Country:	Brazil
Lead organization(s) *(who)*	The Center for Studies on Information and Communication Technologies (CETIC.br) leads nationwide information & communication technology (ICT) surveys and publishes indicators across different sectors in Brazil. Aiming to produce both reliable and internationally comparable data, the Center complies with international methodological guidelines.
Timelines *(when)*	The ICT in Health Survey began in 2013 and will be conducted annually.
Activity *(what)*	The purpose of the ICT in Health Survey is to monitor the infrastructure and the availability of applications based on ICTs in the health sector, as well as their utilization by physicians and nurses. In 2013, interviews were conducted with 1,685 healthcare facilities and 4,180 healthcare professionals (both physicians and nurses). CETIC.br aims to deliver valuable data for policymakers, healthcare professionals, academia and civil society.
Key Findings to date	The results of the ICT in Health 2013 survey have revealed that there are still challenges for integrating ICT in both healthcare facilities and clinical practice. In terms of infrastructure, there is still a lack of ICT access in outpatient facilities. Another interesting finding of this study reveals the low maturity of information systems for clinical decision making, interoperability and data exchange. Regarding telehealth initiatives, public facilities in Brazil play a key role in distance education and research activities.
Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: http://www.cetic.br/english/ Results are available in Portuguese at: http://www.nic.br/imprensa/

Country:	Canada
Lead organization(s) *(who)*	Canada Health Infoway (*Infoway)* is an independent not-for-profit corporation created by Canada's First Ministers in 2001. Funded by the Government of Canada, *Infoway* helps to improve the health of Canadians by working with partners to accelerate the development, adoption and effective use of digital health across Canada. The aim of its investments is to help deliver better quality and access to care and more efficient delivery of health services for patients and clinicians.
Timelines *(when)*	Evaluation activities are in progress, with some components complete and others planned over the next year, timed to coincide with regularly scheduled data collection processes.
Activity *(what)*	The pilot effort is led by *Infoway*, leveraging a variety of existing surveys and administrative data to trial components of the OECD model survey.
Key Findings to date	While use of electronic medical records by community-based physicians varies across the country, the prevalence of use is rising overall, as described in the latest National Physician Survey. Almost all hospitals have videoconference capabilities for telehealth.
Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: *Infoway*: https://www.infoway-inforoute.ca/ National Physician Survey: http://nationalphysiciansurvey.ca/ 2012 Commonwealth Fund International Survey of Primary Care Doctors: http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Surveys/2012/Nov/2012-International-Survey.aspx

Country:	Finland
Lead organization(s) *(who)*	The National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) is a research and development institute under the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. THL seeks to serve the broader society in addition to the scientific community, actors in the field and decision-makers in central government and municipalities. The aim is to promote health and welfare in Finland.
Timelines *(when)*	Survey implementation will occur in February 2014.
Activity *(what)*	The piloting of the OECD Guide to Measuring ICTs in the Health Sector has been integrated in two national surveys – the health care organization survey and survey of doctors. The organizational survey (mapping availability and use of ICTs) is targeted to CIO's of all public health care organizations (primary and specialized care organisations, which provide both ambulatory and institutional care), as well as to a sample of private health care organizations. The survey for doctors (including some availability measures, focusing mainly on user experience of ICTs) is targeted to all practicing doctors in Finland.
Key Findings to date	The key findings will be made available in national and international publications, which can be accessed via the THL website.
Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: http://www.thl.fi/en_US/web/en/aboutus

Country:	Germany IT-Report Gesundheitswesen
Lead organization(s) *(who)*	Pilot efforts in Germany are led by the Health Informatics Research Group at the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück Germany. There is a close scientific cooperation with The Health & Life Sciences University (UMIT) in Hall/Tyrol Austria and with Results4Care in Amersfoort Netherlands for comparing the adoption of Health IT between countries.
Timelines *(when)*	The Health Informatics Research Group conducts national surveys of all approximately 2000 German hospitals on the adoption of Health IT since 2002 and publishes their results as IT-Report Gesundheitswesen.
Activity *(what)*	The questionnaire of the IT-Report Gesundheitswesen was mapped to the OECD model survey questionnaire, which yielded a substantial overlap of items and information concerning IT in hospitals. Data are available for 2013 based on surveying Chief Information Officers (CIOs) and will become available by mid 2014 based on the answers of clinicians. The IT-Report Gesundheitswesen questionnaire will converge stepwise to the OECD survey instrument where possible. A pilot for surveying physician offices in Germany will be set up separately.In parallel, the Health Informatics Research Group performs IT benchmarks for German hospitals.
Key Findings to date	Liebe JD, Hübner U. Developing and Trialling an Independent, Scalable and Repeatable IT-benchmarking Procedure for Healthcare Organisations. Methods Inf Med. 2013 Aug 6;52(4):360-9. Liebe JD, Egbert N, Frey A, Hübner U. Characteristics of German Hospitals Adopting Health IT Systems - Results of an Empirical Study. Stud Health Technol Inform. 2011;149:335-338. Hübner U, Ammenwerth E, Flemming D, Schaubmayr C, Sellemann B. IT adoption of clinical information systems in Austrian and German hospitals: results of a comparative survey with a focus on nursing. BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making 2010, 10:8.
Resources/additional	Additional information/resources are available at:

information	http://www.wiso.hs-osnabrueck.de/igw_team.html?&L=1 National survey reports can be downloaded at: (http://www.it-report-healthcare.info/).

