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## What's New

### [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. Click the link above to learn more...

### [HIMSS Responds to the Supreme Court Decision on Health Reform](#)

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. H. Stephen Lieber, CAE, HIMSS President and CEO, stated that, "HIMSS, like the rest of the country, is relieved that questions about the healthcare reform law have now been settled and the nation can move forward with the essential work of transforming healthcare in America. Health information technology is critical to the ongoing transformation in our nation." Click the link above to read the rest of the story.

### [HIMSS to Host Webinar Analysis on Supreme Court Health Reform Decision](#)

HIMSS will host a webinar on Thursday, July 12, analyzing the health reform decision handed down by the Supreme Court last week. Join members of the HIMSS Legal Task Force as they provide a detailed analysis of the opinion and the implications for health IT. Speakers include Nandan Kenkeremath, JD, Vice President, Marwood Group, Vice Chair, HIMSS Legal Task Force, and James B. Wieland, JD, Principal Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver, Member, HIMSS Legal Task Force. This webinar is free for HIMSS members.

### [HIMSS Submits Comments on Nationwide Health Information](#)

## Meet Our Members

Learn more about this week's featured member

Guy Scalzi, MBA

Guy Scalzi, MBA, principal with [Aspen Advisors](#), is co-author of "[IT Governance in Hospitals and Health Systems](#)," published by HIMSS in February 2012.

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## Chapter Events

July 26

[Greater Chicago](#)

[Health IT: What's Next in Digital Health?](#)

## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

July 6

[Fall 2012 JHIM Abstracts Due](#)

July 8

## [Network Governance](#)

On June 29, HIMSS [submitted comments](#) to the Department of Health & Human Services' Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) regarding the Request for Information (RFI) on the [Nationwide Health Information Network: Conditions for Trusted Exchange](#), which was published in the Federal Register on May 15, 2012. The HIMSS response provides support for the proposed voluntary adoption of policies and standards for the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN), with a caveat that on a long-term basis, mandatory adoption may become necessary. HIMSS recommend leveraging existing expertise from health information exchange initiatives already sharing information, and encouraged alignment with federal initiatives currently underway, including the Meaningful Use incentive program. HIMSS' comments also addressed the potential alleviation of state burden, certain complexities within the RFI regarding HIPAA requirements, and suggested frameworks for ONC to consider for Conditions for Trusted Exchange (CTE). Additionally, HIMSS requested ONC consider additional clarity and clear communication on the value proposition of the NwHIN before issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

## [WCIT 2012 Unveils Program](#)

HIMSS is a partner of the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) 2012. On June 15, during a global teleconference featuring the legendary radio and television host Larry King and Canadian author and speaker Don Tapscott, the World Congress of Information Technology (WCIT 2012) unveiled the [official program](#) of the October event that will take place in Montreal, Canada. World-renowned speakers will shed light on how ICT is set to transform virtually every component of society and create new business opportunities—from collaborative healthcare, education, and smart cities to national competitiveness.

## [HHS Seeks External Fellows to Bring Expertise to HHS Projects](#)

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) "is seeking External Fellows who have a passion for solving pressing problems in healthcare through innovative and game-changing solutions. [External Innovation Fellows](#) may be entrepreneurs, academics, policymakers, business gurus, government or non-profit leaders who have demonstrated a significant record of achievement in their field." The HHS Innovation Fellows Program allows agencies to bring in external experts to foster innovation, creativity, and help address some of HHS' biggest challenges. External Innovation Fellows are paired with an Internal Host Innovation Fellow to work on a specific and high-priority project for at least 6-12 months. External Fellows will be highly talented professionals, from within the federal government or private sector, with an interest in exchanging innovative ideas and contributing to HHS' mission. The [application](#) deadline is July 20.

## [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. Please send all nominations to: H. Stephen Lieber, President/CEO, HIMSS, 33 W. Monroe, St. Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60603 (or via e-mail at the link above). Nominations Must Be Received By August 1, 2012. To obtain further information on the advancement process and/or access the application please visit the [advancement page](#) on the HIMSS web site.

## [Tools & Resources](#)

### [Evaluate Financial Impact of ICD-10 with New Online Tool](#)

The HIMSS ICD-10 Task Force and Jvion joined forces to develop the ICD-10

### [Winter 2013 JHIM ICD-10 Abstracts Due](#)

Aug. 1

[Nominations for Board and Nominating Committee Positions Due](#)

Sept. 10-14

[National Health IT Week](#)

Dec. 3-5

[2012 mHealth Summit](#)

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2013

[2013 Connectathon](#)

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Get the latest updates from our HIMSS Corporate Members. New press releases and news announcements are updated daily on the [HIMSS Web site](#).

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Risk Calculator, now part of the ICD-10 PlayBook. This interactive resource is designed to help providers assess and address the financial impact of ICD-10. The tool includes a short survey tailored to different hospital types and clinical settings. Upon completing the survey, respondents receive a detailed risk profile report that includes their individual organization's risk rating across three financial dimensions: revenues, cash flow, and operational costs. A relative profile is also provided so that respondents can compare their risk ratings to those of their peer group. These risk ratings are accompanied by the specific mitigating actions that a provider can take to help set ICD-10 priorities and facilitate plans that attempt to reach revenue neutrality. To access the calculator, please click the link above. And for more information on the ICD-10 Playbook, please visit [here](#).

