

ONC HIT plan:

This is a thorough list of goals but I am disappointed that it does not seem to be what I expected for a “strategic plan.” Each “strategy” is that “the federal government plans to...” and “so that...”, but seems to still be just a long detailed list of ambitions without actual strategies or specific ways to achieve those goals. Are more details coming, or are we to understand this just as a list of general guiding principles?

If this were called the HIT priorities for 2025-2030 I think that would be one thing, but this is described as a “strategic plan.” I don’t know what to expect of how such goals will be achieved, but I think almost everyone would agree that these are all great goals to have.

Because of the way such a plan is listed, I do want to voice concern with how I am afraid these goals will be approached. I have now seen in several years in health IT/informatics contracting is an ongoing problem of the “use case” paradigm. I am quite concerned that this plan will be attempted in the same way. It seems to be universally thought that achieving meaningful change is done by defining specific “use cases” or narrow slices in which to provide some kind of improvement, but the assumption (and failure) is to *leave everything else the same* outside of that “use case.” THIS is the problem. Almost everything needs to change in how IT is used in healthcare. Please somehow stimulate a small simplified but comprehensive health system that changes the whole information model, not just on one use case that leaves *everything else the same*. This has been a crippling approach and why progress has stagnated.

Thank you, and I continue to hope for tremendous improvements and appreciate the attention to these extremely important issues.