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CAPITALIZING ON HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO ENABLE DIGITAL ADVANTAGE IN U.S. HOSPITALS

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Appendix A

Review of Organizational IT Adoption Research

Table A1.	Table A1. Summary of Organizational IT Adoption Studies							
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Study	Sample	Innovation	Theories	Cultural Capital	Social Capital	Economic Capital	Other Factors	
Hospital HIT Ad	option Studie	s						
Adler-Milstein, Des Roches et al. (2014)	2674 U.S. hospitals	Electronic Health Records	None			Hospital size	Rural/urban location, teaching status, profit status, critical access	
Adler-Milstein, Kvedar, and Bates (2014)	2891 U.S. hospitals	Telemedicine	None		System affiliation		Rural/urban location, teaching status, profit status, state policy (reimbursement and licensure), non- competition	
Angst et al. (2010)	3989 U.S. hospitals	Electronic Health Records	Social contagion		Contagion ef- fects (social proximity to system adop- ters, Spatial proximity to hos- pital adopters)	Hospital size	Hospital age, profit status, teaching status, regional location, "most wired" hospital status	

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Study	Sample	Innovation	Theories	Cultural Capital	Social Capital	Capital	Other Factors
Burke et al. (2002)	3220 U.S. hospitals	Multiple HIT applications	None		System affiliation	Hospital size	Competition, profit status, rural/urban location
Cutler et al. (2005)	487 U.S. hospitals	Computerized Physician Order Entry	None			Hospital size	Ownership status, teaching status
Diana et al. (2014)	4683 U.S. hospitals	Electronic Health Records	None		System affiliation	Hospital size	Prior EHR implementation, profit status, medicaid incentive eligible, single HIT vendor, accreditation status, public payer mix, regional location
Furukawa et al. (2008)	4561 U.S. hospitals	8 Clinical HIT Applications	None		System affiliation	Hospital size	Profit status, public payer mix, teaching status, accreditation status, geographic location
Gabriel et al. (2014)	793 U.S. critical access hospitals	7 HIT applications, each examined individually	None		System affilia- tion, Centraliza- tion of HIT deci- sions and support	Group purchasing arrangement	Profit status, IT compatibility
Goes and Park (1997)	388 California hospitals	Service Innovations	Network ties		Interorganiza- tional relation- ships	Organization size [†]	Urbanization, [†] affluence, [†] market concentration, [†] publi ownership [†]
Jaana et al. (2006)	74 Iowa hospitals	19 Clinical HIT Applications	Resource-based theory, Diffusion of innovations	IT leadership resources, Technical knowledge resources	Membership in a system; mem- bership in a network	Hospital size, Slack resources	Public payer mix
Jha et al. (2009)	2952 U.S. hospitals	Electronic Health Records	None			Hospital size	Rural/urban location, teaching status
Jha et al. (2010)	3101 U.S. hospitals	Electronic Health Records	None			Hospital size	Rural/urban location, profit status, critical access, teaching status
Kahn et al. (2014)	4760 U.S. hospitals	ICU Telemedicine	None			Hospital size	Rural/urban location, profit status, teaching status
Kazley and Ozcan (2007)	4606 U.S. hospitals	Electronic Health Records	Resource dependency theory		System affiliation	Hospital size	Rural/urban location, environmental uncertainty (unemployment change)
Kimberly and Evanisko (1981)	489 hospitals	Respiratory Disease Technology	Innovation adoption	Job tenure, Educational level		Hospital size	Hospital age, functional differentiation, competition, city size
Khoumbati et al. (2006)	1 hospital (case study)	Enterprise Application Integration Technology	Innovation adoption	IT sophistication, IT support		Organization size	Benefits, costs, compatibility EAI evaluation frameworks, patient satisfaction, internal pressure, external pressure physician/ administrator relationships, telehealth, IT infrastructure
McCullough (2008)	1965 U.S. hospitals	3 HIT applications, each examined individually	Utility maximization		System affiliation, Market IS penetration		Case mix index, public paye mix, patient care activity, ownership status, rural/urba location, propensity for IS adoption

