

Message from Our Chapter President



Chapter President

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Welcome to our third Greater Houston HIMSS Newsletter. Each month we plan to provide our HIMSS members with a written update on all activities we have plan for the coming year.

Membership: As of today, we have about 1,437 local members including 3 Life Fellows, 7 Fellows, 2 Senior Members, 68 certified members, 52 MDs and 75 Nurses. However, there are 995 local members that have not indication of any HIMSS advancement or college degree in their personal national HIMSS database.

As a HIMSS member, you have shown an interest in impacting the future of healthcare technology. Did you know that HIMSS offers advanced membership to recognize your contributions to the healthcare IT industry?

The five letters that signify a HIMSS Fellow—FHIMSS—indicates a professional who is actively taking a leadership role in advancing healthcare IT at the national level. No matter where one is in his or her career, obtaining the membership status of Fellow is a clear statement of commitment to and impact on the healthcare IT industry. Fellow status also accelerates advancement within HIMSS—for example, it is almost a pre-requisite for Board members. Many members don't realize that they qualify for Fellow status until they apply. I would encourage our local members who have been involved with HIMSS by going to the [Member Advancement website](https://www.himss.org/professional-development/member-advancement) at <https://www.himss.org/professional-development/member-advancement>

One nice advantage of becoming a HIMSS Life Member is that you never have to pay national HIMSS dues again and you get to register for the National Global HIMSS conference for free each year. Since I just became a "**Life Fellow**" this month, this means I just saved almost \$1,000 in Membership and registration fees for 2019 and the same \$1,000 yearly savings as long as I am active in HIMSS. Yes, it did take 30 years to become a life member, but it was worth it.

HOUSTON WINS CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

I am pleased to officially announce that the Houston HIMSS chapter won the Medium chapter of the year award for fiscal year 2018! This recognition goes to a chapter which contributes to health information and technology centered events, education, and community initiatives. Some of our key chapter accomplishments were as follows:

1. Hosting monthly local/regional educational events to HIMSS members and non-members
2. Hosting professional networking events to mature cross industry collaboration
3. Increase membership growth by 10% and managing a balanced budget
4. Leading the Texas Regional HIMSS conference
5. Developing a collaboration with the Texas Medical Center's Accelerator program to drive innovation within the Houston Healthcare industry
6. Hosting our first Healthcare CIO Forum at Minute Maid Park
7. Providing scholarships to students enrolled in Health Informatics
8. Advocating for healthcare innovation at Texas' state capital

The official press release from HIMSS is here: <https://www.himssconference.org/updates/chapters-himss-celebrating-outstanding-accomplishments>

The award will be presented at the 2019 HIMSS National Conference in Orlando during their awards gala. Please notify me if you will be attending the HIMSS gala. We appreciate your continued support and could not achieve this recognition without your involvement.



**Deepak Chaudhry, MSIS,
CPHIMS, ITIL**
Consulting Director,
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**Houston HIMSS
Past President and
President Elect**

Messages from your Board and Committee Chairs



Duke Rohe, LHIMSS
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Director, Programs and Local Events

Our goal is to continue to enhance the quality of programs and education activities, in keeping with the HIMSS mission to educate Health IT professionals.

We are **currently looking for several speakers** for our upcoming local events, including speaker abstracts on:

- **Accountable Care and Population Health (6 Speakers)**
- **New Innovations in Healthcare – Digital Health and Medical Devices (6 Speakers)**

To submit a speaking abstract, go to our web site <http://houston.himsschapter.org/> and then select, "Events and Education" tab at the top of the page.



Joseph Kunisch, PhD, RN-BC, CPHQ
Enterprise Director of Clinical
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HIT Advocacy Days

Come and join fellow healthcare technology professionals as we advocate to create safer and more efficient healthcare systems through the use of technology. We'll kick off Texas Health IT Day activities on Wednesday evening at the iconic Stephen F. Austin Hotel with a networking social and training. Thursday will include morning visits with Texas legislators and their staff where we will introduce, educate, and discuss important topics. In the afternoon, we will hear from keynote speakers and will wrap up with panel presentations on key Texas issues.

Join us and participate in talks, walks, calls and planning that include everything from meetings with our legislators to helping with programs and social outreach. We look forward to having you and your colleagues join us for a productive day in our state's capitol. As a HIT Professional and Texas citizen, your role in Advocacy will be to educate and advocate for critical important issues.

To find out more information. Contact Joe at Joseph.Kunisch@memorialhermann.org or view our web site at: <http://houston.himsschapter.org/event/hit-advocacy-day>

To register for the event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-hit-advocacy-day-2018-the-road-to-austin-tickets-52357387355>

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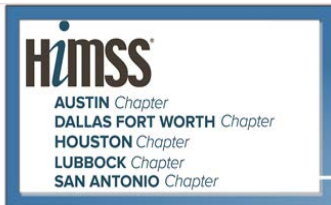
ACO & Population Health Summit - Co-Chair

The Houston HIMSS Board is currently in the planning stages for the first annual Value-Based Care Summit, coming in May 2019.

The Houston HIMSS ACO and Population Health Summit goal is to bring together healthcare executives for collaboration and will focus on topics of care-coordination, improving provider communication and collaboration, evolving demand for digital content, best practices for reducing and preventing hospital admissions and readmissions, improving patient outcomes, government regulation and much more.

If you are interested in speaking at the ACO and Population Health Conference, please submit a speaking abstract by going to the Houston HIMSS web site <http://houston.himsschapter.org/> and then select, "Events and Education" tab at the top of the page.

