



# Health Industry Business Communications Council

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## **FINAL 2003 HIBCC BOARD AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS ANNOUNCED**

**PHOENIX, AZ** (September 29, 2003) – The Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) has announced the final Board and Technical Meetings for 2003 to be held December 3-5, in Phoenix, Arizona.

HIBCC plays a major advocacy and educational role for the healthcare industry by providing a forum for consensus-based standards development. HIBCC's Technical Committees serve as the focal point of this process and are open to the public. Individuals from throughout the industry are encouraged to participate in the scheduled sessions, which include: e-Business (EDI/XML), HIN User Group, Auto-ID/UPN, RFID in Healthcare and the Patient Safety Systems Task Force.

For more information regarding the December meetings or to register, call (602) 381-1091, or visit the "About HIBCC/meetings" page at: [www.hibcc.org](http://www.hibcc.org). Meeting dates for 2004 will be posted in January.

HIBCC is an industry-sponsored, non-profit standards development organization (SDO) that maintains labeling and electronic communication standards for hospitals and their suppliers. Founded in 1983 by the healthcare industry, HIBCC is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The HIBC bar code labeling standards are accredited by both ANSI and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). The HIBCC mission is to facilitate electronic commerce by developing appropriate standards for information exchange among healthcare trading partners. This mission is extended globally via IHIBCC, a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world.

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