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NEW YORK STATE Chapter

Members Advancing Health IT!

Celebrating 10 Years of National Health IT Week!

HIMSS and our NY Chapter celebrated 10 years of National Health Information Technology (NHIT) Week! Quite a bit has happened from creation of the Office of the

National Coordinator (DNC) to the HITECH Act to the recent release from HHS/DNC of Meaningful Use Stage 3 during NHIT Week! Advancing standardized, interoperable, interconnect-

ed and certified healthcare information technologies requires a vibrant public and private partnership to implement this incredible national infrastructure that improves patient quality of care and

outcomes while optimizing the spending on appropriate healthcare services. All of us have the opportunity to serve a valuable role as Advocates in providing important information to our Public Policy Leaders at the Federal, State and local levels shaping legislation and regulation for healthcare information technologies.



Representative Carolyn Maloney (CD12), w/Dr. Chris Morris NYU Langone, Rick Sughrue NYS Chapter President, Diane Carr HIMSS Board Member/North Bronx Healthcare Network

NYS Legislative Resolution for Health IT Week in NYS Oct 5-9, 2015

October 5 - 9th, 2015 was proclaimed NYS Health IT Week in a resolution adopted by the NYS Senate and presented to the New York State Healthcare Information and Management System Society (HIMSS) earlier this year. *“Health information technology is an important aspect of our health care system which continues to evolve and offer new opportunities,”* explained Senator Kemp Hannon, Chair of the NYS Senate Health Committee.



Senator Kemp Hannon, Sixth District (Chair, NYS Health Committee) w/Susan Rueckwald NYS Chapter Co-Secretary



Special points of interest:

- > Cybersecurity
- > New! Webinars
- > More DSRIP
- > Join 2016 Event Planning

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President's Message—Rick Sughrue



Our Chapter's 2,000+ medical and health information technology professionals have been hard at work implementing our state's public and private health IT infrastructure. Our annual event in NYC June 17th "The Patient Will See You Now..." was a huge success generating lots of important conversations. Cybersecurity was on the top of everyone's mind including Governor Andrew Cuomo. Peter Bloniarz, Executive Director of Governor Cuomo's Cyber Security Advi-

sory Board (pictured L-R: Kris Kusche, Chapter Past President, Peter, and me) invited our members to a series of Healthcare Cybersecurity Roundtables, hosted at the University of Buffalo August 5th. John Schrenker, President-Elect and I attended the HIMSS Chapter Leader Exchange at the HIMSS Innovation Center along with Chapter Leaders from across the country. Our Chapter's own Leadership Team deployed our new Virtual Educational & Networking Events Channel using WebEx to engage ALL members. We delivered our first Webex September 22 on Telemedicine. We

have a number of new volunteer Chapter Leaders John Waldon; Scott Vinci MD; MaryAnn Connor, RN; Vicky Tiase, RN; Marc Russo; Kristin Myers and William Yu, Consider volunteering your time and expertise for our chapter! We thank all of our valued Sponsors! We conveyed our Congressional Asks of Cybersecurity, Interoperability and Telehealth at National Health IT Week .

Stay tuned!

Tweet us #IamHIMSSNYS!

Contact me with any questions or comments at Rick.Sughrue@HealthIT360.com

Camaraderie with Our Chapter Members!



Joshua Nubla

By Joshua Nubla Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science

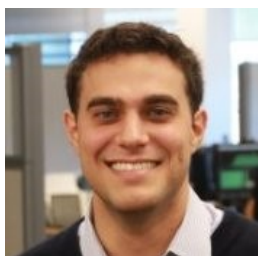
To say I did not know what to expect at the 2015 NYS Mini-HIMSS Conference would be an understatement. I'm deeply interested in health and pharmacy informatics and as a member of the NYS HIMSS chapter, I read about this event and just knew I had to attend. I was able to attend and volunteer with some help from HIMSS Board Member Anthony Ferrante. To keep within my budget, I could not stay the night before and my only option was to take a bus which made me question if it would even be worth it, but still I went. From Albany, I left

for Manhattan at 3:30 in the morning! Not even sleeping the night before so as not to miss the bus. I was on my way to Port Authority. Arriving around 6:30am on my own, I do not consider myself a master of the NYC subway system, so I began to walk to the Conference. At some point I lost track at how far I walked but I reached the event with a few minutes to spare.

