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: Evolution of Nursing Informatics Leadership**

The HIMSS15 Nursing Informatics Symposium offers a wide variety of sessions to appeal to the wide array of nurse informaticists. We encourage you to attend “Evolution of Nursing Informatics Leadership” presented by Christina Dempsey, MSN, MBA, CNOR, CENP, Molly McCarthy, RN, MBA and Stephanie Poe, DNP, RN-BC. In this session you will learn about emerging leadership roles that nurses are embracing in different settings. Explore the influence that nursing informatics brings at an executive level and aspirations for your own career ladder. This presentation will take place on April 12, 2015 from 12:45-1:145pm CST in Room S406. [Click here](#) to learn more about this presentation and others!

**Nursing Informatics News**

**Online Journal of Nursing Informatics (OJNI) releases Spring 2015 Issue**

View OJNI’s most recent issue, which contains articles and editorials geared towards the latest emerging trends and hot topics is nursing informatics. Launched in 1996 with readership spanning over 49 countries, OJNI is a free, peer-reviewed publication that supports all functional areas of nursing informatics. [Click here](#) to view the latest issue.

**Call for Participation – National Nurses Week 2015**

In honor of National Nurses Week 2015, we are kindly requesting your participation to submit a vignette describing how you as a nurse impact HIT at the local level. Vignettes will be proudly
displayed on the HIMSS National Nurses Week website. Please submit vignettes to Maria Thornblad by Wednesday, April 1.

**2015 HIMSS HIE and Direct Messaging Survey**
The HIE and I&S Committees are soliciting feedback on the use of Direct messaging to facilitating health information exchange. Your participation will help to provide valuable real-time marketing information about the use and value of Direct. [Click here to participate!](#)

**Join West Health for Interoperability & Improved Patient Care Event**
The West Health IDEA Series is a unique set of gatherings with thought leaders and care experts to open up a conversation to support new and smarter technologies, policies and practices to make healthcare more effective and less costly for all Americans. Join us for this complimentary event on March 12th in Washington, D.C. [Learn more and register today!](#)

**Utilization of Health Information Technology in Post-Acute Care Settings Survey**
CMS has recently released a survey inviting long-term and post-acute providers to participate in a voluntary survey to understand the role technology is playing in the delivery of health care services in these settings. This survey helps identify the benefits and challenges providers encounter when participating in CMG programs that promote health care interoperability. This survey will run until April 3, 2015. [Click here to access the survey.](#)

**Register for Omaha System International Conference: April 16-18, 2015**
The Omaha System International Conference will be held in Eagan, Minnesota April 16-18, 2015. A PDF with a speaker list, agenda, hotel information and registration details is posted on [http://www.omahasystem.org/conferences.html](http://www.omahasystem.org/conferences.html). Join speakers and participants from many states, Mexico, New Zealand, Czech Republic, and The Netherlands for good information, good networking, and good food! [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!](#)

**In Case You Missed It!**
**HIMSS Informatics Community Government Relations Update**
HIMSS Government Relations Team provides the Clinical Informatics Communities with an update on Provider Engagement in Public Policy for 2015, focusing on engagement with Congress & Federal agencies in Washington D.C. and State affairs. [Learn more.](#)

Thank you!
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