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HIE NEWS

HIMSS12 HIE Symposium Builds on Previous Symposia

HIE: The Year of Implementation, Collaboration & Beyond, will be held at HIMSS12 in Las Vegas on Monday, Feb. 20, as part of the pre-conference symposia lineup. The symposia will focus on implementation, collaboration and ways of leveraging innovation to advance HIE organizations at the local, state and regional levels. **Read More >>**

The Importance of Health Information Exchange: What it Means to a Patient

By JoAnn W. Klinedinst, CPHIMS, PMP, FHIMSS
This article was originally posted on the HIMSS Blog on Jan. 11, 2012.

There is no doubt that a visit to a clinical setting is intimidating: fear of the unknown, not sure what to expect, and other factors. But what if your physician is connected to a health information exchange? As a patient, you will benefit from access to information across a care setting, lower healthcare cost due to elimination of redundant tests and procedures, and an increase in the quality of care provided since longitudinal information may exist. **Read More >>**

HIELights eNewsletter Task Force Seeks Volunteers

The HIELights eNewsletter & Communications Task Force is looking for volunteers. This task force supports the volunteer-driven HIMSS HIELights e-newsletter focused on the industry's HIE activities. Regular monthly calls are held the first Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. (ET). Task Force activities include identifying newsletter topics and content, identifying authors, soliciting and/or writing articles, promoting newsletter subscriptions, and engaging in other specific projects identified for this coming year. If you are interested, please contact **Julie Moffitt**.

New Podcast Explores Benefits and Challenges of HIEs

Listen to the latest addition of the **HIMSS/AMDIS Physician Community Virtual Brown-Bag-Lunch Webcast Series** on exploring the benefits and challenges of HIEs. In this webcast, Dr. Richard Gibson, Chief Health Care Intelligence and Informatics Officer at Providence Health & Services in Portland, Oregon and Dr. Russell Leftwich, Chief Medical Informatics Officer at the Office of eHealth Initiatives in Nashville, TN share insights on deriving the benefits of HIEs, overcoming potential challenges and analyzing which model would work best for their institution. Click **here** for the audio file.

HIE Formation

Part XI: Keeping the Community Informed

By Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS, and Bob Brown

Legal Corner

Gerry Hinkley

Allen Briskin

The DURSA Gets a Facelift: Changes that Future Network Participants Need to Know About

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

The DURSA is the Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement, originally issued in November 2009 and updated by Restatement I of the DURSA (dated May 3, 2011), which was publicly issued on November 30, 2011, after a significant vetting process. The original DURSA was an outgrowth of the self-created National Health Information Network (NHIN), a collaboration of government and private parties interested in facilitating electronic access to health information. The restated version was created by the NHIN Coordinating Committee, itself created by the DURSA and renamed in the Restatement simply as the *Coordinating Committee*. The term *NHIN* has been phased out of the DURSA in favor of *Network*. **Read More >>**

Public Health and HIE

In this series of monthly articles, the authors, based in part on their recently published book, discuss current HIE-related events and leading practices within the context of forming an HIE initiative in your state, region or community. This is Part 11 of the series. You can access previous installments at the HIELights e-newsletter archives.

We describe the process of forming a health information exchange organization – be it public or private – as a large scale change management project, albeit with a significant technology component. We believe that this mindset is absolutely necessary to develop a successful and sustainable health information exchange entity. **Read More >>**

Advocacy and Public Policy

Gerry Blass

Susan A Miller, JD

HIPAA and HITECH Security in the New World: ACOs and HIEs

By Gerry Blass and Susan A Miller, JD

It's a numbers game when it comes to information security risk management. The bigger the numbers the harder it is to manage the risk of unauthorized access to protected health information.

By "numbers" we mean the numbers of vulnerabilities that create risk. For example, in how many locations in an organization does identifiable health information exist and what controls are in place to protect it from unauthorized access? How many workstations, laptops, flash drives, servers, network devices, portable devices, smart phones, media, etc. exist in an organization? How about remote access, wireless access, email accounts? How about data stored in the cloud? The numbers grow when comparing a single practice physician, to an ambulatory clinic to a hospital, to a health system, to an accountable care organization (ACO) and health information exchange (HIE). **Read More >>**

Kansas Health Information Network Signs 1,000th Provider to Statewide HIE

The Kansas Health Information Network (KHIN) recently signed its 1,000th provider to its statewide HIE Organization in just four months. According to a press release, KHIN experienced a rapid ramp up of users and participants in its statewide organization to connect physicians and patients in a broad rural and metropolitan area. **Click the link to learn more>>>**

Virginia Announces Advance Directive Registry

The Commonwealth of Virginia has launched an Advance Health Care Directive Registry. This secure registry allows Virginia residents to store their Advanced Health Care Directive, Health Care Power of Attorney, Declaration of Anatomical Gift, and other documents so that medical providers, emergency responders, family members, and anyone else they grant access will honor their wishes." **Click the link to learn more>>>**

Ohio Becomes First State to Adopt Federal Direct HIE Standards

Ohio became the first state to use the federal Direct standards for health information exchange after its state-designated HIE successfully swapped patient data with that of Mississippi. "We at ONC are excited to see this first productive use of Direct protocols for the exchange of health information between two states," National HIT Coordinator Dr. Farzad Mostashari said.

NCSL Lists EHRs and HIEs Among Top State Legislative Issues in 2012

Noam Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

Public Health and PHRs: Don't Be Left Out!

By Noam H. Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

Public health agencies have a long-standing tradition of engaging with the citizens in their jurisdictions over matter relating to both individual and population health. But when it comes to data, most public health agencies are focused primarily on collecting data from healthcare providers (both when mandated and when voluntary), and returning data when appropriate back to those providers. Some agencies have begun to publish aggregate data about a community's health based on data collected from a variety of sources (for a good example of this see the **Healthy Communities Institute)**. **Read More >>**

HIE Spotlight

DClinicSync Seeks to Connect Ohio Providers Statewide

By Dan Paoletti, CEO, Ohio Health Information Partnership

CliniSync is Ohio's statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). CliniSync blends the concepts of clinical data with the synchronicity that will allow a physician to access information from different entities for one patient, all at the same time. While some physicians, hospitals and healthcare professionals in Ohio can exchange patient information regionally or within a health system, this new exchange will go statewide, allowing medical professionals in different regions to electronically share information about a patient they have treated. **Read More >>**

The Health Information Exchange Formation Guide:

The Authoritative Guide for Planning and Forming an HIE in Your State, Region or Community

By Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS, and Bob Brown

To order this book, visit www.himss.org/store.

Networking

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In its **annual list** of the most pressing issues on state legislative agendas, the National Conference of State Legislatures has highlighted health IT. "One focus for state legislatures in 2012 will be how to move health care providers, especially those participating in the Medicaid program, toward the adoption of certified electronic health records (EHRs). **Click the link to learn more>>>**

Engaging Consumers through HIEs

In 2012, one of the major priorities of the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and others across healthcare will be working to engage consumers with health IT (HIT). With significant cost pressures, it is increasingly apparent that empowering individuals to use HIT tools to become active partners in their own health and healthcare can indeed improve outcomes and reduce costs. There are a growing number of campaigns aimed at encouraging consumers to adopt HIT tools, including government-sponsored challenges to stimulate technology companies to take advantage of available data and develop innovative new products that convert that data into meaningful, actionable information for patients. Access to information and creative solutions that individuals can use to improve their health will play an impactful role in healthcare transformation. **Click the link to learn more>>>**

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