



Congressional News Briefing Marks National Health IT Week
Reps. Gingrey, Schwartz, Deutsch, Buerkle, Speak at Press Conference, Tues., Sept. 13,
2011, 11:00-11:45 a.m.;
House Triangle, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. – (September 13, 2011) - Representatives Phil Gingrey, M.D. (R-GA), Allyson Y. Schwartz (D-PA), Ted Deutch (D-FL), and Ann Marie Buerkle (R-NY), are among the members of Congress that spoke at the National Health IT Week press conference on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 House Triangle, Capitol Hill. These congressional representatives have shown their support for health IT solutions to rising healthcare costs and the safety of healthcare delivery. Also attending the event was Sally Canfield representing Sen. Mario Rubio (D-FL) and Rep. Corrine Brown (D-FL).

"Health Information Technology (HIT) has the potential to not only improve the quality of care received by American patients, but to create jobs and reduce healthcare costs and waste in the process. During this difficult economy, I am especially pleased to advocate on behalf of this critical improvement for our healthcare system. I look forward to the positive impact that HIT will have on healthcare delivery in the United States," said Rep. Phil Gingrey, M.D.

A few of the more than 190 NHIT Week partners also spoke at the press conference including Justin T. Barnes, Co-Chair, Accountable Care Community of Practice and Vice President, Marketing, Corporate Development and Government Affairs, Greenway Medical Technologies, Inc.; Joanne Sunquist, CIO, Hennepin Co. Medical Center, Minneapolis; and The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME); Charlie Jarvis, VP, Healthcare Services and Government Relations, Nextgen Healthcare, Inc.; and the Electronic Health Records Association (EHRA) and Charlene S. Underwood, MBA, FHIMSS, HIMSS Board Chair; and Senior Director, Government and Industry Affairs, Siemens Medical Solutions

"NHIT Week brings together the health IT community under one umbrella to raise awareness of information technology's positive impact on increasing quality while decreasing costs. With this technology in place, providers can more effectively deliver higher quality and consistent patient care and healthcare organizations can increase efficiency and reduce costs. A positive economic impact also results because new health IT jobs are added to develop and implement more and improved health IT solutions to advance care delivery," said Underwood.

The press conference is only one activity among others taking place across the country to highlight how health IT is part of the overall solution to improve America's healthcare. Congress, the President, and various federal agencies have made a commitment to leveraging the benefits of the health IT and management systems to address the rising costs and safety of healthcare delivery throughout the U.S.

For more information about 2013 NHIT Week, contact nhitweek@gmail.com or log onto www.healthitweek.org, for more information about 2013 NHIT Week.

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About National Health IT Week

The Sixth Annual National Health IT Week is a collaborative forum where public and private healthcare constituents will work in partnership to educate industry and policy stakeholders on the value of health IT to the U.S. healthcare system. Held Sept. 12-16, 2011, NHIT Week is an opportunity for the health IT community to come together under one umbrella to raise awareness of the cost savings and improved healthcare delivery benefits of health IT.