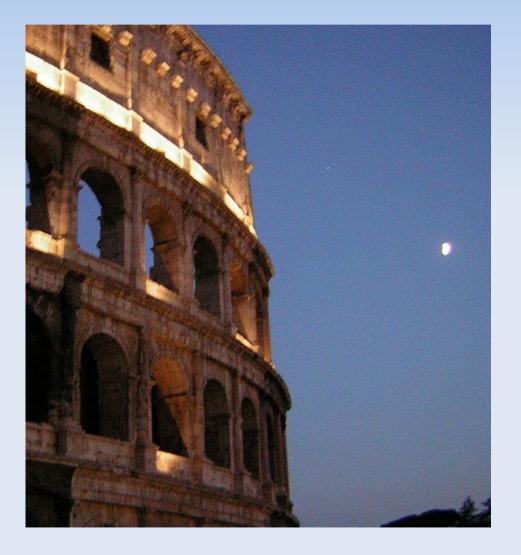# Taking OpenEMR, a GPL EMR to ARRA Meaningful Use Certification and Beyond

Reference sites:

- **www.oemr.org** - our official web home page

- **openmedsoftare.org** - our project wiki, access to online demo and all lots more

- **sourceforge.net/projects/openemr/** - the code lives here (CVS master)

- **github.com/openemr/openemr** - public git master updated every 30 mins

OpenEMR v4.0.0-dev

The Goal

- Certified before the 2011 Incentives are available

- Why? You may Ask.
  - M/U Guidelines Provided Focus
  - M/U items were good for all (not just USA)
  - Test Plans provided

The Team

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- Community Users and Developers
- Open Source Medical Software Board
- OpenEMR Support Vendors
- Hired Contractors
- Industry Advisors
- Samuel Bowen, MD

The Beginning

- Hired a pile of contractors to work on large, identified gap items

- Choose a formal process:SPRINT

- Advocates lobbied gov't and others

- Got to cranking code

The Middle

- Traffic on forums at all time high (#37 on SF one week)

- Struggles with branching/code merge and test

- Formal project management is hard

- Money runs low...

- Enthusiam is VERY high!

The End ... ?

- ~80% code complete on all M/U items

- Clean up and release a pre-certified version

- Start testing certification scripts and clean up

- Raise money to pay for certification process

- Release Certified Version and management plan

Backup Info and Links

- www.openmedsoftware.org/wiki/OpenEMR_Certification

- Health and Human Services - Standards & Certification

  - healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1153&mode=2

- ONC Initiatives

  - healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1497&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=1&mode=2&in_hi_userid=10741&cached=true

- NIST Test Scripts

  - xw2k.nist.gov/healthcare/use_testing/index.html

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