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Study Menachemi et al. (2005)	Sample 28 rural Florida hospitals	Innovation 22 HIT applications, each examined individually	Theories None	Cultural Capital	Social Capital System affiliation	Capital Financial resources	Other Factors			
Meyer and Goes (1988)	25 hospitals	Medical Innovations	Technology assimilation	CEO education, Recency of medical education		Organizational scale	CEO tenure, CEO advocacy leadership characteristics, [†] environmental scale, environmental characteristics [†]			
Peng et al. (2014)	5171 U.S. hospitals	Clinical Data Repository System	Social networks, knowledge transfer	Absorptive capacity	Collective disseminative capacity, Busi- ness scope similarity, Contagion effect	Hospital size [†]	Hospital type, [†] hospital age, [†] time to adoption decision [†]			
Wang et al. (2005)	1441 U.S. acute care hospitals	Multiple HIT applications	Diffusion of innovations, Strategic contingency, Financial theory		System affiliation, Geographic concentration	Hospital size, Operating revenue, Cash flow	Profit status, case mix, number of preferred provider organization contracts			
Zhang et al. (2013)	586 U.S. hospitals	52 HIT applications	None			Hospital size	Profit status, rural/urban location, HMO penetration, public payer mix, regional location			
Other Organizat	ional IT Adop	tion Studies								
Armstrong and Sambamurthy (1999)	169 firms	IT for Business Strategy and Value Chain	Resource-based and Knowledge- based theories of the firm	Senior leadership knowledge, Systems of knowing			IT infrastructure sophistica- tion			
Atzeni and Carboni (2008)	3628 firms in Italy	Investment in ICT	None	IT learning/ experience, R&D engagement	Geographic location	Financial resources				
Baird et al. (2012)	21375 ambulatory care clinics*	Clinical Patient Portal	Diffusion of innovations, Contingency theory		Learning externalities	Organization size [†]				
Bajaj (2000)	23 firms	Computing Architecture	Grounded theory, Diffusion of innovations			Costs	Software quality, architecture centralization, acceptance			
Bajwa et al. (2008)	538 firms across five countries	Collaborative Information Technologies	Diffusion of innovations	Functional integration (includes idea exchange, information sharing), Promotion of collaboration		Organization size, IT function size	Decision-making pattern			
Bala and Venkatesh (2007)	11 firms	Interorganizational Business Process Standards	Relational view of the firm, Institutional theory, Organizational inertia		Relationship depth		Coercive, mimetic and normative pressures; relationship specificity and extendability; resource and routine rigidity			

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Bharati and Chaudhury (2010)	135 SMEs	Logistics Software Systems	Resource-based view of the firm, Knowledge- based view of the firm	Knowledge acquisition	Social Influence	Organization size [†]	Institutional influences (customers, competitors, government agencies), top management support [†]		
Bretschneider and Wittmer (1993)	1005 public and private firms	Microcomputer	Diffusion of innovations	IT experience [†]		Slack resources [†]	Sector, bureaucracy and red tape, incumbent system substitutability and complementarity		
Chan and Ngai (2007)	10 firms in Hong Kong	Web-based Training	Internet adoption model	IT knowledge among top management and individual learners		Organization size, Financial resources	Perceived benefits, competitive pressures, level of IT use		
Chatterjee et al. (2002)	62 U.S. firms	Web Technologies	Institutional theory, Struc- turation theory of technology use	Web experience, [†] Coordination mechanisms		Organization size, Financial resources	Top management support, strategic investment rationale, organization age, [†] industry type [†]		
Chau and Tam (1997)	89 firms in Hong Kong	Open Systems	Technology- Organization- Environment framework				Perceived benefits, barriers, and importance of com- pliance; market uncertainty; IT infrastructure complexity; satisfaction with existing system; formalization		
Chengalur- Smith et al. (2010)	149 firms	Open Source Software	Business value of IT, Absorptive capacity	Absorptive capacity	Community ties	Organization size [†]	Infrastructure source openness, number of employees (MySQL) [†]		
Chwelos et al. (2001)	268 firms	Electronic Data Interchange	Technology- Organization- Interorganization framework	IT sophistication		Financial resources	Perceived benefits, compe- titive pressure, enacted trading partner power, partner readiness		
Cooper and Zmud (1990)	62 manufac- turing firms	Material Resource Planning	IT implementa- tion model				Technology and task characteristics, technology and task complexity, task- techology; compatibility		
Fichman (2001)	608 U.S. firms	Software Process Technologies	Organizational learning	Learning-related scale, Knowl- edge diversity, Technology- related knowl- edge, Education and Speciali- zation of IT staff		IS unit size			
Fichman and Kemerer (1997)	608 U.S. firms	Object-oriented Programming Languages	Organizational learning	Learning-related scale, Knowl- edge diversity, Technology- related knowl- edge, Education and Speciali- zation of IT staff		IS unit size,⁺ Organization size⁺	Environmental complexity, sector		
Green et al. (2015)	3 Michigan FQHCs*	Electronic Health Records	Sensemaking and learning, Problem detection and monitoring	Managerial expertise, EHR training	System affiliation, Vendor relationships	Financial resources	Rural/urban location, technology support		

