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](#)

**Learn about the Nursing Informatics Symposium Opening Keynote: Transforming the Vision of Nursing**

The HIMSS15 Nursing Informatics Symposium opening keynote features Maureen McCausland, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, MedStar Health, who will present “Transforming the Vision of Nursing.” This presentation will identify how nurses are key leaders in developing the infrastructure for effective and efficient health information technology to transform the delivery of care and health outcomes. McCausland will discuss how the landmark Future of Nursing Report determined criteria to transform the nursing profession, leading to new roles and leadership positions for nurses in the redesign of the healthcare system. This presentation will take place on April 12, 2015 from 8:15 – 9:15am CST in Room S406. [Click here](#) to learn more about this presentation and others!

**Nursing Informatics News**

**Proposed Regulations Released on Meaningful Use Stage 3**

On March 20th, the Office of National Coordinator for Health IT and the Centers & Medicare and Medicaid Services each released a Notice for Proposed Rulemaking related to the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and Meaningful Use Stage 3. [Learn more](#).
**Complimentary Virtual Series - Meaningful Use Stage 3 Proposed Regulations**
With the March 20th release of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) related to the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program and Meaningful Use Stage 3 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and accompany 2015 Certification Standards by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, the Health IT Community is eager to learn more about the specific details of each NPRM. Join us as HIMSS Subject Matter Experts provide details to ensure health IT professionals across the industry understand the intent and impact of the government's actions. Learn more.

**Sensmeier named Top 15 Interoperability Geeks to Watch**
Healthcare IT News recently announced Joyce Sensmeier, Vice President, Informatics, HIMSS as one of the top 15 interoperability geeks to watch. In her role, Sensmeier oversees clinical informatics, standards and interoperability. She led the advancement of integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE), an international standards profiling organization which has achieved regional and international adoption of its public domain technical framework. Learn more.

**TIGER Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Relaunch**
HIMSS is proud to announce the TIGER (Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform) VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) has a new look, easier navigation, and updated curriculum. The VLE is a dynamic and unique one-stop portal for academic professionals, students, adult learners, and clinical educators. 30-day free trial memberships are available for qualified institutions. Subscribe and explore the VLE today!

**HIMSS Board Approve Net Neutrality Position Statement**
With the recent vote by the Federal Communications Commission in regards to the issue of ‘net neutrality,’ the HIMSS Board of Directors at their March 17 meeting approved an official HIMSS position on the issue. Learn more.

**HIMSS Book of the Month Explores Patient Engagement**
The award-winning Engage! Transforming Healthcare Through Digital Patient Engagement is the HIMSS Book of the Month for March. Through March 31, save 20% on print and eBook editions of this best-selling exploration of digital patient engagement. Learn more.

**#iAMaNURSE in a Social Media World**
As the use of social media is increasing, many health care organizations are embracing social networks as a tool, not only for promotion, but to provide patient education in an accessible format. Within this growing trend for social media in the health care arena, Capella University and the ANA Leadership Institute have brought together a panel of social media experts and advocates to discuss the benefits of social media use in health care and tip’s for today’s nurses in this highly social-sharing world. Register to attend this complimentary event on April 29, 2015.
Stubborn Pay Gap Is Found in Nursing
Male nurses make $5,100 more on average per year than female colleagues in similar position, researchers recently reported. The analysis includes data on more than 290,000 registered nurses and found that the pay gap had not narrowed within workplace settings and specialties from 1988 to 2013. The new study is the first to have measured gender disparities in pay among nurses over time. Learn more.

HHS Seeking Qualified CNO Candidates
The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is seeking qualified candidates to apply for a Chief Nursing Officer position. This role provides leadership for comprehensive initiatives that focus on nursing practice, administration, research and community partnership in support of health IT enabled patient care. This position is located in the Office of Clinical Quality and Safety, Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology. Applications will be accepted through April 8, 2015. Learn more.

In Case You Missed It!
View Clinical Informatics Insights March 2015 Issue
The latest issue of Clinical Informatics Insights explores the impact of informatics in a global case study format. Be sure to read “Global Challenges and Opportunities for Clinical Informatics” which addresses what is required for clinicians, researchers and industry partners to improve care and patient outcomes on a global scale. Learn more!

Thank you!

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