# WHY does AAO want you to know about the IHE Connectathon?
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## *The Path to Ensure Your Systems and Devices Work Together*

Automated Workflow Standards improve efficiency, quality, and safety for your eye care information.  This means your PMS can communicate back and forth with your EHR about patient demographics, appointments, and billing.

Your EHR, instruments, and image management systems can automatically exchange patient demographics, orders, images and reports.   The patient demographics are entered only at the PMS and flow automatically to all other systems.

The AAO IHE workflow developed is called *"IHE Unified Eye Care Workflow".*

*Every system or device in your practice* (PMS, EHR, eye care devices, PACS) should conform to *IHE Unified Eye Care Workflow*. If not, be careful!  That's because safe, efficient workflow will most likely break down.

*Q:  How do you know vendor's product can seamlessly work with others?*

*A:  The IHE Connectathon.*

The IHE Connectathon is an AAO sponsored event.  This is a multiple vendor event, where companies work together to test against real-world scenarios encountered in an eye care clinic. *Vendors testing with vendors.  Vendors can register here.*

Did your vendors participate in the *Connectathon*?

Are your instruments or software *IHE Eye Care tested*?

*Your success is our best result.*

### *Look for more helpful information in future AAO IHE Eye Care newsletters.*

PMS – Practice Management System
EHR – Electronic Health Record
PACS – Picture Archive and Communication System (Image Management and Display System)