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**Robert Kolodner**  
National Coordinator  
Health Information Technology

On April 19, 2007, Robert M. Kolodner MD was appointed to the position of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HIT). He had served as the Interim National Coordinator for HIT beginning in September 2006. Dr. Kolodner leads the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) in making steady progress towards advancing the President's Health IT initiative. His experience in patient care, health IT, and government is invaluable to such efforts.

Dr. Kolodner came from the Veterans Health Administration in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), where he had been serving as Chief Health Informatics Officer, involved with the development and oversight of VistA – VA's electronic health records systems – and My HealtheVet – VA's Personal Health Record for veterans.

Dr. Kolodner was a key clinical leader for the Decentralized Hospital Computer Program, VA's healthcare information system starting in 1983. In 1993, Dr. Kolodner moved to Washington, DC into a health IT management position leading all health automation activities in VA.

Since 1997 Dr. Kolodner has served in several different health IT leadership positions in VA overseeing, promoting, and guiding VA activities related to the establishment of a life-long, comprehensive,

computerized clinical record for military personnel and our nation's veterans.

Dr. Kolodner received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine. He completed a clinical fellowship in Medicine at Harvard University School of Medicine and his Psychiatric residency at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Kolodner has medical specialty board certification in psychiatry.

He is a member of numerous professional societies, task forces and editorial boards. He has authored and co-authored articles, book chapters and books in medical and medical informatics literature and has lectured on medical informatics throughout the United States.

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