

HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS AND ANALYTICS COMMITTEE

CENTRAL NORTH FLORIDA HIMSS CHAPTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Spring ushers in a sense of renewal and change. It is a chance to reflect on the seeds of change we planted last year to see what has taken root and begun to sprout. For those of us who live in a climate of perpetual change, it is easy to forget to pause and take note of the transformation we have already created. It is easy to forget to celebrate and recognize our profession is truly making a difference. We encourage all our members to look back and see how far you've come. Now on to business!

Thank you all for completing the survey! We mentioned last quarter the field of informatics is becoming more diversified and requires new domain knowledge in response to industry changes and maturation. Your survey results validated a shift from acute care to ambulatory with a change in interest from implementation and Meaningful Use to analytics and information management. We will progressively implement your ideas in our education and communications programs. We wanted to share a couple of highlights from the survey results: The majority of respondents indicate that population health and ambulatory settings are the areas where additional focus is needed for informatics and analytics. The top three topics of interest were Analytics, Information Management (including data quality and secondary uses of clinical data and information) and Outcomes.

In response to the survey input, we will be launching our first set of knowledge share articles on the following topics:

Quarter 2: Population Health

Quarter 3: Data Lifecycle

Quarter 4: Other uses of Clinical Information

Quarter 1, 2016: Data normalization - Identifying Risks and Possible Solutions



These knowledge share articles will be posted to the CNF HIMSS Web Site and an email will be sent to members alerting them to the new postings.

Based on the overwhelming response regarding the best way to communicate with you, we will continue to use email and our newsletter!

Call to Action for Members:



Many of you have expressed an interest in working with this committee and we need your help. We will be reaching out to those who indicated an interest and who provided us their contact information. If you would like to volunteer, and have not sent us your information, please feel free to email us!

We are also seeking authors who would like to publish short, relevant articles in the area of informatics and analytics. The intent is to identify those members who have insights that can help others and accelerate change, innovation and problem solving. Ideally, the articles will share your stories and offer actionable, real life help from one colleague to another. They will be featured as “Spotlights” in this newsletter and posted on the CNF HIMSS Web Site. You get the publication credit, and our readers get valuable support for common challenges and initiatives! These articles are short, 250 words or less (half page, single spaced). You must be willing to have other CNF HIMSS members contact you for a discussion about your informatics/analytics initiative, so please include a “for more information” contact at the end of your written submission.

Some Topics of Interest for SPOTLIGHT Articles Based on Survey Input:

- Health Info Exchange
- Clinical Systems
- Organizational Change

How do you submit? Send a draft publication in single spaced, 12 point, Book Antiqua font to informatics@cnfhimss.org. Please include your name and credentials and a phone number so we can contact you for more information if needed. Submission of content will be considered permission to publish the article and implies compliance with copyright regulations. The credited author will be the email submitter unless otherwise explicitly documented in the submission.

We leave you with this parting commentary. For those of you who were able to attend the January 2015 Nursing and Clinical Informatics Institute at Nemours – wasn’t that a fabulous event?! We had some great speakers and CEs were provided. We would like to know what it takes to get you to an event so please send us your ideas! Please email us at informatics@cnfhimss.org.



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