












Associations/Organizations Acronyms





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AAACN	American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing	Advance and influence the art and science of ambulatory care nursing, include telehealth nursing.	East Holly Ave Box 56	Pitman NJ	US	08071	856 256 2350	www.aaacn.org
ANC	AmeriNet Central HIMSS Activity 	Supports health care providers of all sizes - from physician practices to IDNs - through group purchasing, education & data management & analysis. Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education	500 Commonwealth DR	Warrendale	US	15086	877-711-5600	www.amerinetcentral.org
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians	To promote and maintain high quality standards for family doctors who are providing continuing comprehensive healthcare to the public.	11400 Tomahawk Creek Parkway	Shawnee Mission KS	US	66211	800-274-2237	www.aafp.org
AAHAM	American Association of Healthcare Administration Management	To be the premier professional organization in healthcare administration management. Through a national organization and local chapters, AAHAM provides quality member services and leadership in the areas of education, communication, representation, professional standards and certification.	11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200	Fairfax VA	US	22030	703-281-4043	www.aaham.org
AAHC	American Association of Healthcare Consultants	To serve as the preeminent credentialing, professional, and practice development organization for the healthcare consulting profession; to advance the knowledge, quality, and standards of practice for consulting to management in the healthcare industry; and to enhance the understanding and image of the healthcare consulting profession and Member Firms among its various publics.	5938 N. Drake	Chicago IL	US	60659	888-350-2242	www.aahc.net
AAHP	American Association of Health Plans	Now American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)						
AAMA	American Academy of Medical Administrators	To enhance their profession and community health, whose mission is to develop excellence in healthcare and leadership.	701 Lee Street, Ste. 600	Des Plaines IL	US	60016	847-759-8601	www.aameda.org
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	To improve the health of the public by enhancing the effectiveness of academic medicine.	2450 N. St., NW	Washington DC	US	20037	202-828-0400	www.aamc.org





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AAMI	Association for Advancement of Medical Instrumentation HIMSS Activity 	An alliance of over 6,000 members united by the common goal of increasing the understanding and beneficial use of medical instrumentation. Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference	1110 N. Glebe Rd., Ste. 220	Arlington VA	US	60016	703-525-4890	www.aami.org
AAPPO	American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations	To advance and promote the PPO value proposition by providing the following programs and services: *Inform and educate the public policy/regulatory arena about PPO business practices (Public Policy/Regulatory) *Facilitate PPO best practices by developing and advancing PPO industry practices and guidelines (Forums/Publications/Website) *Promote PPOs as the preferred health care solution through strategic communications outlets (Communications/Public Relations) *Support PPO professional growth through comprehensive training programs to meet their ongoing needs (Training)	1275 Pennsylvania NW, 10th Floor	Washington DC	US	20004	202-481-6842	www.aappo.org
ACAHO	Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations	The mission of ACAHO is to provide national leadership and effective policy representation in the three separate, but related, areas of: (1) the funding, organization, management and delivery of highly specialized tertiary and quaternary, as well a primary health care services; (2) the education and training of the next generation of Canada's health care professionals; and (3) providing the necessary infrastructure to support and conduct basic and applied health research, medical discovery and innovation.	780 Echo Drive	Ottawa Ontario	CA (Canada)	K1S 5R7	(613) 730-5818	www.acao.org
ACC	American College of Cardiology HIMSS Activity 	To advocate for quality cardiovascular care - through education, research promotion, development and application of standards and guidelines, to influence healthcare policy. Sponsor of IHE - Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise.	9111 Old Georgetown Rd.	Bethesda MD	US	20814	301 897 5400	www.acc.org
ACCE	American College of Clinical Engineering	*To establish a standard of competence and to promote excellence in clinical engineering practice. *To promote safe and effective application of science and technology in patient care. *To define the body of knowledge on which the profession is based *To represent the professional interests of clinical engineers.	5200 Butler Pike	Plymouth Meeting PA	US	19462	610-825-6267	www.accenet.org



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	HIMSS Activity 	*Member of Medical Device Security Workgroup						
ACEHSA		Please see entry on Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)						
ACHCA	American College of Health Care Administrators	The college exists to promote excellence in leadership among long-term care administrators.	300 N. Lee Street Suite 301	Alexandria VA	US	22314	703-739-7900	www.achca.org
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives HIMSS Activity 	To advance our members and healthcare management excellence through high ethical standards, pertinent knowledge, and a relevant credentialing program. *Member of Healthcare Leadership Alliance (HLA) Competency Directory Task Force	1 N. Franklin, Ste. 1700	Chicago IL	US	60606	312-424-2800	www.ache.org
ACHIA	American College of Healthcare Information Administrators 	Develops innovative concepts in the field of healthcare information and promotes the advancement of its members in knowledge, professional standing, and personal achievements through continuing education and research in healthcare information administration. National College of AAMA	701 Lee Street, Ste. 600	Des Plaines IL	US	60016	847-759-8601	http://www.aameda.org/fags.html
ACP-ASIM	American College of Physicians - American Society of Internal Medicine	To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.	190 N Independence Mall West	Philadelphia PA	US	19106	800-523-1546, x2600	www.acponline.org
ACPE	American College of Physician Executives HIMSS Activity 	An AMA recognized speciality society representing physicians in healthcare leadership. For more than 26 years, physicians nation-wide have chosen ACPE's innovative educational and career development programs to build the knowledge and skills they need to shape the future of healthcare. Member Healthcare Leadership Alliance (HLA) Competency Directory Task Force	4890 W. Kennedy Blvd., Ste. 200	Tampa FL	US	33609	800-562-8088	www.acpe.org
ACR	American College of Radiology	To serve patients and society by maximizing the value of radiology, radiation oncology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine and medical physics by advancing the science of radiology, improving the quality of patient care, positively influencing the socio-economics of the practice of radiology, providing continuing education for radiology and allied health professions and conducting research for the future of radiology.	1891 Preston White Dr.	Reston VA	US	20191		www.acr.org



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ADA	American Dental Association HIMSS Activity 	Professional association of dentists committed to the public's oral health, ethics, science and professional advancement; leading a unified profession through initiatives in advocacy, education, research and the development of standards. *Ansi accredited SDO *Member of the US Technical Advisory Group for Healthcare Informatics	211 E. Chicago Ave.	Chicago IL	US	60611	312-440-2500	www.ada.org
ADA	American diabetes Association	The mission of the Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.	1701 N. Beauregard St.	Alexandria VA	US	22311	800 342 2383	www.diabetes.org
AFEHCT	Association for Electronic Health Care Transactions	To promote efficient, secure and cost effective health information data exchanges in an open electronic environment utilizing industry standards. We communicate USble and timely information about opportunities and obstacles in relevant healthcare policy formulation at the federal and state level to the healthcare vendor community and others who share its goals and interests, and try to influence legislative and regulatory policy making that will impact healthcare IT solutions associated with delivery, financing and administration of healthcare through informed advocacy.	3513 McKinley St. NW	Washington DC	US	20015	202-244-6450	www.afehct.org
AHA	American Hospital Association HIMSS Activity 	To advance the health of individuals and communities. The AHA, leads, represents, and serves hospitals, health systems, and other related organizations that are accountable to the community and committed to health improvement. AHA's Certification Center assists in the development the CPHIMS program.	1 N. Franklin	Chicago IL	US	60606	312-422-3000	www.aha.org
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy Research	see AHRQ.						




