



Alliance for Nursing Informatics
Governing Directors Town Hall
Tuesday, September 24 2013
2:00pm – 3:00pm central
Dial In: 866-469-3239
Access Code: 912-168-11

AGENDA

- I. **Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order** **Murphy/Westra**
- II. **Approval of Minutes – June 2013** **Murphy/Westra**
- III. **Activity Update**
 - a. ANI Connections *attachment* **Nicoll**
 - b. ANI Emerging Leader *attachment* **Greenwood**
 - c. Task Force on Consumer Engagement *attachments* **Hull/Roberts**
 - d. FCC Broad Band and Long Term Care Response **Alexander**
- IV. **Member Updates** **All**

Governing Directors are encouraged to provide member updates on major initiatives.
- V. **Other Business** **All**

September Engagement Updates & Opportunities for Action has been attached as a reference

Next meeting: November 15, 2013 (in person meeting held in conjunction with AMIA in Washington, DC 6:00-9:00 PM)



Alliance for Nursing Informatics
Governing Directors Town Hall Conference Call
Tuesday, June 25, 2013
3:00 PM (Eastern)/2:00 PM (Central)
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MINUTES

Present: AMIA –Meryl Bloomrosen, Karen Greenwood, Patti Dykes, Bonnie Westra*
ANIA – Charles Boicey
AONE – no rep present
AORN – Janice Kelly
AWHONN – Karen Peddicord
CNC – Sue Moorhead
Cerner—no rep present
CHIN – no rep present
CPM – Michelle Troseth
CroNIA – no rep present
DVNCN – no rep present
HINJ – no rep present
HIMSS – Christel Anderson, Judy Murphy*, Joyce Sensmeier, Mark Sugrue
IHTSDO – Judy Warren
INFO – no rep present
LOINC – no rep present
MEDITECH – Catherine Turner
MINING – Robin Austin
MNRS – Greg Alexander
NANDA – no rep present
NASN – no rep present
NCNA CONI – Kelly Wiseman
NENIC – Denise Goldsmith*
Omaha System – no rep present
ONS – no rep present
PSNI – Karen Curtis
SCINN – no rep present
SIS – no rep present
TNIA – no rep present
UNIN – Lori Maddox

Related Organizations and Other Partners

ANA – no rep present
CIN – Leslie Nicoll
Consumer eHealth Task Force – Susie Hull
Emerging Leaders – Sarah Collins

* indicates Steering Committee representative

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Bonnie Westra called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM and welcomed all.

II. Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2013

MOTION: Denise Goldsmith moved to accept the March 4, 2013 minutes as read. Janice Kelly seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

III. Approval of New Membership Application

Christel Anderson reviewed the new member application from the American Academy of Nursing Expert Panel on Information Technology. The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) sponsors 22 Expert Panels that cover key areas of nursing practice, education and research. Panels are comprised of AAN Fellows and utilize their critical knowledge, analytical skills and networks to review current research and issues within their field, to take action as appropriate in addressing these issues, and to make recommendations on projects and / or initiatives the Academy should undertake to transform health care policy and practice.

The AAN Expert Panel on Nursing Informatics and Technology gathers and disseminates health policy data and information and advises and represents the AAN on issues related to: health information management, implementation of informatics and technology through electronic health records, personal health records, patient safety initiatives, consumer and personal health, workforce issues and training, bioterrorism and biosurveillance, evidence-based practice, clinical decision support and other areas of concern related to the use of informatics and technology in nursing education, practice and research.

The membership application was reviewed by the ANI steering committee and has been unanimously approved for full membership and recommended as such to the governing directors.

MOTION: Judy Warren moved to accept the ANA Expert Panel on Nursing Informatics and Technology as a full member. Janice Kelly seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

ACTION: Christel Anderson and Karen Greenwood will work with ANA to onboard them as ANI members.

IV. Activity Update

ANI Connections Themes and Topic – Leslie Nicoll provided a brief update on ANI Connections. Leslie discussed articles in the pipeline and submission guidelines.

Emerging Leaders – Sarah Collins gave an update on her emerging leader project “Conceptual Framework for Hospital Governance to Advance Nursing Informatics and Innovation” noting she has been drafting a paper for JAMIA that she expects to submit next month. The paper delves into findings of the nursing informatics structure in hospital systems as well as implications for nursing workflow and interventions.

