E-health is the adoption and effective use of electronic health record systems and other health information technology to improve health care quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs, and improve public health. E-health is essential to support the exchange of information necessary to support coordinated care across organizations.

The Minnesota e-Health Initiative was established in 2004 as a public-private collaboration to pursue strong policies and practices to accelerate e-health with a focus on achieving interoperability (the ability to share information seamlessly) across the continuum of care. Since then Minnesota’s health community has achieved considerable e-health progress. This brief provides a snapshot of key indicators for Minnesota’s health care providers.

### EHR Adoption
- Hospitals, 100%
- Clinics, 98%
- Local health departments, 97%
- Clinical labs (2012), 97%
- Nursing homes (2011), 69%

### E-Prescribing
- Pharmacies, 97%
- Hospitals, 89%
- Clinics, 88%

### EHR Utilization
- Clinics using medication guides, 97%
- Hospitals using medication guides, 91%
- Clinics using preventive care reminders, 79%
- Hospitals using clinical reminders, 78%
- Clinics using clinical guidelines, 86%
- Hospitals using clinical guidelines, 76%

### Information Exchange
- Clinics exchanging w/ unaffiliated hospitals and clinics, 69%
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- Hospitals sending alerts to PCP, 56%