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AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association HIMSS Activity 	A community of professionals engaged in health information management, providing support to members and strengthening the industry and profession. *Provides career, professional development and practice resources *Sets standards for education and certification *Advocates public policy that advances HIM practice *Facilitates member communication *Promotes the contributions of its members *Cosponsor HIMSS Annual Conference *HIMSS Certification Partner for CHS. *CPRI Security Toolkit Work Group *Privacy and Security Steering Committee	233 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 2150	Chicago IL	US	60601	312-233-1100	www.ahima.org
AHIP	American Health Insurance Plans	To provide a unified voice for the healthcare financing industry, to expand access to high quality, cost effective health care to all Americans, and to ensure Americans' financial security through robust insurance markets, product flexibility and innovation, and an abundance of consumer choice.	601 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; South Bldg., Ste. 500	Washington DC	US	20004	202-778-3200	www.aahp.org
AHRMM	American Health Resource and Materials Management	To lead, educate and promote the healthcare resource and materials management profession by supporting our membership in the delivery of cost-effective, quality healthcare.	1 N. Franklin	Chicago IL	US	60606	312-422-3840	www.ahrmm.org
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Policy HIMSS Activity 	To improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of healthcare for all Americans. *US Government Agency *Cosponsor's HIMSS Annual Conference *Speaker for HIMSS annual conference 2004 and 2005 *Member of US technical advisory group for Health Informatics (US TAG) *Clinical Decision Support Work Group *HIMSS Government Relations Roundtable	540 Gaither Rd.	Rockville MD	US	20850	301-427-1364	www.ahrq.gov
AIM	Association for Automatic Identification and Mobility	To accelerate the growth and use of AIDC technologies and services	125 Warrendale-Bayne Road	Warrendale PA	US	15086	724 934 4470	www.aimglobal.org
AMA	American Medical Association	To be an essential part of the professional life of every physician and an essential force for progress in improving the nation's health.	515 N. State St.	Chicago IL	US	60610	800-621-8335	www.ama-assn.org




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	HIMSS Activity 	*Member of the EHR Collaborative						
AMCP	Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy	The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy's (AMCP) mission is to empower our members to serve society by using sound medication principles and strategies to achieve positive patient outcomes.	100 North Pitt Street, Suite 400	Alexandria VA	US	22314	703.683.8416	www.amcp.org
AMDIS	Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems HIMSS Activity 	"....premier professional organizations for physicians dedicated to apply information technology to improve the practice of medicine and advance the field of Applied Medical Informatics. AMDIS is the home for the "connected" CMIO." *Cosponsor HIMSS Annual Conference *Sponsor of Physician IT Symposium	61 Jordan Rd.	Keene NH	US	03431	N/A	www.amdis.org
AMGA	American Medical Group Association	AMGA advocates for the multispecialty medical group model of health care delivery and for the patients served by medical groups, through innovation and information sharing, benchmarking, leadership development, and continuous striving to improve patient care.	1422 Duke St.	Alexandria VA	US	22314	703-838-0033	www.amga.org
AMIA	American Medical Informatics Association	The purposes of AMIA shall be to advance the public interest through charitable scientific, literary, and educational activities, by promoting the development and application of medical informatics in the support of patient care, teaching, research, and health care administration.	4915 St. Elmo Ave., Ste. 401	Bethesda MD	US	20814	301-657-1291	www.amia.org
	HIMSS Activity 	*Cosponsor HIMSS Annual Conference *Cosponsor Alliance for Nursing Informatics						
AMP	Applied Measurement Professionals HIMSS Activity 	Leading provider of licensing & certification examinations for professional organizations. Together AMP and HIMSS design, develop and administer the CPHIMS exam	8310 Nieman Rd	Lenexa KS	US	66214-1579	913-541-0400	www.goamp.com
ANA	American Nurses Association	Advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the economic and general welfare of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.	600 Maryland Ave., SW, Ste. 100 West	Washington DC	US	20036	800-274-4ANA	www.ana.org

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	HIMSS Activity 	*Member Alliance for Nursing Informatics						
ANI	Alliance for Nursing Informatics	ANI is a collaboration of organizations that represent nursing informatics, jointly sponsored by AMIA and HIMSS. Specific objectives include: *Foster further development of a united voice for nursing informatics and provide a forum for its expression. *Provide a single point of connection between nursing informatics individuals and groups, and the broader nursing and healthcare community. *Provide a mechanism for developing resources, guidelines and standards for nursing informatics practice, education, scope of practice, research, certification, public policy, terminology, best practice guidelines, mentoring, advocacy, networking and career services. *Support individual membership in the affiliated nursing informatics organizations policy initiatives and standards activities.	4915 St. Elmo Ave., Ste. 401 or 230 East Ohio St. Suite 500 www.himss.org	Bethesda MD Chicago, IL	US	20814 60611	301-657-1291 312 915 9281	www.amia.org
ANIA	American Nursing Informatics Association	To provide networking, education and information resources that enrich and strengthen the roles of nurses in the field of informatics. The field of nursing informatics includes domains of clinical information, education and administration decision support.	PMB 105; 10808 Foothill Blvd., Ste. 160	Rancho Cucamonga CA	US	91730		www.ania.org
	HIMSS Activity 	*Member Alliance for Nursing Informatics						
ANSI	American National Standards Institute HIMSS Activity 	To enhance both the global competitiveness of U.S. Business and the U.S. quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, and safeguarding their integrity. *Supports the Secretariat for the US Technical Advisory Group and ISO/TC 215 Health Informatics	1819 L St., NW	Washington DC	US	20036	202-293-8020	www.ansi.org
AONE	American Organization of Nurse Executives HIMSS Activity 	To represent nurse leaders who improve healthcare. Members are leaders in collaboration and catalysts for innovation. *Member Healthcare Leadership Alliance (HLA) Competency Directory Task Force	325 Seventh St NW	Washington DC	US	20004	2026262240	aone@aha.org
AORN	Association of Operating Room Nurses	To support registered nurses in achieving optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures.	2170 South Parker Rd, Suite 300	Denver CO	US	80231	303-755-6304	www.aorn.org
APhA	American Pharmacists Association	The American Pharmacists Association provides information, education, and advocacy to help all pharmacists improve medication use and advance patient care.	2215 Constitution Avenue, N.W.	Washington DC	US	20037	202-628-4410	www.aphanet.org




