

INTEGRATED PATIENT TRACKING INITIATIVE

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES!

- ♦ Share lessons about your implementation of a patient tracking system
- ♦ Help others prepare for common policy and procedural decisions
- ♦ Let us know if you are interested in serving on an Advisory Committee or willing to be contacted for an interview

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What is IPTI?

The Integrated Patient Tracking Initiative (IPTI) brings together a diverse national group of over seventy organizations with the expertise to develop national consensus requirements, draft data standards, and a national tool-kit that communities and regions can use when developing their own patient tracking programs. It is an open process driven by practitioners, and educated by technology experts.

IPTI SUMMIT REPORT

The day-long National Patient Tracking Summit was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at The George Washington University. Over 30 organizations were present representing federal, state, local, academic, and vendor communities. The morning session drew excellent feedback from an extensive discussion among practitioners of the Draft Requirements Report. In the afternoon, panel presentations addressed technology, implementation issues, and lessons learned from the field.

Changes suggested during the Summit were incorporated into the Draft Requirements Report. The revised version was circulated for review in mid-December. A conference call was held on January 19th for follow-up discussion on the revised document which will remain open for comment throughout the project.



Jerry Morris, Operations Manager for Carolinas MED-1, discusses the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina.



V. Nona Ogunsula, Program Manager for the Urban Area Security Initiative, Prince George's County Health Department, discusses the relation of victim tracking to patient tracking.



Chief Will Chapleau of Chicago Heights Fire Department moderated a panel on Lessons Learned from the Field.

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IPTI PHASE II

While we continue to work toward consensus on the draft requirements over the coming weeks, the Initiative will move into Phase II. Efforts in this phase will focus on two areas: data standards and the implementation tool-kit.

The Initiative is launching a process to identify and fill gaps in the data standards arena so that legacy and new systems can exchange information. Demonstrations of interoperable systems are in the planning stages.

With the goal of providing an unbiased and comprehensive resource for communities and regions seeking to implement their own system, the tool-kit will include lessons learned and best practices, a framework for interoperability with other application systems, a model RFP, and a sample deployment plan. All of these resources will be available to the public on a dedicated website.

Visit the **Patient Tracking** webpage on COMCARE's website. [Click here.](#)

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