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## SOUTH FLORIDA Chapter

### President's Message



### Hello South Florida HIMSS Members!

Welcome to the South Florida chapter of Health Information and Management Systems Society (SFLHIMSS) the premier Health IT organization in South Florida, here to proudly serve you and all of your Health IT needs. My name is Oscar E Perez, and I am the new SFLHIMSS President for the next 2 years. I am also the Vice President for Memorial Healthcare System, a world class healthcare system in South Broward. I would first like to start by thanking Pua Cooper for serving wonderfully as president for the past two years, and building on the great legacies before her. They are big shoes to fill but with the support of our great board members, we look to continue to build up on that success. South Florida HIMSS is an active and lively chapter that boasts over 1,500 members and provides valuable Health IT educational content throughout the year to help all of you stay current, network with your peers, and help with the digital transformation of Healthcare in South Florida.

Our goal is to ensure that you always feel well-informed on all Health IT topics that impact your respective areas of interest and responsibility. We have done this by providing events throughout the years that bring speakers and content from all over, and this year will be no different! We are proud to provide a strong line up of events each year, beginning with our signature event coming up on September 24, 2019. This event is our South Florida HIMSS Integrate Conference, featuring compelling healthcare IT educational topics. With 400+ healthcare professionals in attendance, you can participate in sessions discussing the latest industry topics, as well as collaborate with leading industry solution providers. Don't forget to register today, as the conference is less than 2 weeks away.

Our South Florida HIMSS chapter provides many wonderful opportunities to volunteer and help influence how technology is used to positively transform healthcare in our own backyard. For those of you who are new to the HIT industry, getting involved with this team is also a great way to network with seasoned professionals who can help you as you begin your exciting career. For those that are seasoned HIT veterans, getting involved is also a great way to give back. We have many committees that would love to have you. To see what is available, visit our webpage South Florida Chapter of HIMSS - Get Involved.

As your 2019-2021 Chapter President, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and

programs and hear from you on how we can serve you better.

Thank you!

Oscar Perez  
President, Southern Florida HIMSS Chapter



2019 **INTEGRATE** Where Healthcare IT and Finance Converge Powered by: HIMSS South Florida Chapter

9<sup>th</sup> Annual IntegrateTe Conference  
September 24, 2019 | Signature Grand, Davie, Florida

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# REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Please join us at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual IntegrateTe Conference, taking place on September 24, 2019 at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida. This year, the IntegrateTe conference coincides with National Health IT week, which runs from September 23-27, 2019. The 2019 edition of IntegrateTe will feature topics depicted in engaging success stories told by thought leaders forging innovation and paving the way to a new healthcare delivery model. We are excited to announce the keynote speaker this year is **Marc Probst, Chief Information Officer and Vice President of Intermountain Healthcare**. Mr. Probst is nationally recognized as a CIO and served on the Federal Healthcare Information Technology Policy Committee. Additionally, we would like to highlight two other distinguished speakers, **Secretary Mary C. Mayhew** of the Agency for Healthcare Administration, and **Senator Gayle Harrell**, a member of the Florida Senate. As in years past, we look forward to a successful event and to seeing you all there!

More information can be found at <http://sflhimssintegrate.com/>.



**Marc Probst**  
CIO and Vice President  
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welcome  
to our newest members!

The SFLHIMSS Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest Chapter members! We look forward to seeing you at our future events to get to know other members, as well as gaining valuable information about Health IT via email, newsletters, [SFLHIMSS website](#) and Social Media. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

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## Next Orientation Webinar: November 19th from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

New members will be receiving a personal email invite participate

Any member is welcome to join

[Click Here to Join Webinar](#)

Dial in (646) 558-8656

Conference Code: 3058085062



## South Florida Board Strategic Planning Session

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the South Florida HIMSS Board got together to welcome the new South Florida Board members and some existing members into new roles. We also had a great planning session and discussion about our goals for 2019/2020 for Programming, Education, Membership, Sponsorship, Communication and Advocacy. We have a very exciting year ahead of us and we look forward to having you as part of this journey! Hope to see you at our upcoming SFLHIMSS events.



U.S. National Health IT Week is a nationwide action week focused on catalyzing change within the U.S. health system through the application of information and technology. Founded by HIMSS and the Institute for e-Policy in 2006, the weeklong celebration comprises partner-driven activities and events led by the efforts of national health stakeholders. Participants include the administration; congressional, federal and state agencies; providers; non-profit organizations and more. In Washington, DC and beyond, stakeholders collaborate toward actionable outcomes that demonstrate the power that information and technology have to transform health in the U.S. and around the globe.

### 2019 Theme and Point of Engagement

The 2019 U.S. National Health IT Week theme will focus on **Supporting Healthy Communities**.

