

President's Message

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Winter is coming!

As fall passes us once more during a unique period of time for all of us, it is promising that our members have continued to be engaged! You have shown us that despite the craziness of this year, you still want more! Luckily, we have had several successful events in the last few months...

In total, we had SIX events in the last three months! We started off with a great webinar on "Use of Social Media for COVID-19 Communication and Miscommunication: What You Can Do" by Lisa Gualtieri, PhD, ScM is an associate professor at Tufts University School of Medicine and Jesse Greenfield, MPH, a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine's Public Health and Professional Degree Program. We then moved on to a fantastic female CIO Panel Discussion for our event, "Celebrating Women Leadership in Health IT", a part of our Women in Healthcare IT Series.

We moved on to have our very first Clinical Informatics event! John Glaser, PhD, kicked off our first event, discussing "Time for a New Kind of Electronic Health Record", which drew in quite the clinician crowd. We plan on keeping that momentum going!

A major focus for this year has been giving resources to our members when it comes to their careers during this trying time. With that, we had two networking events. Our first was part of the NEHIMSS After Dark series with a panel sharing their thoughts on "How to Get a Job". We also had our first Student Activities event; "Make Progress + End 2020 Strong During Changing Times". This panel shared with students what they can do from an academic standpoint to ready themselves for a career in healthcare IT.

Finally, we did a collaboration that has never been done before...New England HIMSS joined forces with Alabama HIMSS, Mississippi HIMSS and the Southern California HIMSS Chapters to bring a first of its kind virtual conference. The conference featured several our Premier sponsors having a national audience to discuss the theme of "Prioritizing Healthcare Information Technology for an Unpredictable Tomorrow – From the East, South, West and Everything in Between!". The conference also featured a stellar panel as the closing keynote: the Boston Hope Team, led by Brigadier General Jack Hammond, walking us through the creation of the COVID-19 Field Hospital in Boston during the height of the pandemic earlier this year. What a great closing to a day of learning what many in our industry have had to do to navigate the unknowns of this year.

This is the perfect time to thank our sponsors for their continued support. We plan on showing our appreciation later in the winter and again in the spring. We look forward to having them and keeping their trust in us.


I look forward to "seeing" many of you in our upcoming events...we will continue to have more! We strive to keep you all engaged and hope that this newsletter will help reach that goal! Hope you all continue to stay safe and Happy Holidays in the upcoming months!

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Due to COVID-19, New England HIMSS will be holding virtual events

HIMSS New England Virtual Holiday Social

Thursday, December 3, 2020 From 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Join HIMSS New England on Thursday
December 3rd for our annual holiday social!

Tickets are on sale now and are \$10.00

All proceeds from our virtual social will benefit local
foodbanks across our region**HIMSS** NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER 

Join HIMSS New England for a different kind of holiday social, the virtual kind.

The rapid spread of the coronavirus pandemic has increased the number of people living with food insecurity here in New England as well as globally. The New England chapter of HIMSS invites you to a holiday social with special meaning this year. Meet the Board of Directors, other members and sponsors as we raise money to help the food banks of New England. We will look back at what we once appreciated about our educational and networking events as well as how we pivoted to meet the challenge of the pandemic to keep our momentum in learning and networking in 2020. We miss everyone and hope an evening on Zoom with chat, games, and prizes will remind us of what we appreciate about our chapter and the folks who volunteer to keep us engaged.

So...wear your ugly sweater, bring your own drink and help us fight food insecurity in our communities. All proceeds to benefit food banks across the 6 states HIMSS New England Serves.

[Click here to reserve your tickets](#)

Exploring Digital Health Technology to Maximize Health & Eliminate Disparities



Tuesday, December 22, 2020 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (Live Webinar)

Dr. Ranney is the Warren Alpert Endowed Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Founding Director of the Brown-Lifespan Center for Digital Health. Dr. Ranney's career focus is on developing, testing, and disseminating digital health interventions to prevent violence and mental illness. She has had continuous external funding from NIH, PCORI, and foundation grants for a decade, and has over 120 peer-reviewed publications. She serves multiple national leadership roles, including as Chief Research Officer of AFFIRM Research (<http://www.affirmresearch.org>), the country's leading non-profit committed to ending the gun violence epidemic through a non-partisan public health approach, and as President of the Board of GetUsPPE.org, a start-up non-profit that is delivering donated personal protective equipment to those who need it most. She is an editor for *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, a Fellow of the fifth class of the Aspen Institute's Health Innovators Fellowship Program, and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. She has received numerous awards for technology innovation, public health, and research, including Rhode Island Woman Physician of the Year and the American College of Emergency Physicians' Policy Pioneer Award. She is also a frequent media commentator on outlets ranging from CNN to the New York Times regarding the value of a national public health strategy.

