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By *Information Xchange Staff*

Welcome to HIMSS' *Information Xchange*, a dynamic new publication that focuses on the community, trends and practical applications surrounding interoperability and standards leading to information exchange. *Information Xchange* is an opt-in eNewsletter, published on the first Thursday of the month. The first two issues will be sent to you automatically. Thereafter, you must opt-in to continue receiving our publication. You can sign up [here](#). Learn more about how you can use this newsletter in everyday practice—click the link above!

Interoperability at the HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo

By *Information Xchange Staff*

The HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo is coming to your desktop Nov. 7-8. Attendees will learn how to navigate major legislative and regulatory initiatives, including the Affordable Care Act, Meaningful Use Stage 2 and ICD-10. See what will be of particular interest to readers of *Information Xchange*. Click the link above.

HIMSS Interoperability & Standards Committee Update

By *Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson*

Explore the latest activities, initiatives and deliverables from the HIMSS Interoperability & Standards Committee. In this article, you will read about the HIMSS Board's goals for interoperability and standards and suggestions about the best ways to achieve these goals. Also: The latest on new tools and resources, and information on how to participate.

EHNAC Releases New ePrescribing Certifications

The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission, a non-profit standards development organization and accrediting body, recently announced the release of its new certification programs for vendors handling electronic prescription of controlled substances. Click the link above to learn more!

mHealth Summit Updates

By *Information Xchange Staff*

Registration is open for the mHealth Summit, Dec. 3-5, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. The 2012 mHealth Summit will build on last year's success by highlighting emerging best practices from mHealth implementations as well as the latest business, finance, policy and technical perspectives, fostering in-depth dialogue to identify and accelerate cross-cutting value chains

Opinion

Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN) Comes of Ages North

By *Brian Ahier*

The Nationwide Health Information Network Exchange has been operating as an ONC program since 2007. For the past three years, a rapidly growing community of public and private organizations has been routinely sharing information in production. That community now represents thousands of providers and millions of patients.

HIEs and Patient Matching

By *Noam H. Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS*

While consistently identifying patients is hard enough within a single practice, clinic, hospital or integrated delivery network but when spanning multiple organizations in an HIE the challenges become multiplied. Here are some key issues with respect to HIE and patient identity integrity, and some comments and suggestions related to resolving the issues

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and sustainable mHealth business model adoption around the globe. Click the link above for the latest updates.

mHIMSS Roadmap

By [Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson](#)

In Spring 2012 the newly formed mHIMSS enterprise engaged HIMSS Informatics to develop broad outlines of the current state of mobile health related to the content areas of interoperability and standards and privacy and security. The goal was that these outlines were to be compiled to create an mHIMSS Roadmap for a hospital and health system audience. Click the link above to learn more about the Roadmap.

Best Practices

Forcare Links Frisian Hospitals to Exchange Cardiology Information

The Medical Centre Leeuwarden (MCL) is the leading hospital for advanced clinical practice in Friesland and is the largest non-university teaching hospital in the Netherlands. After extensive research the MCL made the choice in principle for the Cross-Enterprise Document Sharing for Imaging developed by Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise. This IHE Success Story details the three primary phases of the Centre's project—from proof of concept; to making functional improvements and establishing a link between the hospitals and clinical practices; to linking other hospitals in the region to the cardiology network for clinical information exchange. Read the full case study by clicking the link above.

KeyHIE® Builds Industry-Leading Connected Community of Care

Keystone Health Information Exchange (KeyHIE®) is a growing network of healthcare providers in 31 counties in central and northeast Pennsylvania, serving nearly 3 million patients, many in medically underserved areas. The KeyHIE governance group has designed their health information exchange (HIE) to roll out in phases, growing the system's value and overall adoption over time. Geisinger Health System, an integrated delivery network, is an original and active participant in KeyHIE. Currently, KeyHIE interconnects Geisinger and five other regional hospitals—for a total of seven facilities. Geisinger was awarded a \$2.3 million grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to extend the KeyHIE-connected community. In addition to attracting stakeholders, the five-year AHRQ grant is helping to make new clinical applications and document types available within the HIE. Read the full case study by clicking the link above.

Meaningful Use Immunization Reporting

Pediatric Medical Associates is an enthusiastic immunization registry participant, but wants to stop entering immunization data both in its own EHR and the immunization registry and still get Meaningful Use credit for contributing to an immunization registry. The San Diego Beacon Collaborative would like to provide services such connecting partners to public health services like the local immunization Registry through its HIE. The San Diego County wishes to receive both immunization and body-mass index (BMI) data for its immunization registry and obesity management initiatives. Working with Pediatric Medical Associates and San Diego County, Software Partners and Greenway Medical Technologies deployed the solution they developed in accordance with IHE protocols—a profiled CCD that includes the detail required by immunization registries. With the help of the San Diego County staff, Greenway's customer can move from manual data double entry to an automated single electronic interface. Read the full case study by clicking the link above.

