



**Position Statement
on
Health Information Technology
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The American Academy of Dermatology Association supports the development of interoperable health information technology (HIT) standards. The goal of adoption and use of electronic health record (EHR) systems is to improve the safety and enhance the quality of patient care. Portable and secure EHRs will enable dermatologists and patients to access point of care information as well as provide for better coordination of patient care through sharing of information with other physicians. The Academy supports incentives that promote the voluntary adoption of affordable and reliable HIT solutions and believes that an incentive-based approach to adoption, particularly once interoperability standards are available and implemented, is preferable to the current penalty-based approach. In addition, the Academy supports efforts to provide relief and exemption from HIT penalties facing solo and small dermatology practices. The Academy will also continue to educate and assist members needing resources on how to address their growing HIT needs.

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