



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIMSS 2010

- **Pre-Conference Workshop**
 - ✓ Workshop 201: Executive Dashboards for Process Improvement
- **Synergy Session**
 - ✓ Process Improvement Enabled through Automatic Identification and Location
- **ME-PI Community Reception**
 - ✓ Georgia World Congress Center - Room TBD
 - ✓ Sunday February 28th 5-6pm
- **HIMSS Community Open**
 - ✓ House Georgia World Congress Center - Room TBD
 - ✓ Monday March 1st 4:30-6pm
- **March 1 – 4, 2010**
- **To register:**
<http://www.himssconference.org/registration/>

ME-PI Community Meetings

- **General Community Meetings**
 12 pm ET | 1st Friday of each month

Welcome to our second year as an official HIMSS community!

There are many exciting events and educational opportunities being planned for the upcoming year. We hope you join us for as many as you can. To learn more about the purpose of the committee, the many creative work groups and the planned activities and deliverables for the upcoming year, please visit <http://www.himss.org/content/files/MEPICharter.pdf> for the FY '10 to view the ME-PI work plan.

Member Survey Results

In the spirit of “process improvement,” the ME-PI Committee solicited the feedback of the Community at large to understand the background, interests, and desired programs, activities, and direction of the ME-PI Community for the 2009/2010 HIMSS year. Jim Langabeer, Steve Earle, and David Butler developed, posted, and analyzed the results of an online survey that was completed by 137 members of the ME-PI Community. Key learning’s included:

- The ME-PI Community demographics consistent with HIMSS nationally
 - 59% Hospital/Health System Practitioner
 - 18% Consultant
 - 13% Vendor
 - 5% Academic/Education
- ME-PI professionals reflect a broad set of titles, roles, and backgrounds as demonstrated by the following educational backgrounds:
 - 36% Management/Administration
 - 27% Engineering
 - 23% Information Technology
 - 15% Clinical (Physician, Nurse, etc.)

The ME-PI Committee is using the results of the survey to guide their direction for education programs, Hot Topics, and other activities for the 2009/2010 year. Results of the full survey can be found on the ME-PI website.



RFID Synergy Session at HIMSS 2010

RFID as a Tool of the ME-PI professional will be highlighted in the RFID Synergy Session at HIMSS 2010 in Atlanta, GA. Entitled "Process Improvement Enabled through Automatic Identification and Location", the synergy session will share experiences of hospitals collaborating in assessing and selecting emerging AutoID and location technologies for process improvement. The session will be lead by David Butler, who had chaired the HIMSS RFID SIG, Alfonso Gutierrez, Director of the University of Wisconsin RFID Lab, and Leroy Baker, Director of Systems Development at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics.

RFID SIG Integration

The HIMSS Radio Frequency Identification Special Interest Group (RFID SIG) officially became a part of the ME-PI Community with the October 2 ME-PI Community meeting. During that meeting, Thomas Hamelin, Associate Administrator at UC San Diego Medical Center, and Dr. Scott Leddy, Director of Physician Engagement at Texas Health Resources, shared insights as to use of RFID and Real Time Location Systems (RTLS) to improve processes within the operating room and throughout the hospital enterprise wide.

RFID is an emerging technology that is proving to be an enabling tool for automation of manual processes associated with auto identification, tracking of mobile medical equipment, and location of patients and staff. The RFID SIG was formed four years ago to provide a forum for sharing information and insights associated with this emerging technology. David Butler, currently the Vice Chair of the ME-PI Committee, had been the Chair of the RFID SIG for the past two years. The RFID SIG has hosted well attended RFID panel discussions at HIMSS annual conferences as well as webinars featuring hospitals that have been pioneers in this technology.

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As RFID and related AutoID technologies are enabling technology tools for process improvement, it was felt that the needs and interests of the RFID SIG members would be best served by becoming part of the larger, process improvement focused ME-PI Community. With better alignment with the core mission of HIMSS and a broader membership base, the ME-PI Community provides a vibrant and dynamic ecosystem for future Hot Topics and educational awareness associated with these emerging technologies. Former RFID SIG members are encouraged to become active within the ME-PI Community. Please feel free to join a work group or suggest a Hot Topic action area.

ME-PI Tools Page Launching Soon!

A new ME-PI tools webpage will be available to HIMSS members in time for the New Year! Throughout the past year, the ME-PI Tools and Topics workgroup has been gathering tools from our members and working with the HIMSS web services staff to design a site to house the numerous tools currently in our catalog. This site will contain over 200 items on a wide variety of topics such as Team Dynamics, Innovation and Creativity, Project Management, Benchmarking, Scorecards/Dashboards, and Statistical Methodologies. This tools site will also provide opportunities for members to submit additional tools and topic ideas for future development. We are very excited to make this content available to the members of ME-PI Community and the larger HIMSS organization. If you have any questions regarding the Tools and Topics workgroup, please contact Pauline Hogan, workgroup chair. hogan.pauline@mayo.edu

Calling All Hot Topic Vanguard

We can use your energy and support to develop and lead work groups and action teams associated with deliverables that align with the Hot Topic areas of



interest within the ME-PI Community. Please reflect on your experiences, insights, and enthusiasm for the following subject areas and make a recommendation for a meaningful and relevant action team and deliverable that would benefit the ME-PI Community.

- Workflow & Process Redesign
- Decision Support
- Lean Six Sigma
- Change Management
- Measuring ARRA Quality Requirements/Data

Whether you would like to lead a team or just share your energy and enthusiasm as a member of the team, we welcome your support and ideas. Please send your action team recommendations to Edna Boone eboone@himss.org or Juanita Threat jthreat@himss.org

Thank you for your call to action!