2019 TEXAS REGIONAL HIMSS CONFERENCE



The 2019 Texas Regional HIMSS Conference will be held March 25-26, 2019 in Austin, Texas. This is our 11th year for this exciting conference that brings together over 700 health IT professionals, clinicians, executives and vendors from around the state of Texas that focus on new innovations, opportunities and progressive solutions to improve healthcare technology. Exceptional education, world-class speakers, cutting-edge health IT products and powerful networking opportunities are hallmarks of this Texas flavored conference.

- Located in Austin next year at the [Renaissance Hotel](#) on March 25th-26th, 2019.
- Reservation link on the 2019 TX Regional HIMSS site is listed below:

<https://www.cvent.com/events/2019-texas-regional-himss-conference/registration-e7d76388f9c049778aa7e5c56584fb0e.aspx?fqp=true>

2019 Global HIMSS Annual Conference

HIMSS19, the National Conference and Expo will be held February 11-15, 2019 in Orlando, Florida. <http://2019.himss-conference.com/>

Texas Networking Event at #HIMSS19 has been moved to Monday, February 11th at [Howl at the Moon](#) in Orlando, FL

- This networking event is a terrific way to connect with your fellow Texas chapter members to share ideas and best practices
- Join us for appetizers, drinks and vendor prizes
- Make plans to connect with your fellow Texas chapter members to share ideas and best practices



Regina Wysocki
Clinical Informatics Specialist
Texas Children's Hospital

Messages from your Board and Committee Chairs



Juliana Brixey
Associate Professor
UT Health Science Center at
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Academic and Student Liaison

HIMSS Houston Chapter Support of US Military and National Guard

The HIMSS Houston Chapter would like to recognize and support individuals who are serving or who have served in the US Military or National Guard. Up to 10 Houston HIMSS Chapter paid memberships will be available during this fiscal year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). To be considered for the paid HIMSS Houston Chapter membership, the individual must have engaged in active duty, reserve, or National Guard in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard.

Submit a letter of request to jjbrixey@gmail.com

*Note: Any discharge that is other than honorable **will not be reviewed.***

HOUSTON CHAPTER OF HIMSS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE: Provide cash scholarship(s) to students demonstrating academic excellence and leadership potential in healthcare IT and related fields. Scholarships are financial awards that do not need to be repaid.

AMOUNT: Up to three scholarships will be awarded each fiscal year July 1 - June 30.

**ACCEPT APPLICATIONS: January 1, 2019 and the DEADLINE is 5:00 PM (CT):
March 1, 2019**

Submit applications by email to: jjbrixey@gmail.com



Luis Oliveira, MBA, PMP
Sr. Project Manager,
Enterprise IT
UT Health Science Center

Director, Marketing and Communications

Luis has been busy updating the Houston HIMSS web site so that we can provide more-timely and though provoking information and knowledge for our Members. Specially:

- Sponsors page and logos on the main page were updated
- Past events have presentations that can be downloaded
- Upcoming changes
 - Invitation for abstracts
 - Will be online by early November
 - HIMSS Regional Conference call for speakers
 - Our upcoming events are being added
 - Knowledge library (KL)
 - Will have relevant articles submitted by members and board members.
 - There will be a form to submit papers to the KL.
 - Submissions will be routed to Carlos Aldana for review and approval. Only articles approved will be posted.
 - Membership page
 - Entry on main page (“Join HIMSS”) with link to separate page
 - Highlight how to join and membership benefits
 - Present membership statistics (current number x target, distribution, etc.)

TMCx ASSOCIATED - INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT



VALHALLA HEALTHCARE

For decades, the healthcare system has remained unchanged; unfortunately, the status quo of today no longer meets the demands of tomorrow. To truly meet the needs of healthcare consumers, we propose the inevitable: scrap the system as a whole and start from the very beginning.

We're a team of providers and data scientists on a mission to leverage advances in **artificial intelligence** and **machine learning** technology to deliver the affordable, accessible, and effective healthcare everyone deserves.

HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT



**Teresa Tonthat, Chief Information Security Officer,
Texas Children's Hospital**

Teresa Tonthat serves as the Chief Information Security Officer for Texas Children's, the largest children's hospital in the United States recognized for pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and research. Tonthat has more than 17 years of experience in information security, information technology audit, compliance, and cyber risk. She is responsible for providing information security executive leadership and establishing long-term security strategy, assessing cyber risk, emerging threats, and developing value-added security capabilities for the organization.

Tonthat joined Texas Children's in January 2018 and is a results-oriented leader who drives high quality, innovative, and effective enterprise solutions to strategically support the organization while maintaining acceptable levels of risk. Prior to joining Texas Children's, Tonthat was responsible for information security at Halliburton. Under her leadership, a multi-national global security team was focused on mitigating cyber risk within the digital oilfield operations in over 80 countries.

Tonthat holds a Bachelor degree in Management Information Systems from Louisiana State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from The University of Houston. She serves on various information security executive councils such as the American Petroleum Institute (API), Oil and Gas Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ONG-ISAC), Healthcare Information Sharing and Analysis Center (HC-ISAC), eHealth Initiative (eHI) Advisory Board, Symantec Advisory Board, Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), and Association for Executives in Healthcare Information Security (AEHIS) which is a part of the College of Health Information Management Executives (CHIME). Tonthat enjoys learning and getting immersed into the operations at Texas Children's, while spending time educating people on security and risks to collectively help enable the organization to meet its mission.

Teresa enjoys spending time with her husband and three young kids. She's travelled to every continent, with the exception of Antarctica. In her spare time, she enjoys taking mini-weekend getaway trips with her husband to check off all the great restaurants on their foodie bucket-list.