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!

**Nursing Informatics News**

**Health IT Contributes to a Prosperous Economy**

In her most recent blog, Carla Smith, MA, CNM, FHIMISS, Executive Vice President, HIMSS North America, shares HIMSS's excitement in President Obama using the Global Center for Health Innovations in Cleveland, home of the HIMSS Innovation Center, as the site for his speech on jobs and the economy. Read more.

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

In honor of National Nurses Week 2015, we are kindly requesting your participation to submit a vignette, a short written description, demonstrating the value of nurses in 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.

**HIMSS Leadership Essentials Institute Registration is Open!**
Registration is open for the HIMSS Leadership Essentials Institute on May 15, at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Taking place May 15th, this one-day educational program will provide the guidance, concepts, and principles needed to achieve core workforce competencies. Register, and view the agenda and speakers today!

**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!

**Cummins Announced as CIN Plus/ANI Connections Editor**
Mollie R. Cummins, PhD, RN, FAAN, was recently announced as the new CIN Plus/ANI Connections Editor. Dr. Cummins is an Associate Professor at the University of Utah and was the recipient of the 2014 Harriet H. Werley Award for nursing informatics.

**The Joint Commission Seeking Volunteers to Comment on eCQM Specification Projects**
The Joint Commission is currently working on two eCQM specification projects and is in need of volunteers for comment. The first project involves a new set of electronic Patient Blood Management Performance Measure (ePBM) profiles. The second project involves the Tobacco Treatment eCQM Task Force and seeks health IT professionals to help guide the re-engineering of three tobacco treatment measures as electronic clinical quality measures. To learn more of how to get involved, contact mdardis@jointcommission.org for any questions.

**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.

**2015 Nursing Knowledge: Big Data & Science Conference for Transforming Healthcare**
Calling nurse leaders! 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 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. 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.

In Case You Missed It!

Nursing Informatics, Not for the Faint of Heart!
Mary Beth Mitchell, MSN, RN, BC, CPHIMS, CNIO, Texas Health Resources, HIMSS Nursing Informatics Committee Chair and HIMSS15 View from the Top speaker, discusses her contribution to nursing knowledge in a recent blog post. Mitchell reflects on her journey through 30 years of nursing informatics, “I still love nursing informatics and am grateful for the opportunities I’ve been afforded, as the profession of nursing expands to meet the needs of the healthcare’s changing environment.” Read more.

Thank you!

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