One of the first positives ***I noticed was the camaraderie, everyone here was moving towards the same progressive healthcare ideas*** and were all willing to speak and share with me their experiences and knowledge. The event was beyond belief, I learned about the trends

currently in hospitals with a CIO Panel, how to engage with patients, and was inspired by a speech on real life and patient medical records. At the end of the sessions we had a great reception and I was able to connect with many new friends, especially other students who I now share a common bond with through HIMSS! I had to leave for Albany at the end of the day, when I arrived at home I shared my story with a friend of mine and he asked if it was worth all the trouble getting there. I told him "100%, I would do it all again".

Jash serves as our Student Liaison, contact him at Joshua.Nubla@acphs.edu



Marc Russo

Volunteer Your Time & Expertise

Find your areas of interest and connect with our chapter's committees! We have 2,000+ members that can lend a helping hand to

complete all needed tasks! Content and value created by members for members!

Contact Member Engagement Committee Co-Chair Marc Russo at mrusso@hellohealth.com

Cybersecurity

Peter Bloniarz, Executive Director of Governor Cuomo's Cyber Security Advisory Board invited HIMSS NYS Chapter Members to participate in the Cybersecurity Roundtable meetings for Healthcare. Cybersecurity threats are persistent and a number of well publicized cybersecurity breaches occurred in recent months. The first in a series of Roundtables was held at the University of Buffalo August

5th. President-elect John Schrenker and CID George Hickman of Albany Medical Center provided opening remarks at this important and timely event. Future Roundtable events are in the planning stages.

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HIMSSNYS Chapter Members at Healthcare Cybersecurity Roundtable—
University of Buffalo August 5th

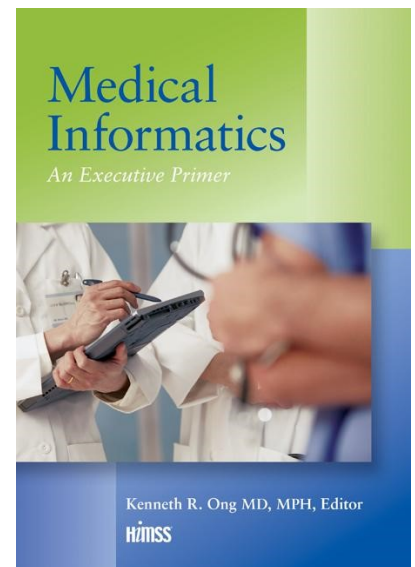
Medical Informatics: An Executive Primer

Medical Informatics: An Executive Primer is the third edition of HIMSS' award-winning best-seller. This updated edition continues to explore information technologies applied in hospital settings, at the physician's office and in patients' homes to provide high-value patient care. Developed for healthcare executives, the book looks at how clinicians, patients and health IT stakeholders are collaborating on a "team-based," IT-enabled approach to

healthcare. The book's authors offer provider success stories on utilizing health IT—such as EHRs, clinical decision support, telehealth and electronic quality measure reporting to transform healthcare, while addressing health IT usability, interoperability, privacy and security concerns and meeting federal regulations. New to this edition are chapters focused on how health IT innovations, mobile technologies and personal digital tools are demonstrating the value of health

IT. Medical Informatics also explores successful EHR implementations by organizations recognized with the HIMSS Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence, through case studies focused on patient engagement, population management, clinical and business intelligence, health information exchange and patient readmission.

Available at [HIMSS Bookstore](#)



Physician Community

The New York Academy of Medicine hosted an evening with Dr. Ken Ong, the editor of Medical Informatics: An Executive Primer, Third Edition along with many of the book's author including Keith Richard Weiner, RN, MSc; Jan Oldenburg; Virginia Lorenzi; Ken Ong, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA, CPHIMS, FHIMSS; Salvatore Volpe, MD, FAAP, FACP, CHCQM; and Curtis L. Cole, MD, FACP.

