

The Battle Against COVID-19: How Will Health IT Contribute?



While the recent cancellations and postponing of events such as HIMSS20 and Summit20 are disappointing, we as an industry know that these precautions are necessary to slowing the spread of coronavirus. We invite our members to take this time to think about the future of health IT and the innovation we could facilitate to keep bettering lives.

As one of the largest and most engaged HIMSS chapters, let us put our heads together to answer this question: From telehealth to data analytics to artificial intelligence, what role will health IT play in the COVID-19 battle?

We want to hear your thoughts. To be featured in our [running blog](#), please contact Tom Mitchell at tom.mitchell@stratipointadvisory.com. We appreciate your participation during this challenging time.

For the latest news and resources on the COVID-19 pandemic, follow [HIMSS Coronavirus Updates](#).

Chapter News



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We'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our sponsors. Despite recent cancellations, we appreciate your support and are looking forward to your participation in future [TN HIMSS events](#). Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions.

Stay Tuned for HIMSS20 Digital

In case you missed it, those already registered for HIMSS20 will have access to HIMSS20 Digital and will automatically be registered for HIMSS21 in Las Vegas! HIMSS wants to know what sessions and panels will make your digital experience worthwhile. Take a look at the agenda and give your feedback [here](#).



TN HIMSS Participates in Together.Health Security Assessment Focus Group

The TN HIMSS chapter partnered with the Nashville Health Care Council and the Greater Nashville Technology Council for a focus group-style event to provide feedback on the [Together.Health](#) Security Assessment (THSA) framework. The event surfaced an interactive and thoughtful discussion, featuring representatives from [HCA Healthcare](#), [Envision Healthcare](#), [AMSURG](#), and more. [Read more](#).

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Member Spotlight

Beth Hoeg

Chief Operating Officer, [Trinisys, LLC](#)

What excites you about the future of HIT?

The HIT community is already a collaborative group of individuals, so I am excited to continue our efforts and share data that will lead to life-saving advancements, improved patient care, and better outcomes.

What do you see as the biggest challenges?

Healthcare organizations often maintain numerous legacy clinical and administrative systems instead of migrating the data to their current system or at least centralizing. Maintaining these legacy systems makes it challenging for organizations to quickly and securely access and deliver information to regulatory organizations and/or patients upon request.

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

Being able to share insights, watch trends, and formulate ideas with a network of peers that lead to innovation in the HIT space is what makes this organization so valuable. We are so fortunate to have such a diverse, talented group with unique business perspectives.

What was your favorite recent TN HIMSS activity or event?

I really enjoyed the CIO dinner. The intimate setting of the event allowed us to have rich conversations with peers and industry leaders and gave us the opportunity to share insights and ideas.

What is the last book you read?

The Surprising Science of Meetings by Steven G. Rogelberg.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

Santorini, Greece back before everyone else knew about it. :-)



Industry News

2020 Healthcare Events Impacted by Coronavirus

Modern Healthcare is listing healthcare events through June that will be impacted by COVID-19. [Read more](#).

HealthStream Acquires NurseGrid, #1 Rated and Top Downloaded App for Nurses

HealthStream announced that it has acquired NurseGrid, a Portland, Oregon-based healthcare technology company. Through this acquisition, the Company gains NurseGrid Mobile and its corollary application for nurse managers, NurseGrid Enterprise. [Read more](#).

MEDHOST Releases Tools to Help Providers Effectively Identify Novel Coronavirus

Screening tools have been made available to MEDHOST customers nationwide to help identify the novel coronavirus disease and distribute information to their patient populations. [Read more](#).

Tennessee Tornado Relief: HCA Healthcare and the HCA Healthcare Foundation to Contribute up to \$1 Million

After devastating tornadoes tore through Nashville and surrounding areas of Middle Tennessee, HCA is donating up to \$1 million to help heal the community. [Read more](#).

Leading Digital Transformation Services Firm emids Receives Investment from BlueCross BlueShield Venture Partners

emids announced a strategic equity investment from BlueCross BlueShield Venture Partners (the Blue Venture Fund), further strengthening its position as the preferred partner for digital transformation to healthcare and life sciences firms. [Read more](#).

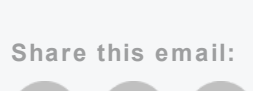
Ardent Health Services President & CEO Announces Retirement from Company

David T. Vandeweyer, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ardent Health Services, has announced his plans to retire from the company in 2020. He will remain as President and CEO until a successor is named. [Read more](#).

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