Susie Hull reported for Audrey Hirsh noting she has been blogging about reducing the burden of documentation. Audrey is working on an article for CIN and looking for additional opportunities to shadow ANI governing directors.

Steering Committee Election – Karen Greenwood reminded the governing directors that the deadline for voting in the steering committee election is Friday, June 28.

Innovator Profiles – Joyce Sensmeier provided an update on the Innovator Profiles noting she continues to develop profiles for each ANI member organization to increase awareness and visibility of ANI members and describe how the individual has contributed to a unified voice for nursing informatics. The most recent profile from AWHONN is live.

Engagement, Updates and Opportunities for Action – Meryl Bloomrosen reminded the group that an email policy update has been sent and reviewed the current list.

The directors specifically discussed the opportunity to comment on the Development of a Risk-Based Regulatory Framework and Strategy for Health Information Technology. ONC, FDA and FCC released a request for comments, asking for input on how to develop an appropriate, risk-based regulatory framework for health IT, including mobile medical applications, that promotes innovation, protects patient safety, and avoids regulatory duplication.

ACTION: Bonnie Westra and Judy Murphy will follow-up after the call and strategize about a potential response.

V. Member Updates

Bonnie introduced this section of the meeting noting it is designed for the governing directors to share information about their organizational activities.

AMIA – Patty Dykes reported on the AMIA annual symposium and the NIWG events including a tutorial on patient engagement and meaningful use, the annual networking event, the nursing year in review session by Jane Carrington and a presentation on the future of nursing from the RWJF. Patti also discussed the programming of the iHealth conference in January which focuses on applied clinical/operational informatics professionals.

ANIA—Charles Boicey reported on the ANIA webinar with KLAS in July as well as the availability of past webinars and conference materials on the website. Planning for the 2014 conference is underway as is the development of chapters.

AORN—Janice Kelly reported on the nursing informatics conference in conjunction with HIMSS in Chicago. They are also working on updating guidelines and documentations for perioperative nurses.

AWONN—Karen Peddicord reported on the perinatal nursing measures and encouraged governing directors to offer comments on the measures by visiting their website.

CNC—Sue Moorhead reported on their 10th Institute on Nursing Informatics and Classification on June 13-14 which will focus on nursing informatics and use of standardized language in clinical practice, research, and educational settings. Featured will be updates and discussion about Nursing Interventions Classification (NIC) and Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC).

CPM—Michelle Troseth talked about the finalization of an IRB on a national assessment on nurse executives and their perceptions on evidence based practice. The group has also been engaging on interprofessional education as it relates to coding and terminology. Michelle also gave an update on the TIGER Initiative Foundation noting they were updating the 2009 report. She reiterated how important it is to engage nurses at all levels in informatics to really advance practice. They are looking for exemplars and interested members should visit the website.

IHTSDO—Judy Warren provided an update on the use of SNOMED terms and the implementation showcase in Washington, DC.

MINING—Robin Austin reported on the MINING conference presentation from NeHC on patient engagement and consumer engagement. MINING is at a crossroads redefining itself and engaging members.

MNRS—Greg Alexander reported on their conference on building interprofessional partnerships through nursing informatics.

NCNA-CONI—Kelly Wiseman reported on their 20th anniversary meeting noting their membership had increased over 30% this past year! They are also planning on a CIN article and have submitted one of their members as nurse of the year in North Carolina. NCNA-CONI is also liaising with other nursing organizations in North Carolina to continue promoting the importance of nursing informatics.

NENIC—Denise Goldsmith reported on their 11th annual meeting on Making a Difference: Innovations in Implementations. She also talked about their upcoming strategic planning retreat. Mark Sugrue also noted the outstanding retrospective literature review in nursing informatics practice by Patti Dykes to bring members up to speed with the latest and greatest in nursing informatics research.

Judy Murphy also noted the ONC announcement at SINI for the Pressure Ulcer Prevention Mobile App Challenge Winners next month.

