

Science *Matters*

A speakers program exploring challenging science issues at the forefront of public concern

YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS ONLINE: THE PROMISES AND PITFALLS

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1:00 – 2:40 p.m.

In the Donald P. Loker Conference Center

The federal government has set a goal for every American to have an electronic health record by 2014. Many support investing in digital record keeping with the expectation that this will boost the quality of medical care and cut waste. Others contend that a digital transition will be costly and that ensuring the privacy of patients' records will be difficult. Who will benefit? Who will pay? And what are the dangers inherent in the digitalization? How can the security of personal data be protected, regulated and monitored? A panel of experts discusses the technical, societal and ethical dimensions of this timely issue.

Distinguished panelists include:

Conan Nolan—moderator

NBC4 reporter

Claire Pomeroy, M.D., M.B.A.

Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine, UC Davis

Paul Tang, M.D., M.S.

Internist, Vice President, and Chief Medical Information Officer, Palo Alto Medical Foundation

Nadereh Pourat, Ph.D.

Director of Research Planning, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Steven R. Smith, J.D., M.A.

President, Dean and Professor of Law at California Western School of Law, San Diego

Closing comments by **Mark Ridley-Thomas**

Supervisor, Los Angeles County 2nd District

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