

HIMSS TENNESSEE CHAPTER



Save The Date: Summit20 Goes Virtual

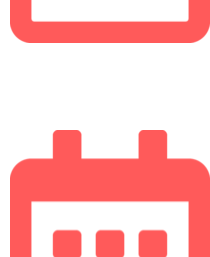
Be sure to mark your calendars for the first ever virtual and 11th annual TN HIMSS Summit. **Summit20 will take place on October 29, 2020. Find out more and [register today](#).**

Throughout the one-day session, attendees can expect to gain a fresh perspective on market

trends, get the latest views from healthcare leaders, hear about new innovations, and much more. This year's Summit is designed to provide career-oriented and thought-provoking discussions to strengthen our members' expertise in and delivery of HIT solutions, as well as facilitate conversations regarding racial inequities in healthcare.

Interested in sponsoring an event known to attract the best and brightest minds in healthcare? TN HIMSS works hard to ensure sponsorship opportunities promote success. For more information on how to sponsor Summit20, please contact Tiffany Madigan at tiffany@tnhimss.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Upcoming Events



TN HIMSS Workforce Accelerator: Fall 2020 Session

Registration is open for the upcoming HIT Workforce Accelerator, a 14-week program designed to expand your healthcare industry and business expertise. Because this session will take place virtually, registration is open to individuals outside the state, and no previous education is required.

Sep. 14 - Nov. 2, 2020 | Mondays, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. CT | [Enroll here](#).



The 2020 NTC Analytics Summit

Nashville's premier conference on big data and analytics is going virtual. The two-day event will feature 50+ presentations and workshops, including a healthcare analytics track in partnership with TN HIMSS. Sponsorships are available.

Sept. 21-22 | 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT | [Register here](#).

Chapter News



The Impact of Interoperability on

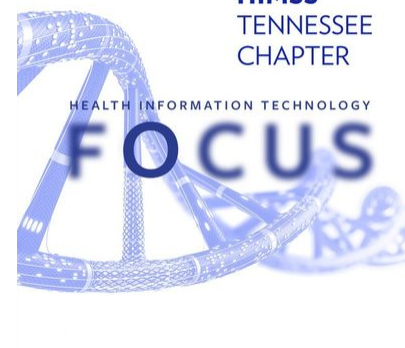
Digital Engagement Programs

According to [OptimizeRx](#) VP Rebecca Love, there is a significant opportunity to reduce non-compliance by designing patient engagement and treatment support programs around what motivates an individual to achieve better health. [Learn more.](#)

Introducing the HIT Focus Podcast from

TN HIMSS

The TN HIMSS chapter has launched a podcast! The debut episode of *HIT Focus* features a discussion with Clearwater Compliance on "How COVID-19 is Changing the Information Security Landscape." [Listen here.](#)



HIMSS21 Postponed until August

In the interest of the health and safety of attendees and sponsors, HIMSS21 will now be held August 9-13, 2021. Keep up with conference news and announcements [here](#).

Racial Inequalities in Health and the Science

Behind Them

In light of the coronavirus pandemic and national social justice movement, Senator Bill Frist, M.D. explores what's at the heart of implicit bias, how "racism makes us sick," and what simple childhood interventions can impact health and socioeconomic status for years to come on his podcast, *A Second Opinion*. The episode features guests Dr. Ruth Shim and Dr. David Williams [Listen here.](#)