VI. Other Business

The next regular governing directors' town hall will be September 24 at 3:00pm Eastern/2:00 PM Central.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

To: ANI Steering Committee
 From: Leslie H. Nicoll, PhD, MBA, RN
 Editor-in-Chief, *CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing*
 Date: 3 September 2013
 Re: ANI Connections for CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing
 Articles “in the pipeline”

Color Coding:
 Gray: on hold/will not be using
 Peach: published
 Blue: status uncertain
 Red: urgent, due now or soon
 Green: in process
 Purple: pending/future

Article/Topic	Author/Contact Person	Status/Due	Notes	Scheduled
AMIA Conference Report	Krista Martin	Received	Published	January 2013
HIMSS Conference on Tap - Opportunities for Continuing Education at HIMSS13	Christel Anderson	Received	Published	February 2013
The Tiger Has Jumped Into the Virtual Learning Environment!	Sally Shlak	Received	Published	February 2013
Engaging Consumers in Health Information Technology: A Collaborative Event	Robin Austin et al.	Received	Published	March 2013
ANI Innovator Profile Series Kicks Off	Joyce Sensmeier	Received	Published	April 2013
The Power of Two	Elizabeth Evans and Christel Anderson	Received	Published	May 2013
Innovator Profile #1 (UNIN) – Holly Miller	Joyce Sensmeier	Received	Published	June 2013
The ONS Informatics Story	Elizabeth Evans	Received	Published	August 2013
Teaming Up for Better Care	Patricia Flatley Brennan	Received	Published	August 2013
Steering Committee Update	Karen Greenwood	Received	Being Published	September 2013
Scope and Standards Revision Work Revision of Code of Ethics	Carol Bickford	Received	Being Published	September 2013
Nurses Call to Action to Realize Shareable, Comparable Data	Joyce Sensmeier	Received	Being Published	September 2013
Interprofessional practice	Michelle Troseth	Due 8/15/2013 Michelle will send 9/3	Received 9/4	October 2013
Innovator Profile #2	Joyce Sensmeier		Susan working on (from website)	November 2013
NI 2014 update	Polun Chang	9/30/2013	Bonnie made contact	November 2013
Article about IMIA and Dr. Park’s vision as president elect	Peter Murray Dr. Park	10/30/2013	Bonnie will contact Peter and Dr. Park	December 2013
Consumer engagement	Robin Austin	11/15/2013		January

	Susie Hull			2014
		12/15/2013		February 2014
		01/15/2014		March 2014
Documentation and Standardized Terminology Across the Province of Alberta	Karen Martin and colleagues	02/15/2014		April 2014
		03/15/2014		May 2014
		04/15/2014		June 2014
		05/15/2014		July 2014
		06/15/2014		Aug 2014
		07/15/2014		Sep 2014
		08/15/2014		Oct 2014
		09/15/2014		Nov 2014
		10/15/2014		Dec 2014
AONE Local Partnership with NENIC OR Emerging Leader Handoff Project	Mark is bringing back to life Denise Goldsmith; ? Mary Kennedy	Due 9/15/13	Discussed on 5/15 and 9/3 call; Denise will follow up with Mark	
Patients Like Me (project) data collected via social media	Mark Sugrue		Discussed on 9/3 call; Denise will follow up with Mark	
Project within NASN	Katie Johnson Erin Maughan	Due 11/15/13	Discussed on 5/15 and 9/3 call; Bonnie will follow up	
Blue Button Mini-Series ABBBI Automated blue button	Susie Hull		Discussed 10/2 conf call; question if Robin Austin could help Susie get this finished. Leslie will contact	
Care coordination critical issue	Bonnie brought up Susie mentioned longitudinal care plans		Discussed 10/2 conf call; question if Robin Austin could help Susie get this finished. Leslie will contact	
Care coordination Asian countries OR Update on NI2014	Polun Chang		Bonnie will follow up with Polun	
Prescribing of apps – Social Rx – how do we prescribe a social rx? Can nurses prescribe apps? Haptique? Apptique?	Susie Hull		Discussed 10/2 conf call; question if Robin Austin could help Susie get this finished. Leslie will contact	
ONC new workgroup – regulating software (FDASIA)	Sort of on hold; Judy M. will think if there is some who can write about the process			
AWHONN – data collaboration and	Cathy Ivory (AWHONN)		Leslie has Cathy's	

staffing			email and will contact her	
The Tipping Point	Darryl Roberts (Carol Bickford is the contact)	By end of January	Has this been taken over by Big Data project?	
AACN – QSEN project	Tom Clancy (Bonnie Westra is contact)	Overdue	Discussed several times; Carol will reach out to Tom one more time, otherwise this is off the list	

