



# ONC Updates

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# ONC Resources

- COVID-19: Tools & Resources for the Health IT & Clinical Community
- Health IT Feedback & Inquiry Portal
- New Blogs (e.g., Strategic Planning, Rule Provisions, Clinical Genomics Data for Precision Medicine)
- Cures Final Rule Resources

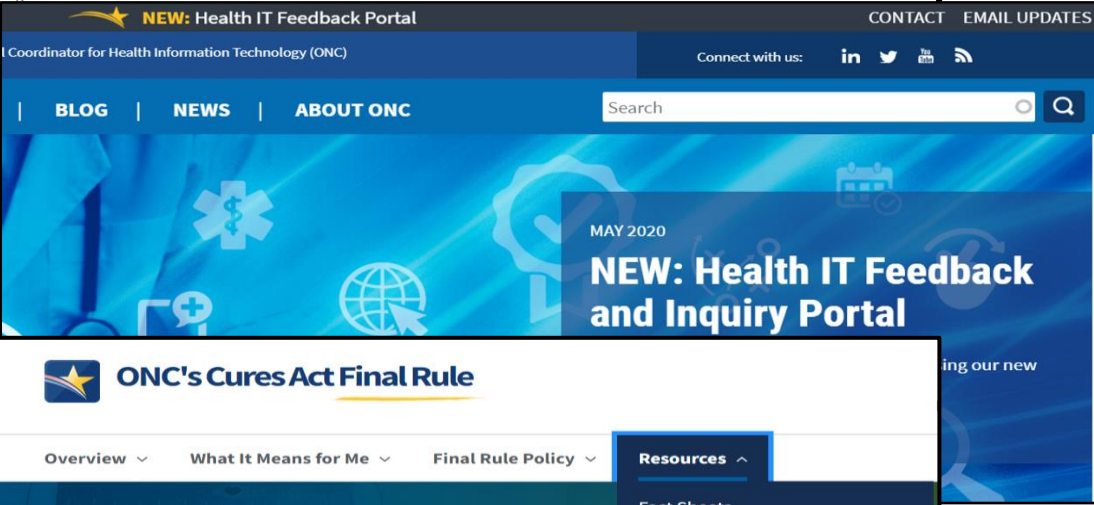
## COVID-19 Response

### Tools and Resources for the Health IT and Clinical Community

To support HHS's ongoing response efforts to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), ONC has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to share various resources for reporting and tracking COVID-19, as well as general clinical guidance to the health IT community and healthcare providers. Health IT now plays a crucial role in the collecting and reporting of COVID-19 data. Additionally, electronic health information exchange can facilitate effective strategies to combat COVID-19, including:

- Surveillance
- Public health reporting
- Laboratory testing
- Clinical data collection
- Case investigation
- Reporting outcomes
- Workforce Safety

Below are resources



**NEW: Health IT Feedback Portal**

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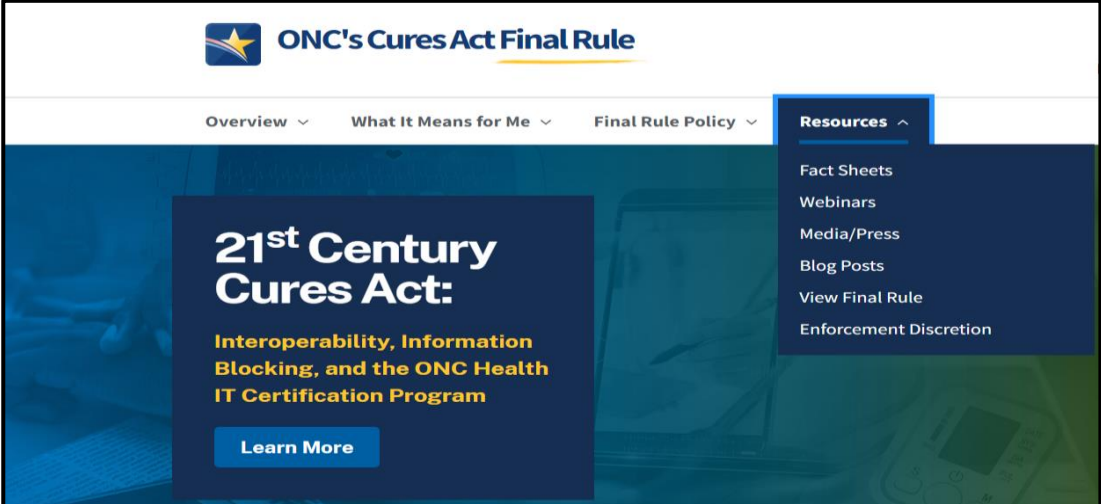
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**NEW: Health IT Feedback and Inquiry Portal**

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**ONC's Cures Act Final Rule**

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- Fact Sheets
- Webinars
- Media/Press
- Blog Posts
- View Final Rule
- Enforcement Discretion

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act:**

**Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program**

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# ONC Cures Final Rule - Enforcement Discretion

