Greetings NI Community members,

HIMSS strives to make sure our members have access to the knowledge, tools and best practices around healthcare technology that will transform health. To help ensure our Community has the most up-to-date knowledge, we will circulate a Weekly HIMSS NI Snapshot news email. These emails will highlight key clinical informatics items from HIMSS as well as our collaborating partners that are pertinent and timely, based on conversations that the Community is engaging in.

**Countdown to HIMSS15 Nursing Informatics Symposium!**

Register for the Nursing Informatics Symposium: Guiding Patients to Health, Anytime and Anywhere

Taking place on Sunday, April 12, be part of a dynamic platform of nurse leaders who will come together to address the most current issues facing informatics nurses today. Explore updates that are critical to the discussion, including the role of the nurse informaticist in achieving strategic health IT goals; the importance of nursing informatics and patient safety; including patient-generated data in the EHR; evolving nursing leadership roles; the importance of standardized workflow; and other timely topics. View the agenda and register today!

**Session Sneak Peek – Clinical Integration and the Continuum of Care**

The HIMSS15 Nursing Informatics Symposium offers a wide variety of sessions to appeal to the wide array of nurse informaticists. Be sure to attend the session “Clinical Integration and the Continuum of Care” presented by Ellen Harper, DNP, RN-BC, MBA, FAAN. Harper will explore the needs of clinical integration across the continuum of care, behavioral health, acute and long term by illustrating different theories/payment model ACOS, population health, clinical integration, patient centered medical homes, with real world examples. This presentation will take place on April 12, 2015 from 12:45 – 1:45pm CST in Room S406. Click here to learn more about this presentation and others!

**Nursing Informatics News**

Hot off the Press! Online Journal of Nursing Informatics (OJNI) releases Fall 2015 Issue

View OJNI’s most recent issue, which contains articles and editorials geared towards the latest emerging trends and hot topics is nursing informatics. Launched in 1996 with readership spanning over 49 countries, OJNI is a free, peer-reviewed publication that supports all functional areas of nursing informatics. Click here to view the latest issue.

**TIGER Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Relaunch**

HIMSS is proud to announce the TIGER (Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform) VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) has a new look, easier navigation, and updated curriculum. The VLE is a dynamic and unique one-stop portal for academic professionals, students, adult learners, and clinical educators. 30-day free trial memberships are available for qualified institutions. Subscribe and explore the VLE today!
Call for Vignettes – National Nurses Week 2015
In honor of National Nurses Week 2015, we are kindly requesting your participation to submit a vignette, a short written description, demonstrating the value of nurses in HIT at the local level. Vignettes will be proudly displayed on the HIMSS National Nurses Week website. Please submit vignettes to Maria Thornblad by Wednesday, April 1.

HIMSS Annual Call for Committee Volunteers is Open!
The HIMSS Annual Call for Committee Volunteers opens today, January 19 and will be accepting applications through March 9, 2015. We strongly encourage you to apply for the Nursing Informatics Committee. By serving as a Nursing Informatics Committee member you will strengthen the voice of nursing informatics and provide leadership and guidance to HIMSS activities, initiatives, and collaborations with the global nursing informatics community. Apply today!

2015 HIMSS HIE and Direct Messaging Survey
The HIE and I&S Committees are soliciting feedback on the use of Direct messaging to facilitating health information exchange. Your participation will help to provide valuable real-time marketing information about the use and value of Direct. Click here to participate!

View the latest HIMSS Insights issue
HIMSS Insights supports the unique need of elite healthcare leaders across Europe. Sourced by experts in multiple countries, HIMSS Insights aims to clarify issues, stimulate thinking and to help leaders better understand the trends, best practice and innovations that share their own and other European healthcare communities. View the most recent issue and submit your feedback to Dillan Yogendra.

ONC Seeks Applications for Privacy & Security Workgroups
The Office of the National Coordinator is currently seeking applications for qualified volunteers to serve on the Privacy & Security Workgroups. The Privacy and Security Workgroup consists of a diverse and highly knowledgeable group of participants with a variety of backgrounds and experience in health IT and privacy and security matters. ONC is seeking participants with experience in health information exchange, interoperability and/or clinicians who can provide a health information technology implementation perspective. Click here to view a member list and further details on the Privacy and Security Workgroup. Don’t delay and apply today.

Decision Support-Enabled Mobile Apps Help Nurse Diagnoses
According to a study published by Journal for the Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Innovation & Technology, nurses who used a mobile application with evidence-based decision support tools are significantly more likely to diagnose weight issues, depression and tobacco use than nurses not using such tools. Research revealed that the decision support tool application prompted nurses to have detail conversation with patients. Learn more.
**House considers Bill to Modify Meaningful Use**
The House Ways and Meaning Committee recently marked up the Electronic Health Fairness Act that would exempt patient encounters in ambulatory surgery centers from counting toward meaningful use requirements. Learn more.

**In Case You Missed It!**

**Guiding Principles for Big Data in Nursing: Using Big Data to Improve the Quality of Care and Outcomes**
View the most recent Nursing Informatics Task Force presentation “Guiding Principles for Big Data in Nursing: Using Big Data to Improve the Quality of Care and Outcomes.” Presented by Joyce Sensmeier, MS, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, FAAN, Vice President, Informatics, HIMSS and Ellen Harper DNP, RN-BC, MBA, FAAN, Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer - Cerner Corporation, this presentation defines big data principles, explores barrier and challenges and discusses recommendations for nursing. Click here to access the recording and slide deck.

Thank you!

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