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#### **Abstract:**

This session will discuss the security, privacy and accessibility of PHRs and how the 2009 ARRA stimulus provisions (HITECH Act) and the 2010 National Broadband Plan facilitate, hamper or leave gaps in the implementation of PHRs for managing health information. It will also highlight unsettled legal issues with PHRs and the impact of state and federal legislation and government agencies.

#### **Description:**

We are passionate about the potential for PHRs and the empowering force they bring to health care. Our passion for the concept of a PHR is informed by our current work in health informatics and law and we are advocates for the importance of the patent's and the public's access to information.

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