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Recent study shows that e-Prescribing reduces medication errors

Weill Cornell Medical College (WCMC) completed a study comparing fifteen health care providers adopting an e-Prescribing system and fifteen health care providers processing prescription orders by hand. The study concluded that the use of an e-Prescribing system resulted in seven times fewer errors than writing prescriptions by hand, where typical errors included incomplete directions, prescribing a medication without including a quantity, and incorrect dosages. Study participants adopting e-Prescribing technologies experienced a 36% decrease in the amount of prescription errors over the course of a year. [Read the full article >>](#)

Healthcare cloud computing is here to stay

Cloud computing is becoming mainstream in the healthcare imaging arena. Health professionals are turning to cloud computing as a way to cut costs, manage data archiving, and enable image sharing. Image storage in the “cloud” enables quick access to the information anytime, from anywhere. By enlisting a “cloud” or Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model, providers eliminate up-front capital costs and shift responsibilities for system management to the cloud vendor. Analysts predict that cloud computing will also become a reliable source for the storage and access of personal health records that include images and related reports.

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AHRQ continues to develop the Health IT Research Center by contributing \$40 million

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The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) awarded contracts totaling almost \$40 million dollars to promote the Health IT Research Center, which provides support to Health IT Regional Extension Centers across the country. The AHRQ was appointed to oversee the development of the Research Center by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC).

The Health IT Research Center will provide services to the extension centers that include sharing best practice for adopting health information technology and identifying new methods and resources to encourage the adoption of “meaningful use”.

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