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APHA	American Public Health Association	To improve the public's health, promote the scientific and professional foundation of public health practice and policy, advocate the conditions for a healthy society, emphasize prevention and enhance the ability of members to promote and protect environmental and community health	800 I Street, NW	Washington DC	US	20001	202-777-2742	www.apha.org
API	Association for Pathology Informatics	To promote the field of pathology informatics as an academic and a clinical subspecialty of pathology.	9650 Rockville Pike	Bethesda MD	US	20814	301 634 7820	www.pathologyinformatics.org
ASC X12	Accredited Standards Committee X12	X12 brings together business and technical e-business professionals in an open, cross-industry setting to: Develop and maintain electronic data exchange standards, based on X12 EDI, XML, and UN/EDIFACT formats Collaborate with industry organizations to build best of breed standards for the global market ANSI Accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO)	333 John Carlyle Street Suite 600	Alexandria VA	US	22314-2852	703 837 6155	www.x12.org
ASHE	American Society of Healthcare Engineering HIMSS Activity 	Advocate and resource for continuous improvement in the healthcare engineering and facilities management professions. (Part of AHA) *Medical Device Security Work group	1 N. Franklin, 28th Floor	Chicago IL	US	60606	312-422-3800	www.ashe.org
ASHP	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists HIMSS Activity 	To advance and support the professional practice of pharmacists in hospitals and health systems and serve as their collective voice on issues related to medication use and public health . *Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference	7272 Wisconsin	Bethesda MD	US	20814	301-657-3000	www.ashp.org
ASHRM	American Society for Healthcare Risk Management	To advance safe and trusted patient-centered healthcare delivery, ASHRM promotes proactive and innovative management of organization -wide risk.	One North Franklin Street	Chicago IL	US	60606	312-422-3980	www.ashrm.org




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ASTM	American Standards Testing and Materials HIMSS Activity 	Providing the value, strength and respect of marketplace consensus. To be the foremost developer and provider of voluntary consensus standards, related technical information, and services having internationally recognized quality and applicability that: *promote public health and safety, and the overall quality of life; *contribute to the reliability of materials, products, systems and services; and *facilitate national, regional, and international commerce. *Continuity of Care Record (CCR) - IA initiative	100 Barr Harbor Dr.	West Conshohocken PA	US	19428	610-832-9585	www.astm.org
ATA	American Telemedicine Association	ATA seeks to bring together diverse groups from traditional medicine, academic medical centers, technology and telecommunications companies, e-health, medical societies, government and others to overcome barriers to the advancement of telemedicine through the professional, ethical and equitable improvement in health care delivery.	910 17th Street, NW, Suite 314	Washington DC	US	20006	202-223-3333	www.atmeda.org
ATSP	Association of Telehealth Service Providers	By anticipating industry and market demands, the ATSP expands opportunities for service providers, health care options for patients, and the potential for high-quality equipment, the Internet and telecommunications services. ATSP is a business-oriented trade organization structured to help health care professionals provide—and receive payment for—telehealth services.	4702 SW Scholls Ferry Road Suite #400	Portland OR	US	97225	503.222.2406	www.atsp.org
AUPHA	Association of University Programs in Health Administration HIMSS Activity 	*Promote graduate and undergraduate curriculum reforms and faculty development, which respond to the changing needs of the health services delivery system, so as to improve the health of communities. *Promote the application of research findings to the educational setting and to the field of practice. *Be a leader in transferring new pedagogical techniques and technology to health management education *Provide student support, including scholarships, fellowships and other support which strengthens a diverse workforce *Provide faculty with career enhancement activities and the skills required for effective teaching and continuing education efforts. Cosponsor HIMSS Annual Conference	2000 N. 14th St., Ste. 780	Arlington VA	US	22201	703-894-0940	www.aupha.org

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CAC	Citizen Advocacy Center HIMSS Activity 	Provides training, research, conferences & networking for health care institutions' public members & consumer representatives. These institutions include professional licensing boards, managed care plan boards & advisory committees, Quality Improvement Organizations, & other health care oversight bodies. *HIMSS and CAC provide Continuing Education	1400 Sixteenth St NW, Ste 330	Washington DC	US	20036	202-462-1174	www.cacenter.org
CAHME	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	Serving the public good through promoting evaluating and improving the quality of graduate healthcare management education in the United States and Canada. Through our partnership between academe and the field of practice, CAHME serves universities and programs in a voluntary peer review process as a means to continuously improve graduate education. In so doing, CAHME accreditation becomes the benchmark by which students and employers determine the integrity of healthcare management education and the standard of measurement for the world community.	2000 14th Street North Suite 780	Arlington VA	US	22201	703-894-0960	http://www.cahmeweb.org/
CAP	College of American Pathologists HIMSS Activity 	The College of American Pathologists, principle organization of board-certified pathologists, serves and represents the interests of patients, pathologists and the public by fostering excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine. (Architects of SNOMED Terminology) *Member of US Technology Advisory Group for Health Informatics	825 Waukegan Rd.	Northfield IL	US	60093	800-823-4040	www.cap.org
CAQH	Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare	A not-for profit alliance of health plans and networks that promotes collaborative initiatives to help make healthcare more affordable, share knowledge to improve the quality of care, and make administration easier for physicians and their patients.	601 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. South Building, Suite 500	Washington DC	US	20004	202 861 1492	www.caqh.org
CARING	Capital Area Roundtable on Informatics in Nursing HIMSS Activity 	CARING is an organization advancing the delivery of quality healthcare through the integration of informatics in practice, education, administration, and research with a focus on nursing *Member of Alliance for Nursing Informatics	6460 South Wind Circle	Columbia MD	US	21044	N/A	www.caringonline.org



