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HIMSS National Innovation Forum

New forum available for sharing best practices and related information

The HIMSS Innovation Community would like to invite you to participate in a new forum and resource aimed to empower you, at the state and local level, to host successful innovation meet-ups and education sessions. We are aiming to develop greater support and bidirectional communication between local chapters relating to innovation in healthcare IT and it is our hope that our forum will provide resources for your chapter to act as a thought leader on innovation.

Within the forum you can share best practices, program ideas, and speaker contacts to help other chapters expand their opportunities and knowledge while also tapping into the expertise of the HIMSS Innovation Committee. It is our hope that by providing a forum and place for conversation, you as chapter leaders can lead an organic evolution of innovation and ideas within the industry.

If you are interested, please email innovation@himss.org with your role and the Chapter you represent. Contact Ethan Baron, Program Manager, Healthcare Information Systems (Innovation), HIMSS with any questions at 703-562-8828.

HIMSS '14 National Conference: New York State Chapter Reception

Save The Date: February 24, 2014



The New York State Chapter is hosting a reception the evening of Monday, February 24th.

Monday February 24th, 2014, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Rosen Centre Hotel
9840 International Dr, Grand Ballroom A
Orlando, FL

[Register for New York State Chapter Reception @ HIMSS '14](#)

HHS Releases Draft National Action Plan for Adverse Drug Event Prevention



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The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has convened an inter-agency task force to develop a national strategy to prevent and reduce avoidable adverse drug events (ADEs). The group recently released a major component of this strategy, the Draft National Action Plan for ADE Prevention.

Per the HHS web site:

“The draft National Action Plan for Adverse Drug Event (ADE) Prevention seeks to engage all stakeholders in coordinated, aligned, multi-sector, and health literate effort to reduce ADEs that are the most common, clinically significant, preventable, and measurable. The draft National Action Plan for ADE Prevention has two key objectives:

- Identify common, clinically significant, preventable, and measurable ADEs.
- Align the efforts of federal health agencies to reduce patient harms from these specific ADEs nationally.

Based on national ADE data from inpatient and outpatient settings, three types of ADEs were considered to be common, clinically significant, preventable, and measurable, and therefore selected as the high-priority targets of this Action Plan: **anticoagulants, diabetes agents [hypoglycemia], and opioids.**

The draft Action Plan suggests a four-pronged approach to reduce patient harms from these three ADEs: **Surveillance, Prevention, Incentives and Oversight, and Research.** The draft Action Plan provides federal agencies and external stakeholders with a framework to identify strategies and select specific actions to take. The intended end-users of the draft Action Plan are policymakers, health care professionals, public and private sector organizations, and communities who can organize and take action towards preventing high-priority ADEs.”

Implementation of the NAP has the potential to affect not only the clinical professions, but the information systems that support clinical practice. The stated priority areas (anticoagulation, hypoglycemia, narcotics) are remarkably complex, and will certainly require innovative and insightful improvements in health information technology systems.

[Draft National Action Plan for Adverse Drug Event \(ADE\) Prevention](#)

[IPRO Anticoagulation Safety Effort in New York](#)

Call for Chapter Committee Volunteers

The HIMSS NYS Chapter Board of Directors is putting out an open call for several Committee positions, including the Chapter HIMSS National Liaison and our Nursing Committee Chair.

For those members that are interested in becoming more involved in the Chapter and helping to shape the healthcare information technology landscape in New York State, please contact Kristopher Kusche at kushek@mail.amc.edu with your preferences.

Serving as a Committee Chair is a pre-requisite for being elected to the Board of Directors.

Pharmacy Technology Conference

March 21, 2014

On March 21, 2014 all of the practice-based, state-wide, professional pharmacy organizations in New York State are collaborating to sponsor the first Pharmacy Technology Summit in Albany, NY. Representatives of the NYS Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Health, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement will also be joining the conference. The Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will serve as the host for the conference.

The purpose of this conference is to serve as forum for a discussion of the important and evolving role of technology and information management in contemporary pharmacy practice, especially its relevance to changing health care delivery systems under health care reform. The focus will be on patient safety, improved efficiency and value, and the potential to redeploy pharmacists for direct patient care roles. The important consideration of the regulatory framework, changes that may have to be considered to keep pace with practice technologies, and the potential impact on the safe and effective implementation of automation and informatics will also be a focus throughout the day.

The format for the day will include a keynote presentation followed by four topic discussions by experts in their area. Each topic will be followed by panel discussions involving practitioners, pharmacy leaders and State Board members. The four topics and committed speakers are:

- IVA Technology – Robotics and Automated Workflow Management (William W. Churchill,

- MS, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Partners Healthcare)
- Hospital Dispensing Technologies – Robotics, ADCs, Controlled Substances (Dave F. Webster, MS, University of Rochester Medical Center, Strong Memorial Hospital)
- Technology and Automated Workflow in Ambulatory/Community Pharmacy (TBD)
- Informatics, Health Information Exchange and Pharmacy Practice (TBD)

New York State Chapter - Mini-HIMSS Conference

Save The Date: April 23rd - 24th, 2014

The annual NYS Mini-HIMSS dates are booked. Conference theme and presentations are under development and will be communicated as soon as they available.

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