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President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to Discuss "The New Health Care: How Information Technology is Transforming America's Health Care System"

The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) will meet on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 to examine how Information Technology can revolutionize the health care delivery system in the United States, making it more effective and safer for all citizens. The Committee will hold its public meeting from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm via Webex, an Internet-based conferencing system. The physical meeting site for public participation will be at Noesis, Inc. headquarters, located at 4100 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800, Arlington, Virginia.

The Committee will hear presentations from Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, Director of the National Institutes of Health; Dr. Mark B. McClellan, Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration; Major General Kevin C. Kiley, MD, Commanding General of Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Dr. Carolyn M. Clancy, Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; and Dr. David C. Kibbe, Director of the Center for Health Information Technology of the American Academy of Family Physicians. They will discuss the current opportunities for and barriers to creating an effective health care information infrastructure.

For further details, including an invitation, registration and full agenda, please contact the PITAC website at: http://www.itrd.gov/pitac/meetings/meetings-2003.html. If you have any questions please contact the ITRD office at (703)292-4873.

The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) was established on February 11, 1997 to provide the President, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Federal agencies involved in IT R&D with guidance and advice on all areas of high performance computing, communications, and information technologies. Representing the research, education, and library communities and including network provides and representatives from critical industries, the Committee guides the Administration's effort to accelerate development and adoption of information technologies vital for American prosperity in the 21st century.

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