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HIMSS 2015 Scholarship Announcement

The Board of Directors for the New York State Chapter of HIMSS is pleased to announce our 2015 scholarship program!

Two scholarships will be awarded:

- \$2,500 for a Graduate or Doctorate level student
- \$1,500 for a Bachelor or Associate level student

Applicants for the New York Chapter Scholarship must meet minimum requirements, and submit a 500 word essay that addresses one of the following topics:

- How can HIMSS be more impactful in managing the link to the Healthcare market?
- What will have the greatest impact to improving Healthcare in the next 5 years?
- What are the biggest Healthcare industry hurdles that changes in US healthcare policy have overcome in the past 5 years, and why?
- What are the biggest obstacles for the Healthcare industry to overcome in the upcoming 5 years, and why?

All entries should be sent to nys.scholarships@himsschapter.org no later than **March 13th 2015**. Winners to be announced at the annual New York State Mini-HIMSS conference in New York City this June, and will also be provided with a one year membership to HIMSS.

Points of Interest

[Check your membership status or renewal date](#)

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The HIMSS Annual Conference is the largest health IT event in the industry. Nearly 38,000 attendees came to Orlando for HIMSS14 — a new conference record! Healthcare professionals, clinicians and executives from around the world gathered to explore the value of health IT through education, networking and solutions – discovering new ways to advance innovation, make a greater impact and improve outcome.

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The New York Chapter of HIMSS will be holding a networking reception on Monday, **April 13th**, from 6:00p-9:00p at the Chicago Hilton.

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*RSVP is required. Please visit <http://goo.gl/G0K9Oo> to register!

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Hope everyone is starting 2015 on a positive and productive point in this age of information technology!

HIMSS certification programs continue to be of interest to many HIMSS members and is a certification worth considering. HIMSS believes the certification sets one apart from others to help employers potentially realize a skill set not otherwise acknowledged without it. Two certifications continue to be offered the CAHIMS and the CPHIMS. The CAHIMS certification is geared towards those starting out their HIT careers while the CPHIMS recognizes those that have accomplished the skill set for the industry. To learn more about the certification programs please visit: <http://www.himss.org/health-it-certification> for more information.

HIMSS 2016 Annual call for volunteers is now open from **January 19, 2015** and will close on **March 9, 2015** so please visit: <http://goo.gl/pq9isx>

Finally, HIMSS2015 will be soon upon us and if not already registered to attend please do so: <http://goo.gl/hKixPW>. The event is in Chicago, Illinois this year from **April 12-16, 2015**.

If anyone has likewise any suggestions for HIMSS National that they would like to bring forward, please do so and we will gladly make your voice heard.

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National Health IT Week



"A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier."

Tom Stoppard

2015 National Health IT Week will be held on **October 5-9, 2015** in Washington DC.

The NYS HIMSS Chapter will have a presence at the event.

If you are interested in participating or attending, please contact Susan Rueckwald for more information. susan.rueckwald@outlook.com.



Formation of Chapter Nursing Committee

Nurses are at the forefront of transforming healthcare! At our annual chapter event last year, 2 of our chapter's nursing executives presented their approaches and IT investments to improving patient outcomes and quality of care while optimizing healthcare spending, a goal we all share! Mary Ann Christopher, *MSN, RN & FAAN*, President & CEO at VNSNY (Visiting Nurse Service of New York), presented "Leveraging the Power of Information for Effective Home and Community-based Care". Victoria Tiase *RN, MS*, Director, Informatics Strategy at New York-Presbyterian presented "Healthcare Analytics & Managing Population Health".

Our chapter has seen a significant increase in the number of nursing members and we need to increase professional knowledge that provides value to these members! Therefore, we'd like to form a committee of nursing professionals to define key topics of interest along with goals and objectives for 2015. Contact nursing professionals in your organization and ask them to be part of this emerging community.

Contact me at Rick.Sughrue@HealthIT360.com.

Referenced presentations from last year can be found [here](#) on the Chapter's website.

Link to HIMSS Nursing Informatics Community:

<http://www.himss.org/get-involved/committees/nursing-informatics>

Get more nurses, physicians, pharmacists, IT, among others, involved! See if your organization is already an Organizational Affiliate that allows for unlimited members (some restrictions apply):

<http://marketplace.himss.org/CompanyDirectory/OrganizationalAffiliate/>

Save the dates!

March 19th, 2015

"Community Engagement in Healthcare"
Presented by Digital Rochester and the NYS Chapter of HIMSS
Rochester, NY

June, 2015 (exact dates are TBD)

New York State Chapter Mini-HIMSS
Presented by Digital Rochester and the NYS Chapter of HIMSS
New York, NY

Details for both events will be posted soon on our [website](#)...

