In this Issue: Clinical Informatics Education in the Classroom and Beyond
This issue of Clinical Informatics Insights revisits the topic of Clinical Informatics Education, which was last addressed in the February 2010 issue. This month’s features explore current curriculum development, federal programs, a career roadmap and five lifelong learning strategies.

State of the Industry

Update on the ONC for Health IT Workforce Development Program
By William Hersh, MD, FACMI, FACP

Buried deep within the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, the portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 devoted to the adoption and meaningful use of health IT, was Section 3016, a small paragraph that stipulated development of programs to develop an essential component for the meaningful use of health IT, which was the development of a professional workforce to develop and implement health IT systems. Section 3016 led to the $118 million investment by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) in its Workforce Development Program. Read more

Meet an Informaticist

Roadmap for Career Development
By Elizabeth Casey Halley, MBA, RN

I began my nursing career as an intern at Duke University Hospital where they had technology at the Nursing Station. What I didn’t realize at the time was the experience would introduce me to a healthcare transformation I would spend much of my career working to advance. Continue reading about Elizabeth’s career journey. Read more

Strategies for Success

Tool Box Picks
Compiled by Cheryl D. Parker, RN, MSN, PhD, FHIMSS

HIMSS eNurse Mentoring Program
Developed in collaboration between HIMSS Career Services and HIMSS Nursing Informatics, this program gives users the opportunity connect to nationally recognized leaders in nursing.

Certifications
Clinical informaticists hold a wide range of certifications that demonstrate their expertise; three examples are listed below:
- PMI
- ANCC
- CPHIMS

ONC Health IT Curriculum: Version 3 and Beyond
In this blog post, William Hersh, MD, FACMI, FACP, updates readers on new ONC curriculum.

ONC Health IT Workforce Development Curriculum Components National Training and Dissemination Center
If you are an instructor, access this innovative set of teaching materials that is now in use by thousands of instructors and students around the world

HIEs need employees but are not tapping ONC development program graduates
To learn how federal investments in health IT might increase employment, eHI researchers examined answers to questions regarding workforce and employment in its 2011 HIE survey and developed four key conclusions, which are features in this CMIO article.

Educating Future Clinicians about Clinical Informatics: A Review of Implementation and Evaluation Cases
This study featured in the European Journal for Biomedical Informatics aims to give insights into how clinical informatics education has worked in the past, and to suggest future directions for delivering ongoing curriculum reform in this important aspect of health
Strategies for Health IT Career Success: Top 5 Lifelong Learning Strategies
By Helen Figge, PharmD, MBA, Lean Six Sigma Black Belt

Career paths take on various components of success. Sometimes a person measures career success based on money that can be accumulated or other times gainful experiences. Practically speaking, career success evolves and is based on a person’s skill set and what one hopes to accomplish in their lifetime. Read more

HIMSS News

New HIMSS Board Members, Officers Begin Their Terms
Heading up the HIMSS Board of Directors, four officers and four board members began their newly appointed posts earlier this month. Willa Fields, DNSc, RN, FHIMSS, assumed the one-year term as Chair of the Board, replacing Charlene S. Underwood, MBA, FHIMSS, Senior Director of Government and Industry Affairs for Siemens Medical Solutions. R. Scott Holbrook, MS, FHIMSS, started his term as Vice Chair of the Board, replacing Holly Miller, MD, MBA, FHIMSS, Chief Medical Officer of MedAllies.

HIMSS Responds to the Supreme Court Decision on Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
After months of uncertainty, the U.S. Supreme Court today announced its decision on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). The Court ruled that the law is constitutional by a 5-4 vote.

Now Accepting Nominations for Board and Nominating Committee Positions
Nominations are now being accepted for the positions on the HIMSS Board of Directors and on the Nominating Committee. Nominees must be a Regular or Life Member or the senior executive representative of an Organizational Member who has achieved Senior or Fellow status.

Easing health IT staffing shortages through education and training
To some, ARRA and HITECH have been both a blessing and a curse. With an expected growth of 20% by 2018, healthcare information technology (HIT) jobs are predicted to increase much faster than the average for all occupations... Join the discussion.

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The Supreme Court Ruling on the ACA: An Analysis of the Opinion Webinar
July 12, 2012

Mobile Health IT Virtual Briefing: A Glimpse into the Technologies at Work Today in Healthcare
Aug. 8, 2012

National Health IT Week
Washington, DC
Sept. 10-14, 2012

HIMSS 11th Annual Policy Summit
Washington, DC
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