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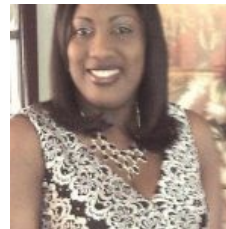
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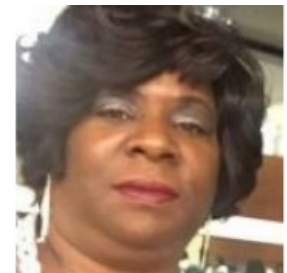
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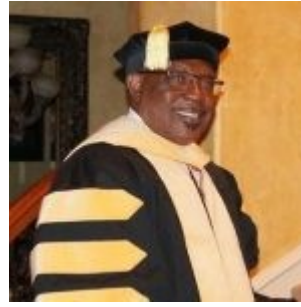
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of African descent,  
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premium platform.  
Decide right now  
to become visible  
on your continent.  
Otherwise, others  
will come from  
afar to lead you.*

**This is  
the  
way!  
Walk Ye  
In it!**



## Think About Your Continent!



# The effects of Health Informational Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act in Primary Care Clinics

Health information technology (HIT) in the form of electronic health records (EHR) is a government federally authorized, fully electronic and manageable health record for patients. This technology has the capability of retrieving medical records by approved entities promptly instead of utilizing the conventional methods. The integrated information technology has the potential to get rid of mistakes because of improper notation, incorrect medications input, and unreadable doctor notes. EHRs exceed a number

of current collections and information storages which may reduce money and disorganization relating to clinical analysis. The EHR is a “patient-centered” combined elongated structure of systems that cumulates health information about patients over a range of networks.

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act emerged in 2009 from the Title XIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). HITECH Act established the requirements

for healthcare providers and healthcare organizations to have the electronic records process implemented by 2014. Before the establishment of the electronic process, the healthcare provider meeting with patients compelled engagement and after a while, prepare the notes for transcription. Some scholars found incorporating medical records over to an electronic process is important in creating a better and complete image of treatments for the patient along with a vibrant understanding of the patients’ medical conditions.



**Efreem Warren, Ph.D., FIAS**

## The Effects of Health Information Technology (contd.)

Most electronic instruments require the healthcare providers to utilize electronic devices during the examination timeframe to enter the data into the system. Healthcare organizations in this country are developing larger levels of technology frequently incorporated in the distribution of care models and substantially all area of healthcare processes. Often health systems in this

country are improving greater levels of technology integrated into the division of care standards and mostly all area of healthcare operations.

The effects of HITECH Act on health care provide an extension with converting to integrative technology. Also, the plan widens the opportunity for safety along with confidentiality according to Health Insurance

Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Also, the effects maximize legal liability for non-compliant and more enforcement actions. The policy provides other healthcare organizations with faster access to patients’ health information and improves the quality of treatment and patient satisfaction.

Current efforts to reform patient healthcare encom-

pass systematic advances, health transformations, and technological improvements. Patient health records consume the last category; they are a gateway from which all health providers explore the past medical conditions to acquire about previous health treatments, know the diagnostic impressions and clinical reactions to the planned medical care, and combine the data with planning for ongoing assessment and intervention methods. HITECH Act is enhancing patient HIT in the healthcare industry through a state-of-the-art program. The legislation conveyed the pur-

pose of accomplishing Meaningful Use (MU) in the direction of valued care intervention. HITECH Act allows healthcare professionals to obtain patients medical health information within a reasonable timeframe and at an affordable fee. Although an insignificant number of smaller different healthcare provider investments can accrue in the large health organizations, the savings may have little effect on smaller primary care clinics, making the overall financial outcome a negative one.

**Dr. Efreem Warren (Fellow), Deputy Chairman, African Scholars Health Organization**

**International Institute for African Scholars**  
 IAS is a mentoring platform where scholars of African origin find opportunities to build and boost their profiles. Some members have published scholarly articles. Some have received Faculty Online Teaching Certification. Some have been listed as Adjunct Faculty at a university. Some have been hired as faculty by a few universities. Some have made new contacts because of their IAS membership. **Only one thing is left: Building relationships among members. Available Activities Coming Up Soon:**  
 Workshops/Seminars  
 Team Tasks  
 Small Projects  
 CV Reviews  
 One-on-one Plan Reviews

**International Institute for African Scholars**  
**2022 International Conference**  
 The Board of Trustees has constituted a Planning Committee for the first IAS International Conference billed for Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A. in 2022.  
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 Your suggestions will help the Committee. Thanks.



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Presenting African Scholars and Professionals to the Global Community



IIAS was established in June 2013 to serve doctoral and other social science researchers. Since then, it has helped several scholars across the globe. It collaborates with other entities such as the Journal of Functional Education, Global Peace Missions (NGO), Emmanuel University, and Center for Academic Research and Educational Sustainability among others. Through the instrumentality of these collaborating entities, Fellows of IIAS have found platforms to express their talents and global presence.

# Welcome to IIAS



Africa expects her children to come to her rescue. That self-evident truth is made even more evident by the events unfolding across the continent – as the continent reels in pain under the combined terror of greed and unpretentious invasions. IIAS makes a difference. In this regard, IIAS Fellows and other functionaries uphold integrity, honesty, probity, and accountability in all their activities across the continent. People characteristically live out their lives, maybe up to 120 years of age, and depart this planet. IIAS wants to re-emphasize the already known UB-

UNTU lessons as well as Individuals who want to moderation. Country Representatives always avoid greed in their respective countries of assignment. IIAS Fellows always think about the wellbeing of the poor masses of the countries they individually represent at the IAS Roundtable. Program-specific guidance is in place for specific activities. New Representatives have the opportunity of asking questions for guidance. Registered members who desire to be assigned to countries should so indicate in the official forum or privately by email – [iiasglobal2@gmail.com](mailto:iiasglobal2@gmail.com).

Individuals who want to register and become Fellows should log on to the IIAS web site <http://www.iiasglobal.org/>, register, report their registration by email (above) to Admin or by using the Contact Form on the web page, and get assigned to a country. Thanks to everyone for sharing the vision for Africa – ONE AFRICA!!! On the other hand, since no individual is the depository of knowledge, it would surely take the collaborative efforts of all (irrespective of the country of assignment) to craft effective strategies aimed at solving problems.