



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 10, 2019**

2019 New England HIMSS

Holiday Social

**January 16, 2020**

New England HIMSS January

Educational Event (Save the

Date)

**April 16, 2020**

New England HIMSS NH/VT

Conference

*Visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for additional upcoming events*

**PRESIDENT’S WELCOME MESSAGE**

**Jeff Loughlin**

Although the leaves on the trees have fallen and the first signs of winter and snow have arrived, the activities and membership of the NEHIMSS Chapter continues to thrive and grow! With our first few educational events now past, I am very pleased to see some of our highest levels of attendance, and strong engagement from our participants and speakers. We have shared some great opportunities to learn from thought-leaders and experts both locally, as well as nationally, and we are excited to continue this trend as we focus our attention to our upcoming events in Waltham, MA and NH/VT.

With the National Conference just a few months away, and with our eyes on our flagship event at Gillette Stadium in May, I am confident that the exceptional team on the NEHIMSS Board will continue to highlight the important trends in our healthcare community. I hope you will all join me in saying Thank You to our volunteers who continually find the time and resources to make this Chapter a leading example within the HIMSS community.

I also want to continue to thank our many sponsors, whose generous support of our events help us provide such great venues and opportunities to collaborate, educate and promote the improvement of healthcare each day. Please be sure to talk with them at our future events, as they are a wealth of experience, knowledge and ideas.

I hope you all enjoy the great material found in this newsletter, in addition to the periodic emails our wonderful Marketing and Communications team put together regularly. We strive to keep our members engaged and informed and hope to see as many of you as possible in our upcoming events!

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## CHAPTER UPDATES

### **CIO Interview: Arthur Harvey, M.S., Chief Information Officer at Boston Medical Center.**

Inside Digital Health magazine recently interviewed New England HIMSS member Arthur Harvey on his role in making technology decisions as Chief Information Office at Boston Medical Center. Arthur is a graduate of Boston College and Brandeis University, MedTech calls him a “lifer” in healthcare. Prior to joining BMC, he served as Program Chair of Health and Medical Informatics at Brandeis University.

In the interview, Arthur talks about the decision-making process, getting employees involved in change, challenges faced and the solutions he derives for improving health technology for Boston Medical Center.

The interview was conducted as a 2-part series and part one was published on October 22, 2019. Click on the link below to read the first part of the 2-part series.

<https://www.idigitalhealth.com/news/exec-voices-arthur-harvey-ms-cio-at-boston-medical-center-part-1>

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### **HIMSS TV Interview: Jay Spitulnik, Associate Director, Health Informatics Graduate Program, Northeastern University and NEHIMSS Student Activities Chair.**

HIMSS TV interviewed Dr Jay Spitulnik during the Connected Health Conference held in Boston in October 2019. Jay spoke about the challenges in Health IT and the need to focus on addressing the needs of patients and how it can improve patient outcomes.

Jay is the Student Activities Chair at New England HIMSS and Associate Director for the Health Informatics program at Northeastern University. Click the link below to view the interview

<https://www.healthcareitnews.com/video/education-clinical-informatics-must-focus-more-patient-needs>



## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### New England HIMSS Holiday Social



Click the image to register today!

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### New England HIMSS January Educational Event (Save the Date)

The New England HIMSS educational evening event will be held on January 16th at Embassy Suites, 550 Winter Street, Waltham MA. Stay tuned for more details.

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### New England HIMSS NH/VT Conference (Save the Date)

The New England HIMSS New Hampshire/Vermont Conference will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Hilton Garden Inn, 35 N Labombard Road, Lebanon, NH. Additional information will be available soon on the NEHIMSS website.



## RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

### NEW ENGLAND HIMSS HIE CONFERENCE 2019



Our Health Information Exchange conference took place at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA on Thursday, October 10th, 2019. The major themes of conference included HIE's evolution to intelligent information exchange, success and failures of HIE and ways to meet increased stakeholder demands for value.

The event included success stories from Industry participants, networking sessions and panel discussions. The conference was graciously sponsored by NextGen Healthcare.





## NEW ENGLAND HIMSS MAINE CONFERENCE: DIGITAL HEALTH: EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION?



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Our Maine “Digital Health: Evolution or Revolution?” event took place at Innovation Hall on the University of New England campus in Portland, ME on Thursday, November 21, 2019. With our great speakers leading the way, we all learned different perspectives on digital health from SDOH to SMART on FHIR API to cybersecurity and the many ways digital health is impacting healthcare. We closed out our event with a great CIO panel discussion lead by our very own Marie Maloney. If you were unable to attend, presentation materials can be found on our event page.

Thank you to our generous sponsor ROLTA|ADVIZEX for sponsoring this event.

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## MEET OUR MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (MARCOM) BOARD MEMBERS

The role of the Marketing and Communications Committee (commonly referred to as MarCom) is to develop and execute the marketing/public relations plan for communicating regularly with members of New England HIMSS (NEHIMSS) and members of the healthcare community about our chapter activities and membership. The MarCom team of seven is responsible for maintaining the NEHIMSS website, the chapter weekly email communications, event registration and developing the quarterly newsletter which strives to capture all of the best moments throughout the year! One of the goals MarCom have established for this year is to grow its presence on Twitter and LinkedIn by engaging with the New England healthcare community online and connecting with new friends interested in joining and being a part of NEHIMSS. So, join MarCom and NEHIMSS in the next conversation!

