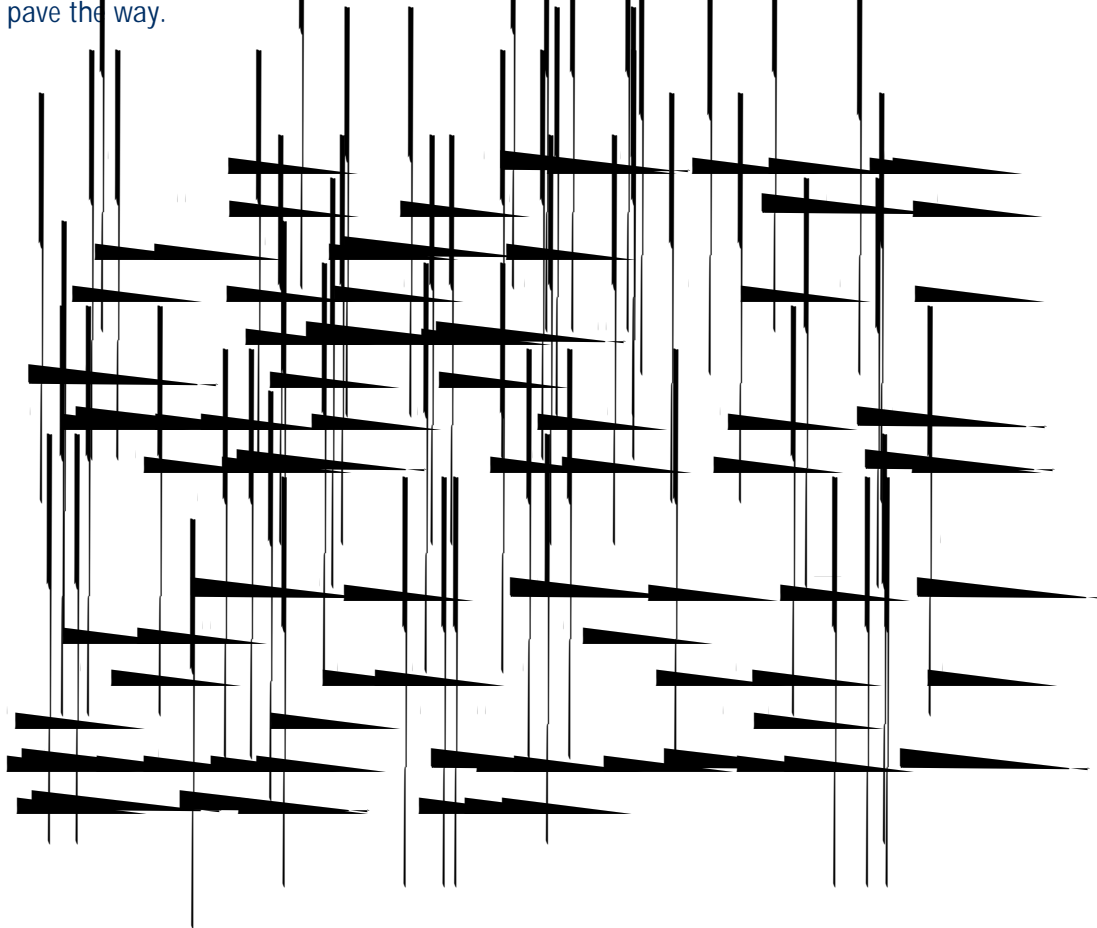


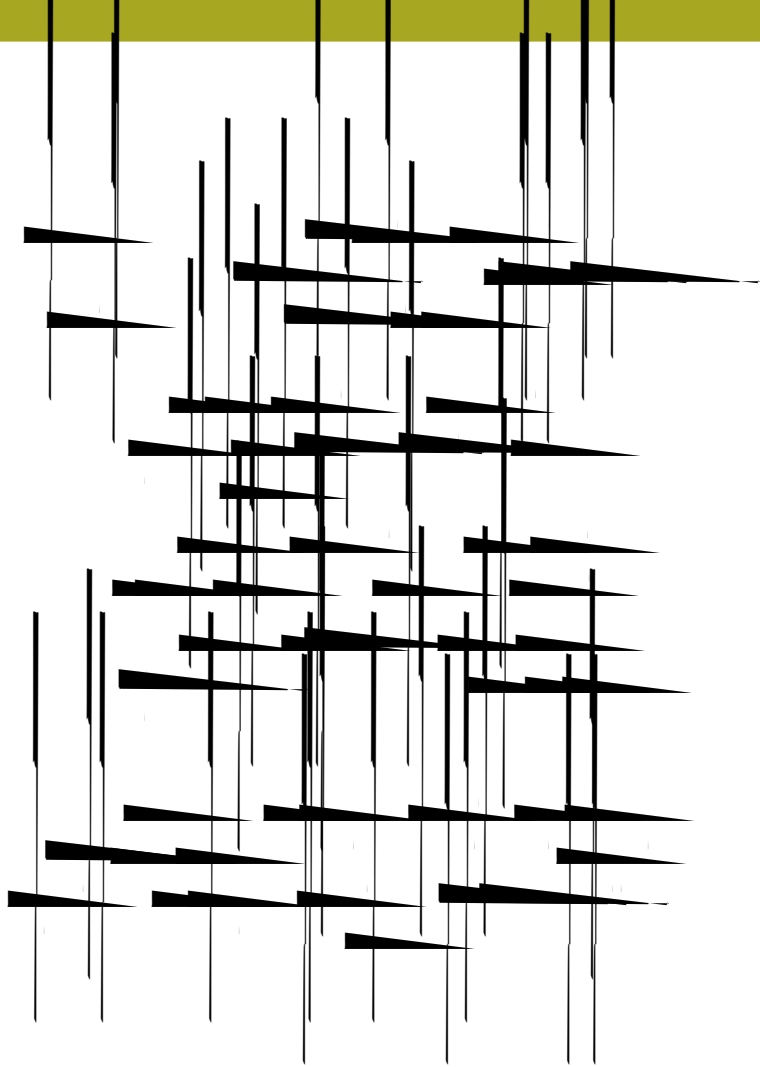
The Federal Role in Promoting Health Information Technology

