

Table 2  
 NGT Panel Two Ranked Vote Responses

Response #	Response Description	# of Votes	Individual Weighted Votes <sup>1</sup>	Sum of Votes	% of Total Available Votes <sup>2</sup>
21	Given the transition to electronic records and the increased involvement of IT, what constitutes health information, its tracking and release, challenges HIM in controlling safeguards in release of information	4	1,2,2,3	8	16.7%
31	Given that HIPAA is so complex, it is difficult to hire and find qualified staff who can make decisions regarding release of information	3	2,3,2	7	14.6%
4	The requirements for release of information form are so structured, staff doesn't know whether to honor a given request for information	3	1,2,3	6	12.5%
12	Given the scope of mandated government demands and requirements, disclosure accounting has become overly burdensome	2	1,3	4	8.3%
34	Ensuring compliance with HIPAA has caused hospitals to incur substantial additional costs	2	1,3	4	8.3%
16	It has become difficult to monitor or track amendments to patients' medical records	1	3	3	6.3%
18	The concept of covered and noncovered disclosures is a difficult concept to learn and understand because of the way they are defined and set up	1	3	3	6.3%
26	The legal community has a lack of understanding of HIPAA regulations concerning release of health information under subpoena	2	1,2	3	6.3%
35	The increased use of mobile devices increases potential for security compromises	1	3	3	6.3%
3	With information sources being more decentralized in the absence of a central release of information	1	2	2	4.2%

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	function when releasing health information, staff in different departments are confused about how, when, and what information to release				
20	There is a lack of understanding of “minimum necessary” requirements of HIPAA	1	2	2	4.2%
5	There is an increased need for additional software to track health information disclosures	1	1	1	2.1%
8	Given conflicting state and HIPAA regulations, there is no clear definition of what to charge and when to charge when releasing health information	1	1	1	2.1%
15	There is a general lack of understanding of HIPAA within the general public	1	1	1	2.1%
	Total	24		48	100%

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<sup>1</sup> Each panel member was allotted three weighted votes and to assign three individually selected barriers: 1 = least important, and 3 = most important.

<sup>2</sup> Total available votes = 48.