About articles that are submitted:

The **ANI Connection** will appear monthly in the online version of *CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing*. Previously, **ANI Connection** encompassed four pages in each print issue (six times per year). Now, the **ANI Connection** will be published monthly (twelve times) which should provide more exposure to ANI.

Online publication is not as constricted by pages as print, thus the **ANI Connection** articles can be more flexible in terms of length.

Schedule: Articles for the issue two months in advance must be submitted by the 15th of the month. So, for example, the **ANI Connection** article for May 2013 must be submitted to the production team by March 15, 2013. Because the **ANI Connection** will be published monthly, an article must be submitted by the 15th of every month.

Process: The editorial office for *CIN* will keep a running list of articles that are “in the pipeline” for the **ANI Connection**. “In the pipeline” means that they have either been submitted or proposed. Leslie will share this list at the monthly conference call of the ANI Governing Directors as a standing agenda item. The group can review the list and identify which article will be submitted for the upcoming issue of the journal. The scheduling works well because the monthly call is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month which falls before the 15th, giving time for the article to have a final editing prior to submission.

Format: While length is no longer an issue, we still require articles to be submitted according to *CIN* submission guidelines. Please note the following:

- Format: Word document. Do not submit PDFs. Please double space and indent each paragraph with a tab (do not use the space bar). Do not overly format the article (fancy fonts, etc.).
- Title: Please include a title for the article. Descriptive is best.
- Author(s): Include the author’s name(s) and credentials as you would like them to appear in the journal.
- Abstract: **DO NOT INCLUDE**. ANI Connections articles do not have an abstract.
- References (if applicable): *CIN* uses AMA format (Style Manual of the American Medical Association, 10th edition). Please do not submit manuscripts with references in APA format. AMA uses superscripted numbers. The reference list is in numerical format according to the order of appearance of the references in the paper. If you have a reference list, the references must be cited in the text.
- Tables: Use the table feature in Word to create tables. Include them at the end of the manuscript. Tables should be single spaced.
- Figures, photographs: Attach as separate documents. Contact Susan at susan@medesk.com for details on format.

Submission: Please submit articles simultaneously to Leslie and Susan at: leslie@medesk.com and susan@medesk.com. It would be helpful if you could include ANI Connection in the subject line. Please include contact information (name, address, phone, email, fax) in the email message.

First distributed 1/8/2013

Updated: 1/28/2013

Updated: 2/5/2013

Updated: At HIMSS in March

Updated: 5/7/2013; revised after call 5/7/2013

Updated: 6/6/2013

Updated: 8/28/2013

Updated: 9/3/2013



ANI Nursing Informatics Emerging Leaders Program

The Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) is a collaboration of organizations that represent a unified voice for nursing informatics. ANI provides the synergy and structure needed to advance the efforts of nursing informatics professionals in leadership, practice, education, policy and research.

One of ANI's objectives is to identify leadership, provide mentorship, and encourage nursing informatics participation in national nursing informatics activities. As part of this objective, we support the ANI Nursing Informatics Emerging Leaders Program. The program enhances the leadership skills and competencies of individuals in the following key areas:

- Communication and networking
- Strategic planning
- Negotiation and persuasion
- Leading and managing change

The program identifies and develops emerging leaders in nursing informatics and involves them in a two-year program to learn about their own leadership potential, identify opportunities for professional growth, and gain knowledge and experience necessary to serve nursing informatics practice and/or policy. The ultimate goal of the program is to develop an individual capable of leading an informatics-related organization.

ANI will select two individuals to participate in the program. Components of the program include attending the ANI governing director meetings, participating at the AMIA Annual Symposium and the HIMSS conference, and completing a leadership project. The selected individuals are paired with a mentor for dialogue and coaching during the two-year program. Mentors are selected by a sub-set of the ANI governing directors based on the proposed leadership project and will provide feedback and guidance throughout the program.

