



Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society Fact Sheet

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is a comprehensive healthcare-stakeholder membership organization exclusively focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare. Founded in 1961 with offices in Chicago, Washington D.C., Brussels, Singapore, and other locations across the United States, HIMSS represents more than 23,000 individual members, of which 73% work in patient care delivery settings. HIMSS also includes over 380 corporate members and nearly 30 not-for-profit organizations that share our mission of transforming healthcare through the effective use of information technology and management systems. HIMSS frames and leads healthcare public policy and industry practices through its educational, professional development, and advocacy initiatives designed to promote information and management systems' contributions to ensuring quality patient care.

- **Advocacy:** Framing and leading U.S. national healthcare legislation, regulations, policies, standards and practices on key issues including patient safety, patient care, diversity, privacy and security and national preparedness and response.
- **Communities:** Bringing industry peers together as individual, corporate, and organizational members of the Society who can join chapters, users groups, and special interest groups to learn and share experiences.
- **Conferences:** Providing forums for exploring emerging trends, current healthcare information technology trends, and solutions to critical healthcare IT issues in the U.S. and across the globe with the U.S. Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition, HIMSS Virtual Conference & Expo, HIMSS World of Health IT Conference & Exhibition, HIMSS AsiaPac Exposition, and HIMSS Middle East Health IT Conference & Expo.
- **Education:** Keeping members and the industry informed through the HIMSS eLearning Academy, audio conferences, webinars and print and CD-ROM resources.
- **Health Information Systems (HIS):** Providing information and education on electronic health records (EHRs) in ambulatory, acute and public healthcare settings, patient safety, auto identification and bar coding, and other industry topics.
- **Informatics:** Focusing on interoperability and integration related to nursing informatics, Pharmacy informatics, global standards initiatives, the U.S. standards agenda, health information exchanges (HIEs), and Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE).
- **Medical Banking Project:** Helping financial institutions and health care organizations to form dynamic, efficient and sustainable partnerships that improve global health using "medical banking" principles.

- **Professional Growth:** Offering professional certification program - Certified Professional in Health Information Management Systems (CPHIMS) that measures and demonstrates industry expertise; enhancing industry knowledge through task force, committee and work group participation; and connecting healthcare IT professionals and companies through JobMine[®], the HIMSS interactive online service.

- **Publications:** Providing the Journal of Healthcare Information Management, the only peer-reviewed journal specifically for healthcare information and management systems professionals, and books and CDs targeted to the healthcare information technology industry.

- **Research:** Taking the pulse of the industry through leadership, compensation and issues-oriented surveys.

- **Scholarships:** Reaching out to future leaders by providing scholarships for students in the healthcare IT and management systems field.

HIMSS is committed to improving healthcare through the realization of the full potential of technology. HIMSS invites interested individuals and organizations within the industry to join the Society in this important objective. Visit www.himss.org for more information.

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