

National Health IT Week Digital Press Kit

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NATIONAL HEALTH IT WEEK CAPITOL HILL NEWS CONFERENCE AGENDA



House Triangle

(on the Capitol side of Independence Avenue across from the Rayburn building)






September 22, 2009

11:00 a.m.



11:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

-  Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Co-chair, 21st Century Health Care Caucus (moderator)
-  Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA), Co-chair, 21st Century Health Care Caucus

11:10 a.m. Statements from Members of Congress:

-  Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA)
-  Rep. Phil Gingrey, MD (R-GA)
-  Rep. Dennis Moore (D-KS)
-  Rep. Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX)
-  Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

11:20 a.m. Statements from Health IT Industry Leaders:

-  Sue Schade, CIO for Brigham and Women's/Faulkner Hospitals (Boston, Mass.), on behalf of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)
-  Justin Barnes, Chairman, Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association

11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks

-  Barry P. Chaiken, MD, MPH, FHIMSS, HIMSS Board Chair

PRESS RELEASE: NATIONAL HEALTH IT WEEK 2009

**National Health IT Week 2009 Assembles National Healthcare Stakeholders
to Advance Health IT Adoption**

Industry Leaders Find Common Ground to Share "One Voice, One Vision"


Washington, D.C., September 14, 2009 - With 2009 designated by the current Administration as the Year of Healthcare Transformation, this year's National Health IT Week (September 21-25, 2009) delivers a timely message on the potential for health information technology (IT) to enhance the national healthcare system. National Health IT Week, a collaborative forum, serves as a neutral platform upon which public and private healthcare constituents –vendors, provider organizations, payers, pharmaceutical/biotech companies, government agencies, industry/professional associations, research foundations, and consumer protection groups – can raise awareness about the value of health IT among industry leaders and policymakers. More than 150 partners have dedicated their time and resources to elevating the dialogue surrounding health IT, which is gaining broad-scale attention within the context of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and healthcare reform.

In its fourth year, National Health IT Week 2009 participants partner to inform the nation's policymakers about the importance of fostering widespread health IT adoption to improve patient safety and healthcare quality. For their part, in years past, both the House and the Senate have passed resolutions expressing support for the designation and goals of "National Health Information Technology Week."

"Since 2009, organizations across the country have come together to support National Health Information Technology Week and its goals to improve public awareness regarding the potential benefits of improved quality and cost efficiency," said Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Co-chair, 21st Century Health Care Caucus and moderator of the National Health IT Week News Conference on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. "Imagine what we could achieve for our nation's healthcare system by implementing even a few health information technology initiatives."

The federal government is already an advocate for increased use of HIT. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes more than \$20 billion to aid in the development of a robust IT infrastructure for healthcare and to assist providers and other entities in adopting and using health IT.

Scheduled to speak on Capitol Hill at the National Health IT Week news conference about developments surrounding ARRA and healthcare reform are top Congressional leaders on healthcare, plus health IT industry leaders, including:

 Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Co-chair, 21st Century Health Care Caucus

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"Under the current paper system, when a person is traveling or in the case of emergency, doctors may not have immediate access to a patient's paper medical records. Health IT brings the 18th century medical paper file system into 21st century medical care by providing crucial information in a secure and confidential manner in a matter of seconds. I am once again proud to be participating in National Health IT week to further draw attention to the need to increase the use of this valuable life saving technology that will also help reduce the cost of healthcare," said Congressman Murphy.

A full list of National Health IT Week Partners and a calendar of the week's activities are available at www.HealthITWeek.org.

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PRESS RELEASE: 2009 NATIONAL DAVIES AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT



Recognizing Best of the Best in Health IT - 2009 National Davies Awards Announced

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society announces 2009 Davies Award recipients in ambulatory, organizational, community health and public health

Washington, D.C. (September 22, 2009) - Health information technology - specifically electronic health records - is an integral component of quality patient care for the recipients of the 2009 HIMSS Davies Award of Excellence. For the first time, HIMSS announced these award recipients during National Health IT Week with Barry P. Chaiken, MD, MPH, HIMSS board chair, recognizing the honorees during a press conference on Sept. 22 at the House Triangle on Capitol Hill.

"The recipients of the HIMSS Davies Award are leaders in EHR implementation as they prove that technology can be leveraged to produce value and achieve patient safety and quality outcomes with a positive ROI," said David Collins, HIMSS director, healthcare information systems. "As the country moves closer to nationwide use of the electronic health record, these healthcare leaders should be considered as valuable examples and resources for EHR success."