Eligibility – The program is open to individuals who hold mid-level positions in informatics, working in health services organizations, public health organizations and systems, nursing education, or information system corporations. Applicants must be a member in good standing of one of the ANI member organizations and hold a Bachelor's or advanced degree, preferably in nursing. Ideal candidates will also have 3-5 years of experience in informatics.

Application – Interested individuals should complete the one page application (downloaded via the website at www.allianceni.org) and required attachments which include:

1. A resume/CV
2. A letter of support from your home institution that includes a statement supporting your participation in the program as well as endorsement of your leadership project. Individuals must be able to support the travel costs required to attend the annual events—these fees can be supported by you or your home institution. AMIA and HIMSS have agreed to waive the registration fees to attend the two annual events.
3. A description (up to two pages) of a topic of interest for a proposed leadership project. The description should contain the necessary elements to describe the project, what skills you hope to gain in being selected for the program, and how the project will help you become a leader in nursing informatics.

Selection – Individuals are selected by a task force appointed by the ANI governing directors and includes former program mentors and mentees, the ANI executive team, and ad hoc members from the governing directors. Individuals are selected for the program based on a demonstrated professional history of increasing leadership responsibility; who possess the potential to have a substantial impact on the field of nursing informatics through health care policy, health system innovations, informatics education, or informatics research; and have the ability to sustain involvement and devote the time for study and interaction in the program. The time commitment for activities are a few hours each month and are determined by the mentee/mentor pair. Activities include readings, e-mail, phone calls, in-person meetings etc. and vary widely on a monthly basis.

Program Components and Presentation – In addition to attending the ANI governing directors meetings, AMIA annual symposium and HIMSS conference, the individual will write an article for CIN on the program experience and will present the final project to the ANI governing directors held in conjunction with the AMIA annual symposium during the Fall of year two. The mentor and mentee will provide quarterly updates to the ANI governing directors on the progress of the program. The mentor and mentee will serve as a potential resource for the next incoming group of emerging leaders.

Application Deadline – October 31, 2013. Completed applications should be sent by e-mail to Karen Greenwood (Karen@amia.org). Applications will be reviewed in November and December and applicants will be notified of program status in January, 2014.



ANI Nursing Informatics Emerging Leaders Program APPLICATION FORM

Double clicking on the check box enables you to mark yes or no, click once to access the text box.

Applicant's Name:

Do you hold a mid-level position in informatics working in a health services organization, public health organization/system, nursing education association, or information systems corporation? Yes No

Do you have 3-5 years of experience in informatics? Yes No

Are you a member in good standing of an ANI organization? Yes No

Which one(s)?


Do you hold a current RN license? Yes No

Do you have a bachelor's or higher degree in nursing or a relevant field? Yes No

If not nursing, which field?

Verify attachments and check below

- Resume or CV
- A letter of support from your home institution that includes a statement supporting your participation in the program as well as endorsement of your leadership project. Individuals must be able to support the travel costs required to attend the annual events—these fees can be supported by you or your home institution. AMIA and HIMSS have agreed to waive the registration fees to attend the two annual events.
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It's Time to Ask for... your e-Health Record

The Alliance for Nursing Informatics includes 30 member organizations and more than 5,000 nurses

CHICAGO (Sept. 16, 2013) – The second year in a row, the [Alliance for Nursing Informatics](#) wants its members to ask for and access their personal health information as part of a collaborative effort to **Ask for Your e-Health Record**. During [National Health IT Week](#): September 16-20, all ANI organizations will join forces to ask their members, nurses and clinical colleagues to reach out for their own digital medical information. “Nurses know that e-health records help them provide the right information to the right people – especially patients and their families – at the point of care. To promote accessible e-health records, nurses like me should request a copy of our own record and, in turn, better manage our own health care” says Mary Wakefield, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

The [TEN Steps to Support the ANI eHealth Pledge](#) provides guidance taking the pledge and involving others in the week-long activities. This [pledge](#) for nurses is part of the Consumer Campaign, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), to involve and empower consumers in their health management through the use of information technology.

