Greetings NI Community members,

HIMSS strives to make sure our members have access to the knowledge, tools and best practices around healthcare technology that will transform health. To help ensure our Community has the most up-to-date knowledge, we will circulate a Weekly HIMSS NI Snapshot news email. These emails will highlight key clinical informatics items from HIMSS as well as our collaborating partners that are pertinent and timely, based on conversations that the Community is engaging in.

**Countdown to HIMSS15 Nursing Informatics Symposium!**

**Register for the Nursing Informatics Symposium: Guiding Patients to Health, Anytime and Anywhere**

Taking place on Sunday, April 12, be part of a dynamic platform of nurse leaders who will come together to address the most current issues facing informatics nurses today. Explore updates that are critical to the discussion, including the role of the nurse informaticist in achieving strategic health IT goals; the importance of nursing informatics and patient safety; including patient-generated data in the EHR; evolving nursing leadership roles; the importance of standardized workflow; and other timely topics. [View the agenda](#) and [register today](#).

**Session Sneak Peek - Closing Keynote: Nursing Informatics at the Forefront of Nursing**

The HIMSS15 Nursing Informatics Symposium offers a wide variety of sessions to appeal to the wide array of nurse informaticists. Our closing keynote features Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, who will present “Nursing Informatics at the Forefront of Nursing.” This presentation will address how nurse informaticists can empower the nursing workforce through the Health IT journey by providing a look at the past, understanding current ANA initiatives and exploring future roles for nursing. This presentation will take place on April 12, 2015 from 3:15 – 4:15pm CST in Room S406. [Click here](#) to learn more about this presentation and others!

**Meet the HIMSS15 Nursing Symposium Faculty**

Gain access to some of the leading minds in nursing informatics in an intimate, interactive setting at HIMSS’ preconference [Nursing Informatics Symposium: Guiding Patients to Health, Anytime and Anywhere](#). In a day-long series of intensive sessions, attendees join expert faculty for a discussion of the most current issues and challenges facing informatics nurses today. [Learn more](#).

**Nursing Informatics News**

**2015 IHE North American Connectathon Reflections**

In Joyce Sensmeier’s most recent blog, HIMSS North America Vice President, Informatics, Sensmeier reflects on the successful transition of hosting the 2015 IHE North American Connectathon and Conference from Chicago to Cleveland, Ohio. As the location of the brand new [Global Center for Health Innovation](#), the co-located state-of
the-art Cleveland Convention Center and the HIMSS Innovation Center, Cleveland proved to serve record-breaking attendance at the IHE Connectathon and provided a conducive environment to solve tough interoperability problems. Learn more.

Knowledge, Wisdom and Decision Making
Ruth Slater, RN, BSN, CPHIMS, HIMSS Nursing Informatics Committee member, discusses the most critical aspects of nursing informatics practice in her first HIMSS blog post. “The HIMSS Position Statement says ‘together nurses and nursing informatics must lead and be visible, vocal and present at the table to achieve healthcare delivery transformation’ (HIMSS, 2011)... The necessary leadership for this transformation must be provided through nursing informatics leaders in healthcare organizations that recognize the essential functions of quality and safety provided by nursing informatics,” states Slater. Read more.

HIMSS Annual Call for Committee Volunteers is Open!
The HIMSS Annual Call for Committee Volunteers opens today, January 19 and will be accepting applications through March 9, 2015. We strongly encourage you to apply for the Nursing Informatics Committee. By serving as a Nursing Informatics Committee member you will strengthen the voice of nursing informatics and provide leadership and guidance to HIMSS activities, initiatives, and collaborations with the global nursing informatics community. Apply today!

HIMSS Informatics Community Quarterly Government Relations Update
Our Government Relations Team is excited to welcome the HIMSS Clinical Informatics Communities to a 45 minute update on Provider Engagement in Public Policy for 2015; focusing on Engagement with Congress & Federal agencies in Washington D.C. and State Affairs. Join us on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 11:00am central.

Nursing Domain of CI Governance: Recommendations for Health IT Adoption and Optimization
In today’s current health IT landscape there is a lack of recommended models for clinical informatics (CI) governance that can facilitate successful health information technology implementation. Recent published research conducted by Sarah Collins and co-authored by Dana Alexander and Jacqueline Moss seeks to understand existing CI governance structures and provide a model with recommended roles, partnerships, and councils based on perspectives of nursing informatics leaders. Learn more.

2015 Nursing Knowledge: Big Data & Science Conference for Transforming Healthcare
Plan to be part of the third annual national conference to advance an action plan to create sharable, comparable nursing data that is integrated into the electronic health record. Learn and get involved with national initiatives, including streamlining documentation and integration of evidence-based practice in electronic health records, integration of standardized nursing data in EHRs, health policy initiatives, and cutting edge research methods to transform health and health care. This conference will take place June 3-5, 2015 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Click here to learn more!
Register for the 2nd International Conference on Research Methods for Standardized Terminology
The Second International Conference on Research Methods for Standardized Terminologies sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Nursing Center for Nursing Informatics will be held April 15, 2015 at Dakota County Public Health in West St. Paul, MN, and online. Please note this is a preconference for the Omaha System International Conference in Eagan, Minnesota April 16-18, 2015 Register today!

In Case You Missed It!

View the Clinical Informatics Insights February Issue
The latest issue of Clinical Informatics Insights sets the stage for true data exchange – interoperability – by providing leading perspectives on barriers to interoperability, the right types of information and patient generated data. And how we as informaticists must be prepared to utilize all of these data points in a meaningful way. Learn more.

Thank you!

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