

## Toward the Optimal Use of Health Information Technology: Ask the Expert

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Dr. Beasley has more than 40 years of experience "in the trenches," caring for patients while teaching colleagues, residents, and students. During most of his career, his practice included maternity and hospital care. Special clinical interests include electroencephalogram (EEG) reading and aviation medicine. He is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP) and the Thomas W. Johnson Award for Career Contributions to Family Medicine Education from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Along with James R. Damos, MD, Dr. Beasley developed the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO®) course, which has reached more than 150,000 learners in 55 countries. In addition, he founded the Wisconsin Research & Education Network (WREN). He has lectured nationally and internationally on primary care and primary care research, and he is the author or co-author of more than 45 published articles and book chapters. With more than half of clinicians showing signs of burnout, much of which is due to the way health information technology (HIT) is used, Dr. Beasley is committed to encouraging policymakers, technology developers, organizations, and clinicians to use technology in ways that improve care for all. He feels passionately that our use of technology must be based on good human factors science. For the past 17 years, he has collaborated with colleagues in industrial and systems engineering, with a focus on human factors in primary care. His current research studies the complexity of primary care, the use of HIT, the workforce experience, and patient safety. He is the founder of I-PrACTISE, a research and educational collaborative of industrial engineers and the primary care specialists.

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## Learning Objectives

1. Discuss strategies to optimize patient care, using effective health information technology strategies.

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## Associated Sessions

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