

Message from Our Chapter President



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We recently announced the new [FY2018-2019 Houston HIMSS Chapter Board of Directors](#) and our **Committee Chairs**, and we are thrilled to have such a strong team engaged to lead and facilitate programs this year.

As your Chapter President, I will focus my efforts on working with our Board of Directors, volunteers, Committee Chairs, and members at large to make sure our events are educational and provide value to the Health IT community.

Now over 1,300 members strong and growing, your local Houston HIMSS Chapter is proud to be growing with you. We are continually looking for people who are interested in volunteering their time and skills to help in various aspects of our chapter. If you are interested, please email me at mra@acgroup.org to volunteer!

As you can see, we will be involved in many events throughout the year so keep checking our [Calendar of Events](#) for updates and announcements! On behalf of the 2018/2019 Houston HIMSS Board, we are excited for the upcoming year ahead and look forward to networking with you at one of our many events!

Mentoring - Also, starting this year we are going to follow National HIMSS leadership goals by providing a new **"Mentoring" program for chapter members** who are interested in connecting with experienced Chapter leaders to learn what it takes to thrive in the HCIT community. The Mentoring program will be led by HIMSS leaders with over 10 years of experience in Healthcare. If you are interested in being a Mentor or would like to find a Mentor, please contact me.

Membership - We will continue to expand membership by partnering with our organization affiliates like TMCx and Texas A&M to understand their needs and execute on feedback from current members on how we can improve as a chapter. We have set a goal of increasing membership to 2,000 members this year (a 40% increase over our current membership).

Upcoming Educational Events	September 21 th , October 26 th , November 16 th
Upcoming Networking	October 11 th @ TMCx from 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM February 12 th at the National HIMSS Meeting
Upcoming Events	HIMSS19, the National Conference will be held February 11-15, 2019 in Orlando 2019 Regional Conference in Austin, TX March 25-26

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Messages from your Board and Committee Chairs



Deepak Chaudhry, MSIS,
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Past President & President-elect 2019/20

This year we are expanding our reach to more members and locations. We will be working close with TMCx in the Medical Center and plan on expanding our reach South to Galveston, West to Katy, East to Beaumont, and North to The Woodlands and as far as College Station.

Deepak Chaudhry is working with IT executives in the TMC and surrounding patient care regions to develop programs and improve involvement from industry Health IT resources. Several meetings have been conducted to create awareness of the Houston HIMSS chapter and our mission. TMC IT executives have been very welcoming and open to having their teams involved to enrich their professional growth. We continue to look forward to improving our chapter and having thought leaders, technical experts and industry participants involved in our events.



Christopher Raff, CFO
Medical Informatics Corp

Treasurer

Financials - The Houston Chapter Treasury's goal is to allocate resources in support of all of the FY2019 chapter events, activities and outreach in pursuit of our chapter's mission: *to bring health care professionals together, to promote the exchange of experiences and knowledge among colleagues and to assist members in their professional growth.* The Houston Chapter Treasury seeks to adhere to the FY2019 financial plan accepted by the Board.

In order to meet our financial goals, we will be hosting our second Golf Tournament and our second CIO Forum. We will participate in the Texas Regional HIMSS conference held in Austin in April 2019 by providing guidance, support and resources to make the event successful.



Duke Rohe, LHIMSS

*Sr. Healthcare Systems
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Director, Programs and Local Events

Our goal is to continue to enhance the quality of programs and education activities, in keeping with the HIMSS mission to educate Health IT professionals. We will continue to have monthly lunch and learns, networking events and special events to enhance the membership experience. We are planning on a second annual CIO summit along with two full-day Healthcare related summits – Security/Cyber and Value Based Reimbursement. Starting in the fall, we plan on increasing your ability to attend the educational session via WebEx or other remote web conferencing system. We are also planning on having an educational session/networking event in College Station and the Galveston/Clear Lake area this year. Upcoming events are:

- Lunch and Learns
- Networking events
- CIO Summit
- Security Summit
- Innovation Summit
- ACO Summit



Martin Hutton, MBA
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VBC - Summit Co-Chair

The Houston HIMSS Board is currently in the planning stages for the first annual Value-Based Care Summit, coming in 2019.

