

November 14, 2005

**Protecting Patient Privacy in a Digital Health Care Age**  
*Briefing on Privacy and Health IT: Thursday November 14, 2005*  
**4:30-5:30, 2105 RHOB**

Dear Colleague:

Health information technology holds the promise of dramatically improving health care quality and efficiency. We will only be able to realize this potential, however, if consumers have trust that their most sensitive health information will be secure.

Please join the consumer organization Patients Privacy Rights and the House 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health Care Caucus at a briefing on **Thursday, November 17, 2005 in 2105 Rayburn HOB from 4:30pm to 5:30pm** to explore strategies for ensuring that health IT is implemented with proper attention to confidentiality and security of health data. The briefing will examine existing standards for health care privacy, consumer expectations, technical considerations, and lessons from other industries.

Speakers will be:

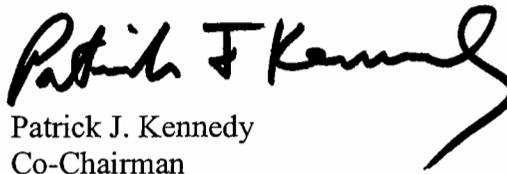
- James C. Pyles – Attorney, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville, PC and HIPAA litigator
- Madison Powers -- Director and Senior Research Scholar, Kennedy School of Ethics, Georgetown University
- Dr. Deborah Peel -- Psychiatrist and Founder of Patient Privacy Rights
- Jeff Collman, Ph.D. -- Director, Division of Information Assurance and Informatics, Georgetown University Imaging Science and Information Systems Center.

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Sincerely,



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