



EABC recommendations to the TEC on Health Interoperability:

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EABC members call for TEC recommended timelines for Trans-Atlantic eHealth regulatory cooperation:

- Improved patient safety, quality of care, and efficiency in our health sector depend on the robust use of ICT management of patient information. The EU and the US should cooperate on the development of shared approaches to the use of electronic health records (EHR). Deployment of EHRs in the EU and US should be based on a common set of open standards for technical and semantic interoperability.
 - As a first step, the EU and the US should develop a common methodology for the testing of EHR interoperability. This cooperation should build on existing open international standards and experiences in EU projects such as SOS and Patients without Borders, as well as similar projects in the US. Such methodologies should be agreed to **by July 2009**.
 - Secondly, a joint system for vendor self certification of interoperability or mutual recognition of certification across the Atlantic should be agreed to before year end 2009.

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