



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10, 2020

[New England HIMSS
Chapter Social @ HIMSS20](#)

April 16, 2020

[NEHIMSS NH/VT
Conference: Bringing
Together Technology,
Quality, and Patients](#)

May 14, 2020

[New England HIMSS Annual
Spring Conference 2020-
Managing Value Based Care in
a Fee For Service World](#)

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

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Jeff Loughlin

Spring is upon us and we have some big events on the horizon that I'd like to share with you!

The HIMSS 2020 Annual Global Health Conference & Exhibition begins on March 9th and our chapter will once again be partnering with InterSystems to host a chapter social. The social will take place on Tuesday, March 10th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the InterSystems Booth #3301. This event was a great success last year with close to 300 attendees so please join us! Registration is now open so please visit our [website](#) to save your spot.

We will transition quickly from the global conference to two great events back home in New England. The first will be our New Hampshire & Vermont Conference on Thursday April 16th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lebanon, NH, where we will discuss "Bringing Together Technology, Quality and Patients." Then it is on to our Annual Spring Conference at Gillette Stadium. The theme of our spring conference is "Managing Value Based Care in a Fee for Service World." Don't forget to take the opportunity to get your pictures with the 6x Superbowl Champion Patriots rings! [Registration](#) is open for both events!

We will also be starting the election process for our 2020-2021 Board Year soon. We will be looking for qualified candidates to fill several board positions. The details are being finalized now so be on the lookout for more information in the next month.

As always, I want to take a moment to thank all our volunteers and our sponsors. Without their time, support and generosity, we would not be able to put on such amazing events. We are a volunteer organization made up of people who are willing to dedicate their time and expertise. If you are interested in [volunteer opportunities](#), please reach out!

Best regards,

Jeff Loughlin



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CHAPTER UPDATES - CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD



We are proud and happy to announce that New England HIMSS is the recipient of the 2019 Large Chapter of the Year Award!

The Chapter of the Year Award is designed to recognize chapters who have strongly impacted their geographical region in a meaningful way through health information and technology centered events, education, initiatives, collaboration and advocacy. The Chapters of the Year offer outstanding value to members; engage the full membership, making all feel welcomed; and have seamless processes for board management and succession planning.

In FY19, the New England Chapter hosted 12 events throughout the New England area. Member location and topical surveys were used to meet the member’s needs while planning events. The chapter focused on outreach and member engagement activities to increase the new member and volunteer base.

New England HIMSS will receive the award at the Awards Gala at the National Conference. Click [here](#) to see all HIMSS Global Conference Award Recipients!



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HIMSS 2020 Global Health Conference & Exhibition

The 2020 HIMSS Annual Conference will be held from March 9th-13th at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. The conference will include 350+ expert-led education sessions, 1,300+ exhibiting companies and multiple networking sessions.



Click the image to register today!

New England HIMSS Chapter Social @ HIMSS 2020

Join us for refreshments and drinks at the New England HIMSS Chapter Social , sponsored by InterSystems will be held on March 10th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm EDT at the InterSystems Booth #3301, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida. Click [here](#) to register . We look forward to seeing you at the Social.

New England HIMSS NH/VT Conference

Bringing Together Technology, Quality, and Patients

The New England HIMSS NH/VT Conference will be held on April 16th at Hilton Garden Inn, Lebanon, New Hampshire. Registration is open and filling up fast, click [here](#) to book your ticket.

New England HIMSS Annual Spring Conference

Managing Value Based Care in a Fee for Service World

Join the Annual Spring Conference on May 14th at Gillette Stadium/ Putnam Club One Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA. Register [here](#) early for this fantastic & well attended event!



RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

New England HIMSS January Educational Event: Celebrating Women in IT



The New England HIMSS Celebrating Women in IT event was held on January 16th at the Embassy Suites in Waltham. Jeannette Currie, Chief Information Officer for Beth Israel Lahey Health Community Hospitals was the lead Speaker for the event.

New England HIMSS Holiday Social 2019

The Annual Holiday Social was held on December 10th, 2019 at the UMass Club in Boston.

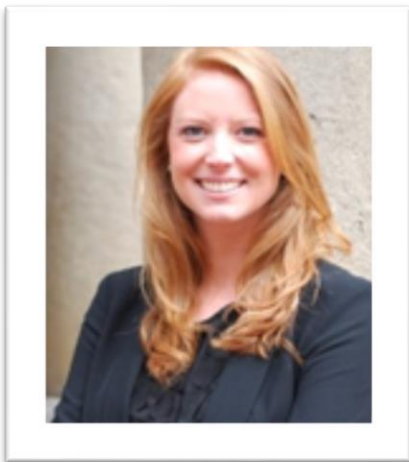
New England HIMSS members and guests gathered together for some holiday cheer to celebrate another successful year and holiday season. Our own Marketing Committee Chair, Liza Cameron was named New England HIMSS 2019 Volunteer of the Year!





