**Part 5:**
**Personal Health Record (PHR)**

- Electronic application that allows consumers to access, manage and share their health information with authorized personnel
- Maintained in a secure and private environment
- The patient decides on the right of access

**Need:**
- Helps patients actively participate in their own care
- Gives physicians more health data relevant to the individual that is not discovered in a general visit

**Benefits:**
- Larger scope of information is available to clinicians leads to better diagnoses for patients
- Promotes early intervention of chronic illnesses
- Improves communication = more efficient processes such as scheduling appointments & requesting medication refills