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***Incoming President's Message  
Amy Chacko***

This coming year brings a challenge none of us have faced in our lifetime: a global pandemic. Along with having to care for our loved ones and those around us, we have also found ourselves in uncharted waters. Questions many of us have asked include, but are not limited to: How will this impact my job? Will I continue to have a job? How will this impact my family? What work is the industry doing to help improve this situation?

We at NEHIMSS are feeling those same emotions, and we want to continue to keep our members and non-members engaged, educated, and informed of interests and topics that are going to continue being relevant at this time. Given the current climate, we must re-double our efforts towards our networking and educational programs. We want to be there for you and help shape the answers to many of your questions.

I am excited about what we have in store this year. Each one of our committees will be engaged throughout the year and will not be limited to just a one-time event. This will bring a little more of the spotlight to each team, which we have never been able to do before. The virtual platform now allows for that. I encourage all of you to keep an eye out on our website and emails for events and programs that will keep you abreast of the current hot topics surrounding COVID-19, including its impact on cybersecurity, HIE, public policy, and workforce development. We will have some amazing health leaders and influencers sharing their experiences with all of you on these and many other areas of interest.

## *Incoming President's Message Continued*

This time around we will be hosting a significant number of our events virtually. Newly designed programs will include:

- Monthly virtual educational events
- Monthly virtual evening networking events
- Monthly virtual sponsorship educational events
- All day virtual conferences

The NEHIMSS Chapter website continues to be a valuable resource to connect and network with thought leaders, advisors, and colleagues working every day to support the transformation of health through information and technology. Whether you produce, use, store, move, or analyze information, or if you work with the technologies that support these activities, we have a wealth of resources and events throughout the year to support you.

Now more than ever we need to recognize and acknowledge our Sponsors. I cannot begin to emphasize how much we depend on their generosity and participation to bring these planned events. We are committed to supporting them as well by bringing several opportunities for them so that they too will have the chance to interact with many of you. I want to thank them for their endorsement and continued support of the chapter and our members.

Some things have not changed, and volunteers continue to be at the core of our organization. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our Board of Directors for more information.

While we may not be able to see each other face-to-face in the immediate future, COVID-19 has opened many new opportunities for us that will have a lasting footprint for our Chapter in years to come. I am looking forward to the challenge it brings and hope that all of you will continue to support us through this endeavor. Remember we are in this TOGETHER!

Amy Chacko, President, New England HIMSS

**UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS**

**Due to COVID-19, New England HIMSS will be holding virtual events**

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**Use of Social Media for COVID-19 Communication and Miscommunication:  
What You Can Do**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Free Live Webinar



Lisa Gualtieri, PhD, ScM

Associate Professor at Tufts University School of Medicine in the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine.

It isn't that misinformation is new, but that more people are online, and more people are seeking health information. Why does poor quality and even dangerous information proliferate online? You'll learn about the importance of digital literacy skills and what you can personally do to help improve the quality of COVID-19 information.

Click [here](#) to reserve your tickets

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## Celebrating Women Leadership in Health IT

Free Live Webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Since HIMSS announces its Most Influential Women in Health IT annually, NEHIMSS is excited to bring you a panel of female CIOs who work every day to lead teams to “harness the power of information and technology to transform health and healthcare.”



Lisa Ewing, Chief Information Officer of Lynn Community Health Center  
Beth Downie, Chief Information Officer of Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
Naomi Lenane, Chief Information Officer and Vice President Information Services at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Angie Mathieu, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer for South County Health

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## Prioritizing Healthcare Information Technology for an Unpredictable Tomorrow - From the East, South, West and everything in between!

Thursday November 12, 2020  
10:30 am – 5:30 pm

*New England HIMSS  
is excited to be partnering with chapters from  
Alabama, Mississippi and Southern California  
on a day long virtual conference.*

- We will transport you to a highly interactive, virtual environment for in-depth learning and networking opportunities.
- Prepare for a conference atmosphere that you can explore, complete with an auditorium, breakout sessions, keynotes, exhibit hall, challenges/games, and subject matter experts covering an array of topics related to emergency preparedness in healthcare.