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Grover et al. (1997)	313 U.S. firms	IS Innovations (Outsourcing, CASE, OOPS, DBMS, EIS, Teleconferencing, Expert System, Email, CAD/ CAM, EDI)	Tri-core model of innovation			IS size, Slack resources, Organization size	Diversity of IT portfolio, IS unit professional orientation and strategic importance		
Grover and Goslar (1993)	154 firms	Telecommunication Technologies	Diffusion of innovations			Organization size	Organization centralization and formalization, IS matur- ity, IT business role and contribution, IS dispersion, environmental uncertainty		
Harrison et al. (1997)	162 firms	Multiple IT's (e.g., contracting soft- ware, relational DBs, inventory con- trol, graphics appli- cations, network technology, CD- ROM, laptops)	Diffusion of innovations, Theory of planned behavior	Employee Training [†]		Organization size, [†] Financial assets [†]	Attitude, subjective norm, perceived behavioral control, software and hardware compatibility, [†] tenure with firm, [†] control over adoption, [†] organization age [†]		
Hart and Saunders (1998)	224 supplier firms	Electronic Data Interchange	Power, Trust			Supplier depen- dence (includes annual revenue)	Customer power, supplier commitment, supplier trust		
Hsu et al. (2012)	140 Korean firms	Information Security Management Innovations	Institutional theory	IT capability		Availability of resources	Top management support, peer influence, supervisory authority influence, perceived environmental uncertainty, perceived gain in competitive advantage, cultural acceptability		
Hung et al. (2010)	95 Taiwan hospitals	Customer Relationship Management System	Diffusion of innovations	IS knowledge, Innovation of executives, Knowledge management capabilities		Hospital size	Relative advantage		
lacovou et al. (1995)	7 supplier firms	Electronic Data Interchange	Diffusion of innovations			Slack resources	Perceived benefits, organizational readiness, external pressure		
lskandar et al. (2001)	103 supplier firms	Electronic Data Interchange	Transaction cost theory, Resource dependency theory	EDI experience, Technical capability [†]		Organization size [†]	Years of EDI relationship with the customer, number of competitors, number of customers, EDI customer dependency, frequency of buyer-supplier transactions, proactiveness, specialist/ generalist, supplier tier [†]		
Kettinger et al. (2013)	103 U.S. firms	Information Use	Resource-based theory, Institu- tional theory	Integrated infor- mation delivery, Information sys- tems resources	Process information delivery		Coercive, mimetic and normative pressures		
Kuan and Chau (2001)	575 firms	Electronic Data Interchange	Technology- organization- environment (TOE) framework	Perceived technical competence		Perceived financial readiness	Perceived direct and indirect benefits, perceived industry and government pressure		

