

Another Summit of the Southeast in the Books!

The 2018 Summit of the Southeast at the Health:Further Festival brought together hundreds of IT leaders and clinicians for two days of networking, panel discussions, and educational sessions on industry topics such as interoperability, blockchain, IoT, cybersecurity, and more. Thanks to all of our attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors - we would not be able to do this every year without you, and we appreciate your contribution and collaboration!

Check out a [full recap of the event](#) as well as a [special message](#) from TN HIMSS President Eric Thrallkill on the blog.

Upcoming Events



September 27: American College of Healthcare Executives of Middle Tennessee Lunch

Key executives both inside and outside healthcare will come together to discuss how they are using innovative approaches in today's complex environment to lead, develop, and engage successful multigenerational organizations.

Thursday, September 27 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Tennessee Hospital Association | [Buy tickets here](#).



October 9: Innovation Culture & Design Thinking for Healthcare

The second session in our series on healthcare innovation will feature an all-star panel of leaders from provider, academic, and service organizations discussing various innovation models, how successful they are, and their own challenges and opportunities.

Tuesday, October 9 | 5:00-7:30 p.m. | OneCity | [Buy tickets here](#).



October 8-12: National Health IT Week

[National Health IT Week](#) is a nationwide awareness week made up of partner-driven events offering healthcare stakeholders opportunities to promote the benefits of health IT for the U.S. healthcare system. Look for more information on how TN HIMSS is participating.

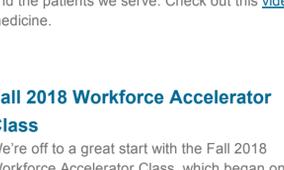


October 25: Nashville Post Healthcare Vitals Breakfast Panel

The [Nashville Post](#) is hosting a breakfast panel of industry leaders who will share insights into how they are smartly using vast amounts of healthcare data to improve outcomes and cut costs.

Thursday, October 25 | 7:30-9:30 a.m. | City Winery | Breakfast provided | [Register here](#).

Chapter News



September is Women in Medicine Month

Every year in September, the [AMA Women Physicians Section \(WPS\)](#) honors those who have supported women in advancing their careers in medicine.

We're proud to celebrate the women in medicine making a difference for healthcare and the patients we serve. Check out this [video](#) for a "by the numbers" glance at women in medicine.

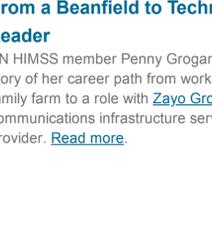
Fall 2018 Workforce Accelerator Class

We're off to a great start with the Fall 2018 Workforce Accelerator Class, which began on September 10. We've had an all-time high attendance with 22 participants, including several remote attendees and students from BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. Sponsoring organizations include:

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- Vanderbilt University Medical Center
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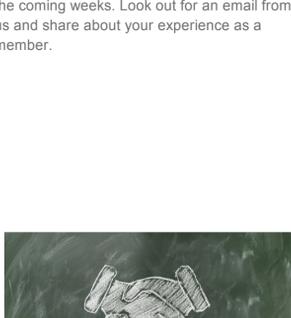


TN HIMSS Tapped to Support TN Together Plan

As part of his plan to fight the opioid epidemic, in June, Governor Haslam reached out to TN HIMSS to help the Tennessee Commission on Pain and Addiction Medicine Education by providing insight around incorporating IT into core competencies for Tennessee's medical institutions. Our board of directors provided this feedback and the commission has since announced its final 12 core competencies to enhance knowledge and effectiveness of Tennessee's health providers. [Read more](#).

From a Beanfield to Technology Leader

TN HIMSS member Penny Grogan shares the story of her career path from working on her family farm to a role with [Zayo Group](#), a global communications infrastructure services provider. [Read more](#).

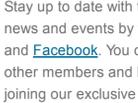
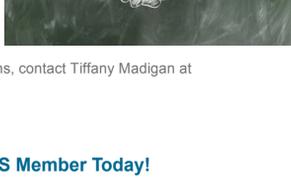


Member Survey

TN HIMSS will be sending a member survey in the coming weeks. Look out for an email from us and share about your experience as a member.

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Member Spotlight

Karen Clark Chief Information Officer, OrthoTennessee



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

I think that health IT has finally reached a tipping point where providers will see a benefit and burden reduction from the tech, as compared to the onerous, frustrating, and seemingly senseless requirements imposed by the EHR Incentive Program.

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

As a leader in global HIT, HIMSS provides an invaluable resource to its members in the form of expertise, thought leadership, and education. TN HIMSS addresses the state-specific challenges of healthcare IT professionals with a nuanced understanding of our state's healthcare landscape and laws.

What was your favorite recent TN HIMSS activity or event?

The meet-ups at the HIMSS global conference are a terrific touch-point for the Tennessee members and allow us to remember that, at the end of the day, all this technology is personal. It's used by providers, staff and tech professionals, and it has to work for the people using it.

What is the last book you read?

Look Back All the Green Valley by Fred Chappell. It's about a man discovering his father's secret life.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

We recently found a \$525.00 round-trip flight to Paris (!) which appealed to my frugal Scots roots, so that's my current favorite place!

Karen is a candidate for the HIMSS Nominating Committee, which is responsible for identifying board candidates from the TN HIMSS community. Voting for the Nominating Committee will take place in October.

Industry News

HCA Healthcare Chairman and CEO Milton Johnson to Retire; Current President and COO Sam Hazen to Become CEO

HCA's board of directors recently announced that Sam Hazen will succeed R. Milton Johnson as CEO of the company on January 1, 2019. Thomas F. Frist III will then be appointed chairman of the board. [Read more](#).

Quorum Health Corporation Appoints Three Members to Board of Directors

Quorum Health announced it has appointed Jon H. Kaplan and William Paul Rutledge as independent, non-employee directors. Robert H. Fish, president and CEO, has also been appointed to the board of directors. [Read more](#).

CarePayment adds chief strategy officer

Wes Pass has been named chief strategy officer of CarePayment and will oversee the company's growth initiatives. [Read more](#).

Nashville-based Intermedix, an R1 Company, Recognized by Forbes as One of America's Best Employers for Women

Intermedix has been included on the inaugural America's Best Employers for Women list from Forbes. [Read more](#).

Fortified Health Security, a Health Cybersecurity Firm Based in Franklin, adds COO

William Crank has been named COO of Fortified Health Security and will work across company departments to scale operations. [Read more](#).

HCA CEO R. Milton Johnson on his 1 piece of advice to health startups

Milton Johnson advises healthcare innovators to look at problems through the eyes of the patient at Health:Further. [Read more](#).

RCCH Uses Predictive Analytics to Boost Claim Denials Management

Predictive analytics helped a Tennessee healthcare provider identify high-value denials and add accountability to its claim denials management strategy. [Read more](#).

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