

Wrap Up; Next Steps

Panel Discussion

**Moving Toward Interoperability: Technologies for
Accessible, Affordable Healthcare**

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The aging crisis looms ...

- “Y2K plus 10” ... how can we prepare the nation to address this crisis?

Is there a clear vision?

- Not yet ... the CAST video is one step forward, and we heard many ideas and corporate visions, but there is no vision on a national scale

The challenge is ...

- Not just to imagine such a future, but to design it and deliver it ... and the challenge is great

Is there a roadmap?

- No ... we need to work together to reach this vision

How do we get there?

- Every one must take action
- Leadership is necessary from all corners
- Continue to sound the alarm
- Work toward solutions (technical, regulatory, procurement, cultural, behavioral)

The Technology Administration ...

- Created in 1988
- Oversees NIST and the National Technical Information Service
- TA examines issues and promotes national policies that can help to exploit and maximize the benefits of technological progress on our nation's economy
- TA focuses attention on important questions
 - the needs of our knowledge-based economy
 - the significance of new technologies
 - how to strengthen the pace of innovation
 - the impact of these factors on the competitiveness of our national economy

We are interested in helping ...

- Under Secretary for Technology Robert Cresanti serves on HHS's American Health Information Community
- Under Secretary Cresanti led the Senate Special Committee on the Y2K technology problem
- Our in-house staff have produced relevant policy analysis on assistive, telehealth, and aging-related technologies
 - "Technology and Innovation in an Emerging Senior/Boomer Marketplace" – a white paper prepared for the White House Conference on Aging (Dec '05)
 - "Innovation, Demand, and Investment in Telehealth" – a landmark report requested by the telehealth industry (Feb '04)

Our ears are open ...

We welcome your ideas

Thank you for participating ...

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