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Save the Date for “Interconnected Health 2012”

April 2-4, 2012 in Chicago

Needham, MA, USA and Ann Arbor, MI, USA and Chicago USA – December 1, 2011 – OMG[®], Health Level Seven[®] International (HL7), and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), today announced “Interconnected Health 2012: *Enabling Health through High-Impact IT.*” The event will focus on approaches, challenges, and solutions affecting the ability to connect health organizations and systems, and the role of IT as an enabler in achieving this connectivity. Geared toward the CxO suite and senior leaders within healthcare organizations, *Interconnected Health* provides a venue to hear what peer organizations are doing (both within the US and abroad), to exchange ideas, and to interact with peers who are leaders in this space. For more information on the conference, which will be held at the Hyatt Regency O’Hare in Chicago, IL on April 2-4, 2012, visit <http://www.omg.org/interhealth>.

“‘Interconnecting Health’ is a theme that continues to come up, not just within the US, but globally. Creating those mechanisms to allow for health organizations to coordinate, collaborate, and effectively share information is of paramount importance for care management, care delivery, and wellness promotion. This event will provide a place for this community to come together to share ideas, best practices, and experiences,” said Ken Rubin, Chief Architect, Federal Healthcare Portfolio, HP Enterprise Services and Robert Lario, Principal, Visumpoint, co-chairs, Healthcare DTF at OMG.

“HL7 is proud to be part of this event and to share best practices and insights in implementing its standards and other ONC selected standards and implementation specifications,” said John Quinn, CTO of HL7. “We look forward to the U.S. moving towards implementing meaningful use stage 2 interim final rules that will be published in the summer of 2012.”

“Facilitating the future of secure and seamless healthcare interoperability is one of HIMSS’ top priorities,” said Jim St.Clair, Senior Director, Interoperability and Standards, HIMSS. “We are proud to participate in this event and share insights and experiences with the healthcare community.”

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About the Conference

Interconnected Health 2012 will feature several tracks including:

- A HIMSS track
- An Implementation Track, focused on use of health IT and organizational adoption
- An Infrastructure Track, including cloud computing, integrated infrastructure and availability
- A SOA Track, looking at business services, shared services and architecture
- A Global Case Studies Track, emphasizing implementation experiences and challenges
- An Incremental Innovation Track, examining approaches to achieving innovation recognizing financial, cultural and technological constraints

Other presentations will focus on taking examples of success from other industries and applying those lessons to health. The Call for Participation for the Interconnected Health 2012 conference will be issued shortly. For conference information, visit <http://www.omg.org/interhealth>. Interconnected Health evolved from the highly successful [SOA in Healthcare](#) conference.

More Information

Exhibit space is available, for more information email marketing@omg.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available; contact Ken Berk at ken.berk@omg.org or +1-781-444 0404.

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About HIMSS

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