

National Trust Frameworks

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Entity	Description
Carequality Interoperability Framework	The framework consists of legal terms, policy requirements, technical specifications, and governance processes that enable health data exchange across the entire health care community. It is based on Principles of Trust that are either universal (apply to all use cases) or customizable (application depends on use case) to allow flexibility, scalability, consistency, and enforceability between sharing partners while maintaining a foundation for sharing data.
CARIN Alliance	A bi-partisan, multi-sector alliance to advance consumer-directed exchange (CDEx) across the nation. The alliance aims to enable consumers and their caregivers to access and use their health information from various health care system by addressing trust, technical, and policy barriers.
CommonWell Health Alliance	A vendor-led organization established to support nationwide interoperability between health care providers. Participating vendors build the capability to exchange data into their software to enable connectivity between providers across the care continuum, and include person enrollment (i.e., patients are uniquely registered and identified within CommonWell), record location (i.e., a virtual table of contents with patient information locations), patient identification and linking (i.e., determine and link patient records to sources outside CommonWell), and data query and retrieval.
Digital Bridge	Based on a public-private partnership with a focus on bidirectional information exchange between the health care and public health sectors. This approach fosters increased connection to support public health surveillance and allow health care professionals to be more informed about infectious diseases, dangerous outbreaks, and other health threats.
DirectTrust	A collaborative association that permits direct and bidirectional exchange through the governance of a Security and Trust Framework. It aims to support provider-to-provider and consumer-to-provider communication with identity proofing regardless of the end-user application. DirectTrust also provides accreditation to organizations that have demonstrated compliance with the Security and Trust Framework.
National Association for Trusted Exchange (NATE)	Supports secure data sharing from provider-controlled applications (e.g., electronic health records) to consumer-controlled applications (e.g., personal health records). NATE offers a variety of trust bundles that address the legal, policy, and technical barriers that inhibit the exchange of health information between providers and consumers.
Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC)	A consortium of statewide, regional, and community HIEs and one trade association that serves as a community data trustee to facilitate data sharing across HIEs. SHIEC's first national initiative, the Patient Centered Data Home, aims to track clinical data by alerting providers of a care event that occurs outside of where the patient typically receives care, along with the location of the data (i.e., the HIE with which the data resides), enabling providers to query the information, regardless of care setting or affiliation.