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Tickets Now Available for Summit of the Southeast 2017!

Tickets are now on sale for Summit of the Southeast at Health:Further, taking place August 22-25 at Nashville's Music City Center. Early Bird pricing is only available until May 15, so make plans to join us and purchase your ticket today!

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Upcoming Events



[TN HIMSS & Applied Health Analytics NEXXUS:2017](#)

Our Chapter President, Tommy Lewis, will be speaking about Tennessee HIMSS and its impact on the HIT community on May 11 at Applied Health Analytics' NEXXUS:2017 Conference. The conference is scheduled for May 10-12 and it is free. The agenda includes talks about collaboration, consumerism and technology in healthcare. [Learn more and register here.](#)



[Nashville Sounds Game with TN HIMSS & TN HFMA](#)

Join your fellow TN HIMSS and TN HFMA members and their families for an evening at First Tennessee Park on Thursday, May 11th. [Purchase your tickets today](#) to join us in the Vandy Deck for dinner and networking as we cheer on the Nashville Sounds. This one is bound to be a great time!



[Webinar: What OCR Expects in Your HIPAA Risk Analysis, Featuring Leon Rodriguez](#)

Join former OCR Director Leon Rodriguez and Bob Chaput, CEO at Clearwater Compliance, in an interactive presentation and discussion of OCR's emerging standard of care in HIPAA Risk Analysis. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Chapter News



Congratulations to our Graduating HIT Workforce Accelerator Class!

The TN HIMSS HIT Accelerator is a 14-week certificate program designed to equip graduates to meet the requirements of emerging positions. Our most recent class graduates in May. If you're interested in signing up for our fall course, [learn more and sign up here!](#)



Event Recap: A Model for Transformational Change Across a Healthcare Enterprise

Eric Thraikill, VP and CIO of AMSURG, recently gave a presentation to HIMSS members and guests that walked through the IT transformation taking place within his organization. If you missed this insight-packed event, you can [read the full recap here.](#)

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Industry News

CMS issues final rule to increase choices and encourage stability in health insurance market for 2018

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued the final Market Stabilization rule, to help lower premiums and stabilize the individual and small group markets and increase choices for Americans. [Learn More](#)

Envision rebrands its physician services business

Envision Healthcare has rebranded its giant physician staffing business as Envision Physician Services to reflect the scope and breadth of its offerings. This article goes into more depth about the "why" behind the change. [Learn More](#)

Four things to know about the Cloudera IPO

Cloudera Inc., a data-software company, faces a cut in its \$4.1 billion private valuation as it heads toward an initial public offering. The company, which uses open-source software called Hadoop to analyze large amounts of data, plans to sell 15 million shares to raise up to \$242 million. [Learn More](#)

5 biggest concerns for health system executives in 2017

Based on interviews with 209 C-suite executives, the top concern of hospital and health system executives is engaging physicians in reducing clinical variation. Learn what else leaders listed as their biggest concerns in The Advisory Board Company's Annual Health Care CEO Survey. [Learn More](#)

Member Spotlight



Joshua E. Scales, CLSSGB

Director, Telemedicine-Access & Engagement at LifePoint Health

Tell us a little bit about your work in the HIT space.

I have been working in the HIT space for almost eight years. I started out doing EMR implementations. Then, I transitioned to maintaining the regulatory programs for providers (MU & PQRS), and Population Health. Recently, I moved into the Telemedicine space.

What excites you about the future of HIT? What do you see as the biggest challenges?

I am excited that technology is changing the way care is delivered. Patients can finally have a choice on where and how they would like to receive care. Convenience and access are very important to patients. The biggest problem we face now is security. All organizations have to make sure they are following all protocols. The hackers attempting to obtain patients' secure information are getting very good, and vulnerability is what they search for.

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

I have been a member of TN HIMSS for four years. HIMSS has given me the opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals from some of the most reputable companies in the world. Due to their constant information and education programs, I continue to stay knowledgeable of the most up to date happenings in regards to technology in healthcare.

What advice do you give to other HIMSS members to maximize their membership?

Get involved and get connected. You will meet great people and learn more information than you, most likely, can process!

What was your favorite recent TN HIMSS activity or event?

Summit of the Southeast

What is the last book you read?

The Internet of Healthy Things by Dr. Joseph Kvedar

What is your favorite place to vacation?

Miami, FL or Boca Raton, FL. Sunshine gives me life!

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