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Mark Leavitt, MD, PhD, is Chair of the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of robust, interoperable health information technology. Initially developing its programs under a 3-year, \$7.5M contract from the Department of Health and Human Services, CCHIT® is the Federally recognized authority for certification of electronic health records (EHRs). Over 200 volunteers serve on the Commission and its work groups.

Originally trained in Electronic Engineering at the University of Arizona and Stanford, Dr. Leavitt then attended the University of Miami School of Medicine and Oregon Health and Science University. While practicing Internal Medicine for 10 years, he developed solutions for managing clinical information, which led to his next calling in health IT. He founded MedicaLogic, a pioneering ambulatory EHR company, and led it for 17 years of growth from startup to its IPO. After GE Healthcare Systems acquired the company in 2002, he served as VP for Clinical Initiatives at GE. Following that he worked as Chief Medical Officer at HIMSS until 2005, then transitioned to his current full-time position at CCHIT.

He holds an appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical Informatics at the Oregon Health and Science University, and is a fellow of HIMSS and ACMI.