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CCBH	Connecting Communities for Better Health	The goals of the CCBH Program are to: provide funding for communities to demonstrate the value and evaluate the impact of healthcare IT. implement a learning community network to support communities and stakeholders interested in health information exchange and to disseminate information and findings from these projects. help facilitate creation of a national electronic health information infrastructure. Part of eHI and eHealth Foundation	1500 K Street, NW Suite 900	Washington DC	US	20005	202 624 3270	http://ccbh.ehealthinitiative.org/default.msp
CDC	Centers for Disease Control HIMSS Activity 	To promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. US Government Agency *IHE infrastructure planning and technical committee *Public Health Information Network (PHIN) *Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) *National Preparedness and Readiness (NPR)	1600 Clifton Rd.	Atlanta GA	US	30333		www.cdc.gov
CHCA	Child Health Corporation of America HIMSS Activity 	Business alliance of 41 of North America's leading children's hospitals that provides a range of products & services designed to reduce costs, increase revenue & enhance the competitive position of children's hospitals. Programs & services include group purchasing & supply chain management, pediatric data management, performance improvement & patient safety initiatives, web-based training programs & strategic planning. Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education	6803 W 64th St, Ste 208	Shawnee Mission KS	US	66202	913-262-1436	www.chca.com
CHI	Consolidated Health Informatics HIMSS Activity 	This initiative adopts a portfolio of existing health information interoperability standards (health vocabulary and messaging) enabling all agencies in the federal health enterprise to "speak the same language". *HIMSS Standards Task Force	e-government initiative - no mailing address	Washington DC	US			http://www.egov.usda.gov/Presidential_Initiatives/Other_eGovernment_Initiatives/Consolidated_Health_Informatics/
CHIK	Communications for Healthcare Information	To create global communications mechanisms of choice for the Health ICT industry by: *publishing regular health ICT industry newsletters; *networking existing stakeholders and new market entrants; *conducting primary and applied research; and *enhancing the industry's commercial and export potential.	608/97-99 John Whiteway Dr.	Gosford NSW2250	AU Australia			www.chik.com.au



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	HIMSS Activity	Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference						
CHIM	Center for Healthcare Information Management	Corporate members represent leading firms in the healthcare IT industry. Members seek to bring a greater understanding and awareness among healthcare professionals as to how IT can be harnessed to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of healthcare. <i>*Merged with HIMSS (2001)</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CHIME	College of Healthcare Information Management Executives HIMSS Activity	To serve the professional needs of healthcare Chief Information Officers; and to advance the strategic application of information technology in innovative ways aimed at improving the effectiveness of healthcare delivery. <i>*Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference</i>	3300 Washtenaw Ave., Ste. 225	Ann Arbor MI	US	48104	734-664-0000	www.cio-chime.org
CHITTA	Canadian Healthcare Information Technology Trade Association HIMSS Activity	To strengthen the competitiveness of Canada's Healthcare Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry through cooperative efforts among and between members and through direct contact with all levels of Government and associated agencies. <i>*Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference</i>	5782-172 St.	Edmonton, Alberta (AB)	CA Canada	T6M 1B4	780-489-4574	www.chitta.ca
CHT	Center for Health Transformation	The Center for Health Transformation (the "Center") is dedicated to saving lives and saving money by helping develop and implement a 21st century system of health and healthcare. The Center will accomplish this mission by identifying solutions of better outcomes at lower cost and sharing them with the widest possible range of individuals, purchasers, providers, and government decision makers to both accelerate their adoption and to advance appropriate public policies to save lives and save money.	1425 K Street NW Suite 750	Washington DC	US	20005	(202) 375-2001	info@healthtransformation.net
CHT	Center for Health and Technology	Telecommunications and information technology have the power to address the health care needs of the underserved population. Our mission is to be a world leader in the application of telecommunications and information technology in order to increase the availability of efficient delivery of high quality health care."	2315 Stockton Blvd.	Sacramento CA	US	95817	916 734 5675	http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cht/




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CIHI	Canadian Healthcare Information Technology Trade Association	CIHI's mandate was established jointly by federal and provincial/territorial ministers of health: to coordinate the development and maintenance of a comprehensive and integrated approach to health information for Canada; and to provide and coordinate the provision of accurate and timely data and information required for: -establishing sound health policy; -effectively managing the Canadian health system; and -generating public awareness about factors affecting good health .	377 Dalhousie St. Suite 200	Owatta ON K1N 9N8	CA (Canada)	K1N 9N8	613 241 8120	www.cihi.ca
CITL	Center for Information Technology Leadership HIMSS Activity 	To improve quality of care. Focus is on the impact that IT can have and to help healthcare providers make intelligent IT investments. *Collaborate on educational activities.	93 Worcester St.	Wellesley MA	US	2481	781-416-9200	www.citl.org
CLMA	Clinical Laboratory Management Association	Provides leadership in the clinical laboratory industry supporting laboratory professionals at every stage of their career.	989 Old Eagle School Road Suite 815	Wayne PA	US	19087	610-995-9580	www.clma.org
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services HIMSS Activity 	To assure healthcare security for beneficiaries. In serving beneficiaries, we will open our programs to full partnership with the entire health community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving ehealth care system. *US government agency *HIMSS EHR collaboration *CPRI Security ToolKit Work Group *HIMSS Government Relations Roundtable *Regional Health Information Organization	7500 Security Blvd.	Baltimore MD	US	21244	410-786-1819	www.cms.hhs.gov
CNC	Center for Nursing Classification	Facilitate the continued development of nursing interventions classifications (NIC) and nursing outcomes classifications (NOC) to reflect current nursing practices. Conduct the review processes and procedures for updating the classifications. Produce and disseminate materials related to the Classifications. Provide office support to assist faculty investigators. Offer opportunities for students and fellows education and research.	University of Iowa College of Nursing	Iowa City IA	US	52242-1121	319 355 7052	www.nursing.uiowa.edu/cnc/
COACH	Canada's Health Informatics Association HIMSS Activity 	Believes in the importance and the value of strategic alliances with other organizations involved in the field of health informatics in Canada and internationally. It is committed to building a strong international network in health informatics through international organizations such as the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA), and other national associations around the world. *Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference	2 Carlton St., Ste. 1304	Toronto, Ontario (ON) Canada (CA)	CA	M5B 1J3	416-979-5551	www.coachorg.com




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COC	AHIMA's Council on Certification HIMSS Activity 	To ensure that its members meet professional standards of excellence, AHIMA issues credentials in health information management, coding, and healthcare privacy and security. Members earn credentials through a combination of education and experience, and finally performance on national certification exams. Following their initial certification, AHIMA members must maintain their credentials and thereby the highest level of competency for their employers and consumers through rigorous continuing education requirements. Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference	233 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 2150	Chicago IL	US	60601	312-233-1100	www.ahima.org/certification
CPRI	Computer-based Patient Record Institute	CPRI-HOST formed in 2000 with the merger of the Computer-based Patient Record Institute, which advocated widespread acceptance of electronic medical records; and Healthcare Open Systems and Trials, which worked to accelerate deployment of interoperable information systems. <i>*Merged with HIMSS (2002)</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	To maintain the technological superiority of the U.S. military and prevent technological surprise from harming our national security by sponsoring revolutionary, high-payoff research that bridges the gap between fundamental discoveries and their military use US Government Agency	2730 Hercules Rd.	Annapolis Junction MD	US	20701	410-792-4623	www.darpa.mil
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services HIMSS Activity 	The United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. US Government Agency *IHE infrastructure planning and technical committee *Public Health Information Network (PHIN) *Office of National Health Coordinator *Speaker at HIMSS 2005 Annual Conference	200 Independence Ave. SW	Washington DC	US	20201	202-619-0257	www.dhhs.gov
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine HIMSS Activity 	The DICOM Standards Committee exists to create and maintain international standards for the communication of biomedical, diagnostic and therapeutic information in those medical disciplines that use digital images and associated data. ANSI accredited SDO *US technical advisory group to international health informatics standards	NEMA, Ste. 1847; 1300 N. 17th St.	Rosslyn VA	US	22209	703-841-3285	http://medical.nema.org/