Modern health care systems need health information technology (HIT), including electronic health record systems, to perform to their full potential. Getting doctors and hospitals to adopt HIT, however, will require overcoming a host of financial, technical, and logistical obstacles. Through the power of policymaking, there are a number of actions the federal government can take to ease providers' fears and help pave the way.



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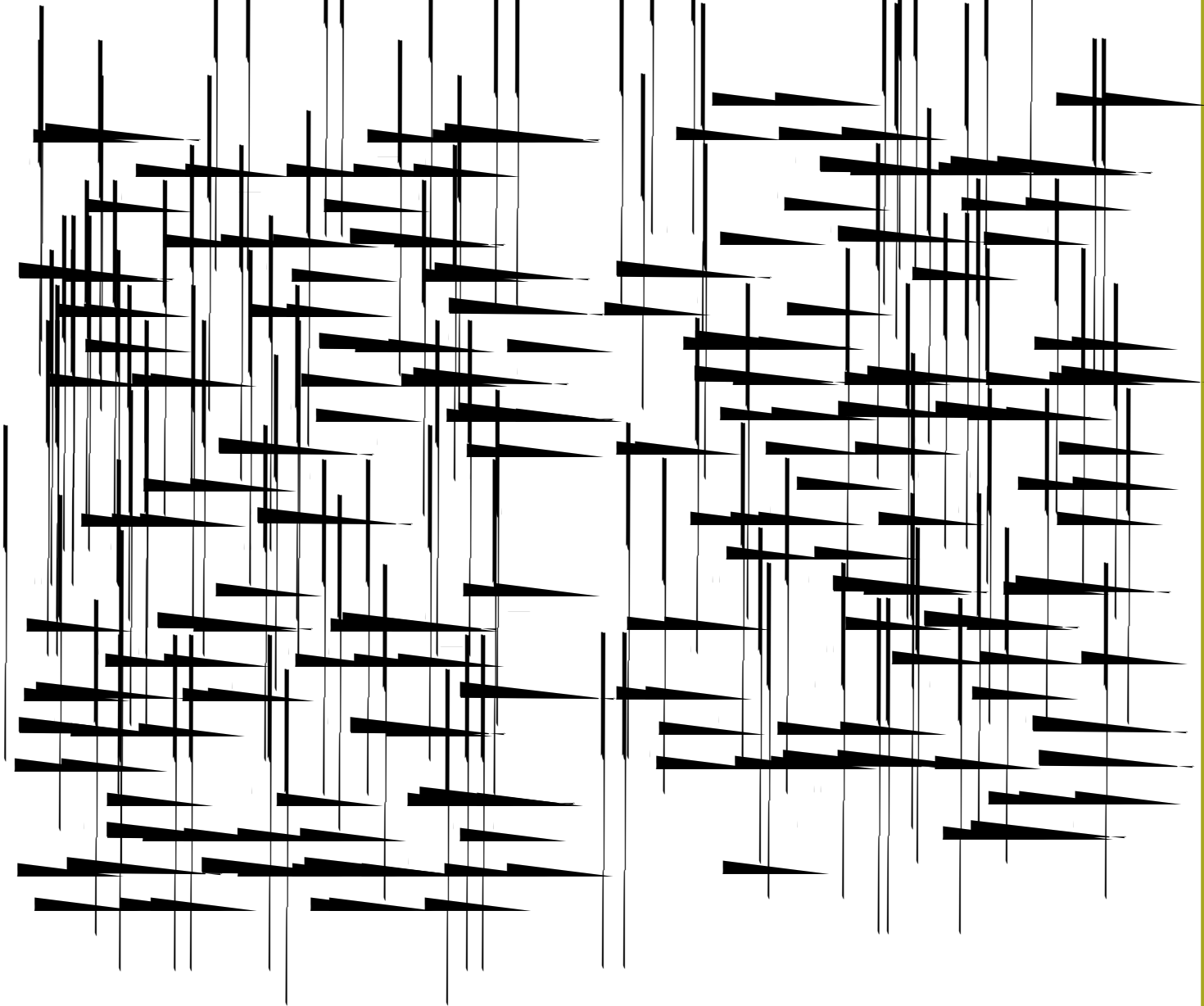
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