### [Registration Open for Webinar on Health IT Certification](#)

The National Science Foundation is supporting development of an entry level HIMSS health IT certification—CSHIMS. This session on **July 13** will preview the new credential, and provide an overview of its place in industry, as well as identify who can benefit from obtaining the credential; clarify HIMSS benefits to those entering the field, and employers; and outline CSHIMS preparation and implementation steps. This program is approved for up to 1.0 continuing education (CE) hours for use in fulfilling the continuing education requirements of the Certified Professional in Healthcare Information & Management Systems (CPHIMS). Click the link above to register.

### [HIMSS Ambulatory Community Health IT Task Force Releases New Resources](#)

The HIMSS Ambulatory Community Health IT Task Force has published two new resources for HIMSS members who are interested in safety net populations: [Living in the "Cloud": How to Decide to Use Cloud Computing?](#) and [What You Need to Know About Community Health Center \(CHC\) Meaningful Use](#). Click the links to access these new resources.

### [mHIMSS Launches mHealth Ecosystem](#)

mHIMSS has introduced the [mHIMSS mHealth Ecosystem](#) resource to better understand this emerging health space. The mHealth ecosystem consists of existing and new communities ranging from businesses, regulators, policy makers, clinicians, providers, and payers to consumers and researchers. All share the risks, responsibilities and benefits of moving mHealth forward. To suggest edits to this U.S. ecosystem construct email: [mhimss@himss.org](mailto:mhimss@himss.org).

### [Sponsored Video—Secure Physician Mobile Access to Patient Data with Virtualization](#)

Citrix is redefining IT for a new era in Healthcare. This video walks you through a day in the life of a cardiologist and how he uses Citrix technology throughout the day. This video will show you how Citrix empowers healthcare through virtual computing. Watch this video and you will see how easy it is to access clinical desktops from anywhere, securely order medications from any computer or device, access real-time info about patients in seconds, go mobile instantly with desktops that follow users, review real time ER caseloads & allocate resources remotely, enable HD face to face telemedicine, use Citrix HDX plug n play to support voice recognition devices to update patient records and secure patient health information on devices. Click the link above to access this white paper.

## [Calling All Members](#)

### [Ambulatory Task Force & Work Group Calls for Members](#)

The [HIMSS Ambulatory IS Committee](#) is accepting new members for the following Task Forces and Work Group. Participation is open to all current HIMSS members. For more information, contact Valerie Knoke at the e-mail link above.

**Continuity of Care Task Force.** This task force will create resources and tools that promote and utilize IT to coordinate care amongst healthcare providers to provide better patient outcomes. This group will examine the role of health IT in the primary care setting as it relates to coordinating care with acute setting, accountable care organizations and within patient-centered medical homes. The task force will meet via WebEx on the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. (ET).

**Meaningful Use Center of Excellence Task Force.** This group will create a compendium of resources and tools that highlight best practices of achieving the meaningful use of EHRs for the ambulatory care setting. The Task Force will meet via WebEx on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. (ET).

**Advocacy & Public Comment Work Group.** The Ambulatory Advocacy and Public Comment Work Group solicits and provides feedback on policy, legislation and regulations impacting health IT in the ambulatory care setting, including the anticipated release of the Meaningful Use Stage 2 Final Rule. The Work Group will meet via WebEx as needed in response to calls for comments.

### [HIMSS eConnecting with Consumers Committee Seeks Task Force Members](#)

The new [HIMSS eConnecting with Consumers Committee](#) is now accepting new members for a number of task forces. For more information, contact Valerie Knoke at the e-mail link above.

**Patient Engagement Task Force.** This group will create a compendium of business cases highlighting best practices and lessons learned highlighting providers' use of HIT to engage patients in their health. Meeting times TBD.

**Provider Value Proposition Task Force.** This group will be responsible for the identification and creation of resources and tools related to personal health IT for all HIMSS providers, including business cases, best practices and lessons learned for technologies including (but not limited to) PHRs, portals, mHealth, etc.

**Social Media Task Force.** This group will create resources and tools as well as opportunities around social networking at HIMSS, including the Social Media Center at HIMSS13. This task force will meet on the first Thursday of the month at 12 p.m. (ET).

### [Winter 2013 JHIM to Focus on ICD-10—Send in Your Abstracts](#)

The Winter 2013 issue of *JHIM* will focus on preparing for ICD-10, and is seeking abstracts on this and other topics in the affecting the health IT profession. In this issue, *JHIM* will explore the transition to ICD-10. *JHIM* will seek a variety of abstract proposals (case studies, literature reviews, etc.) that explore the health IT-related facets and implications of ICD-10, including: revenue cycle impacts; transformation and post-implementation sustainability; business optimization; risk factors; vendor readiness; implementation and testing strategies; and more. Abstracts are due **July 8, 2012**. Please send them in a Word document to Matt Schlossberg, Manager, Publications, at the e-mail link above.

### [Nominations Welcome for the Spirit of HIMSS Award](#)

Established in 2003, the Spirit of HIMSS award recognizes members who exemplify the mission of HIMSS through their recent volunteer efforts within the society. The award is given to a member or group of members every month, at the discretion of the Individual Membership Committee. HIMSS utilizes awards to recognize the special contributions of individuals, groups and organizations to the advancement of the healthcare profession as encompassed by the HIMSS mission. These special contributions may vary widely due to the diverse membership of HIMSS and the broad definition of the healthcare professions represented in our mission. To submit a

nomination, click the link above or contact [Helen Figge](#) with questions.

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