Policy Pulse

Exchanges

Greenway's Justin Barnes Discusses IHE, Meaningful Use and the 'Next Big Thing' in Interoperability

By [Matt Schlossberg](#)

Information Xchange sat down with Justin Barnes, Vice President at Greenway Medical Technologies to discuss Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise, Meaningful Use Stage 2, market trends in information exchange and the "next big thing" in interoperability. Click the link above to read the interview!



Showcase Connection

HL7 Consolidated CDA®: New Testing and Demonstration Opportunity

By [Joy Kuhl](#)

IHE USA, Health Level Seven International, and the Health Story Project will offer HL7 Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®) testing for the first time at the North American Connectathon 2013, Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2013 in Chicago. Consolidated CDA is an information exchange standard for common clinical documents, such as a consult, history and physical or progress note. Organizations that participate will demonstrate they are ahead of the curve in applying standards required for Stage 2 Meaningful Use of electronic health records. Click the link above to learn more!

Networking

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HIMSS Interoperability Policy Section Update

By [Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson](#)

The HIMSS Interoperability Policy Section (HIPSS) Work Group contributed significant revisions to the HIMSS Public Policy Principles for 2013-14, especially to *Section 4: Infrastructure, Standards, Innovation and Safety*. This section deals with progressing the healthcare industry from isolated interoperable health records toward standardization of content and technologies, so information can be exchanged between physicians, hospitals, regional and state health information exchange organizations, as well as back to the individuals through patient portals. Click the link above to read key HIPSS Work Group recommendations.

HIMSS Resources on Meaningful Use Stage 2 Now Available

By *Information Xchange Staff*

HIMSS' [Meaningful Use OneSource](#) has published Executive Summaries of both the [Meaningful Use Stage 2 Rule](#) and the [Standards and Certification Criteria Rule](#). An [additional analysis sheet](#) has been compiled dissecting each part of the Meaningful Use Stage 2 rule and cross-walking this with HIMSS' comments on the proposed rule. This is a living document, and will be updated periodically as different sections are compiled. A Standards and Certification Criteria living document will be published soon.

Volunteer Exchange

Information Xchange Call for Contributors

By [Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson](#)

Information Xchange is seeking columnists to offer their expertise and opinions on interoperability and standards leading to information exchange. Columnists can submit monthly or on an irregular basis. We are interested in columns dealing with integration and practical solutions within healthcare environments and across different systems; public policy at the state and federal levels; trends on the evolution of standards; deployment, benefits and the practical side of interoperability; and innovations. If you have an idea for a column, please send a 250-word abstract defining your series of columns, as well as your CV, to Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson at the e-mail link embedded in the byline above.

Participants Needed for New I&S Committee Work Groups

By [Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson](#)

The new Interoperability & Standards (I&S) Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on a variety of work groups including:

- HIMSS Interoperability Policy Section (HIPS) Work Group
- I&S Section (ISS) of the mHIMSS Roadmap Work Group
- Enterprise Architecture (EA) Work Group
- I&S Toolkit & Web Resource (Toolkit) Work Group
- Technical Information Exchange Work Group (Tech-IE)

If you would like to volunteer to serve on any of the I&S Committee Work Group please contact [Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson](#).

HIMSS HIE Community Seeks Member Volunteers

By [Julie Moffitt](#)

The HIMSS HIE Community is currently seeking members for a variety of task forces and work groups, including the HIE Communications Task Force, the Ambulatory HIE Toolkit Work Group, and the Public Comment Work Group. If you are interested in joining, contact [Julie Moffitt](#) or visit the [HIE Community](#) page online.

JHIM Seeks Abstracts on Integration and Interoperability

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Oct. 5

[Deadline for IHE Connectathon Registration](#)

Oct. 9-12

[World Standards Week 2012](#)

Oct. 10

[Ambulatory HIE Toolkit Work Group Call](#)

Oct. 12

[Emerging Professionals Masters Class Series](#)

Oct. 15

[Nursing Informatics Institute, Hosted by Partners HealthCare](#)

Oct. 17

[Deadline—JHIM Spring 2013 Abstracts Due](#)

Oct. 22-24

[World Congress on Information Technology Panel: Improving Healthcare in a Digital Society](#)

Oct. 25

[HIMSS I&S Committee Monthly Teleconference](#)

Nov. 7-8

[HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo](#)

Dec. 3-5

[2012 mHealth Summit](#)

Dec. 12-13

[Privacy & Security Forum](#)

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2013

[2013 Connectathon](#)

March 4-7, 2013

[2013 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition](#)

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[JHIM](#), the digital, peer-reviewed publication of HIMSS, is seeking abstracts for its Spring 2013 issue on Integration and Interoperability. *JHIM* encourages submissions related to information exchange, using IT to enable accountable care, IT implications of acquisition of clinical practices, Stage 2 Meaningful Use, privacy and security and much more. Case studies, literature reviews, opinion/trend papers and original research are encouraged. Abstracts should be created in a Word document and include a 250-word summary of the paper you propose to write. Include a working title for your abstract and complete contact information for all potential authors. All abstracts must be received by Oct. 17, 2012, to be considered for publication. For questions, please contact [Matt Schlossberg](#), Manager, Publications.

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