Dr. Ranney earned her bachelor's degree in History of Science, graduating summa cum laude, from Harvard University; her medical doctorate, graduating Alpha Omega Alpha, from Columbia University; and her master's in public health from Brown University. She completed her residency in Emergency Medicine and a fellowship in Injury Prevention Research at Brown University. She was previously a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d'Ivoire. She lives in Rhode Island with her husband and two children. She is active on Twitter @meganranney.

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NEW ENGLAND HIMSS LATEST NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**Current Status of Telehealth in New England****Matt Fisher**
Partner***Mirick O'Connell*****HIMSS New England Advocacy Chair**

The ability to deliver and be paid for healthcare services delivered through telehealth modalities was both inconsistent and uncertain prior to the beginning of the public health emergency ("PHE") surrounding COVID-19. The reality of coverage prior COVID-19 was that some of the states in New England required coverage, but others were silent. The shutdowns of healthcare facilities and offices caused by the onset of COVID-19 in March 2020 completely altered that landscape.

[See how the Federal Government and how our New England States responded.](#)

RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS**Use of Social Media for COVID-19 Communication and Miscommunication:
What You Can Do****Held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020****Lisa Gualtieri, PhD, ScM****Associate Professor at Tufts University School of Medicine in the Department of Public Health and
Community Medicine**

Lisa's webinar was very informative, and she made the point that "It isn't that misinformation is new, but that more people are online, and more people are seeking health information." Lisa helped us learn about the importance of digital literacy skills and what you can personally do to help improve the quality of COVID-19 information.

Celebrating Women Leadership in Health IT

Held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Since HIMSS announces its Most Influential Women in Health IT annually, NEHIMSS is excited to bring you a panel of female CIOs who work every day to lead teams to “harness the power of information and technology to transform health and healthcare.”



Lisa Ewing, Chief Information Officer of Lynn Community Health Center
Beth Downie, Chief Information Officer of Newton-Wellesley Hospital
Naomi Lenane, Chief Information Officer and Vice President Information Services at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Angie Mathieu, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer for South County Health

This impressive Executive Panel of female IT leaders from surrounding New England health organizations, led an hour long informative and enlightening discussion and shared some of their own everyday experiences. We hope you took an opportunity to participate and meet these women who lead IT teams every day and help transform the power of Information Technology within healthcare sector!

If you missed it, this webinar has been uploaded to our YouTube channel [here](#).

Time for a New Kind of Electronic Health Record

Live Webinar was held on Tuesday October 6th 5pm-630p



The Covid-19 pandemic presents the U.S. health care system with a mind-boggling array of challenges. To address these challenges, the electronic health record must transition from an emphasis on a person's medical record to an emphasis on a person's plan for health and from a focus on supporting clinical transactions to a focus on delivering information to the provider and the patient. A redesign of the EHR is essential, but what should it look like? EHRs are reasonably good at the "record" part — keeping track of what happened to the patient — but they must evolve to address the "health" part by helping providers plan for what they want to happen. EHRs could become tools for making those plans and keeping them on track if we design them with that goal in mind. Our live webinar on the topic was very informative and pointing the way to the next generation of EHRs.

Make Progress + End 2020 Strong During Changing Times

Live Webinar was held on Thursday November 5th 5pm-630p



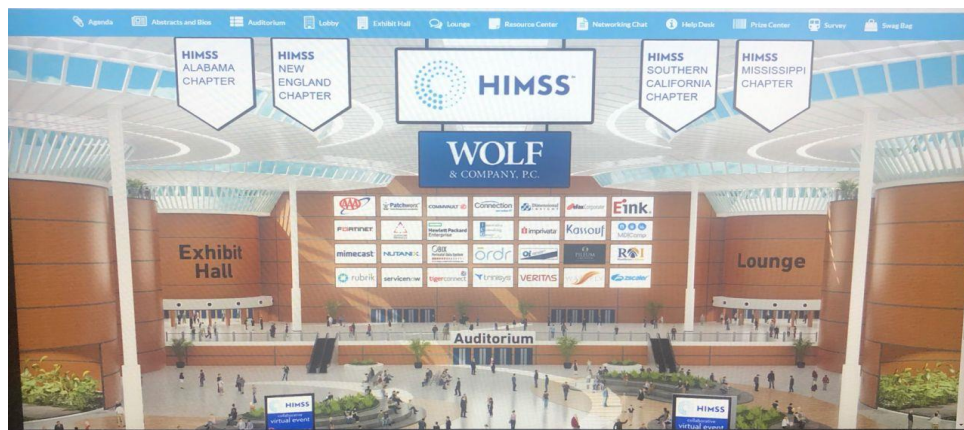
This webinar was full of inside tips to further your career from our diverse panel of experts and professionals across a wide range of healthcare disciplines. In this webinar, students and professionals learned proven steps to take to build their network and bolster their candidacy right now. Faculty experts offered invaluable insight on current industry trends and advice on how to present your skills and reach out in ways that will get you hired. We hope you had the opportunity to meet our Panelists and got the chance to take valuable information to advance your career!

