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Have a question, comment or idea? Please send them to [Matt Schlossberg](#).

What's New

[HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo Is Happening Now](#)

It is not too late to register for one of the largest online conferences in the health IT industry—the HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo, today and tomorrow. The theme of this month's event is "The Impact of Health IT Regulations on Care Delivery." The past few years have been a time of enormous change in healthcare. The HIMSS Virtual Conference is designed to help attendees understand and navigate the major legislative and regulatory initiatives—the Affordable Care Act, Meaningful Use and ICD-10. Click the link above to learn more.

[We Have a Winner—HIMSS Webinar Explores Effects of Election on Health IT](#)

Registration is now open for HIMSS' professional development webinar, [Election 2012: How will the 2012 Presidential Election Affect the Healthcare IT Industry?](#) On Nov. 14, from 12 pm to 1 pm (ET), experts will examine election results at the Presidential, congressional and state levels and the possible impact on healthcare and health IT. Attendee questions are encouraged. Participants will also discuss potential actions HIMSS and its members can take to educate newly elected officials on the importance of health IT.

[Public Policy Volunteer Honored for Service to HIMSS](#)

Thompson H. Boyd, III, MD, FACHE, CHCQM, CPHM, CPHIMS, is being honored with the Spirit of HIMSS Award for his many years of dedicated service to HIMSS and its mission. Dr. Boyd's contributions have been invaluable to HIMSS. Click the link above to learn more.

[Call for HIMSS13 Physicians' IT Symposium Posters and Reviewers](#)

Posters will be displayed on March 3, 2013, in during the Physicians' IT Symposium at the 2013 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition in New Orleans. Those interested in submitting a poster proposal can review the guidelines [here](#), and submit a proposal [here](#). If you are interested in reviewing proposals, please click [here](#) for more information, and submit an

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Chapter Events

Nov. 11
Midwest Chapters
[Fall Technology Conference](#)

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Nov. 7-8
[HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo](#)

Nov. 8
[Meaningful Use Regional Education \(Dallas\)](#)

Nov. 11-16
[Healthcare Transformation Project Annual Forum](#)

Nov. 13
[Meaningful Use Regional Education \(Philadelphia\)](#)

Deadline: Thru Nov. 16
[HL7 Consolidated CDA Registration](#)

Dec. 3-5
[2012 mHealth Summit](#)

Dec. 12-13
[Privacy & Security Forum](#)

application [here](#). The deadline for poster proposals and reviewer applications is **Nov. 30** at 4 pm (CT). All questions related to submitting a proposal or serving as a reviewer should be directed to [Summer O'Neill](#), Manager, Education.

[Attend the Inaugural Privacy & Security Forum in December](#)

Healthcare IT News and HIMSS, the industry's leading sources for news and leadership in healthcare IT, have joined forces to create The Privacy & Security Forum, which will be hosted in Boston, **Dec. 12-13**. This conference comes at a critical time. In research conducted earlier this year with a select group of hospital CIOs and IT executives, no issue consistently generated more concern than privacy and security. The Privacy & Security Forum will address security issues by providing a collaborative environment where health IT professionals, industry thought leaders and key government officials can interact and learn from one another. Session topics include the HIMSS Annual Security Survey results; HIPAA enforcement; best practices for securing mobile devices; cloud computing; the privacy policies and technical challenges of HIEs, and much more. Click the link above to learn more and to register.

[HL7 Consolidated CDA®: New Testing Opportunity at NA Connectathon 2013](#)

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 IHE N.A. 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. The Connectathon will offer tests for both Consolidated CDA Document Creators and Document Consumers. Organizations that create Consolidated CDA documents can register to test one or more of the nine document types. Organizations that consume Consolidated CDA documents must support all nine document types, at minimum for display. The [registration](#) and payment deadline for Consolidated CDA testing have been extended to **Nov. 16**.

[HIMSS Launches Meaningful Use Regional Education](#)

HIMSS has developed compelling regional educational events to help organizations be positioned to meet the new requirements of Meaningful Use Stage 2. This thought leadership program has been developed for ambulatory physicians, practice owners and administrators, large physician practice groups and hospital-based practices, including IT staff. Education events will be held on **Nov. 13** in Philadelphia; and in Dallas on a date to be named later. Learn more by clicking the link embedded in the headline.

[Online Election for Board, Nominating Committee Open Until Nov. 15](#)

The annual election of the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee run through **Nov. 15**. All current HIMSS individual members should have received an e-mail with a link to cast their ballot online. If you do not have your election login information, please click on the "Need help logging in?" link on the [login](#) page enter the e-mail address on file with HIMSS and your election login information will be emailed to you. The election is conducted by a third party to ensure confidentiality; votes are not linked to individual members. Cast your ballot today.