- Advancing Public and Population Health
- Modernizing the Public Health Infrastructure
- Accelerating Workforce Development
- Expanding Access to Broadband and Telehealth
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health

## Ideas for Your Organization to Participate in NHIT Week

### Healthcare Providers

- Educate hospital staff on how integral IT is in everything they're doing, showcase different departments and integration
- Create awareness in the community- educate patients on how they can better leverage IT and the benefits
- Internal recognition events, facility tours with stakeholders, displaying posters or sharing improvements

### College & Universities

- Marketing around health IT programs, discounts or waiving application fees
- Wellness or job fairs with health IT focus
- Student spotlights or other articles featuring program successes

For additional information and learn how you can you can take action during this important week, please visit <https://www.healthitweek.org/>

## SFLHIMSS Receives 2019 Presidential Level of Advocacy Award Again!



The SFLHIMSS chapter has received recognition as the recipient of the Presidential Level Advocacy Award as part of the FY19 HIMSS Chapter Level of Advocacy Awards. A HIMSS Chapter Level of Advocacy Award is presented to the chapter as a direct result of their Chapter Advocate's leadership and commitment to health IT advocacy. SFLHIMSS Advocacy works closely with key federal and state level decision-makers to advance improvements in the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that SFLHIMSS has received the Presidential Level Advocacy Award and is a testament to the incredible work of our President Elect, Kendall Brown, our newly elected Advocacy Committee Chair, David Brown, and the entire Advocacy Committee.

## Meeting with Senator Gayle Harrell



On June 21, 2019, members of the Advocacy Committee led by President Elect, Kendall Brown, met with Senator Gayle Harrell at her District Office in Stuart, Florida. Senator Harrell has been and continues to be a huge proponent of advancing Health IT in the state of Florida. This meeting discussed the previous 2019 and upcoming 2020 Legislative Sessions, and in particular, focused on Senator Harrell's Health IT Initiatives post-session, interoperability and telemedicine. This is just one instance of the many efforts led by the Advocacy Committee to build relationships with members of Florida Legislature and their staff, providing them with accurate information about health information technology and management systems in order to help them make effective public policy decisions.



**Advancement  
Membership**

The purpose of the HIMSS Advancement Program is to recognize those members who have provided substantial service and contributions to HIMSS, with an emphasis on the HIMSS member's

professional growth and participation. In addition, the HIMSS Advancement Program recognizes members for their contribution of knowledge and experience to the healthcare industry as a whole. Thus, HIMSS members can apply for Senior, Fellow, or even Life member advancement.

### **Fellow Members**

Fellow members are considered leaders within HIMSS. Those who obtain the Fellow member status are awarded the FHIMSS designation, are recognized at the Annual Conference, and asked to participate in special taskforces or workgroups.

### **Senior Members**

Senior members are also considered elite members, but a designation is not associated with this advanced member level. Once achieving senior member status, many move on to Fellow status once they meet the appropriate criteria.

### **Life Members**

Life members are considered the most elite members of the society. They have been members of the society for 30 consecutive years. An applicant may apply for Life member status by sending a letter to [advancement@himss.org](mailto:advancement@himss.org). The letter should be addressed to the HIMSS Board of Directors stating their 30 years of service and desire to advance. Life members use the LHIMSS designation. Life members who are also Fellow members are awarded the LFHIMSS designation. Life and Life Fellow members are also recognized at the Annual Conference Awards and Recognition Banquet the year their Life status is granted.

### **Qualification Criteria**

To advance to Senior Member, the applicant must have a minimum of 100 total points, whereas to advance to Fellow Member, the applicant must have a minimum of 200 total points. Please see the application for point information. Those applying for advanced status must be National HIMSS members. Chapter only membership is not accepted. Fellow and Seniors do not need to renew their status. Continued support and participation within HIMSS is expected but not required.

A mentor can be assigned to assist with achieving points in the categories in which the applicant is lacking. Chapter leaders are also great resources for this purpose. Staff will review and make recommendations in any area where points are needed. To obtain additional points, consider volunteering to give Health IT related presentations through your workplace, school, or SFLHIMSS Chapter. Contact the SFLHIMSS chapter to join a committee or visit the National HIMSS committee page on the [himss.org](http://himss.org) website to join a workgroup or taskforce. The HIMSS Weekly Insider asks for volunteers for certain workgroups and taskforces.

Help us recognize our national members for your dedication to our society by applying for Senior Member or Fellow Status!

For additional information, please visit <https://www.himss.org/professional-development/member-advancement>.



## **Looking for an exciting opportunity to help your South Florida community through HIMSS?**

The South Florida HIMSS Chapter is looking for volunteers to serve on our brand new Education Committee. The Education Committee is responsible for:

- Develop a chapter education strategy
- Monitor the chapter's educational events to ensure that the topics deemed important by National are addressed by in-live, or webinar based learning.
- Facilitates the creation & scheduling of educational webinars at least quarterly
- Records live event & webinar presentations for posting on the chapter website.
- Work with Program committee to have chapter education events certified for continuing education from HIMSS and other leading national organizations
- Assist members in obtaining advanced member status and/or CPHIMSS/CAHIMSS

certifications.

If this interests you, please email [erockowi@fiu.edu](mailto:erockowi@fiu.edu). Once we have our newly appointed Education Committee chair, we will begin to schedule regular committee meetings.

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