**HIMSS** NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER



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**YEAR IN REVIEW****NEW ENGLAND HIMSS HIE CONFERENCE 2019**

The NEHIMSS Health Information Exchange conference took place at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA on Thursday, October 10th, 2019. The major themes of conference included HIE's evolution to intelligent information exchange, success, and failures of HIE and ways to meet

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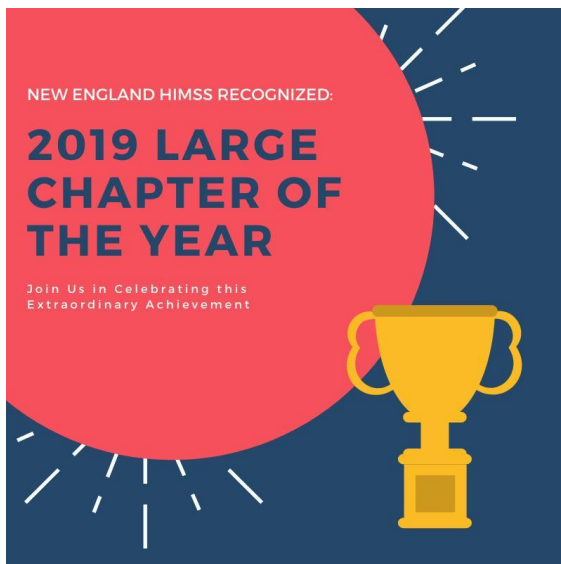
**NEW ENGLAND HIMSS MAINE CONFERENCE: DIGITAL HEALTH: EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION?**

The Maine "Digital Health: Evolution or Revolution?" event took place at Innovation Hall on the University of New England campus in Portland, ME on Thursday, November 21, 2019. The event had discussions on various topics including SDOH, FHIR, cybersecurity and the many ways digital health is impacting healthcare. The event was sponsored by ROLTA | ADVIZEX



**YEAR IN REVIEW****New England HIMSS Holiday Social**

The Annual Holiday Social was held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the UMass Club in Boston. New England HIMSS members and guests gathered together for some holiday cheer to celebrate another successful year and holiday season. Our own Marketing Committee Chair, Liza Cameron was named New England HIMSS 2019 Volunteer of the Year!



One of the biggest surprises of the year was the 2019 Large Chapter of the Year Award!

In FY19, the New England Chapter hosted 12 events throughout the New England area. Member location and topical surveys were used to meet the member's needs while planning events. The chapter focused on outreach and member engagement activities to increase the new member and volunteer base.

**KUDOS CORNER**

**Congratulations** to our Marketing and Communications Chair, **Teja Baah** on the birth of her new baby boy! **Simeon Baah** was born 7/16/20 at 4:13 pm

New England HIMSS has been recognized for its dedication and transformation of health through information and technology at the state and local levels and engagement in the Chapter Advocacy Roundtable and achieved ambassador level of chapter advocacy for the 2019-2020 year.





**ELECTION RESULTS****Announcing the 2020-2021 New England HIMSS Elected Officials!****President-Elect: Liza Cameron**

Previously served as Co-Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee

Liza Cameron, MHI is an experienced professional with over 28 years in the healthcare industry. Beginning her career early on in a hospital-based laboratory and transferring that knowledge and experience over to healthcare information technology, over 21 years ago. Liza holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science and Master of Science Degree in Healthcare Informatics from Northeastern University. Liza possesses a well-rounded area of expertise and is well versed in many revenue cycle management and clinical applications and processes, along with extensive experience in HL7 application integration. She is a proven project manager and leader for large scale enterprise wide initiatives. Liza is currently working as an Epic Implementation Manager for Partners Healthcare and is an active board member of New England HIMSS.

**ELECTION RESULTS****Treasurer: Joe Heyman, MD**

Previously served on the HIE Committee

Joe Heyman, MD, an OBGYN, a HIMSS 13-year member, served as finance chair and treasurer of both the American Medical Association (AMA) and Joint Commission International (JCI). During his 41 years in his private practice, Dr. Heyman was the first physician in the Merrimack Valley to use electronic billing, first to use an electronic health record, and first to e-prescribe. He also brought Wellport, a physician-owned functioning Health Information Exchange, to his community and ran it for five years and as a result won a large MEHI grant.

In addition to his AMA and JCI finance experience, Dr. Heyman currently serves as Advisor to the Committee on Finance of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS).

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