[HIMSS13 Registration and Housing Open](#)

Attendee registration for the 2013 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition, **March 3-7**, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, is open. Early-bird registration rates for HIMSS13 are available now through **Dec. 17**. HIMSS13 attendee registration includes entrance to all education sessions and the exhibit hall, the Welcome/Opening Reception on Sunday,

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2013
[2013 Connectathon](#)

March 4-7, 2013
[2013 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition](#)

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March 3, and registration tote bag (while supplies last). The HIMSS13 website features details on all registration categories, registration for specialty conferences, registration for optional events such as workshops, symposia and the CPHIMS exams and review course, and discounted rates for a One-Day Pass and Wednesday Exhibit Hall Only Pass. In addition to registration, HIMSS13 housing is open. Hotels are expected to fill up quickly, so attendees are encouraged to make hotel reservations early through onPeak, HIMSS' official housing and travel bureau. In addition to making reservations online, attendees can contact onPeak at 877-517-3038.

[Register Today for the HIMSS eNursing Informatics Institute](#)

Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) and HIMSS are offering the e-Nursing Informatics Institute on Friday, Nov. 30. This collaboration will bring nursing professionals together in an interactive virtual platform to learn about the role of nursing informatics related to improving cancer care. Click the link above to register and to learn more about featured topics.

Special Section: 2012 mHealth Summit

[mHIMSS Roadmap Rolls Out at mHealth Summit](#)

For hospitals and health systems looking for the present and future state of mobile healthcare technology, [mHIMSS](#), the mobile initiative of HIMSS, will release the mHIMSS Roadmap at the [mHealth Summit](#) on Dec. 3. The mHIMSS Roadmap will provide insight and direction related to new care models, technology, ROI and payment, policy, privacy and security, standards and interoperability, created by industry subject matter experts. Take this opportunity to explore [mHIMSS](#) and secure your [membership](#) today, for full access to the mHIMSS Roadmap.

[Friday is Deadline for Start-ups to Sign Up for Complimentary Legal Advice](#)

Nov. 9 is the deadline for start-up companies to submit their applications for an opportunity to meet with members of the Arent Fox legal team to have some of their most pressing legal questions answered. Arent Fox is offering "Office Hours" on the exhibit floor of the 2012 mHealth Summit as a complimentary service to entrepreneurs and startup companies attending the summit. Arent Fox has joined the summit as a Strategic Affiliate to provide a unique service to our attendees offering the chance to have legal questions answered without the burden of initial high costs. Click the link above for more information and to apply.

[Still Time to Register—and Save—for the mHealth Summit](#)

Times remains for individuals to register for the 2012 mHealth Summit, Dec. 3-5, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center just outside of Washington, DC. Standard registration rates, which cost on average \$100 less than onsite rates, will apply until Dec. 2. Click the link above to register, and book your hotel and travel.

[2012 mHealth Summit—A Can't-Miss Event](#)

The 2012 mHealth Summit, Dec. 3-5, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center just outside of Washington, DC, is a must-attend event for any healthcare professional who uses or plans to use mobile technologies within their practice or organization. Learn more about the education, exhibition and networking opportunities available to you, by clicking the link above.

Tools & Resources

[Register for HIMSS eNursing Informatics Institute](#)

Networking

Connect with HIMSS

Expand your network by connecting to HIMSS on these social media sites:



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[NEW! Virtual Town Hall Explores Improving Medication Reconciliation with Standards](#)

A virtual Town Hall meeting on Improving Medication Reconciliation with Standards will be held by the Pharmacy Informatics Community—a collaboration among NCPDP and HIMSS—on Nov. 15. This is the first in a new series of virtual and highly interactive Town Hall meetings for the Pharmacy Informatics Community. Click the link above to learn more and to register.

[NEW! Virtual Town Hall Recaps AAMI/FDA Interoperability Summit](#)

The HIMSS Clinical Engineering & IT Community will recap the AAMI/FDA You can register for the complimentary 90-minute session, which will explore the AAMI/FDA Interoperability Summit, by clicking the link above. The November Virtual Town Hall will be moderated by Elliot Sloane, PhD, and will feature a presentation by Carol Davis-Smith of Kaiser Permanente.