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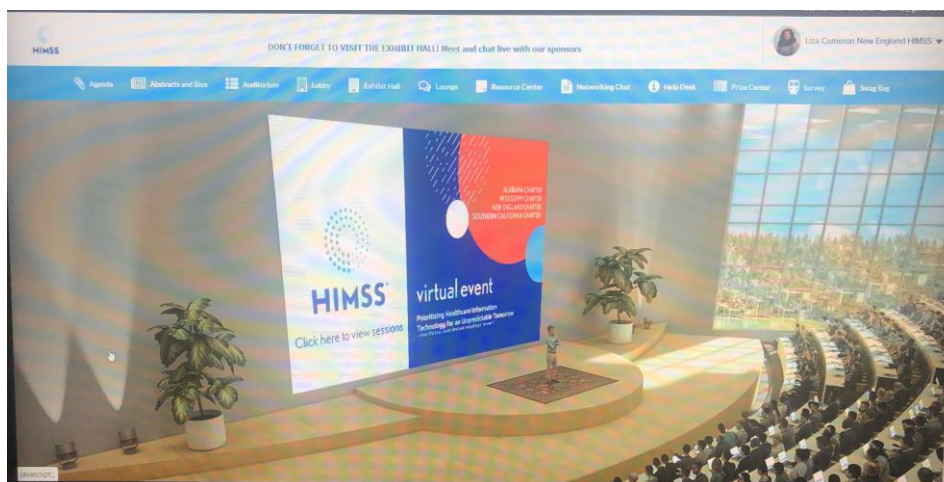
Our “First” Successful, Informative & FUN Virtual Collaboration Conference!

Prioritizing Healthcare Information Technology for an Unpredictable Tomorrow - From the East, South, West and everything in between!

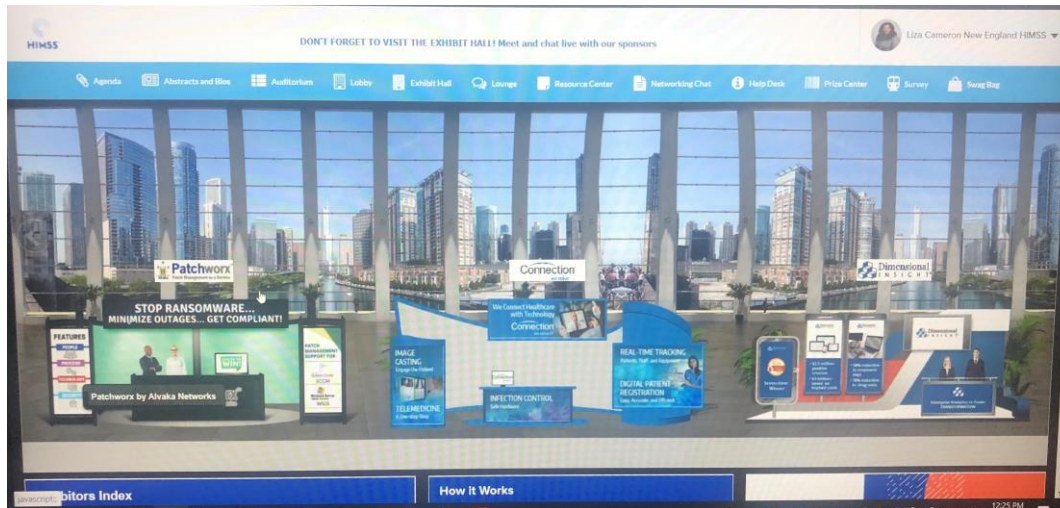
We hope you took an opportunity to participate in the New England, Alabama, Mississippi, and Southern California Chapters of HIMSS 1st Virtual Collaboration Conference! This interactive & fun virtual conference environment provided TONS of in-depth learning and networking opportunities! And not to mention FANTASTIC PRIZES!! Thanks to all who made our virtual conference a great success!