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Lee and Choi (2010)	187 firms	Knowledge Management Innovations	Resource-based view (RBV) of the firm, Knowl- edge-based view (KBV) of the firm, Technology assimilation	Knowledge worker manage- ment, KM pro- cess, Technol- ogy knowledge infrastructure, Knowledge stra- tegy and climate	External knowledge linkages		
Li et al. (2011)	178 firms	Internet as an Online Direct Sales Channel (ODSC)	Diffusion of innovations	Internet expertise		Slack resources	Relative advantage, ease of use, competitive pressure, risk opportunity
Liang et al. (2007)	77 firms	Enterprise Resource Planning	Technology assi- milation, Innova- tion diffusion, Institutional theory	Absorptive capacity [†]		Organization size [†]	Top management support; organization compatibility [†] ; coercive, mimetic, and normative pressures; time [†]
Lind and Zmud (1991)	48 depart- ments in a large multi- national firm	IT Innovations	Convergence model, Media richness	Convergence			Communication frequency, communication channel richness
Mishra and Agarwal (2010)	292 firms	B2B Markets for Electronic Procurement	Managerial and organizational sensemaking, Technological frames, Organi- zational capabilities	Technological opportunism, Technological sophistication		Organization size†	Benefit frame, threat frame, adjustment frame, industry [†]
Montazemi et al. (2008)	90 respon- dents from 25 firms	Electronic Trading Systems	Network relation model				Shared language, codes, and narratives; network ties, network configuration, trust, norms, obligations, identifi- cation
Pan and Jang (2008)	99 firms	Enterprise Resource Planning	Technology- organization- environment (TOE) framework			Organization size	Perceived barriers, production and operations improvement, IT investments
Pennings and Harianto (1992)	152 banks	Home Banking	Networking, Technological convergence and innovation	Technological experiences, Systems invest- ment ("learning by using"), Inter- organizational experiences and links		Organization size, [†] Return on equity [†]	Size of demand, [†] Number of competitors, [†] organization innovativeness, nontechnical attributes
Premkumar and Ramamurthy (1995)	201 firms	Electronic Data Interchange	IT adoption and implementation				IS infrastructure, top management support, EDI champion, internal need, organizational compatibility, competitive pressure, transactional climate
Purvis et al. (2001)	124 firms	CASE Technology	Knowledge- based views of the firm, Tech- nology assimila- tion; Institutional theory	Knowledge embeddedness		Organization size [†]	Management championship, current and prior methodology, methodology compatibility, time since adoption, [†] project characteristics [†]

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Rai et al. (2009)	166 firms	Electronic Procurement Innovations (EPI)	Innovation assimilation, Structuration theory	IT sophistication		Financial resources	EPI standards efficacy, security safeguards of EPI, top management support, trusting beliefs about suppliers, industry type [†]		
Rai and Patnayakuni (1996)	405 firms	CASE Technology	Information technology diffusion	CASE training availability, Internal experi- mentation, Job/ ole rotation in the ISD	Learning from external information sources	IS size⁺	CASE champions, environ- ment instability, performance gaps of the ISD; top man- agement support for the IS function		
Ravichandran (2005)	105 firms	Component-based Software Development	Demand-pull model, Absorp- tive capacity, Economic theo- ries of diffusion	Knowledge stocks	Knowledge sharing	Organization size, [†] IS slack [†]	Perceived technology uncertainty, signaling		
Raymond (1990)	34 firms	Reporting systems	Organizational context of MIS	IS sophistication		Organization size, Organizational resources	Organization maturity, strategic decision making time frame		
Reardon and Davidson (2007)	567 physician practices*	Electronic Health Records	Organizational learning and innovation	Learning-related scale, Related knowledge, Knowledge diversity		Organization size [†]			
Son and Benbasat (2007)	98 potential and 85 cur- rent adopter firms	Business-to- Business (B2B) Electronic Marketplaces	Institutional theory, Transaction cost theory	IT capabilities [†]		Organization size [†]	Product characteristics, demand uncertainty; market volatility, coercive, mimetic, and normative pressures		
Son et al. (2005)	233 firms	Electronic Data Interchange	Social exchange theory, Transaction cost theory			Transaction volume [†]	Relative advantage, [†] IT infra- structure, [†] power exercised by customer, trust, uncer- tainty, years of EDI relation- ship with the customer, [†] reciprocal investments, cooperation, asset specificity		
Stevens et al. (1991)	38 firms	Computer Hardware and Software, Integrated MIS and Financial IS	Diffusion of Innovations				Perceived complexity, storage capacity, state fiscal scarcity, political influences, state per capita income, organizational support, top management support, clear user needs		
Teo et al. (2003)	1021 firms in Singa- pore	Financial EDI	Institutional theory			Organization size, [†] IT size [†]	Perceived complexity, extent of EDI implemen- tation, [†] coercive, mimetic, and normative pressures, float management practice [†]		
Venkatesh and Bala (2012)	248 firms	RosettaNet-based IBPS	Technology- organization- environment (TOE) framework	Organizational innovativeness; Technology readiness (expertise)		Organization size [†]	Expected benefits, process compatibility, standards uncertainty, technology readiness, relational trust, coercive, mimetic, and normative pressures [†] ; relationship length [†] ; dependency		