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DISA	Data Interchange Standards Association	Established as a not-for-profit, the Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA) is home for the development of cross-industry electronic business interchange standards.	7600 Leesburg Pike, Suite 430	Falls Church VA	US	22041	730 970 4480	www.disa.org
DoD	Department of Defense - Health Affairs HIMSS Activity ✓	The department of defense health affairs mission is to enhance DoD and our nation's security by providing health support for the full range of military operations and sustaining the health of all those entrusted to our care. *US Government Agency *Member of US Technical Advisory Group for Health Informatics (US TAG) *CoSponsor of HIMSS Annual Conference	5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810	Falls Church VA	US	22041	703-681-5611	www.ha.osd.mil
ECRI	Emergency Care Research Institute HIMSS Activity ✓	Our mission is to promote the highest standards of safety, quality, and cost-effectiveness in healthcare to benefit patient care through research, publishing, education, and consultation. *Medical Device Security Work Group	5200 Butler Pike	Plymouth Meeting PA	US	19462	610-825-6000	www.ecri.org
EDIA		Please see entry on Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA)						
eHI	eHealth Initiative HIMSS Activity ✓	The missions of both the eHealth Initiative and its Foundation for eHealth are the same: to drive improvement in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare through information and information technology. *Member of the EHR Collaborative	1500 K Street, NW Suite 900	Washington DC	US	20005	202-624-3270	www.ehealthinitiative.org
eHI	eHealth Institute HIMSS Activity ✓	Private, charitable nonprofit organization that seeks to harness the power of emerging technologies, especially the Internet, to improve health for all. Focus on improving access to & quality of eHealth resources on a national & global level. *Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education						www.ehealthinstitute.org
FAH	Federation of American Hospitals	The principle objective of the Federation is to foster the public good through the creation and delivery of quality health care for all people.	801 Pennsylvania Ave. NW	Washington DC	US	20004	202-624-1500	www.fah.org



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FDA	Food and Drug Administration HIMSS Activity 	Federal agency responsible for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; and helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health. *Medical Device Security Work Group *Auto identification and Bar-Coding	5600 Fishers Lane	Rockville MD	US	20857	888-463-6332	www.fda.gov
HCCA	Health Care Compliance Association	To champion ethical practice and compliance standards in the health care community and to provide the necessary resources for compliance professionals and others who share these principles.	5780 Lincoln Drive, Suite 120	Minneapolis MN	US	55436	952-988-0141	www.hcca-info.org
HCCA	Health Care Conference Administrators HIMSS Activity 	Develops, organizes & administers conference, audioconferences, trade shows, courses, customized learning & education, & internet-based programming, alone, or in joint venture with or on behalf of sponsorign organizations. HCCA seeks to illuminate complex issues of health care practice & policy by bringing together leading-edge doers & thinkers - from operations to academia, from clinical practice to corporate management, from Main Street to Wall Street & from patient to politician. Since 1998, HCCA has offered conferences & symposia sponsored by over 150 health care association, organizations & publications & attended by approximately 25,000 registrants. *Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education	Peter N Grant, JD, PhD, 2600 Century Sq, 1501 Fourth Ave	Seattle WA	US	98101-1688	206-628-7668	www.ehcca.com
HCEA	Healthcare Convention and Exhibitors Association	To improve the effectiveness of all conventions, meetings and exhibitions for the healthcare industry	5775 Peachtree-Dunwoody Road Building G, Suite 500	Atlanta GA	US	30342	404-252-3663	www.hcea.org

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HDWA	Healthcare Data Warehousing Association	<p>To facilitate greater use of analytical information systems that help lower health care costs and improve quality of care</p> <p>To advance the state of health care data warehousing and analytics by applying lessons and experience from other industries</p> <p>A lack of emphasis by other professional organizations on the operational issues affecting data warehousing in healthcare</p> <p>To assist other health care organizations that were just beginning or struggling to be successful with data warehousing and analytics</p> <p>To influence vendors-the fairness of their pricing, the quality of their products and services, their willingness to share our risk, and their understanding of issues unique to health care</p> <p>To facilitate the development of standards and best practices that could lower the costs of development and operation for Enterprise Data Warehouses in health care</p>	Intermountain Healthcare (IHC) hosts the website	Salt Lake UT	US	N/A	N/A	www.hdwa.org
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association HIMSS Activity 	<p>The HFMA is an Association of individuals who are organized to improve financial management of healthcare institutions and related healthcare organizations .</p> <p>*Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference</p> <p>*Member of Healthcare Leadership Alliance (HLA) Competency Task Force</p>	2 Westbrook Corporate Center, Ste. 700	Westchester IL	US	60154	708-531-9600	www.hfma.org
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America	Please see American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)						
HIBCC	Health Industry Business Communications Council 	<p>To meet industry requirements and has involved HIBCC in a number of critical areas, including electronic data interchange message formats, bar code labeling data standards, universal numbering systems, and the provision of databases which assure common identifiers.</p> <p>*ANSI Accredited Standards Development Organization</p>	2525 E. Arizona Biltmore Circle, Ste. 127	Phoenix AZ	US	85016	602-381-1091	www.hibcc.org
HIMA	Health Industry Manufacturers Association	To be the advocate for a legal, regulatory and economic climate that advances global health care by assuring worldwide patient access to the benefits of medical technology.	1200 G Street NW, Suite 400	Washington DC	US	20005	202-783-8700	www.advamed.org

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HIMSS	Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society HIMSS Activity 	Healthcare Industry membership organization exclusively focused on providing leadership for the optimal use of healthcare information technology and management systems for the betterment of human health. Numerous volunteer activities, such as: EHR Collaborative, National Preparedness and Response task force, Advocacy, Nursing Informatics and US technical advisory group.	230 E. Ohio St., Ste. 500	Chicago, IL	US	60611	312-664-4467	www.himss.org
HISB	Health Informatics Standards Board	To facilitate, coordinate, harmonize and promote the development and use of national and international healthcare informatics standards.	1819 L St., NW	Washington DC	US	20036	202-293-8020	www.ansi.org/hisb
HISPP	Health Informatics Standards Planning Panel	Same as Health Informatics Standards Board (HISB)	1819 L St., NW	Washington DC	US	20036	202-293-8020	www.ansi.org/hisb
HL7	Health Level Seven HIMSS Activity 	To provide a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. Specifically, to create flexible, cost effective standards, guidelines, and methodologies to enable healthcare information system interoperability and sharing of electronic health records. *ISO Partner Standards Development Organization *ISO/TC 215 Health Informatics *Member of US Technical Advisory Group for Health Informatics (US TAG) *IHE Infrastructure Planning and Technical Committees	3300 Washtenaw Ave., Ste. 227	Ann Arbor MI	US	48104	734-677-7777	www.hl7.org
HLC	Healthcare Leadership Council	Providing access to health care for the uninsured, implementation of Medicare modernization, and medical liability reform are important HLC priorities, along with patient safety, patient privacy and addressing the health care workforce shortage.	1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Ste. 550 South	Washington DC	US	20004	202-452-8700	www.hlc.org
ICN	International Council of Nurses HIMSS Activity 	To represent nursing worldwide, advancing the profession and influencing health policy. *ISO/TC 215 Health Informatics *US TAG for Health Informatics	3, Place Jean Marteau 1201	Geneva	Switzerland		41-22-908-01-00	www.icn.ch



