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AHRQ to Announce \$24 Million to Use Health IT to Improve Safety and Quality

Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, AHRQ, speaking at the 2nd World Healthcare Innovation and Technology Congress said that AHRQ plans to announce \$24 million to study how to use health IT to improve patient safety and the quality of care in ambulatory settings. One of the major goals for the funding will be able to gauge the effectiveness of EHR systems in settings where the majority of healthcare occurs.

AHRQ is also seeking comments from the public on the handbook that has been drafted that will serve as a guide to developing registries. According to Dr. Clancy, registries can be used to develop better strategies to evaluate new treatments and especially treatments that affect very small segments of the population that have exposure to specific diseases".

For more information, and to comment on the draft document go to
<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/decide/registryDraft.cfm>