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SHARE your love for health IT!



Share Your Knowledge And Your LOVE Of HIT

Do you have an HIT success story to share? Do you have a tale to tell about why you love the industry, and you're happy you got into it?

We want to hear from you! If you would like to share your story please consider submitting an article to be used in our newsletter and website. Submit your article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Free Rural Health IT Workshop

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

12:30 - 5:00 pm MDT

Best Western Grantree Inn
Bozeman, MT

FREE Rural HIT Workshop. Pre-conference to the MHA Summit. Presented by HTS; fully funded by MHA and the Montana Rural Health IT Network. Spaced is limited.

[Register Here](#)

HIMSS16 Conference & Exhibition

February 29 - March 4, 2016

Sands Expo, Las Vegas, NV

Click [here](#) to learn more.

HIMSS16 - Upper Great Plains Chapters of MT, NE, ND and SD Reception

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

6:30-8:00 pm PT

Sands Convention Center | Bellini 2103

Las Vegas, NV

Attending HIMSS16? The Upper Great Plains Chapter of HIMSS invites you to join them for this annual reception. Meet members of the Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota Chapters of HIMSS.

Note: This event is FREE to our HIMSS members, but registration

MT HIMSS 5th Annual Conference and Trade Show

May 10-12, Big Horn Resort, Billings, Montana

We are pleased to announce that our 5th Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held May 10 thru 12 at the Big Horn Resort in Billings, Montana. The event will include participants from both Montana and Wyoming - all passionately dedicated to the concept of "Transforming Health Through IT." We are currently developing a **DYNAMIC** agenda with presentations that are **RELEVANT** to today's issues in Healthcare and Health IT, so stay tuned for more information! [REGISTER NOW!](#)

If you're interested in attending as a **VENDOR**, please fill out our [ONLINE VENDOR APPLICATION](#).

Call For Presentations

Wanted: Speakers That Can Inspire and Inform!

The Montana HIMSS Board continually strives to present quality educational sessions to our conference attendees, and we invite speakers that can both inspire and inform on topics concerning the dynamic industries of health care and information technology. A recent survey of our membership identified the following topics of interest:

- HIT Innovations
- Clinical Informatics
- Quality Improvement and Measurement
- HIE and Interoperability
- Patient-Centered Care
- Clinical and Business Intelligence
- Privacy and Security

Additional topics of interest include discussions of the "Triple Aim," including:

- Improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction)
- Improving the health of populations
- Reducing the per capita cost of health care

Speakers will receive a complementary conference registration, as well as one night's lodging at the Big Horn Resort. To learn more, please access our [ONLINE SPEAKER APPLICATION](#).

CPHIMS/CAHIMS Exams And CAHIMS Boot Camp Offered At May Conference

Professional Development Opportunity!



MT HIMSS is dedicated to helping our members grow professionally, and we are proud to offer a CAHIMS Boot Camp review course along with the opportunity to take either the CAHIMS or CPHIMS exam in conjunction with our annual conference this May in Billings.



is required.

[Register Here](#)

MT HIMSS Spring Conference & Tradeshow

May 10-12, 2016

Big Horn Resort, Billings, MT
[Register Now!](#)

[Online Vendor Application](#)

BOGO Membership Offer

Have you used your buy one, get one membership?

If you have a +1 credit saved up, please consider identifying an individual to send it to - they will receive a free one year membership!

The credit is a great opportunity to recruit new members and show them the value that HIMSS offers on a no-risk basis. And much of the value of our local chapter of HIMSS comes from networking with top notch professionals in our own backyard. There's no benefit in hanging on to them indefinitely. So send those credits today! To send a credit, click [here](#), sign in, then go to **My Account**. Click **Invite a Friend with HIMSS+1** under the **Membership Summary** section.

[Email](#) us for a +1 suggestion if needed.

HOT HIT News

Health IT Bill Clears Senate HELP Committee

[From AHIMA E-ALERT](#)

On February 9, the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) approved the Improving Health Information Technology Act. The legislation creates a star-rating system for electronic health records based on security, usability, and interoperability. The bill also provides the Office of the Inspector General with the authority to investigate and deter information-blocking practices and directs the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study to review methods for securely matching patient records to the correct patient. The bill is part of a larger package concerning biomedical innovation that the committee hopes to advance this Congress.

[Review The Bill](#)

Why should you get certified? It's a competitive world out there, and many healthcare organizations require that candidates have certifications that validate their knowledge, competency and credibility. HIMSS offers certifications recognized as the "premier standard" of professional HIT knowledge. By getting certified, you can:

- Distinguish yourself in an increasingly competitive marketplace
- Demonstrate that you meet an industry standard of professional knowledge and competence in healthcare information and management systems
- Gain skills and tools to help make a difference in your organization and your community
- Demonstrate your commitment to continuing professional development
- Gain a sense of personal and professional achievement

CAHIMS Prep Course - Tuesday, May 10, 8-5 pm MDT
CAHIMS or CPHIMS Exam - Wednesday, May 11, 3-5 pm MDT
Big Horn Resort, 1801 Majestic Lane, Billings, MT 59102

Click [here](#) to learn more and **REGISTER!** The **deadline** to register for the exams is Saturday, April 16th. [Email](#) us if you have any questions.

Missoula Mixer An Educational And Social Success!

Sherri Davidoff Opens Eyes on Security

We are very happy with the excellent turnout for the security presentation by Sherri Davidoff from LMG Security held in Missoula, MT on January 27th.



Those in attendance gave glowing reviews, both for the content of the presentation, as well as for the opportunity to chat with their peers in a fun and casual atmosphere. We hope to interest Ms. Davidoff in participating at the spring MT HIMSS conference so that more can benefit from her expertise and years of experience.

Board Openings - Get Involved!

Looking for a great opportunity to get more involved? The Montana HIMSS Board has several openings, both elected and volunteer!



Elected Officer Positions:

We are accepting nominations for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Elected officers must have been a HIMSS member for at least one year prior to election.

Volunteer Positions:

- Vendor/Sponsorship Programs Chair
- Logistics Program Chair
- Membership Co-Chair

Board meetings are held primarily via teleconference and duties are flexible according to your schedule. [Email](#) us if you're interested in any of the openings, or just want more information!