These award recipients also serve other organizations by sharing lessons learned in EHR implementation to help them achieve their vision. In addition, the healthcare organizations earning the award, which recognizes excellence in the implementation of and value from health IT, offer a valuable example of EHR success in organizational, ambulatory, community health and public health settings.

Following are the names of and background on this year's recipients.

HIMSS Organizational Davies Award:

MultiCare Health System is an integrated not-for-profit organization in Tacoma, Wash. with four hospitals, including a children's hospital, primary and urgent care clinics, home health and hospice programs serving four counties.

"This is an incredible honor," said Florence S. Chang, chief information officer and senior VP of Clinical Support Services at MultiCare Health System, "and wonderful validation for the work we have been doing to create an electronic health record that follows the patient with a commitment to providing patient safety and quality." She went on to say, "MultiCare has been using this technology from Epic Systems for over 10 years. Without the strong foundation set early on in our clinics, the implementation in our hospitals would not have been as successful and we would not have reaped the benefits of seamless, connected care."

HIMSS Ambulatory Davies Award:

Virginia Women's Center is central Virginia's largest provider of individualized obstetric and gynecologic care, with 26 physicians and 12 nurse practitioners at five clinical sites. Subspecialties include urology, clinical research, mammography, bone health, nutrition counseling and mental-health counseling.

Kathryn K. Stout, M.D. of Virginia Women's Center, said, "Our practice decisions have always been strictly guided by the question, 'What is best for the patient?' This commitment has served us well as we have navigated the many challenges facing medical practices today. We continue to raise the bar for ourselves in patient care, education and safety, customer service and workflow efficiencies. Adopting electronic medical records has been a successful means to that end, and it's truly gratifying for our efforts to be recognized."

Community Health Davies Award: The Davies Community Health Organization Awards go to Urban Health Plan in Bronx, NY, and Heart of Texas in Waco, Texas.

Urban Health Plan (UHP) is a network of federally qualified community health centers based in the South Bronx and Queens that was founded in 1974. Its mission is to improve the health status of underserved communities with 13 practice sites that are within the highest 2 percent of U.S. counties in poverty.

"We at Urban Health Plan are honored to receive the distinguished Davies Award," said Paloma Hernandez, president and CEO, Urban Health Plan, Inc. "Since 2006, when we successfully implemented our EHR system, we have been able to transform our health care delivery system in how we treat our patients, track their health care outcomes and more importantly, continuously work towards improving the health of the communities we serve, namely the South Bronx and Corona, Queens. Our work will go a long way in aiding the elimination of health care disparities in these communities," she said.

Heart of Texas is a Federally Qualified Health Center, supporting the oldest family medicine residency west of the Mississippi and serving the target population of 90,200 residents of McLennan County, Texas living at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

“Since implementing the EHR system in 1997, Heart of Texas Community Health Center has tripled the number of patients served, expanded from a single location to 10 sites, and shown improvement in important quality indicators such as childhood immunizations. The EHR has been a cornerstone of our expansion and quality improvement efforts,” said Roland A. Goertz, MD, MBA, CEO of Heart of Texas Community Health Center in Waco, Texas. “We are honored to be recognized with the HIMSS Davies Award as we continue to expand access to high quality health care services in McLennan County.”

Public Health Davies Award: Two public health systems received the Davies Public Health Award: the Boston Public Health Commission and Denver Public Health is a division within Denver Health and Hospital Authority. HIMSS announced the recipients of these awards in August; [read the news release.](#)

More about the Davies Award:

Since 1994, the HIMSS Davies Award of Excellence program has honored more than 60 healthcare organizations that have implemented health IT, specifically EHRs, in their respective locations. These include:

- **Organizational Davies Award**
 - Initiated in 1994, 27 healthcare organizations recognized
- **Ambulatory Care Davies Award**
 - Initiated in 2003, 19 practices recognized
- **Public Health Davies Award**
 - Initiated in 2004, 13 public health entities recognized
- **Community Health Organization Award**
 - Initiated in 2008, 6 community health organizations recognized

Visit the HIMSS Web site for [more information](#) on the Davies Award of Excellence program.

Davies Award recipients will share their success stories of EHR implementation at the 2010 HIMSS Annual Conference & Exhibition on March 1-4, 2010 in Atlanta, Ga. Visit the [education page](#) of the HIMSS10 Web site for more information.