### **Liza Cameron**

#### *Communications Co-Chair*

I have been working in the healthcare industry now for over 26 years and in healthcare IT for over 20 years. My journey began in a hospital-based lab, when I was 17 years old. I was a superuser for a MEDITECH Magic to MEDITECH Client Server transition project. We were the first client to ever attempt this transition, including a clinical conversion. The transition was a bumpy one and I truly enjoyed the troubleshooting of the things that were broken, so much so that the Information Systems department asked me to come work for them. This is how I got my entry into Healthcare Information Technology. After completing my bachelor's in Health Science, I went on to get my master's in Health Informatics. Over the years I've attended different HIMSS educational events and had always been interested in getting further involved, so I was happy when Tim Wong reached out to see if I'd be willing to volunteer.





## **Shalina Patel**

*Newsletter Co-Editor*

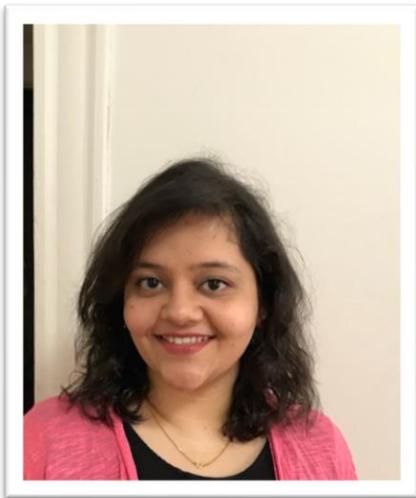
My involvement with HIMSS began soon after I moved to the Boston area in 2018. Joining HIMSS has been a rewarding experience and has broadened my interests in learning more about health information and health information technology. Being a volunteer for HIMSS and launching the quarterly newsletter has allowed me to be more creative and enhanced my skills.



## **Aditi Agashe**

*Newsletter Co-Editor*

I started working in healthcare as a Physical Therapist and then progressed to public health research. My interactions with patients and work in health surveys made me develop an interest in evidence-based data and so I decided to pursue a masters degree in Health Informatics. I was introduced to NEHIMSS by my professors at Northeastern University and loved the NEHIMSS educational events and the interaction with Industry leaders. I enjoy being a part of NEHIMSS and highly recommend it to students who want to learn more about the Healthcare Industry.





## Teja Baah

*Communications Co-Chair*

After graduating college, I started working at MEDITECH, my first entry into healthcare. I loved it so much that I thought I might be better in a clinical role and enrolled in a pre-nursing school program. I quickly realized that I missed the healthcare technology side of things and realized my place was serving clinicians and being apart of the solution for both the clinician and patient experience. Joining New England HIMSS was not a part of my original career plan but after going to a few events and being invited to volunteer, I am happy I joined. At every event I am learning something new and engaging with people that have a genuine passion for healthcare.



## Heather Caouette

*Social Media Coordinator*

After several years in the technology industry, I became interested in how it can be applied to helping people. This includes aspects related to care delivery and preventative care to help people lead healthier lives. HIMSS has a strong name in the industry for focusing on better health through information and technology, making it a great fit.



## **Zhaoxi Zhang (Sarah)**

*Marketing Volunteer*

My interest to healthcare started with my first doctor visit in the United States which got me thinking about the US Healthcare system. I was planning to go back to school for my master's at the time, and the curiosity made me decide to choose Health Informatics as my major. The very first HIMSS event that I went to was impressive to me, people were talking about how technology is changing the healthcare industry and patients' lives. After a few other events, and the encouragement from my academic advisor Jay Spitulnik and my friend Monique Czulewicz, I decided to volunteer at HIMSS, and I enjoy it very much!

## **Mary Ann Staab**

*New MarCom Committee Member*

As an experienced Healthcare IT Staffing Professional, being part of HIMSS provides me with the opportunity to learn more about exciting new and growing areas in health IT and develop lasting connections. While having fun volunteering, learning and networking, I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the New England HIMSS Chapter and collaborate with passionate people who are challenged and faced with the ever changing fast-paced world of Healthcare IT.





## GET INVOLVED!



ACHE-Rhode Island is the local independent chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE-RI) for the state of Rhode Island. The ACHE-RI chapter partnered with us this past summer to host the Summer Social event in July and participated in our August Telehealth and Cybersecurity event this past August in Newport, RI. With the rapid changes in healthcare that NEHIMSS and ACHE-RI are all adapting to, partnering together has been a great opportunity for both of our chapter's members to broaden understandings, networks and engagement in the New England healthcare arena. Whether you are a part of NEHIMSS, ACHE-RI or interested in both, members of the healthcare community can benefit from gaining quality educational and professional development opportunities through credits towards ACHE advancement and CPHIMS/CAHIMS. If you would like to learn more about ACHE-RI and are interested in joining, check out their website: <https://www.acheri.org/>.

Also, be on the lookout for more joint events coming up this summer! You will not want to miss it!

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