From ongoing government regulations to rapid technology advancements, health care is changing, and it is extremely difficult for healthcare organizations to make accurate predictions about the future. Health care systems around the world are now driven by similar market pressures to achieve better outcomes with less overall spend. Improving health and care requires a communitywide effort in which everyone is informed, connected and accountable. The Houston HIMSS VBC Summit goal is to bring together healthcare executives for collaboration and will focus on topics of care-coordination, improving provider communication and collaboration, evolving demand for digital content, best practices for reducing and preventing hospital admissions and readmissions, improving patient outcomes, government regulation and much more.



Anne Park, MPH, MSMIS, CPHQ
Sr. Business Systems
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Committees Liaison

Committees Liaison is to provide advocacy for volunteers/community on obtaining available resources as well as develop methods for committee formations to meet the strategic goals of HIMSS Houston Chapter. Our chapter would continue to enhance the relationship among HIMSS membership through regular communication of meetings, networking, and events through collaborations. Please be part of difference makers by your participation and volunteerism for this coming year. If you are interested in participating or/and volunteering for any of the listed events, please contact HIMSS Houston Chapter.

- Lunch and Learns
- Networking events
- CIO Summit
- Security Summit
- Innovation Summit
- ACO Summit



Regina Wysocki
Clinical Informatics
Specialist
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Special Events

The Houston HIMSS Chapter is helping to plan the 2019 Regional Conference in Austin, TX March 25-26. More information on networking and other social events will be provided as the conference nears.

HIMSS19, the National Conference and Expo will be held February 11-15, 2019 in Orlando, Florida. Houston HIMSS will be helping to plan a networking event for all Texas attendees on Tuesday, February 12th. This networking event is a terrific way to connect with your fellow Texas chapter members to share ideas and best practices



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Chapter Advocacy

The mission of the Houston HIMSS Chapter Advocacy is to advocate on behalf of the chapter members about issues important to furthering health IT policy and to ensure state government officials are aware of the chapter member's qualification as health IT subject matter experts. The Houston Advocate will act as your Chapter's connection to state level advocacy and keep members of your Board informed about campaign efforts. Some of the activities planned for the coming fiscal year are;

- Plan a State Health IT Advocacy Day to lead the chapter in developing and maintaining relationships with state elected officials. Tentatively scheduled for January 2019, details will be forthcoming.
- Develop state-level strategies to support HIMSS' policy and legislative priorities.
- Invite Legislators to Houston HIMSS local events.
- Apply for Chapter Advocacy Recognition Program Ambassador Level for the Houston Chapter
- Establishing a professional relationship with other Texas HIT Advocacy groups on behalf of the Houston Chapter Members

In addition to the aforementioned activities, the Houston Advocate will participate in the National HIMSS Chapter Advocacy Roundtable to keep the Houston Board and members informed of the HIMSS national legislative priorities.



Juliana Brixey
Associate Professor
UT Health Science Center at
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Academic and Student Liaison

The Houston Chapter is committed to the advancing the education and scholarship of its members as well innovators in Health Informatics. Each year the Chapter awards competitive academic scholarships to help offset the cost of tuition and fees for members pursuing degrees in informatics. The Chapter is supportive of active military and veterans by payment of local chapter dues for 10 members. In addition, the Chapter will reimburse the examination fee for the first five (5) members who send proof of their CPHIMS or CAHIMS certification. In the coming fiscal year, the Chapter will begin the development of a process to fund one outstanding innovator in health informatics through an objective and rigorous process

Houston HIMSS Membership	Working Criteria	
As of July 1, 2018:	• % in a Hospital/IDN	68%
Total Members: 1380	• % in a Clinic/Ambulatory	3%
	• % in Provider/Academic	84%
	• % Vendor/Consultant	8%

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Other Board and Committee Members



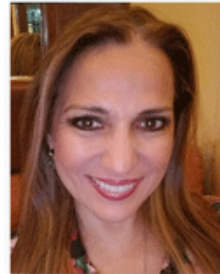
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Knowledge Library

Cutting edge Health IT knowledge is key for strategic decision-making. The Houston Chapter is creating a Knowledge Library so that members will have access to key documents and resources developed by diverse Houston's industry leaders, all in one place. More details to come.