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Robert M. Kolodner, MD is co-founder and President of Collaborative Transformations, LLC, which consults with government and non-profit organizations regarding their health IT strategies and plans. In addition, he serves as the Chief Health Informatics Officer for Open Health Tools, Inc. (OHT), a multinational, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of people through the transformation of health information technologies (IT) for personal health, health care delivery, and population health. In these two roles, Dr. Kolodner is continuing his work to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities worldwide by facilitating the widespread use and rapid, collaborative evolution of health information technology (IT) tools and solutions.

Dr. Kolodner brings to his current activities a wealth of experience in health IT from 31 years of Federal service and leadership in two Departments – Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services.

From 2006 to April 2009, Robert M. Kolodner MD served as the President's designated lead for the United States eHealth initiative as the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (IT) in Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). His responsibilities included developing, maintaining, and directing the implementation of a health IT strategic plan as well as directing related national activities that were necessary to advance the nationwide adoption of person-centered, interoperable health IT solutions.

For over 28 years prior to transferring to HHS, Dr. Kolodner had been the key clinical champion in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) providing vision, direction, and effective leadership for the development and pervasive use of VA's award-winning suite of health IT solutions, including My Health_Vet, a Personal Health Record for veterans, and VistA – the world's first successful large-scale Electronic Health Record implementation. His VA activities also included research and teaching, with clinical faculty appointments at Emory University, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and the University of Maryland.

Dr. Kolodner received his undergraduate degree *Magna Cum Laude* from Harvard College and medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine, and completed his medical internship at New England Deaconess Hospital (now Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) and psychiatric residency at the Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Kolodner has medical specialty board certification in psychiatry and is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Informatics.