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IEEE	Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers HIMSS Activity 	World's largest technical professional association, with more than 360,000 members in approx. 150 countries. The leading authority in technical areas ranging from computer engineering, biomedical technology and telecommunications, etc. *ISO Partner Standards Development Organization *ISO/TC 215 Health Informatics *US TAG for Health Informatics *Medical Device Security Work Group	1828 L St. NW, Ste. 1202	Washington DC	US	20036	212-419-7900	www.ieee.org
IHE	Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise HIMSS Activity 	Promotes the engineering process of creating, developing, integrating, sharing, and applying knowledge about electro and information technologies and sciences for the benefit of humanity and the profession. ACC, HIMSS and RSNA are sponsors in North America	820 Jorie Blvd.	Oak Brook, IL	US	60523 2251	630-571-2670	www.rsna.org/IHE/index.shtml
IIR	Institute for International Research HIMSS Activity 	World's leading knowledge & skills transfer company with a global network of 47 companies & 112 operating units. Works with business executives providing them with knowledge & skills through training, conferences, seminars, e-Learning, blended solutions, publications, exhibitions, consulting & mentoring. Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education	708 Third Ave, 4th Fl	New York NY	US	10017	212-661-3500	www.iirUS.com
IMIA	International Medical Informatics Association	The promotion of informatics in healthcare and biomedical research; advancement of international cooperation; stimulation of research, development and education with the dissemination and exchange of information. Inherent in this mission is to bring together, from a global perspective, scientists, researchers, vendors, consultants and suppliers in an environment of cooperation and sharing.	5782- 172 Street	Edmonton, Alberta (AB) Canada (CA)	CA	T6M 1B4	780-489-4531	www.imia.org
INCITS	InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards	To produce market-driven, voluntary consensus standards in the areas of: multimedia (MPEG/JPEG) intercommunication among computing devices and information systems(including the Information Infrastructure, SCSI interfaces, Geographic Information Systems), Storage media (hard drives, removable cartridges) database (including SQL3) security , and programming languages (such as C++)	1250 Eye St. Suite 200	Washington DC	US	20005	202-737-8888	www.incits.org



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IOM	Institute of Medicine	To serve as adviser to the nation to improve health. The Institute provides unbiased, evidence-based, and authoritative information and advice concerning health and science policy to policy-makers, professionals, leaders in every sector of society, and the public at large.	500 Fifth St. NW	Washington DC	US	20001	202-334-2352	www.iom.edu
ISO	International Organization for Standardization HIMSS Activity 	Global Vision supports facilitation of global trade, improvement of quality, safety and security, environmental and consumer protection as well as the rational use of natural resources. Global dissemination of technologies and good practices. *ISO/TC 215 Health Informatics *US TAG for Health Informatics *Investigating ISO/IEC 17024	1, rue de Varembe, Case postale 56 H-1211	Geneva 20	Switzerland		011-41-22-749-01-11	www.iso.org
ISQUA	International Society for Quality in Health Care	Quality practice and performance improvement underpin the work of the health care team across the entire continuum of care.	Clarendon Terrace; 212 Clarendon Street	East Melbourne, Victoria 3002	Australia		011-61-3-9417-6971	www.isqua.org.au
ISSA	Information Systems Security Association	The primary goal of the ISSA is to promote management practices that will ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information resources. The ISSA facilitates interaction and education to create a more successful environment for global information systems security and for the professionals involved	7044 S. 13th Street	Oak Creek WI	US	53154	414-908-4949	www.issa.org
ITAC	Information Technology Association of Canada HIMSS Activity 	The voice of the Canadian informaiton & communications technology industry. Brings together member representatives who have a particular interest in the role that ICT can play in helping transform health care delivery in Canada. *IHE Strategic Development Committee	2800 Skymark Ave, Ste 402	Mississauga ON	Canada	L4W 5A6	905-602-8345	www.itac.ca
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	Mission is to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of healthcare accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in healthcare organizations.	601 13th St., NW Ste. 1150N	Washington DC	US	20005	202-783-6655	www.jcaho.org





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JCR	Joint Commission Resources	Joint Commission Resources (JCR) is a client-focused, expert resource for health care organizations. It partners with these organizations, providing consulting services, educational services and publications to assist in improving the quality, safety and efficiency of health care services, and to assist in meeting the accreditation standards of the Joint Commission. JCR is an affiliate of JCAHO, but provides services independently and confidentially, disclosing no information about its clients to JCAHO or others.	601 13th St., NW Ste. 1150N	Washington DC	US	20005	202-783-6655	www.jcaho.org
JHITA	Joint Healthcare Information Technology Alliance	"To provide appropriate advocacy for legislation/regulation promoting the effective use of technology and its management, telecommunications, and business process re-engineering." "To be a dynamic force in our industry by developing jointly sponsored offerings including educational programs, market focus groups, research, services and activities relating to information technology and management, telecommunications, and business process re-engineering." (Disbanded in 2003)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	www.jhita.org
LOINC	Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes	The purpose of the LOINC database is to facilitate the exchange and pooling of results, such as blood hemoglobin, serum potassium, or vital signs, for clinical care, outcomes management, and research.	Regenstrief Institute, Inc. 1050 Wishard Boulevard	Indianapolis IN	US	46202	(317) 630-7433	www.loinc.org
		*Part of the Consolidated e-health "first gov" initiative						
MEC	Medical Education Collaborative HIMSS Activity 	Non-profit organization that works with other organizations to certify continuing medical education programs for credit. Mission is to improve patient care & professional excellence by delivering certification services & continuing education expertise that earn client loyalty. Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education	651 Corporate Cir, Ste 104	Golden CO	US	80401	#####	www.cmegateway.com
MGMA	Medical Group Management Association HIMSS Activity 	To improve the effectiveness of medical group practices and the knowledge and skills of the individuals who manage/lead them. *Member of the EHR Collaborative *Member of HLA Competency Task Force	104 Inverness Terrace East	Englewood CO	US	80112	303-799-1111	www.mgma.com
MLA	Medical Library Association	To improving excellence and leadership of the health information professional to foster the art and science of health information services.	65 East Wacker Place, Suite 1900	Chicago IL	US	60601	312.419.9094	www.mlanet.org





