

Health Information Privacy: Current Trends, Future Opportunities

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CDT has filed these comments in advance of the FTC's 3rd "Exploring Privacy" Roundtables.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments to the Third Roundtable on Privacy. Those expressed here focus on protections for health information as part of electronic medical records kept by traditional participants in the health care system (such as physicians and other care providers, hospitals, and health plans), and personal health records, which are commonly offered by Internet companies and allow consumers to store and share copies of their health information with their health care providers and others as they see fit. We also briefly address FTC's specific question for this Roundtable on different standards for minors. CDT also is separately submitting comments for this Roundtable on identity management and submitted comments for previous Roundtables on on-line privacy with respect to sensitive personal information, including health.

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