About HIMSS Davies Award of Excellence

The HIMSS Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence recognizes excellence in the implementation and use of health information technology, specifically electronic health records (EHRs), for healthcare organizations, private practices, public health systems, and community health organizations. Created

by CPRI-HOST in 1994, the first three recipients of the Davies Organizational Award were recognized in 1995. In 2002, CPRI-HOST merged with the [Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society \(HIMSS\)](#), and now, HIMSS manages the award program. The Award honors Dr. Nicholas E. Davies, an Atlanta-based practicing physician, president-elect of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Improving the Patient Record, who died in 1991 in a plane crash. Visit www.himss.org/davies for more information, including educational resources.

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STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HEALTH IT WEEK 2009

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

As we continue working on health care reform, investments in health IT infrastructure like the \$19 billion in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are critical to improving the affordability, accessibility, and quality of healthcare for all Americans, while empowering consumers in their healthcare decisions and ensuring the privacy and security of personal health information. As co-chair of the Senate Health Care Quality Improvement and Information Technology Caucus with my colleague Olympia Snowe, I understand that health IT is also crucial to maintain and extend our leadership in biomedical innovation and ensure job growth in this sector of our economy.

Representative Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX)

The United States has the most technologically advanced health care system in the world, but there is still work to be done. Advancements in health information technology will allow patients' medical information and history to be readily available to their doctors when they need it, and this will help our nation's patients receive the best care possible. I am proud to be participating in this year's National Health IT Week and to support this important cause.

Justin Barnes, Chairman, Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA)

I'm proud to speak on behalf of the 44 member companies of the Electronic Health Record Association (EHR Association), representing the vast majority of operational EHRs in physicians' practices and hospitals across the United States. These organizations - some large, multi-national companies with other lines of business and some small companies entirely focused on health information technology (HIT) - come together to speak with a single voice on issues that affect our customers, as well as our companies as purchasers of healthcare services, and our employees, families and friends as healthcare consumers.

We would like to congratulate all the participants in National Health IT Week and our entire industry on the accomplishments of the past year. We've seen unprecedented focus on health information

technology as a critical component of healthcare reform, as evidenced by the provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) that support accelerated adoption of certified EHRs.

Since its inception in 2005, I believe with all my heart that our efforts as part of National Health IT Week have collaboratively advanced standards development, interoperability, EHR certification, and quality and outcomes reporting via EHRs. The EHR Association has and will continue to provide expertise and leadership in an effort to drive collaboration and consensus as we work together to transform our nation's healthcare system.

There is much more work to be done. We need to expand e-prescribing to include controlled substances. We need to engage a broader mix of payers in supporting the adoption and meaningful use of EHRs. And we need to carefully assess and document the additional effort needed and resources required to ensure that all healthcare providers have the latest EHR and health IT innovations to achieve the benefits we know these systems bring to the healthcare system - improved quality, more efficiency and broader access to all Americans.

We look forward to working with you all toward these shared objectives. Thank you.

Susan Schade, FCHIME, FHIMSS, Chief Information Officer Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA. On behalf of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)

To begin, I wish to thank Congressman Kennedy, Murphy and other Members of Congress here today for their leadership and commitment in advancing health IT.

As the chief information officer for Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, a 777-bed teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, I have direct responsibility for information technology systems aimed at improving patient care. For example, Brigham and Women's is a pioneer in computerized physician order entry or CPOE that enables physicians and other care team members to electronically enter orders, such as medications, into a computer instead of using a handwritten form. Research shows that if CPOE were implemented in all urban U.S. hospitals, as many as 907,600 serious medication errors could be prevented each year.

Brigham and Women's Hospital is just one example of effectively using technology to improve care. Using electronic medical records, Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania, one of a handful of clinically integrated health systems in the country, can now do things otherwise not possible with scattered paper records. Today, less than 1% of diabetics nationally receive regular foot and eye examinations and blood pressure checks. Geisinger's electronic medical record has resulted in a nine-to-tenfold increase in the number of diabetic patients receiving this essential monitoring. (Harvard Business School, Hospitals and Health Networks, 9/17/09)

As a CIO, I speak for my colleagues as well---the over 1350 members of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives—who are the frontline health leaders charged with achieving meaningful use of health information technology. Realizing this important goal will enable our institutions to qualify for incentive funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This funding will make it possible for many provider organizations to finally accomplish what we need to ensure safer and more cost effective care - electronic medical records. ARRA includes over \$36 billion in direct funding to hospitals and physician practices as well as additional grants for technical assistance, IT workforce training and other health IT assistance. Passage of this legislation is a unique and dramatic opportunity to significantly improve the safety, quality and effectiveness of care. On behalf of CHIME, we applaud the Congress for passing and the President for signing this historic legislation.

