

January 31, 2012

Dear Champions:

The NJ Health IT Champion Program is off to a great start (thanks to your efforts)!

You should have received an outlook meeting invite from me for our first public webinar taking place on February 15th. The text below contains more detailed information on the webinar for you to include in your communications.

A few reminders:

1. As champions, we are asking you to help us promote this first public webinar. You should post this information on your website, include it in upcoming newsletters, send an email to your colleagues, etc.
2. Please pre-register for the webinar, and urge others to do so as well.

You are invited to join the first webinar from the New Jersey Health IT Coordinator's Office which is part of the 2012 monthly webinar series. Colleen Woods, New Jersey Health IT Coordinator, who is part of the Governor's Office, will host this first webinar on **“Introduction to Electronic Health Records and Health IT: What it means to Healthcare Providers and Patients”**.

New Jersey Hospitals, Physicians and Healthcare Professionals are rolling out EHRs and Health IT as part of a nationwide movement to improve healthcare with the use of computers and health information technology. The goal is to have a real-time patient record, called an Electronic Health Record (EHR), for every person in New Jersey by 2014. The Webinar will feature the first national physician leader of the current Health IT initiative who will be joined by New Jersey physician leaders in describing what EHRs and Health IT are, the value to both physicians and patients, and what patients and physicians can anticipate.

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, EST

Please pre-register by clicking here:

<https://njhimssevents.webex.com/njhimssevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=669481918>

Keynote from:

David Blumenthal, MD, MPP

Former National Coordinator for Health IT (2009-2011)

Chief Health Information and Innovation Officer, Partners HealthCare, Boston, MA

Panelists:

Thomas R. Ortiz, MD,FAAP

Chair, New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians

Family Physician and Medical Director, Forest Hill Family Health Associates, Newark

Mary Campagnolo, MD, MBA, FAAFP

President-elect Medical Society of New Jersey

Family Physician and Primary Care Medical Director, Virtua Medical Group, Lumberton

Douglas Ashinsky, MD, FACP

Solo Practitioner

Internal Medicine Physician, Warren Internal Medicine, Warren

Bill O'Byrne

Executive Director, NJ-HITEC, New Jersey's Regional Extension Center

Thanks to NJ HIMSS, the organization hosting this Webinar series.

Thanks for your support thus far! Let me know if you have any questions.

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