[NEW! Corporate Member White Paper: Flawed Data Chain, Faulty EMR](#)

The transition from paper records to EMRs promises to improve healthcare efficiency, clinical decision-making and patient outcomes. The US government is even prepared to provide \$19 billion in incentives for hospitals that can demonstrate “meaningful use” of EMRs. But an EMR is only as good as the data it contains. If the data in the EMR is wrong—or even if it’s right but hours old—then EMRs are nothing more than rapid-access gateways to inferior data. Analyses of EMR data quality show that the information is often faulty. However, the cause of these inaccuracies can be easily remedied, opening the door for major hospital-wide benefits.

[NEW! Corporate Member White Paper: Clinical Transformation](#)

Accenture research reveals that independent physicians look to subscription-based models to sustain profits and improve care. The number of independent physicians is declining, according to Accenture research. Physicians who wish to remain independent have to find ways to lower their cost structure or improve their revenue. Subscription-based practices have the potential to do both. Doctors who convert to subscription-based models that shift the focus away from service volume will not only access greater financial rewards, but will also gain the flexibility to get back to the basics of patient care. Patients could also reap the rewards by gaining enhanced access to care at a service level they can afford. There is a wide range of subscription-based models. The associated costs range, too. According to Accenture’s research, the most common include high-end concierge medicine and direct pay models. Subscription-based models may expand and evolve over time as many physicians continue to look for ways to differentiate their practice in order to remain independent and self-employed. In this point of view, Accenture examines these subscription-based models.

[Sponsored White Paper: Three Things to Consider Before](#)

[Implementing Cloud Protection](#)

Cloud protection doesn't guarantee that critical business functions will always be immediately available. The key question to ask is: How long will it take to get business systems operational again after a disaster? Read this white paper to learn the top 3 factors to consider before implementing a cloud solution.

[Sponsored White Paper: Creating and Testing Your IT Recovery Plan](#)

Testing at least once per month is important to maintain engineering best practices, to comply with stringent standards for data protection and recovery, and to gain confidence and peace of mind. In the midst of disaster is not the time to determine the flaws in your back up and recovery system. Backup alone is useless without the ability to efficiently recover, and technologists know all too well that the only path from "ought to work" to "known to work" is through testing. Read this white paper to learn more about protecting your data through a proper backup system.

[Sponsored White Paper: Taming Complexity—A New Solution for In-House Healthcare EDI](#)

If hospitals and providers are the body of the healthcare industry, healthcare electronic data interchange is the heartbeat. This white paper compares the different solutions and costs for achieving HIPAA-compliant EDI, explains the specific technical challenges in the way of successful implementations, and explores new avenues for bridging the gap to an in-house implementation.

[Sponsored White Paper: Size Up Your Cloud Options - Is Now the Time?](#)

Will you be left at a competitive disadvantage if you fail to deliver SaaS-enabled solutions in the Cloud? Read this guide to the rise of Cloud computing in healthcare and learn how to rapidly SaaS-enable your organization today.

[Sponsored White Paper: HIPAA Compliant Hosting](#)

Healthcare providers must assure patients the utmost security, confidentiality, and integrity of sensitive information. This means maintaining total HIPAA compliance within their organization, including healthcare IT infrastructure. This white paper elucidates HIPAA compliant IT infrastructure, from physical and environmental controls, to appropriate guidelines between a Covered Entity and data center provider when outsourcing. It also helps clarify key points including service provider qualifications, and why Business Associate Agreements are integral for establishing accountability with partners.

[Sponsored White Paper: The Need for Data Loss Prevention Now](#)

Data Loss Prevention (DLP) is powerful technology that can be use to plug the holes in the data leakage dam affecting organizations worldwide. In the healthcare industry the consequences of leakage are particularly dire. This white paper offers an introduction to the topic of DLP, which is one of the most important and powerful tools in the information security industry.

[Sponsored White Paper: Blood Systems Expands Remote Access Connectivity to Prepare for Disaster](#)

For more than 60 years, Blood Systems has been offering its life-giving services throughout the Western U.S. Blood Systems wanted to optimize its network for business value, migrating to the latest WAN services. Read this white paper to learn how Blood Systems increased flexibility and now support business continuity requirements so the nation's blood supply wouldn't be interrupted in the face of a natural disaster or pandemic.

[Calling All Members](#)

[HIMSS Clinical & Business Intelligence Community Seeks Members](#)

HIMSS is accepting members for the newly formed Clinical & Business Intelligence (C&BI) Community. The goal of the C&BI Community is to bring together thought leadership and share knowledge that will support the future success of our members by improving their ability to understand and form partnerships to manage C&BI as a part of doing business and providing accountable and quality care to their members. The community will support activities that promote peer-to-peer networking, problem solving, solution sharing and education. Please join the Community WebEx meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1 pm to 2 pm (ET). The guest speaker this month will be Paula Edwards, Partner, HIMformatics. Paula's presentation topic is "Developing an Analytics Strategy & Roadmap." Contact [Nancy Devlin](#) for meeting information. Participation is open to all current HIMSS members. If you are interested in participating in the community or presenting a use case, [join now!](#) For more information, please visit the [C&BI Community website](#).