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MMA	Medical Marketing Association	Provides a stimulating forum for the professional development of marketers of medical products and services. MMA is an association of members who make it their business to stay in touch with what's happening in medical marketing today. Join with the industry leaders who have taken advantage of the power of MMA for over a quarter of a century. The MMA is the national organization devoted to the professional enhancement of its members. It is a non-profit organization comprised of over 1,200 medical marketers from the pharmaceutical, device, diagnostic, and marketing/advertising industries.	74 New Montgomery Street, Ste. 230	San Francisco CA	US	94105	415-927-5732	www.mmanet.org
MRI	Medical Records Institute	To promote and enhance the journey towards electronic health records, e-health,& mobile health, and related applications of information technologies (IT). Main Sponsor of the Continuity Care Record (CCR)	425 Boylston Street, 4th Floor	Boston MA	US	02116	617-964-3923	www.medrecinst.com
MS-HUG	MicroSoft Healthcare Users Group	The mission of the Microsoft Healthcare Users Group, Inc. (MS-HUG) is to be the healthcare industry forum for exchanging ideas, promoting learning, and sharing solutions for information systems using Microsoft technologies. MS-HUG will leverage this forum to provide industry leadership, drive appropriate standards and develop associated requirements in support of healthcare <i>*Merged with HIMSS as part of the HIMSS users group. 2003</i>	230 E. Ohio St., Ste. 500	Chicago IL	US	60611	312-664-4467	www.mshug.org
NAHDO	National Association for Health Data Organizations	To strengthening the nation's health information system. NAHDO serves as a broker of expertise for the development and enhancement of statewide and national health information systems. NAHDO brings together a network of state, federal, and private sector technical and policy leaders and consultants to expand health systems development and shape responsible health information policies.	375 Chipeta Way Suite A	Salt Lake City UT	US	84108	801-587-9104	www.nahdo.org
NAHIT	National Alliance for Health Information Technology	To optimize technology to realize highest level of patient care and financial performance. Working to accelerate standards initiatives through advocacy.	1 N. Franklin, 27th floor	Chicago IL	US	60606	312-422-2184	www.nahit.org
NAHQ	National Association for Healthcare Quality	To developing and promoting professional expertise in the art and science of healthcare quality.	4700 W. Lake Ave	Glenview IL	US	60025	847-375-4720	www.nahq.org

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NANDA	North American Nursing Diagnosis Association	To increasing the visibility of nursing's contribution to patient care by continuing to develop, refine and classify phenomena of concern to nurses.	1211 Locust St.	Philadelphia PA	US	19107	215-545-8105	www.nanda.org
NCCA	National Commission for Certifying Agencies	The accreditation body of NOCA. Certification programs may apply & be accredited by NCCA if they demonstrate compliance with each accreditation standard. NCCA helps to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs/organizations that assess professional competency.	2025 M St. NW, Ste. 800	Washington DC	US	20036	202-367-1165	www.noca.org
NCCLS	Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (new name effective January 2005)	Enhances the value of medical testing and healthcare services through the development and dissemination of consensus standards, guidelines, and best practices ANSI accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO)	940 West Valley Rd Suite 1400	Wayne PA	US	19087-1898	610 688 0100	www.nccls.org
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics	To provide statistical information that will guide actions and policies to improve the health of the American people. As the Nation's principal health statistics agency, NCHS leads the way with accurate, relevant, and timely data	2311 Toledo Rd.	Hyattsville MD	US	20782	301-458-4000	www.cdc.gov/nchs
NCPDP	National Council for Prescription Drug Program	Creates and promotes standards for the transfer of data to and from the pharmacy services sector of the healthcare industry. The organization provides a forum and support wherein our diverse membership can efficiently and effectively develop and maintain these standards through a consensus building process. NCPDP also offers its members resources, including educational opportunities and database services, to better manage their businesses. ANSI accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO)	9240 E. Raintree Dr.	Scottsdale AZ	US	85260-7518	480 477 1000	www.ncdp.org
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance	To improve the quality of health care.	2000 L St. NW	Washington DC	US	20036	202-955-6428	www.ncqa.org

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NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics HIMSS Activity 	The Department is charged with monitoring and improving the state of the nation's health and with epidemiological tracking and intervention, and must collect, analyze, and disseminate information on vital events, determinants of health, the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population, and the population's well-being. *HIMSS Board of Directors	200 Independence Ave. SW	Washington DC	US	20201	N/A	www.ncvhs.dhhs.gov
NHCAFA	National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association	To protect and serve the public interest by increasing awareness and improving the detection, investigation, civil and criminal prosecution and prevention of health care fraud.	1275 K Street, NW Suite 1000	Washington DC	US	20005	202-659-5955	www.nhcaa.org
NCEMI	National Center for Emergency Medicine Informatics	To the advancement of Emergency Medicine through the application of information technology. At NCEMI, we believe that the greatest advances in medicine over the next two decades will result from the application of the tools and principles of information science to the problems of clinical medicine. New developments in informatics will drive advances in clinical care, medical administration, medical research, and medical education.	Web based tools for clinical use. No address - No members.					www.ncemi.org
NHII	National Health Information Infrastructure	see Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT)						
NIDSEC	Nursing Information and Data Set Evaluation Committee	Develops and disseminates standards pertaining to information systems that support the documentation of nursing practice, and evaluates voluntarily submitted information systems against these standards. Part of the American Nurses Association	600 Maryland Ave., SW, Ste. 100 West	Washington DC	US	20036	800-274-4ANA	www.nursingworld.org/nidsec
NIH	National Institutes of Health HIMSS Activity 	The National Institutes of Health is the steward of medical and behavioral research for the Nation. It is an Agency under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *US technical advisory group	9000 Rockville Pike	Bethesda MD	US	20892	301 496 4000	www.nih.gov
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	To develop and promote measurement, standards, and technology to enhance productivity, facilitate trade, and improve the quality of life.	100 Bureau Drive	Gaithersburg MD	US	20899-3460	(301) 975-NIST (6478)	www.nist.gov

