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Greetings, ICHITA participants,

Welcome to the Second International Conference on Health Information Technology Advancement. I have no doubt that this year's conference will be highly informative and energizing. With so many discoveries in the worlds of healthcare and information technology occurring on a daily basis, topics of interest to this group will never be in short supply. This year's theme, *Expediting Health Care Reform through Service Innovation and Stakeholder Development*, promises to deliver valuable insight and information that is well-timed for a nation whose interest in health care reform has never been more focused and debated.

Viable research in health information technology advancement has escalated in recent years. Technological applications have increased efficiencies in administration, cost containment and quality patient services. Work flows have been redesigned to better serve both the care giver and the patient. Thanks to the contributions of Health Information Technology, shared resources and collaborations are now possible, regardless of the remote location or size of the medical facility. Information sharing that is so vital to comprehensive patient care is now available.

This conference is for you—students, faculty, physicians and health care researchers. Please enjoy your visit to Western Michigan University. I hope you'll explore our campus and interact with the people you meet. We are delighted that you could join us today and we hope you'll return to Kalamazoo and to our campus again soon.

Best regards,

John M. Dunn
President
Western Michigan University