“This grassroots effort goes to the foundation of quality healthcare by asking nurses, who provide care to so many people in many different healthcare settings, to take the lead by requesting their personal health information,” says Bonnie Westra, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANI Co-chair. “By spreading the word to colleagues and consumers through the Ask for Your e-Health Record campaign, we can help educate the general public on the value of health IT by encouraging them to ask for their own patient health information.”

The Ask for Your e-Health Record campaign is a social media campaign designed to encourage conversations, raise awareness and accelerate the overall interest in the pledge and related activities. “Nurses’ participation is crucial to this campaign because they touch every



kind of patient seen in every venue of care and have traditionally served a patient advocacy role. So when nurses get experience in managing their own health using IT, they can share their firsthand experience and knowledge with the patients and families they serve, and a big impact could quickly be made” says Judy Murphy, RN, FACMI, FHIMSS, FAAN, ANI co-chair deputy national coordinator for programs and policies at ONC.

For more information,

- Download [ANI’s pledge](#) to support the ONC’s Consumer Health eProgram;
- Take the pledge on [ANI’s eHealth Facebook](#) page; or
- Follow the discussion on Twitter at #Ask4YourRecord.

The Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI), cosponsored by AMIA & HIMSS, advances nursing informatics leadership, practice, education, policy and research through a unified voice of nursing informatics organizations. We transform health and healthcare through nursing informatics and innovation. ANI is a collaboration of organizations that represents more than 5,000 nurse informaticists and brings together 30 distinct nursing informatics groups globally. ANI crosses academia, practice, industry, and nursing specialty boundaries and works in collaboration with the more than 3 million nurses in practice today. Visit the [ANI website](#) for more information.

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[About AMIA](#)

AMIA is the professional home of leading informaticians: clinicians, scientists, researchers, educators, students, and other informatics professionals who rely on data to connect people, information, and technology.

AMIA is the center of action for more than 4,000 health care professionals, informatics researchers, and thought-leaders in biomedicine, health care and science. AMIA is an unbiased, authoritative source within the informatics community and the health care industry. AMIA and its members are transforming healthcare through trusted science, education, and practice in biomedical and health informatics.



About HIMSS

HIMSS is a global, cause-based, not-for-profit organization focused on better health through information technology (IT). HIMSS leads efforts to optimize health engagements and care outcomes using information technology.

HIMSS is a part of HIMSS WorldWide, a cause-based, global enterprise producing health IT thought leadership, education, events, market research and media services around the world. Founded in 1961, HIMSS WorldWide encompasses more than 52,000 individuals, of which more than two-thirds work in healthcare provider, governmental and not-for-profit organizations across the globe, plus over 600 corporations and 250 not-for-profit partner organizations, that share this cause. HIMSS WorldWide, headquartered in Chicago, serves the global health IT community with additional offices in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

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For more information, contact:

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TEN Steps to Support the ANI eHealth Pledge

1. **Take the ANI Consumer e-Health Pledge** Post a comment, “Like” our ANI Facebook Page, share an experience.
2. Encourage your members to explore the **updated ANI Consumer e-Health Toolkit**
3. Invite your **executive leaders to proclaim your organization’s participation in ANI’s** “Ask for your e-Health Record Week”.
4. **Distribute the ANI Consumer e-Health Pulse Survey** to your organization during this week. Collective ANI survey responses will be promoted through our social media campaign.
5. **Use social media outlets to promote the campaign.** Post a blog, Tweet, chatter, highlighting your organization’s activities on your existing Facebook account, website, and other digital media outlets.



#Ask4YourRecord and include the **ANI Pledge link** in your Tweets



Facebook

[Visit the ANI eHealth Pledge on Facebook](#)



LinkedIn

6. **Reach out to your organization’s circle of friends**, and grow activities on their social networking sites, including the opportunity to be a guest blogger.
7. **Watch the Consumer Health IT Summit** on Monday, September 16, 2013. Live streaming! Join others in the ONC Pledge community, including ANI and ANA members, and hear about progress in public and private sector efforts to make health information easily available to consumers.
8. **Distribute a news release.** The **ANI Press Release** can be sent as is, or customized, to your local healthcare and IT reporters, editors, and broadcast producers. Add your organization’s logo next to the ANI logo - show that this is a broad scale effort to engage ourselves as professionals and consumers in e-health.
9. **Share the ONC’s Video for Consumers with your membership.** “Health IT for You” is a new, short animated video for consumers explains how widespread adoption of EHRs and HIT is giving our health care system a 21st century upgrade **[Watch the video](#)**
10. **Make the effort personal.** Gain experience with Viewing, Downloading and Transmitting you’re your own health record to a PHR or other 3rd party, and join other nurses as advocates.