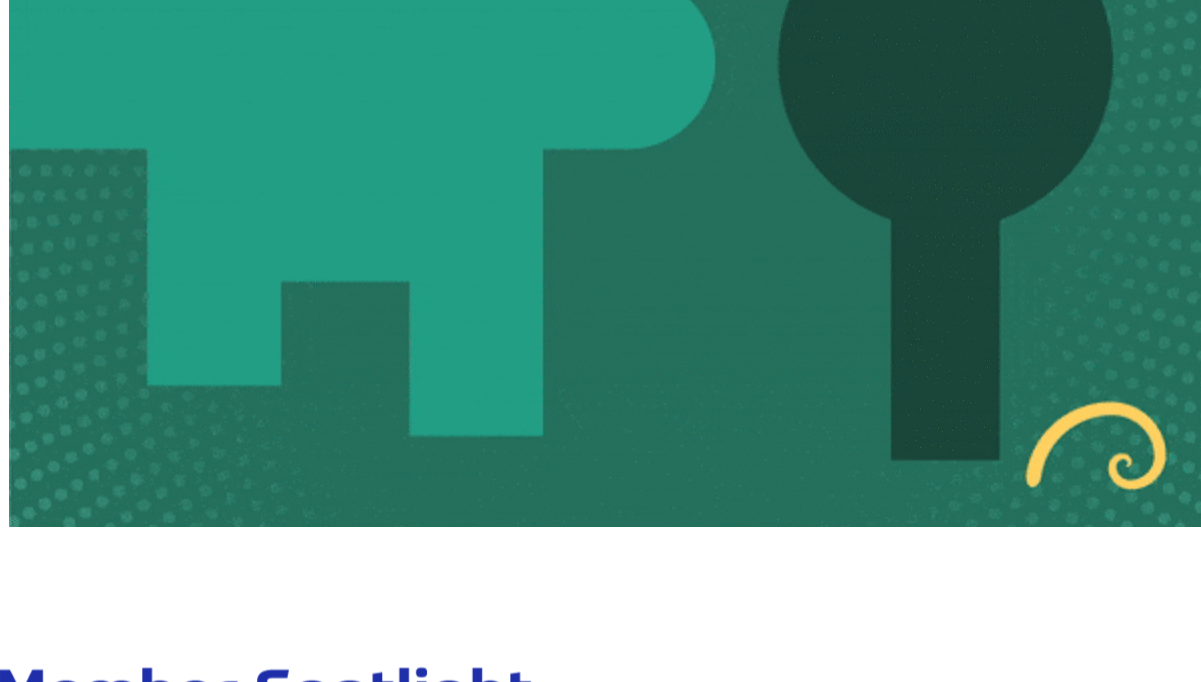


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Member Spotlight

Shelley Thomas

Attorney at Bass, Berry & Sims

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

COVID-19 has led to a dramatic increase in demand for IT solutions in the healthcare space, which has resulted in the rapid introduction of technology that would have otherwise taken years. In particular, we have seen both challenges and opportunity in the mainstreaming of telehealth platforms, faster-paced adoption of interoperability (including FHIR and EHR patient data access), forced scaling of increased infrastructure capacity and remote working capabilities, and the need to quickly address increased cybersecurity risks.



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

As an attorney, TN HIMSS gives me the unique opportunity to get a "boots on the ground" perspective of the challenges and goals of individuals directly interacting with healthcare technology, which in turn, allows me to become a better advocate for the field and my clients.

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

I have always enjoyed attending the programs during the Summit of the Southeast and presenting to groups during the Workforce Accelerator Program.

What is the last book you read?

Deacon King Kong by James McBride

What is your favorite place to vacation?

Napa or Sonoma Valley

Sponsor Spotlight

[Clearwater Compliance](#)

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

Clearwater Compliance is the leading provider of Cyber Risk Management and HIPAA compliance software and services for the healthcare industry. Our solutions enable our customers to gain enterprise-wide visibility into cybersecurity risks and more effectively prioritize and manage them, ensuring compliance with industry regulations.



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

The Tennessee chapter of HIMSS is full of innovative members who are playing an important role in the digitization of healthcare. As a chapter sponsor, Clearwater has the opportunity to share our insight on how to effectively analyze and respond to the cybersecurity risks that surround healthcare's digital transformation and forge partnerships with other leading companies in the region.

How is your company responding to COVID-19?

As the leader in Healthcare Cyber Risk Management and HIPAA Compliance solutions trusted by thousands of hospitals, health systems, medical device manufacturers, and health IT companies across the country, Clearwater is well-equipped to assist organizations in navigating new threats and vulnerabilities brought on by the pandemic. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, our team of experts has been regularly providing education on the key security and privacy concerns facing healthcare organizations during this time of crisis. We also have provided resources to assist in assessing and managing the outbreak's impact on organizations, such as our Teleworking Systems Security Insight offering, which includes a customizable survey tool and related consulting services to assist in discovering, analyzing, and integrating the administrative functions of new systems and services being used for telework. See our [COVID-19 Resource Library](#) for insights.

How long have you been a TN HIMSS sponsor?

Clearwater became a TN HIMSS annual sponsor in 2019.

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

Clearwater's Steve Spalding enjoyed attending the TN HIMSS CIO Dinner, and we were also excited to participate in the TN HIMSS Cybersecurity Leadership Panel Discussion last spring. Unfortunately, all of the other events we were looking forward to attending in person have been postponed or made virtual due to the pandemic.

Industry News

[Ardent Health Services Names Martin Bonick President & CEO](#)

[MEDHOST Expands Price Transparency Solution for Hospitals](#)

[Trinisys Expands and Relocates to a New Office](#)

[Envision Healthcare Releases New Policy White Paper: The Future of Virtual Health](#)

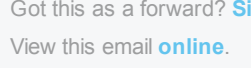
[EvidenceCare and The American College of Emergency Physicians Launch COVID-19 Severity Classification for Emergency Physicians](#)

[emids Announces Acquisition of FlexTech](#)

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