

HIMSS Interoperability Showcase™ *Breaking Barriers to Interoperable Healthcare*

Held at HIMSS conferences at locations across the globe, HIMSS Interoperability Showcases™ are unique events where healthcare stakeholders come together to demonstrate the benefits of using standards-based interoperable health IT solutions for effective and secure health data information exchange.

Today's healthcare providers have many important and competing needs and goals. Whether the end goal is to be on a path of continuous improvement, to realize improved patient safety and outcomes, meeting meaningful use or other clinical reporting requirements, HIMSS Interoperability Showcases serve the healthcare community by promoting uptake of standards-based solutions that improve the potential for health information exchange between systems, providers, and organizations in order to optimize clinical care.

Use Case-focused Tours - HIMSS Interoperability Showcases allow visitors to see a clinical continuum of care, demonstrated through multiple clinically-accurate use case scenarios simulating healthcare environments such as Ambulatory, Hospital/Provider, Emergency, Chronic Care, Public Health and more. Showcase visitors witness firsthand how standards-based transactions bring clinical information from multiple care settings and systems together. These use cases also demonstrate how clinical work flow can be improved by decreasing duplicative entry of information.

Valuable Partnerships & Collaboration - HIMSS Interoperability Showcases demonstrate the important partnerships and collaborations between many relevant organizations including Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE), HL7, IEEE, Continua, the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), and other key stakeholders. By engaging these powerful forces, a HIMSS Interoperability Showcase becomes an all-inclusive demonstration of the current state of adoption of the standards-based solutions.

Global Initiatives - HIMSS Interoperability Showcases are hosted around the world, focusing on regional health information exchange issues. HIMSS will partner with IHE Europe from May 10 – 12, 2011 to deliver the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase at eHealth week in Budapest, Hungary featuring project HITCH. The Showcase will also be convened in Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 21 – 24, 2011.

Volunteer Engagement - HIMSS Interoperability Showcases are the ideal venue for individuals to become involved in breaking barriers to interoperable healthcare. There are opportunities year round for volunteers to inform solutions, provide expertise, and build relationships that deliver this innovative approach for interoperable solutions to healthcare communities worldwide.

Contact Us - For more information about the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase or to find out how you or your organization can get involved, contact Sandy Vance, Director Global Interoperability Showcases, at svance@himss.org or send an email to interoperabilityshowcase@himss.org.