- Total Customer Registrations: **414**
- Total Customer Users that Logged In: **233**



- Opening Keynote – Transforming Health using Data in Indiana: The COVID Edition: **372 Views**
- Closing Keynote – Boston Hope Team - Building and Leading a COVID-19 Field Hospital: **97 Views**
- Post-event Happy Hour: **77 Registrants, 53 Attendees**



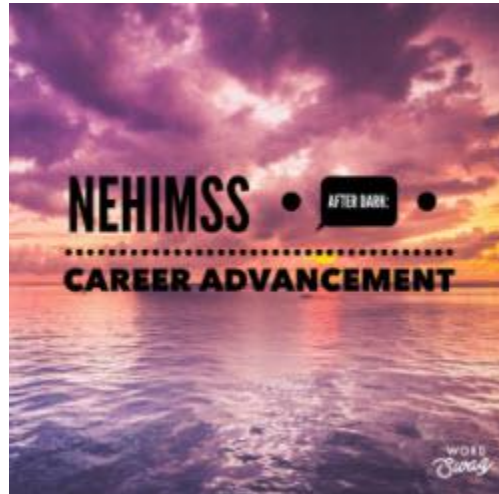
- Total Number of Sponsor Booth Visits: **3,801**
- Unique Individual Booth Visits: **2,168**

See what attendees thought about the event!

- Overall Conference satisfaction: **85.41% - Very or Highly Satisfied**
- Would you recommend this event? **100% Yes**
 - *Impressed with the collaboration by the various regional chapters.*
 - *I was skeptical that a virtual conference could be interesting, informative, and conducive for meeting new people and networking -- yet this conference was all of those things. Thank you!*
 - *I appreciate the opportunity to see the virtual conference platform. Our chapter was considering an in-person regional conference for next year, so maybe we will consider a virtual one instead. I don't know the approach of other platforms, but this is really cute! I like the look and function of the Lobby. It helped set the mindset that this is a conference and not just another set of webinars. Thank you and nice job!!*
 - *This was a very good conference. good information and networking for the price. Thank you*
 - *So glad I took the time off to attend. It was very smooth transitions and a lot of info in a short time, but very organized!!!*
 - *It was hard to stay focused and go from each talk with no structured break times.*

Don't forget, if you registered for this event all sessions will be available 30 days after the Live event.

NEW ENGLAND HIMSS AFTER DARK WR SERIES



For the past few years, the New England Chapter of HIMSS has brought together the chapter's previous Presidents to work together to better support the chapter's efforts. Until recently, those efforts, under the direction of Bob Dichter, President of the chapter 2003-2004, have focused predominately on keeping the Past Presidents active in the chapter, utilizing them to market chapter sponsored events, and specialized projects. But, the Past Presidents Club (PPC) has always felt it could offer more, so this 2020-2021 chapter year, the PPC established a goal to work on career advancement. This focus on career advancement included resume review, answering questions from members, career advancement networking events, and short-term mentorship. Starting in July, the PPC sponsored several evening virtual social events alongside the Student Activities, Membership, and Mentorship committees. The first "NEHIMSS After Dark Webinar Series" was held on July 23rd and its most recent was last month on October 22nd. In total, all three webinar events have been a hit and very informational for all careerists, those seeking a new job opportunity to those wanting to expand their network.

If you have any questions or looking for advice, feel free to email ppc.nehimss@gmail.com

If you missed any of these great events, have no fear, we've recorded them and have them up on our YouTube page.

NEHIMSS After Dark Webinar Series:

Career Advancement

Held on July 23, 5:00pm, EDT - 6:30pm, EDT

[Main Breakout Room](#)

[Provider Payer Breakout Room](#)

[Vendor/Consultant Breakout Room](#)

Career Transitions

Held on August 20, 5:00pm, EDT - 6:30pm, EDT

[Breakout Room In/Out of HIT](#)

[Breakout Room Into, Out of and Within Healthcare Technology](#)

[Breakout Room Transitions Within Healthcare Technology](#)

How to Get a Job

Held on October 22, 5:00pm, EDT -7:00pm, EDT

[Webinar](#)

MENTORSHIP SPOTLIGHT**MaineHealth Information Services Mentorship Program**

Kelly Gorham, Associate Systems Analyst, of MaineHealth Information Services shared with us that they currently have 14 mentor pairs and groups this year which consist of 39 total Mentorship Program participants. At this time, they are unable to highlight a specific pair as they just finalized their matching recently and participants have only just scheduled their introductory meetings. NE HIMSS will be highlighting a mentor pair in our next newsletter, as the connections will be much more established by that time. What an awesome experience to share!

Please stay tuned next time for our Mentorship Spotlight from the MaineHealth Mentorship Program.

Thanks Kelly and the teams at MaineHealth for taking part in the program!

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