[HIMSS Patient-Centered Payer Roundtable is Accepting New Members](#)

The HIMSS Patient-Centered Payer Roundtable is accepting new members. The vision of the Roundtable is to improve individual patient care, quality, and outcomes in a cost-effective manner by fostering collaboration and trust between providers, payers and vendors through the development of interoperable health IT. The Roundtable serves to provide a vehicle for these and other stakeholders to exchange ideas and dialogue on emerging health IT issues and opportunities. The Roundtable continues to engage on relevant issues with industry experts, and share learning experiences and case studies. Key topics for the year include accountable care/value-based healthcare/care coordination, and "enabling" issues such as HIE, interoperability, funding models, data management, business intelligence, and patient identity. The next meeting of the Roundtable, via conference call, will be Oct. 18, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern. Join us for the first in a series of four on payer-provider interoperability and data exchange in support of care coordination and new payment models. This month, our guest speaker is Michael Nusbaum, B.A.Sc., M.H.S.A., FHIMSS, IHE International, IT Infrastructure Domain Planning Committee co-Chair, on "IHE: A Solution for Payer-Provider Interoperability?" Please visit HIMSS Patient-Centered Payer Roundtable web site at the link above for additional information and contact [Nancy Devlin](#) to become a member.

[HIMSS Accountable Care Task Force Seeks Members](#)

The HIMSS Accountable Care Task Force is accepting members for this new Task Force. The Task Force will be focused on the adoption and use of Health Information Technology for Accountable Care organizations and will be co-chaired by Paul Oates, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, IT Architecture, Cigna and Lee Lemelson, RPh, System Vice President, Clinical Applications, Banner Health. The group will develop use cases and best practices for Accountable Care Organizations. Meeting times TBD. To sign up for the Task Force, and to help us get to know each other's background, skill set and interest, please take a moment to fill out this brief [survey](#). The Task Force is open to all current HIMSS members. If you are interested in participating in the Task Force, click the e-mail link in the headline above.

[HIMSS Davies Award of Excellence: New Categories, Criteria and Application Process](#)

The HIMSS Davies Award has evolved...Application process is as easy as 1..2..3..4! The new application process is based on a case-study format, so tell us your story of EHR success. There are three award categories with new criteria for each. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact [Jonathan French](#). You can also click the link above...

[Sign Up for a CPHIMS Review Course in Your Area](#)

Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMS) is a professional certification program for healthcare information and management systems professionals. This certification distinguishes health IT professionals as proven experts in the critical health IT and management systems categories of healthcare and technology environments, systems, leadership and management. HIMSS is offering two CPHIMS Review Courses this fall, to help applicants prepare for the certification exam. Click on the links below for registration information: [Des Moines](#)—hosted by the Iowa HIMSS Chapter on Nov. 11; and New Orleans—in conjunction with [HIMSS13](#)—on March 3, 2013. To learn more about how your chapter or organization can host a CPHIMS Review Course in your area, contact [Fritze Roberts](#).

[HIMSS Now Accepting Applications for Advanced Membership!](#)

If you have been a member of HIMSS for at least three years, you are eligible to apply for advanced membership. You can become a Senior Member or Fellow Member of HIMSS depending on years of membership and number of points. Points are earned for education and certification; experience and professional responsibility; presenting or publishing on health IT topics; and serving as a HIMSS volunteer on committees, work groups, chapter leadership, etc. See our [Member Advancement webpage](#) for more information, or email questions to the e-mail link in the headline above.

[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.

[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.

[Participants Needed for New I&S Committee Work Groups](#)

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; Enterprise Architecture (EA) Work Group; I&S Section of the [mHIMSS](#) Roadmap (ISS mHealth) Work Group; [I&S Toolkit](#) & Web Resource (Toolkit) Work Group (TBD); [Health IT Standards](#) (Standards) Work Group (TBD); and the Technical Information Exchange (Tech-IE) Work Group (TBD). If you would like to volunteer to serve on any of the I&S Committee Work Groups please contact Mary-Ellen Devitt Johnson at the e-mail link above.

Corporate Member Spotlight



Sevocity empowers physician practices and health centers to embrace electronic health records (EHRs) by providing affordable, easy-to-use, Internet-based solutions backed by outstanding customer support.

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