

July 2017: TN HIMSS News & Events



Summit of the Southeast Ticket Prices Increase on August 1st!

Do you have your tickets for TN HIMSS' Summit of the Southeast at Health:Further yet? Join us from August 22-25 at Nashville's Music City Center for an event you don't want to miss. **Ticket prices go up on August 1st, so make sure by the end of the day on July 31!**

There is an amazing agenda for this year's SOSE. [Check it out here.](#)

It's important to note that your ticket also gives you access to not just the Summit of the Southeast, but the entire Health:Further festival.

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Upcoming Events



TONIGHT: Summer Social at Margaritaville

Join TN HIMSS at one of the hottest spots on Broadway—Margaritaville—as we have a little summer fun at our annual Summer Social! In addition to our members, we are hosting this event with other leading healthcare associations in the state and their members! On tap is live entertainment, an open bar, unlimited appetizers and more. [Register here.](#)



September 29: Webinar on Supporting Clinician Insight with Data Analytics

Many new data techniques and visualization tools are available to enhance traditional data analysis. This webinar will discuss examples of clinical problems solved with analytics. [Register here.](#)

Chapter News



Workforce Accelerator Classes Start Soon, Remote Options Now Available

The TN HIMSS HIT Accelerator is a 14-week certificate program designed to equip graduates to meet the requirements of emerging positions. We now offer remote options for this course. If you're interested in signing up, [learn more and sign up here!](#)



Introducing Our New President-Elect & Board Members

TN HIMSS today announced the election of its next President-Elect, Eric Thraikill, and the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors. New members joined the society's board, effective July 1, 2017. [Read the press release here.](#)



Follow Us on Social Media!

Did you know that our TN HIMSS community is on social? Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay up to date with the latest news and events from our chapter. [You can also request access to our exclusive LinkedIn group here.](#)

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Industry News

New Quorum Health Resources Leadership Named

Quorum Health announced that Robert A. Vento has been appointed as president and CEO of Quorum Health Resources (QHR). At the same time, John Maher was promoted to COO of QHR. [Read more.](#)

Premise Health Continues Expansion With Acquisition

The nation's leading direct-to-employer health and wellness provider, Premise Health, has acquired biometric screenings company, eHealthScreenings. [Read more.](#)

HealthStream Announces Management Team Changes

Highlights include Jeff Cunningham joins HealthStream as SVP & CTO, Jeff Doster appointed SVP & CIO and Scott Fenstermacher promoted to VP & Head of Sales. [Read more.](#)

emids Acquires Encore, Broadens Services to Healthcare Providers

Encore Health Resources is a leading healthcare information analytics company focused on value-based care and electronic health records for providers. [Read more.](#)

Member Spotlight



Tom Mitchell
Founder/Marketing Consultant at Stratipoint Advisory

Tell us about your work in the HIT space.

Working in healthcare has been a 20+ year adventure and there's no other industry that compares. I have been in several companies offering solutions from revenue cycle to clinical applications and electronic health records to outsourced solutions. In those positions, my primary focus has been leading marketing programs, but I've been exposed to many different areas and had different responsibilities, such as consulting. I have seen some amazing things accomplished by both vendors and providers that truly make a difference.

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

Innovation with a purpose is what excites me about HIT – positively impacting patients with new tech that improves their overall health or helping them manage chronic conditions more effectively for a better quality of life. That's what truly matters and I see that happening in this industry. Also, on the tactical side helping the business side of healthcare is just as important as healthcare providers have to find ways to survive. We can give them tools that better help them manage their business through improved analytics, claims processing and data that can help them excel in their communities.

The biggest challenge? Complacency. Find ways to make a difference whatever the challenge and don't give up because of the challenge.

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

Being at the forefront and in the middle of some great, visionary leaders provide value for me professionally and personally. It's energizing to talk and network with these individuals, and collectively find ways to help other professionals succeed with tools that provide education and professional development.

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

Simple – get involved! Just being a member is not enough – getting involved on a committee and attending events are keys to being more than just a member. The networking opportunities are amazing, plus the educational opportunities will give anyone a professional edge.

What was your favorite recent TN HIMSS activity or event?

It's always the Summit of the Southeast. It's a great forum for hearing from some fantastic healthcare leaders and being exposed to the latest innovation occurring in healthcare. This year's Summit of the Southeast is going to be fantastic.

What is the last book you read?

The Lions of Iwo Jima. It's a testament to courage, how to manage a minute-by-minute changing situation and overcoming near impossible odds. Great leadership example.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

We love to travel to several places, but the beach is my family's nirvana. Anywhere with beach, sand and sun!

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