

# HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *UPDATE* October 2015



## Hawai'i HIE and AHEC host record attendance at 2015 Health Workforce and Health IT Summit

The importance of a statewide Health Information Exchange was evident Sept. 19, with 500+ providers and staff giving up their Saturday to attend the *Hawai'i Health Workforce and IT Summit*, held at the Sheraton Hotel & Resort.

Stakeholders from hospitals, clinics, IPAs, payers, pharmacies, the Neighbor Islands, state government and many others were welcomed by

Senator Josh Green, MD, who gave an update on Hawai'i's health care legislation.

Christine Sakuda, executive director of the Hawai'i HIE, proudly announced seven major breakthroughs in the past year. Each one will help providers to increase efficiency, reduce costs and improve patient care.

"Last year, we promised a Community Health Record of secure, online patient data that providers could access. This year, we're delivering on that promise; the

CHR is now live!" Sakuda said. "The CHR enables different providers, using different EMR systems, to utilize a

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Sen. Josh Green, MD, introduces Hawai'i Director of Health Virginia Pressler, MD, during the Summit's morning plenary.

## 2015 Health IT Leader Dr. Stephen Miyasato

For his leadership in helping to transform health care in Hawai'i through the electronic exchange and management of patient information, Stephen Miyasato, MD, has won the Hawai'i Health Information Exchange's Health IT Leader Award for 2015.

An internist in Aiea affiliated with



Christine Sakuda, Hawai'i HIE executive director, with Dr. Stephen Miyasato at *Honolulu* magazine's "Top Doctors in Hawai'i" celebration Sept. 10 at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

## The Community Health Record is LIVE!

Hawai'i health care providers, frustrated by the tangled web of electronic health IT systems used by different hospitals, providers, payers, labs and others have patiently awaited the arrival of a single, secure, consolidated source of patient information.

Now, providers have that source – right at their fingertips, whenever and wherever they need it – with the rollout of the Community Health Record.

"The Hawai'i HIE recognizes the need for providers to spend more time with patients and less time chasing down patient records, uploading data to multiple systems, and keeping up with changes to health IT and quality measures," said Francis Chan, Hawai'i HIE's Director of HIE Services.

With the Community Health Record, providers and designated staff who have registered and been trained on

Health eNet are now able to view patient information, including laboratory results and hospital clinical data.

Today, the CHR has more than 101 participating organizations, 429 providers and 656 staff with almost real-time access to the clinical data of 930,000+ unique patients and 16 million+ records statewide.

"We're proud to get the CHR up and running, but our work isn't done yet. We're also training providers in the Queen's Clinically Integrated Physician Network on an integrated CHR and referral management tool across multiple EMRs," said Chan.

He adds, "When all providers on every Hawaiian island are contributing and accessing patient information securely, we will significantly improve the delivery of care in our state, with substantial reductions in cost."

Kuakini, Pali Momi, and Queen's, Dr. Miyasato was honored at *Honolulu* magazine's "Top Docs" event Sept. 10.

Dr. Miyasato was chosen for his pioneering efforts to 1) adopt health IT, 2) successfully introduce it to health systems and other providers, 3) experience first-hand the

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single source of consolidated patient info – whenever and wherever they need it.”

Many years of hard work to create a Hawai'i-based HIE are paying off, with the number of partnerships reaching an all-time high. Sakuda announced



new data-sharing agreements with HMSA and Hawai'i Health Systems Corp., a contract with the Queen's Clinically Integrated Physician Network, an immunization registry with the state Department of Health, and



the continuation of the successful Pharm2Pharm medication management program with UH Hilo School of Pharmacy.

“We truly appreciate the collaboration with our Summit co-sponsor, JABSOM's Area Health Education Center, for helping to make this event a wonderful success,” Sakuda added.

Hawai'i HIE has also strengthened its relationships with Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Clinical Laboratories of Hawai'i, and other stakeholders.

“Our Health eNet is now able to access more than 17 million records of 930,000 unique patients from all islands,” Sakuda added. “This impacts encounters, results, medications, referrals – you name it. But it really works best when all providers get involved, so sign up now!”

\*View presentations from the 2015 Health IT Summit at [www.HawaiiHIE.org](http://www.HawaiiHIE.org)



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positive impact on care coordination and delivery, and 4) advocate for more providers and systems to get online.

“Dr. Miyasato has always been at the cutting edge of technology and using health IT to securely move patient data from one office to another,” said Christine Sakuda of the Hawai'i HIE. “Thanks to his work, more and more providers across the state can now exchange patient data.”

Dr. Miyasato said, “When a patient comes in after a hospital stay, by using Health eNet, I am able to access the hospital notes to know exactly what procedures were done, what types of medications the patient received, and other vital information. I no longer have to rely on what the patient remembers.”



Christine Sakuda, Dr. Stephen Miyasato, and “Top Doc” Nadine Tenn Salle, MD, also a Health IT leader in Hawai'i.

He added, “When I refer a patient to a specialist, the exchange of clinical data lets me know if my patient actually made the follow-up visit with the specialist, and I can receive consult notes from the referral. These things would not have been possible before Health eNet. I encourage other Hawai'i providers to get online!”

Sakuda recognized another health IT leader, Nadine Tenn Salle, MD, also a *Honolulu Top Doc*.

“Thanks to Dr. Salle's leadership, more than 95% of Oahu IPA members are using electronic health records, and 100% of Maui IPA members use an electronic health record system!”