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Zheng et al. (2013)	148 public admin firms in China	E-Government	Institutional theory, Resource-based theory of the firm	IT human resources		Financial resources	Top management support, coercive, mimetic, and normative pressures		
Zhu, Dong et al. (2006)	1415 firms from 6 countries	E-Business	Diffusion of innovation, Technology- organization- environment (TOE) framework	Technology competence		Organization size	Relative advantage, compati- bility, costs, security concern, competitive pressure, partner readiness, industry, [†] country [†]		
Zhu and Kraemer (2005)	624 firms from 10 countries	E-Business	Technology- organization- environment (TOE) frame- work, Resource- based theory of the firm	Technology competence		Organization size, Interna- tional scope, Financial commitment	Competitive pressure, regulatory support		
Zhu, Kraemer et al. (2006)	1394 firms from 10 countries	Open-standard IOS	Economic per- spective of adoption, Net- work effects, Path depen- dency	EDI experience	Network effects	Organization size [†]	Expected benefits, adoption costs, industry type, [†] ICT penetration (country) [†]		
Zhu et al. (2003)	3100 firms and 7500 consumers from 8 countries	E-Business	Technology- organization- environment (TOE) framework	Technology competence		Organization size	Competitive pressure, consumer readiness, partner readiness, organization scope		
Zhu, Kraemer, and Xu (2006)	1857 firms from 10 countries	E-Business	Innovation assimilation	Technology readiness, Managerial resources		Organization size	Competition intensity, regulatory environment, technology integration		

[†]Indicates a control variable.

*Healthcare institutions that are not hospitals.

FQHC: Federally Qualified Health Center; HIT: Healthcare Information Technology; HMO: Health Maintenance Organization; ICU: Intensive Care Unit

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Appendix B

HIT Applications, Adoption Rates, and Saidin Weight

Business IT	Adoption Rate	Saidin Weight	Clinical IT	Adoption Rate	Saidin Weight
Abstracting	92.82%	0.07	Anatomical Pathology	58.06%	0.42
Accounts Payable	99.27%	0.01	Cardiology—Cath Lab	21.02%	0.79
Admit Discharge Transfer (ADT)/Registration	97.61%	0.02	Cardiology—CT (Computerized Tomography)	11.55%	0.88
Benefits Administration	85.43%	0.15	Cardiology—Echocardiology	18.94%	0.81
Blood Bank	66.08%	0.34	Cardiology—Intravascular Ultrasound	12.80%	0.87
Browser	77.42%	0.23	Cardiology—Nuclear Cardiology	11.03%	0.89
Budgeting	80.44%	0.20	Cardiology Information System	39.96%	0.60
Business Intelligence	30.80%	0.69	Chart Deficiency	87.62%	0.12
Case Mix Management	80.54%	0.19	Chart Tracking/Locator	86.89%	0.13
Contract Management	67.43%	0.33	Clinical Data Repository	78.56%	0.21
Cost Accounting	74.40%	0.26	Clinical Decision Support	68.05%	0.32
Credit/Collections	86.37%	0.14	Computerized Practitioner Order Entry (CPOE)	38.92%	0.61
Data Warehousing/Mining - Financial	26.12%	0.74	Data Warehousing/Mining—Clinical	19.04%	0.81
Database Management System (DBMS)	68.26%	0.32	Dictation	83.14%	0.17
Document Management—Business Office	36.21%	0.64	Dictation with Speech Recognition	11.76%	0.88
Document Management—HIM	47.35%	0.53	Electronic Medication Administration Record (EMAR)	51.40%	0.49
Document Management—Human Resources	17.79%	0.82	Emergency Department Information System (EDIS)	68.57%	0.31
EDI—Clearing House Vendor	57.13%	0.43	Enterprise EMR	93.96%	0.06
Electronic Forms – Business Office	19.46%	0.81	Enterprise Master Person Index (EMPI)	38.29%	0.62
Electronic Forms – HIM	24.77%	0.75	In-House Transcription	76.38%	0.24
Electronic Forms – Human Resources	10.51%	0.89	Intensive Care/ Medical Surgical	49.74%	0.50
Eligibility	62.75%	0.37	Laboratory Information System	94.17%	0.06
Email	81.27%	0.19	Microbiology	70.03%	0.30
Encoder	51.40%	0.49	Nurse Acuity	18.63%	0.81
Enterprise Resource Planning	20.29%	0.80	Nursing Documentation	57.65%	0.42
Executive Information System	63.48%	0.37	Obstetrical Systems (Labor and Delivery)	41.00%	0.59
Financial Modeling	31.32%	0.69	Operating Room (Surgery)—Peri- Operative	54.32%	0.46
General Ledger	99.17%	0.01	Operating Room (Surgery)—Post- Operative	54.42%	0.46

