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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

HIELights to Feature New Look, Broader Scope Next Month

By Scott Klink, RCDD, CCNP, CCDP, FHIMSS, and Pam Matthews, RN, MBA, CPHIMS, FHIMSS

After six years of bringing you news and insights on the world of healthcare information exchange, *HIELights* is changing things up next month with a completely redesigned and content-enhanced eNewsletter. This new publication will place a broader focus on interoperability and standards leading to information exchange, and thereby keep readers abreast of information exchange's role in healthcare.

HIE NEWS

Transforming Data into Information

By Pam Matthews, RN, MBA, CPHIMS, FHIMSS

"Employees and medical staff are the most important resource for information-driven organizations, which must create a learning environment through education and skill advancement in data management. While automated tools and technology can make this manageable, the information-driven organization is dependent upon trained, knowledgeable and skilled users of data to make informed decisions and to drive management and clinical practice..."

It's Déjà Vu All Over Again

By Thomas M. Jones, MD

"At the 1995 HIMSS Annual Conference and Exhibition, 58 percent of some 1,000 attendees completing the HIMSS/HP Leadership Survey indicated that the need for comparative outcomes data was among the three most important forces driving increased computerization in health care. For many organizations, outcomes data is literally becoming essential to survival.

"Given the level of interest, it might be assumed that the tools and technologies of the outcomes movement would be sophisticated and data readily available. Such is far from the case. The reality is that the necessary information systems and data sets are fragmented, proprietary, (and) often difficult to use. Providers are frightened at their seeming inability to meet the demands they see placed on them and are in search of a comprehensive outcomes information system."

HIELights Retrospective

Take a look at the topics, themes and milestones of HIELights below...

HIMSS Responds to Release of Meaningful Use Stage 2

On Thursday, the Department of Health & Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) released their final rules for Meaningful Use Stage 2 and associated Standards, Implementation Specifications, and Certification

Public Health and HIE



Noam Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

Public Health and HIEs: IIS-HIE Integration

By Noam H. Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

Immunization Information Systems (IIS) have been around for many years. Almost every state in the Union has one. Given the maturity of these systems, it is not surprising that most of them pre-date the HIE movement. In fact, many of them have evolved into proto-HIEs with provider portals, information exchange through web services, and even more comprehensive information than just immunizations. But as more and more providers refocus their information exchange on their regional or state HIE, the IIS may find itself interacting more with the HIOs than with the providers they are used to supporting.

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Legal Corner

Restrictions on Access to or Use of Patient Information Can Present Unanticipated Challenges

By Allen Briskin and Gerry Hinkley, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

Criteria for Electronic Health Record Technology, 2014 Edition. HIMSS responded with a statement, which can be read [here](#). Stay tuned for in-depth analysis on HIMSS' [Meaningful Use OneSource](#); a webinar series in September; and a full slate of Meaningful Use education and exhibition activities at [HIMSS13](#), including a new Meaningful Use Experience.

Seeking Members for HIE Task Forces and Work Groups

The HIMSS HIE Committee is seeking members to join a number of their task forces and work groups. Click the link above to learn more about these groups and how to join.



Gerry Hinkley



Allen Briskin

Health information exchange organizations' privacy policies can raise unexpected technical and operational issues for HIOs and their participants. Privacy policies commonly place limitations on the circumstances in which data exchange participants may request or gain access to patient information; the scope of the information they may request and receive; and the uses and disclosures of that information.

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Sept. 12
[Nursing Informatics on the Hill](#)

Sept. 12-13

[HIMSS Policy Summit](#)

Sept. 28

[HIMSS Nursing Informatics Institute](#)

Deadline: Oct. 15

[2012 HIMSS Annual Award Nominations and Scholarship Applications](#)

Dec. 3-5

[2012 mHealth Summit](#)

Dec. 12-13

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Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2013

[2013 Connectathon](#)

March 4-7, 2013

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