Country:	Israel State of Israel **Ministry of Health** משרד הבריאות, ישראל
Lead organization(s) *(who)*	Israel's Ministry of Health (MOH) has volunteered to be a pilot state for the OECD ICT Benchmarking Project. There are 27 general hospitals in Israel: 11 Governmental, 7 of Klalit HMO (the largest HMO in Israel), and 9 private hospitals. The MOH is the regulator of the health system in Israel but also the owner of hospitals (11 general, 9 psychiatric and 4 geriatric)
Timelines *(when)*	The survey will be implemented in February 2014 and the final report is planned for completion by May 2014.
Activity *(what)*	Firstly, the survey is designed to take place among Chief Information Officers (CIOs) of health organizations. In addition, to ensure that the information obtained from CIOs reflects the current information systems as perceived by users of the system, it is necessary to undertake a small survey among a sample of physicians in the community, comparing theirs answers to those of the CIOs. The survey includes hospitals and community care. The MOH intends to expand the OECD proposed questionnaire to include questions measuring the degree of implementation of relevant MOH procedures that attempt to bring all distributed clinical data to the physician at the point of care.
Key Findings to date	To be determined (TBD).
Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: http://www.health.gov.il/English/Pages/HomePage.aspx

Country:	The Netherlands Nictiz nivel
Lead organization(s) *(who)*	The National IT Instiute for Health Care in the Netherlands (NICTIZ) and the Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL) are leading the national survey activities, which will be implemented three times, in three consecutive years.
Timelines *(when)*	The survey has been implemented for the first time in 2013 (results available) and will run again in 2014 (Q1+Q2) and in 2015.
Activity *(what)*	The existing survey includes a questionnaire for general practitioners, which includes probably 60-70% of the OECD questions, although some questions may have been phrased differently. The aim of the national survey is to get an overview of the availability and use of eHealth-solutions in the Netherlands, among patients (all years), medical doctors (all years) and nurses (2014 only). For this, the survey uses panels of citizens, doctors and nurses.
Key Findings to date	A summary of the results of the 2013 survey is available in English at: http://www.nictiz.nl/page/Publicaties/Summary-eHealth-monitor
Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: www.nictiz.nl www.nivel.nl

Country:	South Korea
Lead organization(s) (who)	This pilot project is led by the Health Insurance Review & Assessment Service (HIRA) in South Korea. The HIRA is the sole nationwide third party administrator (TPA) providing health insurance claim review and assessment services for the whole national health insurance system in South Korea.
Timelines (when)	Data collection was carried out by the Gallup Korea through the contract with the HIRA, which coordinated the project. Modes of data collection were both face-to-face interview (96%) and online (4%) surveys. The survey was conducted for 7 weeks, from November 19, 2013 to January 10, 2014.
Activity (what)	The aim of this pilot survey was to investigate the adoption and use rates of ICT following the OECD's guidelines measuring ICT in the healthcare sector. This survey was also conducted as a stand-alone survey. There were 1,694 hospitals and 26,063 clinics in South Korea as of September 1, 2013. We randomly selected 681 hospitals and 906 clinics, which represented 40.2% and 5.2% of each target population. The response rates were 86.9% for hospitals and 67.2% for clinics.
Key Findings to date	The adoption rate of EMR/EHR system for hospitals and clinics was 96.5% and 95.7%, respectively. Various clinical data for individual patients were available electronically within each organization, but not accessible from outside of each organization. For example, 94.6% of hospitals and 94.1% of clinics routinely or occasionally used patients' demographic information electronically. In contrast, the accessibility of such information from outside of each hospital and clinics was 8.5% and 2.1%, respectively. Most of the hospitals (95.0%) and clinics (91.2%) were prescribing the medications through the electronic systems. Healthcare information exchanges were routine processes in hospitals, but not clinics. The adoption rates of personal health record systems for hospitals and clinics were 15.8% 8.7% respectively. The adoption rate of telemedicine systems for hospitals was 1.3%, but they were not observed in clinics.
Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: http://www.hira.or.kr/eng/

Country:	United States of America
Lead organization(s) (who)	The Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is organizationally located within the Office of the Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ONC is the principal federal entity charged with the coordination of nationwide efforts to implement and use the most advanced health information technology and the electronic exchange of health information.
Timelines (when)	Data from the 2013 American Hospital Association (AHA) survey is expected to be publicly available mid to late February 2014.

Activity (what)	ONC contributes the OECD Benchmarking Health Information Technology collaboration through two nationwide surveys:
	1. *American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Survey – Health IT Supplement*
	    a. A survey of non-federal acute care hospitals conducted by the AHA
	    b. Fielded annually from October to January
	    c. Latest results from 2012

	2. *National Electronic Health Records Survey (NEHRS)*
	    a. A survey of office-based physicians conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
	    b. Fielded annually from February to June
	    c. Latest results from 2013

Key Findings to date	Key findings from the latest surveys are available at:
	    1. http://dashboard.healthit.gov/HITAdoption/
	    2. http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/oncdatabrief9final.pdf
	    3. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db143.htm

Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: http://www.healthit.gov/newsroom/about-onc

Country:	Switzerland Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft Confédération suisse Confederazione Svizzera Confederaziun svizra
Lead organization(s) (who)	The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) is a part of the Federal Department of Home Affairs. Along with the Cantons, it is responsible for public health in Switzerland and for developing national health policy. As the national health authority, the FOPH also represents Switzerland's interests in the domain of health in international organisations and with respect to other countries.
Timelines (when)	The survey is currently being implemented, with results expected in March 2014.
Activity (what)	The FOPH supports a yearly survey on eHealth (eHealth Barometer), that has been extended to include the proposed questions. In this survey, we address doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and nursing homes with the support of their respective professional organizations.
Key Findings to date	To be determined (TBD)
Resources/additional information	Additional information/resources are available at: http://www.bag.admin.ch/ehealth