

## **The benefits of health information technology: a review of the recent literature shows predominantly positive results.**

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This systematic review of health information technology (IT) studies found that most published studies reported positive effects on a variety of outcomes, ranging from [patient safety](#) to provider satisfaction and the effectiveness of care. This review extends and corroborates findings from a [previous review](#) published in 2006. Despite the benefits of health IT, both [hospitals](#) and [clinics](#) have been slow to implement comprehensive electronic health records, and the [negative studies](#) included in this review provide important insights into difficulties encountered while implementing health IT.