

HIMSS TENNESSEE CHAPTER

TN HIMSS Supports Global

Health Equity Week

Celebrate the power of information and technology and their role in transforming health during **Global Health Equity Week**, an action and advocacy-focused initiative, October 24-28, 2022.

HIMSS is pleased to host this virtual, partner-driven program that emphasizes the importance of inclusion efforts, supports the elimination of health disparities, and helps ensure that everyone, everywhere has access to health and wellness.

[Read more.](#)



Upcoming Events



November 14: Executive Fall Dinner with VUMC

Join us for an exciting evening of discussion with Peter Embe, Chair of Bioinformatics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

River House | 6:00 - 8:00 PM CT | [Contact Tiffany Madigan for tickets.](#)



December 8: TN HIMSS Holiday Reception

Join the TN HIMSS Board of Directors and members as we celebrate the holiday season and the end of a great year!

Vaco Offices | 5:30 - 7:30 PM CT | [Buy tickets](#)



December 14: Executive Dinner with St. Jude

Join us as Keith Perry, CIO of St. Jude Children's Hospital presents "How Strategic Planning Aligns with the St. Jude Mission and Guides Digital Transformation."

Kayne Prime | 6:00 - 8:00 PM CT | [Contact Tiffany Madigan for tickets](#)

Chapter News



Executive Dinner Series Recap

Industry leaders recently participated in a thoughtful discussion with Robert Cook, CIO of AMSURG (an Envision Healthcare Solution). The event topic focused on micro-platforming and how healthcare technology is going through a new cycle of innovation. [Read more.](#)

2022 Healthcare Cybersecurity Forum

Top cybersecurity leaders in the healthcare ecosystem will convene at the [HIMSS 2022 Healthcare Cybersecurity Forum](#) for insights on how to protect healthcare's expanding digital footprint. [Read more.](#)



WHO and HIMSS Pledge Transatlantic Collaboration on Digital Health

WHO-Europe and HIMSS set a new agenda of transatlantic collaboration in digital health, signing a memorandum of understanding to mark it. [Read more.](#)

Be a Part of the TN HIMSS Community

[Join here](#) to get access to our events, education, and networking opportunities.

Remember: By joining TN HIMSS or renewing your membership, your savings from discounted events throughout the year will exceed membership costs

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Sponsor Spotlight

C Spire Business



What does C Spire Business offer the healthcare industry and what is its mission?

At C Spire Business, we provide healthcare organizations of all sizes with managed IT solutions tailored to their needs and powered by our specialized engineers. From cloud to network infrastructure to security, we partner with our customers to deliver the technology they need to easily scale, stay HIPAA compliant, and take the stress out of IT.

What do you hope healthcare organizations gain from your sponsorship?

We want our sponsorship to show the same thing our work does: C Spire Business is dedicated to the Middle Tennessee healthcare community. We're proud to support our region's healthcare organizations in every way we can, including sponsoring and participating in important events with TN HIMSS.

What are the biggest tech challenges for healthcare organizations today?

Healthcare regulations may be similar from organization to organization, but the challenges are not. Each has its own unique needs - scalable network infrastructure, streamlined unified communications, or better end-to-end security to protect against malware. That's why our experts partner with each customer to tailor the right combination of solutions for them.

What event are you most looking forward to this year?

Summit of the Southeast is always something we look forward to, but the Golf Tournament is also a fun event for connecting with other members and enjoying healthy competition.

Member Spotlight

Peter Embe, MD, MS

Professor & SVP of Research & Innovation, Vanderbilt University Medical Center



What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities in HIT?

Increasingly vast and growing amounts of health-related data have the potential to drive better data-driven decisions using approaches like artificial intelligence. But data are often fraught with challenges, including poor data quality and inherent biases in the data that we must account for lest we inadvertently cause harm instead of benefit.

Another is the ongoing challenge of clinician burnout related to the less-than-optimal use of health IT solutions and the opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness through optimization of health IT implementations.

A third is the great opportunity to create data-driven learning health systems, so that we can learn from every patient and improve the care of individuals and populations tomorrow and well into the future via new discoveries and improvements in practice.

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

There's so much we can and must do in order to fully leverage the incredible power and capabilities of our health IT ecosystem in and across Tennessee.

The greatest value I see is the opportunity to gather and discuss the pressing needs we're all working to tackle, sharing of experiences, and finding opportunities to work jointly to improve our collective IT capabilities for the benefit of our organizations and the community as a whole.

We are definitely stronger together, and TN HIMSS provides a home for HIT professionals, focusing on our local and regional needs across systems and institutions more than a national organization.

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

I'm a relatively new member, but I've already had a chance to attend some convenings where we heard from thought leaders about the latest, most pressing challenges and opportunities we face. The learning was great but equally important was the chance to connect and network with my new colleagues around Tennessee!

What is the last book you read?

In preparation for a retreat I just led for our VUMC Department of Biomedical Informatics, I read a book entitled, "Where Good Ideas Come From" by Steven Johnson. It's not a new book, but it was a great quick read about the natural history of human innovation and gave me new ways of thinking about how we can create processes and environments that foster innovative solutions to the problems we're trying to solve.

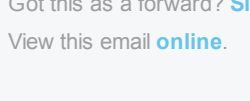
What's your favorite place to vacation?

This is a tough one. There are so many wonderful places to visit, and it's hard to pick just one! But, if I had to pick my favorite, it would have to be South Florida since that's where I'm from and where most of my extended family still lives. As a proud member of the Cuban-American community, I always love going back to enjoy the great food, music and culture, as well as spending time with my family and friends. Of course, it never hurts to get back on the water and enjoy a beautiful sunset in the Keys.

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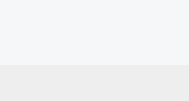
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