

Patient safety goals for the proposed Federal Health Information Technology Safety Center.

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The [Institute of Medicine](#) and the [Food and Drug Administration](#) have called for the establishment of a national organization to oversee health information technology (IT) safety in the United States. This commentary, written by [leaders](#) in the IT field, recommends goals for the proposed Office of the National Coordinator-based Health IT Safety Center, including monitoring and tracking safety events, investigating incidents and disseminating guidance, building a process and infrastructure to examine the safety of health IT systems, and generating support for [vigilance](#) around health IT safety in the public and private sectors. The authors also highlight the convening ability of such a center as a critical component for transforming the safety of health IT.