Table B1. List of HIT Applica	ations, their Ad	option Ra	ates, and Saidin Weight (Continu	ied)	
Business IT	Adoption Rate	Saidin Weight	Clinical IT	Adoption Rate	Saidin Weight
Interface Engines	44.54%	0.55	Operating Room (Surgery)—Pre- Operative	67.01%	0.33
Materials Management	95.63%	0.04	Order Entry (Includes Order Communications)	89.07%	0.11
Nurse Staffing/Scheduling	63.58%	0.36	Outcomes and Quality Management	70.03%	0.30
Operating Room Scheduling	62.64%	0.37	Outsourced Transcription	5.52%	0.94
Patient Billing	98.34%	0.02	Pharmacy Management System	93.55%	0.06
Patient Scheduling	82.10%	0.18	Physician Documentation	32.15%	0.68
Payroll	95.53%	0.04	Radiology—Angiography	59.83%	0.40
Personnel Management	85.33%	0.15	Radiology—CR (Computed Radiography)	67.33%	0.33
RFID—Supply Tracking	3.75%	0.96	Radiology—CT (Computerized Tomography)	69.51%	0.30
Single Sign-On	14.46%	0.86	Radiology—DF (Digital Fluoroscopy)	60.67%	0.39
Staff Scheduling	37.77%	0.62	Radiology—Digital Mammography	25.81%	0.74
Time and Attendance	88.35%	0.12	Radiology—DR (Digital Radiography)	59.00%	0.41
Turnkey Portal	14.46%	0.86	Radiology—MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)	67.01%	0.33
Web Development Tool	38.81%	0.61	Radiology—Nuclear Medicine	63.06%	0.37
			Radiology—Orthopedic	21.44%	0.79
			Radiology—US (Ultrasound)	67.95%	0.32
			Radiology Information System	90.74%	0.09
			Respiratory Care Information System	33.19%	0.67
			RFID—Patient Tracking	5.52%	0.94
			Telemedicine—Radiology	21.02%	0.79
Mean	59.08%	0.41		51.78%	0.48
Standard deviation	29.13%	0.29		26.89%	0.27

Note: Saidin weight of a technology is calculated as 1-adoption rate

Appendix C

Data Sources I

American Hospital Association (AHA)

Founded in 1898, the American Hospital Association (AHA) is the national organization that represents healthcare organizations including all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities. AHA includes nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 43,000 individual members. It focuses on getting members' perspectives and needs heard and addressed in national health policy development, legislative and regulatory debates, and judicial matters. AHA also provides education and information on health care issues and trends. AHA maintains a comprehensive census of United States hospitals based on the AHA Annual Survey of Hospitals conducted since 1946. The database is released annually and covers organizational structure, personnel, hospital facilities and services, and professional services firms.

Source: http://www.aha.org/

American Hospital Directory (AHD)

The American Hospital Directory (AHD) provides information on more than 6,000 hospitals nationwide from authoritative sources. The data and statistics are derived from both public and private sources such as Medicare claims data, hospital cost reports, and commercial licensors. AHD is not affiliated with the American Hospital Association (AHA). Source: https://www.ahd.com/

Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is a federal agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It works in partnership with state governments to administer programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and health insurance portability standards. Source: https://www.cms.gov/

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

As a global, cause-based, non-profit organization founded in 1961, HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) focuses on improving health engagements and the access, quality, cost-effectiveness, and value of healthcare through information technology (IT). Headquartered in Chicago and with offices in the United States, Europe, and Asia, HIMSS engages the global health IT community by providing thought leadership, community building, professional development, public policy, and events. HIMSS Analytics, a wholly owned subsidiary of HIMSS, leads efforts in healthcare research and advisory for healthcare delivery organizations, IT companies, governmental entities, and financial, pharmaceutical, consulting and emerging technology solution partners worldwide. It conducts an annual study on United States healthcare organizations to collect data on the inventory and use of healthcare information technology. Source: http://www.himss.org/, http://www.himssanalytics.org/