

# The October HIT Standards Committee meeting

Mass Device

The October HIT Standards Committee reviewed the FDA Universal Device Identifier NPRM, the transition of the NwHIN to a public/private partnership, and an update from ONC on S&I Framework/related programs.

Jamie Ferguson presented a very [thoughtful list of recommendations to the FDA](#) [1], including the notion that all healthcare devices, including consumer devices, should have a universal device identifier that can be used as metadata when exchanging information. A UDI will help us understand the nature of the data, the accuracy of the data, and the range of possible data from each healthcare device.

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[1] [http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/fda\\_nprm\\_comments\\_cowg\\_vtf\\_101712.pdf](http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/fda_nprm_comments_cowg_vtf_101712.pdf)