

HIMSS TENNESSEE CHAPTER



Celebrate Global Health Equity with TN HIMSS

We're proud to support Global Health Equity Week, October 23-27, and invite you to join us in conversations about building healthier communities across the country.

This initiative is dedicated to displaying the potential of health information and technology to transform health and support the elimination of health disparities. This year's efforts will focus on:

- Chronic disease management
- Digital health literacy, inclusion and access
- Maternal health
- Substance use and behavioral health
- Workforce inclusion

WEBINAR: Emerging Care Models

Thursday, October 26 | 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

As part of the event, TN HIMSS will host a [webinar](#), sponsored by Altitude Ventures, featuring a discussion on emerging care models and their impact on health equity. We will host leaders from two companies that apply emerging care models in the

areas of chronic disease management, digital health literacy, inclusion, access, and maternal health.

Our Speakers:

- **Judith Nowlin**, CEO, Nest
- **Ashok Sudarshan**, COO, Spiras Health

Moderator:

- **Brett Meeks**, VP of Horizon Government Affairs, Health Innovation Alliance

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Upcoming Events



October 19: Covenant Health Executive Dinner

Join SVP/CIO, Mike Ward of Covenant Health for a special dinner in Knoxville and a tour of the Virtual Care Operations Center which houses Covenant Health's Virtual ICU, Hospital at Home, Data Center and more.

Tour | Covenant Health | 4:00-5:30 PM ET

Dinner | Ruth's Chris | 6:00-8:00 PM ET

Please message tiffany@tnhimss.org to reserve your seat today!



November 15: Hackathon Closing Event

Join us as we wrap up the TN HIMSS Hackathon with a grand finale featuring a judging panel of CIOs and CTOs across major healthcare institutions.

Vaco | 4:30-7:00 PM CT

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December 12: Holiday Reception

Celebrate the holiday season with fellow healthcare IT professionals during this festive evening of networking and connection.

Vaco | 5:30 PM CT

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The Latest from HIMSS



TN HIMSS Hackathon Is Underway

On October 3, we kicked off the inaugural TN HIMSS Hackathon, a four-week program focused on building generative AI solutions for healthcare. Read our latest blog post for a recap on what we learned from our industry-leading AI panel at the opening event.

[Read more](#)



2023 Healthcare Cybersecurity Forum Focuses on Patient & Data Protection

On September 7-8, the foremost authorities in healthcare cybersecurity gathered to share how to protect the industry's expanding digital footprint. Check out this article to learn the top takeaways from the event.

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Not a TN HIMSS Member Yet?

There's no time like the present. Get access to events, education, and networking opportunities with a [TN HIMSS membership](#).

Your membership will pay for itself with all the event discounts you'll receive throughout the year. It's a win-win.



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Calling All Experts!

You have loads of knowledge and a unique perspective. Why not share your wisdom with fellow TN HIMSS members?

We're curating a collection of expert opinions and diverse perspectives to share in our Member Spotlight. [Email Tiffany Madigan](#) to learn more.



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Member Spotlight

Jeff Schar

Managing Director, Sendero

**What do you see as the biggest challenge and opportunity in HIT?**

One of the biggest factors impacting the healthcare industry right now is the labor shortage. Because there's no single cause—provider burnout, the cost of education and training, and general uncertainty about the future, among other factors, all play a role—there's no single solution. Right now, healthcare leadership has the opportunity to develop new approaches to attract, grow, support, and retain talent.

I think technology, particularly AI, can be a significant part of the solution to the labor shortage by supporting talent. An example of this could be an AI program that helps streamline administrative tasks, enabling employees to focus on solving more complex problems. Realizing those new benefits will require trained healthcare IT professionals who understand both emerging technology and the day-to-day needs of clinicians and providers. Leveraging this dual perspective to define the future of healthcare technology is an exciting opportunity.

What is the last book you read?

The last book I read was *Think Again* by Adam Grant, which focuses on the importance of honing our ability to rethink and unlearn. In an age where new information is available daily, it's valuable to focus on how we can adapt, instead of trying to hold onto what we think we know. I'm a huge Adam Grant fan, and this is another book of his that I would recommend to anyone.

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

TN HIMSS is, at its core, a learning network. Every event, initiative, and opportunity brings together professionals with different backgrounds, perspectives, and affiliations. Despite these differences, at the end of the day, we all want to see Tennessee continue to thrive as a hub of healthcare innovation and excellence. This common goal creates an environment where everyone is able to consistently learn from each other and develop more nuanced, effective solutions to the challenges facing the healthcare industry.

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

Last year, I had the opportunity to facilitate the TN HIMSS strategic planning session. Working with our team to identify top priorities, pain points, and paths forward was an exciting process. Today, we're executing that strategy and it's rewarding to see the ways that TN HIMSS is making meaningful progress toward our goals.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

Cabo San Lucas is my favorite vacation spot. There's great weather, excellent food, and some incredible golf courses—what more could you ask for?

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