

**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. EHRs enable dermatologists and patients to access point of care information. Interoperable EHRs provide for better coordination of patient care through sharing of information. The Academy supports positive incentives that promote the voluntary adoption of affordable and reliable HIT solutions. EHR vendors should be required to meet interoperability standards so that dermatologists and health care systems can communicate across EHR systems. 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.

This Position Statement is provided for educational and informational purposes only. It is intended to offer physicians guiding principles and policies regarding the practice of dermatology. This Position Statement is not intended to establish a legal or medical standard of care. Physicians should use their personal and professional judgment in interpreting these guidelines and applying them to the particular circumstances of their individual practice arrangements.

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