MEET OUR PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The role of the Programs Committee is to develop annual educational, professional development, and networking opportunities for members and healthcare information professionals in the New England community. In accordance with the national HIMSS guidelines, the Committee ensures that NEHIMSS members have access to at least 12 hours of educational programming per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The Committee strives to find new venues every year to host a number of different event formats and session topics with a focus on local speakers who are leaders in their respective healthcare fields. Accompanying these events, the Programs Committee is responsible for creating and distributing registered attendee badges, ensuring the food and beverages are ordered and aligned to the number of attendees and lastly distributing post event surveys to collect feedback on each event which allows us to make changes and improve moving forward to the next chapter year!



Katie Flynn **Programs Committee Chair**

Katie joined Queen Consulting Group in April of 2016 as an Account Manager and pretty much simultaneously joined NEHIMSS as a volunteer on the Programs Committee that same year. Queen Consulting Group has a strong focus on the healthcare industry, so she began to draw a lot of parallels on what she was learning at events and to how her conversations were going with customers in the industry. After roughly a year, Katie took on the role of the Programs Chair and became a member of the Board of Directors. She shared that she is honored to be a part of such a wonderful organization alongside such passionate and intelligent healthcare professionals.

Prior to NEHIMSS and her role at Queen Consulting Group, Katie worked in London and NYC in the Financial Services industry supporting Compliance, Risk Control and Finance functions from an operational perspective since 2010. Very different from the healthcare space to say the least!

Fun Fact: Katie is getting married in June of this year! She also loves potatoes, bacon and pizza.



Steve Ruth

Programs Committee Member

In his role as Director for SMC Partners, Steve oversees programs for eHealthConnecticut, facilitates HIT adoption within the Medical Provider Community, specializing in Integration Strategies for Behavioral Health and Non-Profit Communities. Prior to this, Steve was the CEO/Director for: Psych Management Inc; Pro Behavioral Health; State of CT DMH; Gilead House; Westfield Area Mental Health Clinic and Principal/Owner-RSK Executives.

He has been a HIMSS member for the past 10 years, dating back to the years when he was responsible for running Connecticut's ONC sponsored Regional Extension Center. Steve became involved with the board to help raise the Chapter's awareness among Connecticut members and potential members.

Fun Fact: He plays over 60 rounds of golf a year (business golf, of course)



Ariel Shonk

Programs Committee Member

Ariel's involvement in healthcare began in Philadelphia when she was promoted at TEKsystems into an Account Manager role to support the healthcare clients from an IT services perspective. She quickly found her passion about supporting IT strategies within healthcare systems, which continues to improve the way healthcare organizations serve and treat patients. When Ariel moved to Boston last year for her role within TEKsystems, she joined the NEHIMSS Programs Committee. She enjoys being part of NEHIMSS as it is such a great avenue to continue to learn, build relationships and grow within the healthcare community in Boston.





KUDOS CORNER

Michael Kanarellis

New England HIMSS would like to congratulate Michael Kanarellis, past NEHIMSS Treasurer, of Wolf & Company, on his appointment to the 2020 HITRUST CSF® Assessor Council—a body that contributes input and expertise from across the industry to ensure and evolve the HITRUST framework’s integrity, effectiveness, and efficiency. Read the full press release [here](#).

Zhaoxi (Sarah) Zhang



New England HIMSS would like to give a shout out to Sarah Zhang for graduating with a master’s degree in Healthcare Informatics from Northeastern University!

Sarah received her previous bachelor’s degree cum laude from Northeastern University as well. After her graduation, she transitioned from working as an intern to a full-time position with Northeastern University Global Pathways.

Through her own hospital patient experience during that time, she wondered how the healthcare systems work and what people could do to create better patient experience? This led her to the Health Informatics Program at Northeastern University.

In the beginning of Sarah’s informatics studies, the healthcare and programming aspect of the course was challenging but she focused on reading course related books and developing programming skills to bring herself up to speed. It was during the Health Informatics course that Sarah was introduced to HIMSS. She became a student member of NEHIMSS and eventually started volunteering for the Marketing and Communications Committee. Sarah’s time with NEHIMSS has provided her with many networking opportunities with industry leaders. Congrats to you Sarah!



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER- SAKSHI CHHAPERWAL, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON

Sakshi Chhaperwal, a Health Informatics major at Northeastern University is the recipient of the 2019 -2020 New England HIMSS Scholarship. The New England HIMSS Scholarship awarded Sakshi with \$5000.00 and a trip to the HIMSS National conference.



She has been an active contributor to the medical analytics community from her days of internship with eminent practitioners in Public Health Dentistry Department at Shri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Science. Her academic projects have illustrated extensive use of hypothesis testing, multivariate regression techniques, supervised and unsupervised machine learning to predict the factors influencing the presence of heart diseases. She is proficient with latest tools that are popularly used in the Machine Learning community and also happens to be an enthusiastic author on the applications of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in Healthcare.

In her time outside of academics, she enjoys mentoring students and has served as a Teaching Assistant for a Graduate level course on Introduction to Health Data Analytics under Prof. Holly Jimison at Northeastern University's Khoury college of Computer Science and Bouve College of Health Sciences.

MEMBER SURVEY WINNER- CAROLE SAGE

New England HIMSS would like to thank everyone who completed our membership survey. We had a great response which provided us very valuable feedback and will help us shape better events in the future and server our members.

Congratulations to the winner of the \$25 Amazon gift card Carole Sage!



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New England HIMSS would like to recognize two of our recent Premier Sponsors!



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