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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 05:47:46 GMT

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 08:16:02 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 12:36:55 GMT

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 13:02:47 GMT  
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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 14:35:25 GMT  
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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 20:26:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: Health records online?

Posted by [Rich Lamanna](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2008 02:53:13 GMT

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