NYS HIMSS Chapter Letter Writing Campaign

In November 2014, we asked all NYS HIMSS Chapter members to please use the HIMSS app (link below) to write to Congress in support of H.R. 5481. The letters were requested to be sent by the end of November, before the lame-duck session of Congress started in December. Updates were made about this chapter effort via our LinkedIn and Facebook pages.

HIMSS supports H.R. 5481 - The Flexibility in Health IT Reporting (Flex-IT) Act of 2014. This important legislation would ensure health care providers receive the flexibility they need to successfully comply with HHS' Meaningful Use Program in 2015. The Flex-IT Act will allow providers to report on their meaningful use compliance in 2015 for a three-month reporting period as opposed to a full year. This shortened reporting period is an important first step in helping to ensure providers remain in the Meaningful Use program and continue to use IT to support healthcare transformation. <http://goo.gl/jkheHN>

HIMSS State Government Membership

In December 2014, NYS HIMSS Advocacy, working with Julie Brown, of HIMSS National, reached out to three state/local officials within NYS and extended them a one year complimentary HIMSS State Government Membership. Three letters for one year complimentary HIMSS State Government Memberships were sent to: Assembly Member Richard Gottfried, Assembly Health Committee Chair, Albany Mayor Nancy Sheehan, NYC Council Member Corey Johnson – NYC Council Health Committee Chair

Current HIMSS State Government Members include State Senator Kemp Hannon, Senate Health Committee Chair; and Assembly Member Felix Ortiz, Assembly Chair Committee on Cities & Chair Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force.

“Once a new technology rolls over you, if you're not part of the steamroller, you're part of the road.”
Stewart Brand

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Introduction to DSRIP and RHIOs

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Healthcare providers across New York State (NYS) are working together to transform NYS's healthcare system due to the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP). In April 2014, NY State finalized terms and conditions with the federal government to reinvest \$8 billion in federal savings generated by Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) reforms through DSRIP. DSRIP is promoting community-level collaborations and has a stated goal of achieving a 25 percent reduction in avoidable hospital use over five years (through 2019).

DSRIP is specifically targeting the NYS's Medicaid and uninsured population with its projects/programs and has coined a new provider/entity type called **Performing Provider System** (PPS). In order to apply for DSRIP funding, PPS have formed partnerships between providers (e.g. hospitals, behavioral health providers, skilled nursing facilities community physicians, etc.), Health Homes, and Community Based Organizations. Twenty Five PPS have submitted applications describing their selected DSRIP projects/strategic approach in meeting DSRIP goals and are currently working on developing their implementation plans/capital funding applications. DSRIP projects are based on 3 domains: System Transformation, Clinical Improvement, and Population Wide Strategies. DSRIP funds will be allocated to the PPS based on its ability achieve project progress/improvement milestones and Medicaid/uninsured populations attributed to each PPS.

An important DSRIP requirement is to participate in local health information exchange (e.g. secure messaging/alert notifications) in a standardized way through the Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY). SHIN-NY connects NYS' Regional Health Information Exchange Organizations (RHIOs)/Qualified Entities (QEs). QEs are enabling healthcare exchange between providers in geographic specific regions all across the state and are positioned to play an important role in exchange of data between providers, ancillary systems and entities such as Health Homes.

There are 9 QEs spread across NY State, including: HealtheLink, Rochester, HealtheConnections, HIXNY, HealthlinkNY, Bronx, Healthix, Interboro, and eHNLI. All QEs are required to provide the following Dial Tone Services with no charge beyond initial setup: Patient Record Look Up, Consent Management, Identity Management and Security, Public Health Integration, Secure Messaging (DIRECT), Notifications (Alerts), Provider & Public Health Clinical Viewer, and Results Delivery.

PPS across NYS are evaluating their HIE strategies/DSRIP requirements and partner IT capabilities to determine how to best leverage their local QEs. QEs's existing infrastructure and offerings make them a necessary PPS partner. Through DSRIP, NYS is in the beginning of transforming its healthcare delivery system, one that is focused on strategic population health management and collaboration among providers/community based organizations. DSRIP funds are incentivizing PPSs to create networks that are engaging patients in/outside of clinical settings with the goal of improving outcomes, lowering costs, and providing better care. SHIN-NY and its QEs will play an important role in the exchange of healthcare data between PPS partners and ultimately, meeting DSRIP goals.

For more information on DSRIP, please visit: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/.

For more information on SHIN-NY/RHIO, please visit: <http://nyehealth.org/what-we-do/statewide-network/>.

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