

Author's response to reviews

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Response to Reviewer

- 1) Aerial photograph--this is accurate--space did not permit a detailed description of where the U.S. system is with IT.
- 2) Problems in isolation--here, I did try to keep these in mind, but did not discuss this in detail. Agree with the reviewer's point, and have added some more detail in several locations.
- 3) Public health system--the VA--excellent point, have added a mention of this.
- 4) Clinical documentation function--I think this will be important, but do not think it is as important as the reviewer does. I agree it is largely unexplored territory. Have added some discussion of this.
- 5) Failure to involve providers--this is also great point and have added some discussion of this, making it a fifth policy issue.