Welcome and introductory remarks  
(Begin open session)  
Gail Warden, University of Michigan

Understanding the committee’s charge: A discussion with the sponsor  
David Blumenthal, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Coordinating with the Unintended Consequences Technical Expert Panel  
Judy Ozbolt, Chair of the expert panel

Patient safety and health IT  
Peter Pronovost, Johns Hopkins University

Response to a medication error tragedy and the development of a patient safety program  
Lawrence Shulman, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
• Questions  
  o What crucial attributes of health IT safety should this committee study in order to make recommendations to HHS on the appropriate roles and activities of federal agencies and the private sector in oversight of health IT safety?

Overview of the literature  
Rainu Kaushal, Cornell University  
Dean Sittig, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
• Questions  
  o How would you approach comparing the safety benefits of health IT to the safety risks?  
  o What values must be balanced as we design an approach for ensuring patient safety of health IT?  
  o What do we know about risks to patient safety from health IT and how do we know it?

Safe design and use of health IT software and systems  
Sumit Rana, Epic  
Madhu Reddy, Pennsylvania State University  
Ben Schneiderman, University of Maryland
Respondent
• Dean Sittig, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Questions
○ How does design for usability of health IT (specifically cognitive support functions of EHRs such as clinical decision support and computerized provider order entry) enhance and/or detract from patient safety?
○ Describe practices of design and manufacture that might help ensure the safety of health IT systems and discuss how well they work. Comment on the use for standards in health IT.
○ Describe how design for usability and safety should be coordinated with clinical workflow and how health IT is actually used in clinical settings.

2:45 pm BREAK

3:00 pm Reporting and surveillance of patient safety events
Floyd Eisenberg, National Quality Forum
James Walker, Geisinger Health System
William Munier, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Questions
○ Identify challenges to improve reporting of patient safety events (e.g., coordination, lack of common formats, liability, privacy).
○ What events should be reported that can be rolled up to a national level? Are they defined and ready for inclusion in the meaningful use criteria?
○ What measures are needed to assess safety of health IT systems?
○ How can health IT help make reporting more effective? Is mandatory or voluntary reporting needed? At what level?

4:00 pm Oversight of health IT safety: Roles of federal agencies and private sector
Jeffrey Shuren, Food and Drug Administration
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services representative (invited)
Karen Bell, Certification Commission for Health Information Technology

Questions
○ What factors should the committee take into account when considering the level of oversight needed to protect patients?
○ How do we ensure health IT software developers and users will follow standards and practices that adequately protect patients? How do we ensure that any system of oversight of patient safety is nimble enough to allow for constant improvement of health IT?
○ For federal agencies: What patient safety related problems do you see from your current perspective? Is your authority and institutional capacity adequate to address those problems?

5:00 pm Comment period from public

5:30 pm ADJOURN