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	HIMSS Activity 	*IHE/IT Infrastructure Technical Planning Committee *Medical Device Security Work Group						
NITRD	National Coordination Office for Information Technology	To formulate and promote Federal information technology research and development to meet national goals.	4201 Wilson Blvd Suite II-405	Arlington VA	US	22230	703 292 4873	www.itrd.gov
NKF	National Kidney Foundation	The National Kidney Foundation, Inc., a major voluntary health organization, seeks to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.	30 East 33rd St.	New York NY	US	10016	(212) 889-2210	www.kidney.org
NLM	National Library of Medicine	The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is the world's largest biomedical library. It educates users about available sources of information so that they may conduct their own research concerning medical topics. The Library acts as a supplemental resource after local, regional, and other national resources have been contacted. NLM also creates databases and databanks for your use.	8600 Rockville Pike	Bethesda MD	US	20894	301-594-5983	www.nlm.nih.gov
NOCA	National Organization for Competency Assurance HIMSS Activity 	The leader in setting quality standards for credentialing organizations. Through its annual conference, regional seminars, & publication, NOCA serves its membership as a clearinghouse for information on the latest trends & issues of concern to practitioners & organizations focused on certification, licensure, & human resource development. Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education	2025 M St. NW, Ste. 800	Washington DC	US	20036	202-367-1165	www.noca.org
OASIS	OASIS Consortium	OASIS is a non-profit, international consortium of suppliers and users of products and services that support open structured information standards (both de jure and de facto). OASIS is dedicated to accelerating the further adoption, application, and implementation of structured information standards. (b). OASIS provides its members with an open forum to discuss market needs and directions, and to recommend guidelines for product interoperability. The consortium receives, coordinates, and disseminates information describing structured information standards and related specifications, methods, recommendations, and technologies. (c). The work of OASIS complements that of standards bodies, focusing on making structured information standards easy to adopt and standards-based products practical to use, in real-world, open system applications	P.O. Box 455	Billerica MA	US	1821	978-667-5115	www.oasis-open.org

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	HIMSS Activity 	*Member of US Technical Advisory Group for Health Informatics (US TAG)						
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	To assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health. US Government Agency	230 South Dearborn Street, Room 3244	Chicago IL	US	60604	312-353-2220	www.osha.gov
ONCHIT	Office of the National Health Informatics Infrastructure	Vision: Comprehensive knowledge-based network of interoperable systems; capable of providing information for sound decisions about health when and where needed	US Dept of HHS 200 Independence Ave. SW	Washington DC	US	20201	202 619 0257	http://aspe.hhs.gov/sp/nhii
PITAC	Presidents Information Technology Advisory Committee	Provides the President, congress and Federal agencies involved in IT research and development expert independent advice on IT reaserch and development.	4201 Wilson Blvd Suite II-405	Arlington VA	US	22230	703 292 4540	www.itrd.gov
PHII	Public Health Informatics Institute	In working with our health information systems customers, we apply four guiding principles. Principle #1. Engage all stakeholders. Principle #2. Put the logical before the physical. Principle #3. Plan for interoperability. Principle #4. Manage for accountability.	750 Commerce Drive Suite 400	Decatur GA	US	30030	866 815 9704	www.phii.org
RSNA	Radiological Society of North America HIMSS Activity 	To promote and develop the highest standards of radiology and related sciences through education and research. *Sponsor of Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) with HIMSS and ACC.	820 Jorie Blvd.	Oak Brook IL	US	60523	630-571-2670	www.rsna.org
SCAR	The Society for Computer Applications in Radiology HIMSS Activity 	Devoted to advance computer applications and IT in medical imaging through education and research. Both corporate and individual members. *Cosponsor HIMSS Annual Conference	10105 Cottesmore Ct.	Great Falls VA	US	22066	703-757-0054	www.scarnet.org
SHS	The Society for Health Systems Engineers HIMSS Activity 	To improve the health system through the professional development and advancement of management engineers and other professionals applying quantitative and analytical skills to healthcare processes. *Cosponsor HIMSS Annual Conference	3577 Parkway Lane Suite 200	Norcross GA	US	30092	800 494 0460	http://shs.iienet.org

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	Scottsdale Institute HIMSS Activity 	Not-for-profit corporation serving executive teams in leading healthcare systems. Purpose is to assist members in understanding, deploying, & sharing successes in strategic initiatives involving information management & process improvement. *Collaboration on educational activities *Provider of HIMSS continuing education	Membership Services Office, 1550 Utica Ave S, Ste 550	Minneapolis MN	US	55416	952-545-5880	www.scottsdaleinstitute.org
SIR	Society of Interventional Radiology	To improve health and the quality of life through the practice of cardiovascular and interventional radiology.	10201 Lee Highway - Suite 500	Fairfax VA	US	22030	703-691-1805	www.sirweb.org
SNOMED	Systemated Nomenclature of Human and Veterinary Medicine HMSS Activity 	Advances excellence in patient care through the delivery of a dynamic and sustainable, scientifically validated terminology and infrastructure that enables clinicians, researchers, and patients to share healthcare knowledge worldwide, across clinical specialties, and sites of care. *Member of US Technical Advisory Group for Health Informatics (US TAG)	325 Waukegan Rd.	Northfield IL	US	60093	800-323-4040 x 7700	www.snomed.at
VA	Department of Veteran's Affairs	Our goal is to provide excellence in patient care, veterans' benefits and customer satisfaction. We have reformed our department internally and are striving for high quality, prompt and seamless service to veterans. Our department's employees continue to offer their dedication and commitment to help veterans get the services they have earned. Our nation's veterans deserve no less.	810 Vermont Ave. NW	Washington DC	US	20420	1-800-827-1000	www.va.gov
	HIMSS Activity 	Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education *US Technical Advisory Group *IHE Infrastructure Technical Committee *Medical Device Security Work Group *Regional Health Information Organization *HIMSS National Preparedness and Response task force *HIMSS Cross Enterprise Showcase						
WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange HIMSS Activity 	To provide leadership and guidance to the healthcare industry on how to use and leverage the industry's collective knowledge, expertise and information resources to improve the quality of healthcare. *Cosponsors HIMSS Annual Conference *Provider of HIMSS Continuing Education	12020 Sunrise Valley Dr., Ste. 100	Reston VA	US	20191	703-391-2716	www.wedi.org
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	Steering committee	EHR	Gail Arnett	garnett@himss.org				
	Steering committee	Integration and Interoperability	Joyce Sensmeier	jsensmeier@himss.org				
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	Steering committee	Privacy and Security	Joyce Sensmeier	jsensmeier@himss.org				
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	Committee	Organizational Davies	Gail Arnett	garnett@himss.org				
	Committee	Public Health Davies	Gail Arnett	garnett@himss.org				
	Committee	Certified Healthcare Security (CHS) Technical Committee	Julianna Kazragys	jkazragys@himss.org				
	Committee	Certified Professional Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMS) Technical Committee	Julianna Kazragys	jkazragys@himss.org				
	Committee	United States Technical Advisory Group for Health Informatics (US TAG)	Audrey Dickerson	adickerson@himss.org				
	Committee	International Organization for Standardization/Technical Committee #215	Audrey Dickerson	adickerson@himss.org				
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