Contact Dr. Sam Amirfar, Physician Committee Co-Chair to get involved! samamirfar@gmail.com



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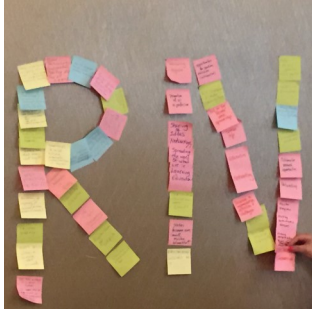
Nursing Community

We are pleased to announce the formal kickoff of the Nursing Committee across NYS that took place at our annual conference in June. We had over 25 nurses attend the lunch meet and greet. HIMSS nursing informatics information was distributed and congrats to our winner of our raffle prize, *Nursing Informatics: Where Technology and Caring Meet* [visit [HIMSS Bookstore](#)]. Contact information was shared and membership feedback was collected on topics of interest for future meetings. Plans are underway to conduct educational programs as well as collaboration and networking with nursing colleagues across the state. The role of the nurse in the use of technology to improve the delivery of patient care has evolved. **Today, nurses are leading change in the development and adoption of interoperable systems across the**

nation, showing quantifiable impact on population health. We are working to establish a nursing informatics group to provide networking and educational opportunities to prepare and support New York State nurses in this role.

We would like to extend a special invitation to become a part of this effort. Any nurse involved with or interested in IT initiatives is encouraged to join us!

Please contact our Nursing Committee Co-Chairs for additional information or interest MaryAnn Connor MSN RN-BC CPHIMS, at cconnorm@MSKCC.ORG, and Vicky Tiase MSN RN-BC, at vtiase@nyp.org.



HIMSSNYS Nursing Community Kick-Off

Next Nursing Committee Meeting Tues Nov 10th 5-6PM (WebEx!)

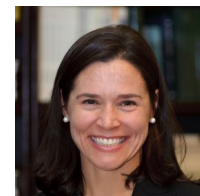
Join the conversation with our Nursing Committee on Tuesday, November 10th 5-6PM ET.

Register for this event at our chapter's website:

nys.himsschapter.org



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WEBINAR: Telemedicine - Moving Beyond the Video Visit

*Presented by Howard Reis
President HEALTHePRACTICES*

Telemedicine has become an accepted technology with multiple firms able to provide live video consults with physicians, often presented by companies as a benefit for their employees.

The next frontier is to explore specialty services which are using this same technology and solving major medical problems on a worldwide basis. Patients in El Salvador are having remote

retinal exams to predict instances of diabetes.

Second opinions, which require the assembling of multiple data sets (medical records, images, video) are being sent from under-privileged countries with the purpose of providing patients with expert medical advice.

Brand new technology is enabling the review of pap smears from third world countries to determine if patients in under-served areas are likely to have cervical cancer.

Teleradiology, which was the first widely accepted form of telemedicine is now being enhanced with machine learning to improve the radiologist's capability to detect tumors with increased accuracy.

These developments will be presented as brief case studies exploring the potential as well as obstacles.

[Visit chapter website to view archived webinar.](#)



Howard Reis



NEW!! Virtual Educational & Networking Events

We now have a virtual channel using WebEx to deliver content to our chapter's 2,000+ members across NYS (and across the world)! Like Telehealth, geographic barriers no longer exist. Equally important, our webinars are archived for 'on-demand' viewing so you're no longer constrained by 'appointment webinars'. Bringing together chapter members to exchange ideas and best practices is at the core of

our mission statement. This new distribution channel allows us to reach those members not able to attend our signature on-site chapter events in NYC, HIMSS national chapter receptions and regional chapter events in Rochester. All of our committees will be developing valuable and timely content—connect with them and share your ideas and expertise!

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Tony Ferrante

**"We can now engage
ALL Chapter
Members & partners
across New York
State and around the
world!"**

New WEBINAR Coming Nov 18th—More DSRIP!!

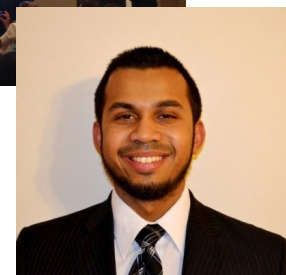
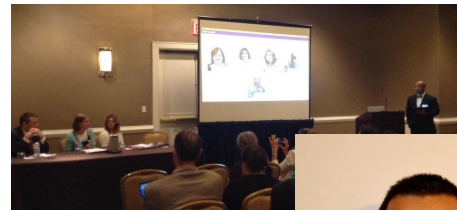
Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program is a HOT topic for our members!

DSRIP is the main mechanism by which New York State will implement the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Waiver Amendment. DSRIP's purpose is to fundamentally restructure the health care delivery system by reinvesting in the Medicaid program, with the

primary goal of reducing avoidable hospital use by 25% over 5 years. Up to \$6.42 billion dollars are allocated to this program with payouts based upon achieving predefined results in system transformation, clinical management and population health.

Details will be posted to our website and social medial channels shortly.

