIT development in September

Broadband Internet Access and the Digital Divide: Federal Assistance Programs
Federal assistance programs and state and local broadband activities.

Commonwealth Fund
"High Performance Health Systems"
The Fund supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy.

eHealth Initiative Foundation
A coalition of over 260 state, regional and community-based multi-stakeholder collaborations which support HIT adoption and health information exchange, supports the development, sharing, and implementation of principles, strategies and resources to address the financial, organizational, legal and technical challenges of mobilizing health information across organizations within regions and communities.

FCC Launches Initiative To Increase Access To Health Care In Rural America Through Broadband Telehealth Services
To significantly increase access to acute, primary and preventive health care in rural America, the Federal Communications Commission dedicated over $417 million for the construction of 69 statewide or regional broadband telehealth networks in 42 states and three U.S. territories under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP).

The Health IT Grant Resource Directory 2008: Funding for Provider and RHIO Technology
The HIT GRD™ 2008 is the result of more than two years of data gathering and funding research. The publisher and researchers of the highly-regarded annual report on RHIO finance have created this invaluable resource as a means of accelerating the build-out of health IT implementations and the adoption of advanced technology among providers large and small, urban and rural. Searchable electronic format. 892 pages (136 to 197 pages per volume). Published by Healthcare IT Transition Group, 2007.

National Library of Medicine Applied Informatics Grants
The National Library of Medicine grants approximately $4 million a year to help organizations use information technology to optimize the utility of clinical and research information by using computer and telecommunications technologies to access, collect, manage, organize and disseminate health-related and scientific information.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Project HealthDesign
Project HealthDesign supports technology pioneers to design the next generation of personal health record systems in ways that empower patients to better manage their health and health care.

USAC Rural Health Care Services Discounts
Health care providers are permitted to apply to receive reduced rates for a variety of telecommunications services under the Rural Health Care Program.