 <span style="float: right;">CERTIFICATION</span>		
CURES ACT FINAL RULE		
Enforcement Discretion Dates and Timeframes		
Provision	Compliance Date/Timeframe	Enforcement Discretion Date/Timeframe
<b>Condition of Certification (CoC) - Information Blocking</b>	6 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>CoC - Assurances</b> - Will not take any action that constitutes information blocking or actions that inhibit access, exchange, and use of electronic health information (EHI)	6 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>CoC - Assurances</b> - EHI Export Rollout	36 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>CoC - Assurances</b> - Other	Effective date of final rule	3 months after the compliance date
<b>CoC - Communications</b> - Notice to all customers with which developer has contracts or agreements containing provisions that contravene Communications CoC	Annually beginning in calendar year 2020	Notice can be made until March 31, 2021 for the 2020 calendar year
<b>CoC - Communications</b> - Other	Effective date of final rule	3 months after the compliance date
<b>CoC - Application Programming Interface (API)</b> - Compliance by Certified API Developers with health IT certified to <b>current</b> API criteria	6 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>CoC - API</b> - Rollout of new standardized API functionality	24 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>CoC - Real World Testing (RWT)</b> - Submit <b>initial</b> plan and <b>initial</b> results submission	Plan: December 15, 2020 Results: March 15, 2022	Generally remains the same, except for initial cycle for the annual submissions <b>Initial Plan</b> : initial RWT plans (i.e., 2021 RWT plans) may be submitted through March 15, 2021 <b>Initial Results</b> : Initial RWT results from the 2021 performance year may be submitted up through June 2022
<b>CoC - RWT</b> - Updates to United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI)	24 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>CoC - Initial Attestations</b>	April 1-30, 2021 attestation window for attestation period running from the effective date of final rule through March 31, 2021	Generally remains the same except for the initial attestation, which will now be accepted through July 30, 2021
<b>ONC-Authorized Certification Bodies (ONC-ACBs)</b> - <b>Initial</b> RWT plan and <b>initial</b> results submission	Plan: December 15, 2020 Results: March 15, 2022	Same as CoC RWT enforcement discretion for initial plan and initial results
<b>ONC-ACBs</b> : Certification to Common Clinical Data Set (CCDS)/USCDI Criteria	Only certify to CCDS for 24 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>ONC-ACBs</b> : Certification to Application Access - Data Category Request Criterion	Only certify for 24 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe
<b>ONC-ACBs</b> : Certification to Data Export Criterion	Only certify for 36 months after final rule publication	3 months after the compliance timeframe

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ONC will exercise its discretion in enforcing all new requirements under 45 CFR Part 170 that have compliance dates and timeframes until 3 months after each initial compliance date or timeline identified in the ONC Cures Act Final Rule.

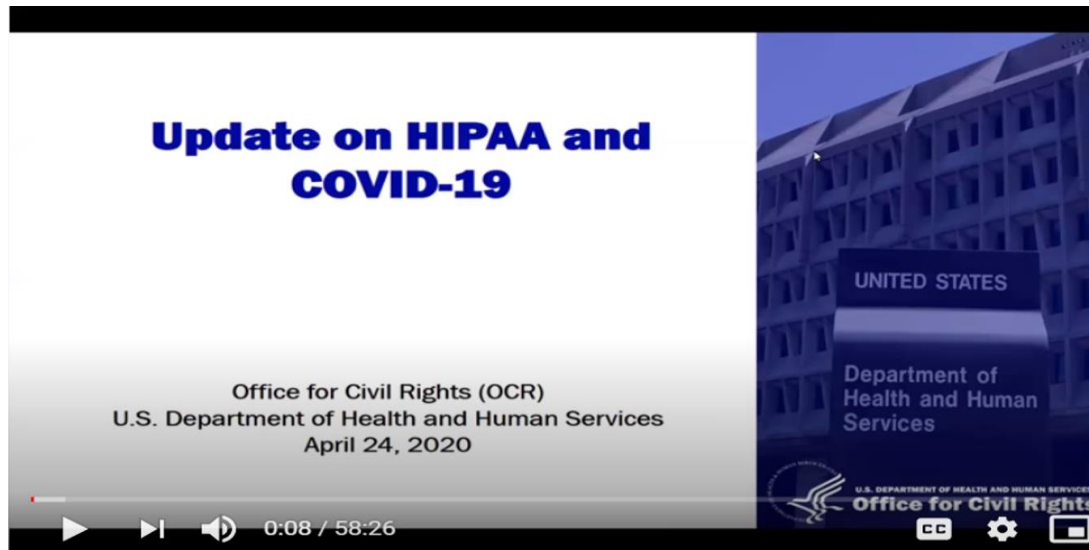
<https://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/resources/enforcement-discretion>

# ONC Cures Final Rule - Webinars

- Upcoming Webinars
  - Compliance Timeline Q&A, Wednesday, May 20 at 3:00 PM ET
  - Health IT for Pediatric Care and Settings Q&A, Wednesday, June 3 at 3:00 PM ET
- Past Webinars (recordings and slides available online)
  - ONC's Cures Act Final Rule Overview
  - Information Blocking
  - Conditions of Certification
  - Information Blocking Q&A
  - 2015 Edition Certification Criteria, Conditions and Maintenance of Certification Q&A
  - Application Programming Interface (APIs) Q&A
- <https://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/resources/webinars>

# HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Webinar HIPAA and COVID-19

- OCR hosted a webinar for health IT stakeholders on HIPAA privacy and security issues related to COVID-19 and recent OCR actions related to the pandemic
- Recording of April 24<sup>th</sup> Public Webinar  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2C6iOdS\\_FR0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2C6iOdS_FR0)



- Timothy Noonan, Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy, OCR
- Marissa Gordon-Nguyen, Senior Advisor for Health Information Privacy Policy, OCR