*For more information, contact our
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Join Event Planning Committee for Chapter Reception HIMSS16!

We need Chapter Members to Volunteer their time to support our annual HIMSS Conference Chapter Reception!

for our members to connect with each other and collaborate on the many great ideas gathered during the conference.

Contact Anthony "Tony" Ferrante, Educational & Networking Events Committee Co-Chair at Anthony.Ferrante@CDILLC.com

This educational and networking event provides another opportunity

Join Event Planning Committee for Annual Chapter Conference!



Kristin Myers, VP, IT Epic Clinical Transformation Group, Mount Sinai Health System; Bruce J. Darrow MD PhD, CMIO, VP, Mount Sinai Health System; Peter Fleischut MD, Assoc. Chief Innovation Officer & Anesthesiologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital; Jack Wolf, CIO, Montefiore Medical Center - Emerging Health IT; Nader Mherabi, SVP & CIO, NYU Langone Medical Center

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We need Chapter Members to Volunteer their time to support our annual "mini-HIMSS" Chapter Conference to be held Spring 2016 in NYC.

This signature educational and networking event provides a forum that brings together hundreds of our members from across New

York State to learn, collaborate and exchange ideas and best practices. Members value insight from industry leaders on the successes, challenges and opportunities as we continue to advance implementation of healthcare information technologies used to improve the quality of care and patient outcomes while optimizing spending on healthcare

services.

The content for these sessions is put together by members for members! We need our member nurses, physicians, pharmacists, allied health, information technology professionals, marketing, media specialists, Veterans and many others.



Tony Ferrante & Keynote Speaker Dr. Angela Kennedy

Join Event Planning Committee for Western NY Spring 2016!



John Schrenker

Our active Western NY Workgroup is reaching members from Buffalo to Syracuse. We need Chapter Members in this area to volunteer their time and expertise to join our Event Planning Committee. Help us meet the educational and networking needs of our Nurses, Physicians, Pharmacists, Technology, Security, Veterans, Interoperability and more!

Contact our Western NY Liaison & President-Elect John Schrenker at Schrenker_John@roberts.edu



Certification—CPHIMS & CAHIMS

Certification demonstrates that you meet a standard of professional body of knowledge and reach a milestone in your professional development. Many organizations require that candidates have certification and encourage current employees to obtain certification.

Many of our Chapter members are national committee members. NYS Chapter members of CPHIMS committee are John Schrenker and Eli Tarlow .

Contact our President-Elect John

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John Schrenker – 5th from Left, Eli Tarlow – 4th from Right

Pharmacy Community

Our chapter has seen a significant increase in the number of pharmacy members and we need to increase professional knowledge that provides value to these members! Therefore, we'd like to host a Pharmacy Committee Open House of Pharmacy professionals to define key topics of interest for 2016. According to HIMSS, "pharmacy informatics is the scientific field that focuses on medication-related data and knowledge within

the continuum of healthcare systems... in the delivery of optimal medication-related patient care and health outcomes". Pharmacy informatics is integral in today's healthcare system. We as informatics pharmacists look at the medication use process holistically, which makes us a popular resource for Medication Safety Committees. We generalize clinical checking, dosing, etc. so that it can be applied to entire practices

and patient populations. We also make great liaisons between the clinical world and the Information Technology world. Contact Pharmacy professionals in your organization and ask them to be part of this growing community.

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William Yu

New York State's I-STOP mandate effective On March 27, 2016

I-STOP/PMP - Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing - Prescription Monitoring Program.

Hear from our Physician Committee Co-Chair Dr. Sam Amirfar speak about New York State's I-STOP mandate (effective On March 27, 2016,) requiring electronic prescribing of ALL prescriptions, including controlled substances, goes into effect.

Samuel Amirfar, MD, is the Chief Medical Information Officer and advisor for The Health Situation Room at the Brooklyn Hospital Center where he supports EHR application configuration, population health analytics, and the Wellness Clinic. Dr. Amirfar has published articles in relation to electronic prescribing, clinical decision support systems, the Hub, clinical quality measures, and HIV modeling. Dr. Amirfar also serves on the SHIN-NY/RHIO advi-

sory panel of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

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Meet Our Member—Christopher Morris, MD, MS



Hospitalist NYU Langone Medical Center

Dr. Chris Morris recently completed his residency in Internal Medicine and HIV at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. He has now returned home to NY and is working in the Department of Medicine at NYU Medical Center. In addition to caring for hospitalized patients, he is in the process of piloting new practice models which promote the broader adoption of telehealth. He is hopeful that new technologies can help alleviate the numerous challenges facing primary care delivery.

