

## Health Information Compliance Alert

### News Briefs: Project Looks to Expand Reach of Personal Health Records

Could daily journaling of exercise, meals, pain, and sleep help doctors treat patients?

Help the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation capture data on how patients' daily activities can assist in clinical treatment -- and earn grant funding to boot.

The RWJF seeks projects "to assess and test the potential of 'observations of daily living' to help patients and physicians better manage chronic illnesses," according to a press release.

The teams chosen to receive grants will demonstrate how observations on exercise, meals, pain, and sleep, for example, "can be collected, interpreted and integrated into the clinical care process."

The project builds on a first round of funding that developed personal health records applications. One of the insights that came out of that work was "the importance of the subtle but systematic cues that people attend to as they monitor their health progress." RWJF wants to see whether capturing that level of information can help clinicians treat patients.

PHRs can include information from a variety of sources, including a patient's clinical record and one's own observations about day-to-day experiences and feelings, the request for proposals said. The RFP cites PHR services such as Google Health, Microsoft HealthVault, and Dossia as examples of health-data storage that's independent of where or how they are collected.

A total of \$2.4 million is available. RWJF expects grants of up to \$480,000 each will be awarded to five applicants for 24-month projects. The deadline for brief proposals is June 3 at 2 p.m. EDT. Get more information from **Gail Casper, RN, PhD**, deputy director, Project HealthDesign, at (877) 674-3170 or [info@projecthealthdesign.org](mailto:info@projecthealthdesign.org).

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