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ONC awards \$60 million to promote advancements in HIT

On Friday April 2nd, ONC provided four advanced research institutions with \$60 million under the Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects program, commonly referred to as SHARP. To learn more about SHARP [visit the Health IT Buzz Blog](#).

The grants will give the institutions the necessary capital to complete research focusing on breaking down the barriers to widespread use of health information technology. In addition, Health and Human Services is handing out \$84 million to universities, community colleges and major research centers to support this same cause.

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Oregon woman jailed when trying to fill her nephew's prescription, lack of e-prescribing to blame?

A woman in Oregon attempted to fill a prescription for her nephew, but due to human error on the hospital's part, she was arrested for tampering with drug records. Three things caused this mix up: the practitioner's signature was illegible, the practitioner mixed up the digit in the federal registration number that doctors need in order to prescribe narcotics, and the practitioner changed the patient's prescription but didn't log it in the patient's record. Could e-prescribing have prevented this?

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Imaging not a part of “meaningful use” requirements

As of today, all “meaningful use” requirements focus on the report and not the image. The Medical Imaging and Technology Alliance (MITA) issued a whitepaper to policymakers, urging them to include imaging, along with the report in the EHR requirements. The paper asserts that viewing images is an integral part of a physician’s job. It is important that the physicians can view a visual dataset, in addition to the report, so that they are not simply basing their diagnoses on the interpretations of other people.

[Read the full article at HealthImaging.com >>](#)

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