Nurses are the most-trusted health professionals and have a long history of patient advocacy. We expect nurses to have a significant impact on consumer participation in Health IT to increase use of Personal Health Records and Patient Portals from 10% today to over 25% in the next 2 years. *ANI Pledge to Support ONC Consumer eHealth Program* www.allianceni.org/programs.asp#consumer



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Engagement Updates and Opportunities for Action
September 2013**

CMS and ONC Release Strategic Plan for HIE

On August 7, 2013, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) released their Strategy and Principles to Accelerate HIE. The plan outlines comments received from the RFI, recent actions to enhance HIE, and a statement of intent going forward. http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/acceleratinghieprinciples_strategy.pdf

CMS Issues Final IPPS Rule

On Friday, August 2, 2013, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the issuance of its Final Rule on Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS); Acute Care Hospitals and the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2014. According to CMS, the rule seeks “to improve the value and quality of care for patients who use Medicare and offers clearer payment guidelines to help providers determine when to bill Medicare Part A for different hospital admission.”

The rule simplifies the quality reporting process for healthcare providers and establishes final measures for programs such as the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program and the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing program.

<http://www.ofr.gov/%28X%281%29S%283ppj5leghy2x4alwt01pvg0t%29%29/inspection.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

CMS CMMI Health Care Innovation Awards Round Two

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a Funding Opportunity Announcement for round two of the Health Care Innovation Awards. Under this announcement, CMS will spend up to \$1 billion for awards and evaluation of projects from across the country that test new payment and service delivery models that will deliver better care and lower costs for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees.

In this round, CMS specifically seeks new payment models to support the service delivery models funded by this initiative. All applicants must submit, as part of their application, the *design* of a payment model that is consistent with the new service delivery model that they propose.

<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Health-Care-Innovation-Awards/Round-2.html>

FDA Issues List of Standards for Medical Devices and HIT Interoperability

On August 2, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a list of recognized standards for medical device and health information technology interoperability. The listed standards, known as “FDA recognized consensus standards,” are used in premarket submissions of medical devices and technologies to the FDA. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-06/pdf/2013-19020.pdf>



FDA Releases Guidance on Radio Frequency Wireless Technology in Medical Devices

On August 13th, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Radio Frequency Wireless Technology in Medical Devices to address specific considerations related to the incorporation and integration of radio frequency (RF) wireless technology in medical devices.

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm077210.htm>

ONC - Mostashari Announces Plans to Step Down

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, Secretary of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Kathleen Sebelius sent an email to HHS staff announcing that National Coordinator for Health IT Farzad Mostashari, MD, has decided to leave government service in the fall.

ONC Meaningful Use Workgroup Releases Stage 3 Recommendations

On August 16th, the Meaningful Use Workgroup presented recommendations to the Health IT Policy Committee. Scheduled for 2016 to 2017, these Stage 3 recommendations would build on the foundation of Stages 1 and 2 to improve patient outcomes. The Workgroup identified three areas that Stage 3 should encompass:

- 1) Focusing on health and care outcomes
- 2) Using electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) to measure identified care outcomes
- 3) Incorporating functional deeming as an option for Stage 3 compliance

Specific stage 3 objectives recommended included:

- Tracking more than 50 percent of medication orders electronically
- Providing the ability to electronically submit patient-generated data
- Tracking medical devices on 80 percent of implant patients
- Ensuring EHRs can assist with follow-up orders and identify potentially appropriate clinical trials
- Sending electronic notifications to a patient's primary care provider or other member of the care team following a significant healthcare event (such as emergency department admission)

These recommendations are not finalized, and the Workgroup will meet again in September to present further and amended recommendations.

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