Education:

BA: College of the Holy Cross

Master of Science: Tufts University School of Medicine

MD: SUNY Downstate College of Medicine

Residency: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School

1) How did you get involved in HIMSS?

Earlier this September, I was reading about the innovative collaboration between Airstrip, a health IT software developer, and Apple watch. I visited the Airstrip website and noticed the company prominently displayed their recent exposition at HIMSS 2015 on their homepage. I ended up searching “HIMSS” and read about the organization’s many efforts to promote health IT on both the local and national level. As a young clinician looking to engage and network with the health IT community, I felt joining HIMSS would offer me an excellent opportunity to further my career goals.

about my experiences with telehealth and the key issues surrounding its broader implementation. I often hear clinicians complaining about our country’s healthcare policies but many never do anything about it. On the other hand, I find legislators are seeking more insight into the challenges facing the healthcare system. For example, many staffers we spoke to were unaware of the geographical limitations on telehealth placed by CMS. It was rewarding to hear them respond “our office did not realize that. We will look into this. Do you know who else in congress we can work on this with?”

tored with a telehealth visit. Clinicians often ask patients to follow up more frequently but do not necessarily take into consideration how challenging that can be. Furthermore, telehealth monitoring has been shown to improve chronic disease management and reduce re-admissions for conditions like heart failure. I envision a future where a large percentage of patients will be followed via telehealth. The broader adoption of technology will reduce practice overhead, improve accessibility for patients, and improve health care quality in the United States. It is imperative that CMS and private insurers do more to embrace this technology over the coming years.

2) What has been the most rewarding aspect of your involvement with HIMSS?

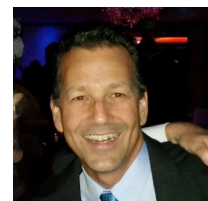
While my time with HIMSS has been short, the HIMSS policy summit in October was a highlight of my professional career. I had previously done advocacy work on Capitol Hill, but never had the opportunity to discuss health IT issues. I enjoyed educating policy makers

3) You spoke passionately about Telehealth during the Congressional Office visits during the Public Policy Summit, why?

I strongly believe that telehealth is a key component in improving healthcare quality while also reducing costs. Patients frequently take off work and spend limited resources to follow up on medical issues that could easily be moni-

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Have a story for the Newsletter? Submit stories and news items to Newsletter Coordinator Scott Vinci MD at Dr.Scott.Vinci@cdillc.com





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- Pharmacy Committee** Co-Chairs
Darren Triller PharmD & William Yu
- Physician Committee** Co-Chairs
Sam Amirfar, MD & Sal Volpe, MD
- Advocacy Committee** Contact Rick Sughrue



HIMSS BOD members with students from Stony Brook University's students in Allied Health Informatics Masters program. L-R: Alexander Driver Benjamin, Rick Sughrue President, Tony Ferrante Co-Secretary & Events Co-Chair, Sayid Yasin, Ted Perkins Treasurer, Shadab Shourov, Virginia Lorenzi Columbia University/Events Committee, Tashea Plummer, Jules Mayard

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Events Calendar

November	Fri Nov 6 12:30 – 1:15PM [Webinar] I-STOP for E-Prescribing SUCCESS!
<i>National Diabetes Month</i>	Tue Nov 10 5-6PM ET [WebEx] Nursing Committee Meeting
	Fri Nov 13 8-9AM ET [WebEx] Monthly Leadership Team Meeting
	Wed Nov 18 [Webinar] More DSRIP, check website for latest info
December	Fri Dec 11 8-9AM ET [WebEx] Monthly Leadership Team Meeting
January	<i>NYS Legislative Session Convenes</i>
	Fri Jan 8 8-9AM ET [WebEx] Monthly Leadership Team Meeting
February	Fri Feb 12 8-9AM ET [WebEx] Monthly Leadership Team Meeting
March	Mon Feb 29-Fri Mar 4 HIMSS16 Annual Chapter Reception Luncheon [TBA]
Spring 2016	Annual Chapter "Mini-HIMSS" Conference NYC
	Regional Western NY Conference
	Health IT Advocacy Day—Albany NYS Legislative Office Building
May	National Nurses Week Fri May 6– Thr May 12
June	<i>NYS Legislative Session Adjourns</i>