

# HIMSS TENNESSEE CHAPTER

## Secure Your Spot at Summit20

### Summit20

In just two weeks, TN HIMSS will hold the 11th annual Summit — the hard-hitting, one-day event designed to educate and provide attendees with the latest insights in health IT. And this year, thanks to the all-virtual format, **you can attend from anywhere!** [Register](#) before October 29 to reserve a spot.



Summit20 will give you access to industry-leading innovators, health IT professionals, clinicians, and entrepreneurs with a full day of educational sessions focused on digital health. The **agenda** is set, and will include two new panels: one focused on COVID-19 and one focused on women in leadership.

TN HIMSS works hard to ensure sponsorship opportunities promote success. For more information on how to sponsor Summit20 or group ticket sales, please contact Tiffany Madigan at [tiffany@tnhimss.org](mailto:tiffany@tnhimss.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. EDT | [Register here](#).

## Upcoming Events



### Oct. 19-23: Global Health Equity Week

HIMSS is excited to announce Global Health Equity Week, an experience complete with a lineup of daily events and activities. During this year's celebration, HIMSS and the health IT community will focus on how digital health can serve as a bridge to access in the face of health disparity and during public health emergencies. [Learn more here](#).

October 19 - 23, 2020 | For questions, contact [ghen@himss.org](mailto:ghen@himss.org)



### Nov. 12: Diversity and Inclusion Listening Session

We are hosting a listening session as part of our efforts to improve diversity and inclusion among our membership and the communities in which we serve. This session will be moderated by our leadership team, and your opinions and feedback will be used to help support TN HIMSS as we work to create a more diverse and inclusive environment.

November 12, 2020 | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT | [Register here](#).



### Save the Date: TN HIMSS Holiday Reception

It's that time of year again, and we all deserve a night off to celebrate the holiday season. Safely connect with old friends and colleagues at the most popular TN HIMSS event.

December 17, 2020 | Perception Health Offices | [Buy tickets here](#).

## Chapter News



### Podcast: Bringing Diversity and Inclusion to Healthcare IT

In this episode of HIT Focus, brought to you by TN HIMSS, Joshua Scales, Founder and CEO of Uniti Health, talks with Zycron Inc. Founder Darrell Freeman, and BNA CIO and Vice President Vanessa Hickman about some of the strategies leaders can use to attract and retain diverse talent. [Listen here](#).

### Be Part of TN HIMSS!

[Join here](#) to get access to our events, education, and networking opportunities.

**Remember:** By joining TN HIMSS or renewing your membership, your savings from discounted events throughout the year will exceed membership costs.

And, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#). You can also connect with other members and local health IT leaders by joining our exclusive [LinkedIn group](#).



## Member Spotlight

### William Bartholomew

Founder & President, [HCTec](#)



### What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities in HIT following the COVID-19 crisis?

Very deep question off the bat! If I can start on the personal side - we have all been impacted by the COVID crisis in different ways, but it continues to be an opportunity to show kindness and empathy to our fellow man and support our front line workers through the pandemic. We work directly with hospitals and health systems, and I am very proud to serve those who are working to serve others, especially during these trying times.

The COVID-19 crisis kicked open the door for many of the digital/virtual care initiatives that our industry had been working diligently on but slow to adopt. Digital care adoption has been slow due to the lack of reimbursement, low public awareness and trepidation from some providers, etc. With COVID, we were forced to embrace and utilize these virtual tools. As we come out of the pandemic, I see the opportunity for HIT to continue to leverage and improve the ways we deliver patient and provider outcomes and satisfaction through the use of these technologies. The in-person healthcare delivery status quo has been challenged, albeit through unfortunate circumstances, but has presented the opportunity to learn and advance Digital Care initiatives across our industry.

### What do you see as the biggest value of being a TN HIMSS member?

Access to the local network is a big deal – especially in the new norm of remote work. Being an active member has created countless opportunities to connect with people that have great insight, experience, and advice, both for my business and for me personally. I've been leading HCTec for over 10 years now but still lean heavily on the insights, collaboration and thought leadership that is gained from the TN HIMSS network.

### What has been your favorite TN HIMSS activity or event during your time as a member?

The chapter events and conferences are great networking opportunities and always a blast! The TN HIMSS Workforce Accelerator program has been the best program in my opinion. A few of our team members have completed the program and thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from it.

### What is the last book you read?

"Living with a Seal" by Jesse Itzler. It had been on my list to read for a while, and I just finished it. I highly recommend it. It will make you laugh out loud and challenge you about your daily habits and lifestyle. Great read.

### What is your favorite place to vacation?

My 6-year-old son has gotten big into skiing, so we are excited about getting some time in Colorado this year!

## Newsletter Sponsor



## Sponsor Spotlight

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#### What services or solutions does your company offer in the health IT space?

As a leading owner/operator of ambulatory surgery centers located in 35 states and the District of Columbia, it's critically important for us to stay abreast of technology innovations, the regulatory environment, and the opportunities to enhance the patient and physician experience for our services. TN HIMSS offers a unique blend of health information technology, networking, and education important for our information technology, operations, and clinical services teams.



#### What do you see as the biggest value of being a TN HIMSS sponsor?

Having over 2,000 members, a well-connected Board of academic centers, healthcare providers and technology pillars and ensuring we stay abreast of accelerated changes within the industry are goals of our sponsorship. By affiliating with the Chapter, we can stay contemporary on many facets of the industry and ensure continuous education and learning for our team members.

#### How is your company responding to COVID-19?

As you can imagine, the pandemic impacted our company in a number of ways. Our response to the shutdown of non-emergent surgical procedures occurred in the March/April timeframe, followed by the recovery and ramping up of services in many locations in the May/June timeframe. Through this pandemic, our focus on high quality, safe ambulatory procedures has always been our top priority. The resilience of our team members, combined with the leadership of our physician partners, has been admirable and inspiring – ensuring our services will continue to generate value for patients in the communities we serve.

#### How long have you been a TN HIMSS sponsor?

AMSURG commenced sponsorship of TN HIMSS in 2014.

#### What events have you previously sponsored, and which was your favorite?

We have hosted events in our Corporate facility featuring innovation panels, digital health advances and security updates. However, the CIO Dinners, frequently attended by many team members, are our favorite, as the intimate setting and conversation among healthcare's brightest leaders are impactful and inspiring.

## Industry News

[Ursa Health Takes a Top Spot in AHRQ's "Bringing Predictive Analytics to Healthcare" Challenge](#)

[IVX Health Completes Acquisition of Precision Healthcare](#)

[Ankura Honored as Consulting Practice of the Year by Cyber Security Awards](#)

[HealthStream Acquires ShiftWizard, Expanding Its Nurse & Staff Scheduling Solutions for Healthcare Providers](#)

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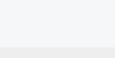
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