The ARRA's very ambitious goals set for 2011 and beyond require rigorous efforts from government to promulgate the required guidance and readiness from providers, many of whom are in the very early stages of digitizing records and taking other necessary steps. To ensure we maximize this historic investment, we urge Congress to carefully monitor the timelines and requirements in the ARRA to facilitate broad adoption of technology, ultimately benefiting more patients.

In summary, we as chief information officers are excited at the opportunity and challenge of the ARRA in utilizing the tools of health IT to improve the quality, safety and effectiveness of patient care. CHIME joins with our community partners including HIMSS and others in working toward this important goal.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Representative Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI)



Patrick J. Kennedy is the representative to Congress of Rhode Island's First District, which covers the northern and eastern portions of the state. He was re-elected to serve an eighth term in November 2008.

Kennedy, 42, was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee in December 1998, but requested a leave of absence in order to fulfill a two-year term as the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. With the completion of that term, Kennedy took his seat on the powerful panel which has the authority over all of the federal government's discretionary spending. As part of his Appropriations duties, Kennedy sits on the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science and on the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. Beginning in January 2009, he also serves on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

As a Member of Congress, Kennedy has worked to ensure that the promise of the American dream is available to all. Recognizing the central role that health care plays in economic security, Kennedy has worked to improve access to health insurance for working families and to improve health care quality and efficiency. He has also made early childhood development a key priority, believing that investments in young children yield dividends in later academic achievement and economic well-being.

He has also been a leader in Congress on mental health issues, fighting to end discrimination in health coverage. Working with Congressman Jim Ramstad, he successfully led the fight to pass the landmark Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, ending discrimination in health insurance. The new law prohibits health insurers from placing discriminatory restrictions on mental health and addiction treatments. By eliminating the disparities between mental health and medical benefits, more than 100 million Americans can finally receive the treatment they so desperately need.

Kennedy, who is single and lives in Portsmouth, was born July 14, 1967, in Brighton, Mass. The youngest of three children of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) and Joan Bennett Kennedy, he was elected to the R.I. House of Representatives in 1988 at the age of 21, and then re-elected in 1990 and 1992.

Representative Tim Murphy (R-PA)



Congressman Tim Murphy was elected in November 2002 to represent the 18th District of Pennsylvania, which includes sections of Allegheny, Beaver, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. As a psychologist, educator, author, and legislator, he has focused his entire professional career working on issues affecting families and children through his work.

One of the few healthcare professionals in Congress, Rep. Murphy has served at a number of hospitals in the Pittsburgh area, including Pittsburgh Children’s Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Magee Women’s Hospital, Transitional Infant care and St. Margaret’s Hospital. He holds two adjunct faculty positions with the University of Pittsburgh, serving as an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health and in the Department of Pediatrics. While working in the hospitals and in his own private practice, he became widely known as “Dr. Tim” through regular appearances on local and national radio and television. Congressman Murphy is also the author of two books: the award-winning book *The Angry Child* (2001), and *Overcoming Passive-Aggression* (2005).

Dr. Murphy relies on his three decades as a child psychologist to advocate for meaningful reforms in the U.S. healthcare system and serves as the co-chair of the 21st Century Health Care Caucus, Congressional Mental Health Caucus and the GOP Doctor’s Caucus.

Tim is a leading proponent of using information technology to improve patient safety and reduce wasteful costs in healthcare. He established a grant program to make electronic medical records and electronic prescribing available to Medicaid families, and has led a bipartisan effort to increase the use

of health IT across the nation. These initiatives reduce the number of medication and medical errors, eliminate costly duplicative tests, ensure a patient has a complete medical file, and ultimately save lives.

Well before the national MRSA outbreak in the summer of 2007, Congressman Murphy recognized the need to eliminate preventable healthcare-acquired infections. He had introduced the Healthy Hospitals Act, which requires hospitals to publicly report healthcare-acquired infections. This transparency helps patients to make better informed decisions on their healthcare and brings down infection rates at hospitals. This language was adopted on March 13, 2008 as part of the House budget resolution. The Department of Health and Human Services adopted Congressman Murphy's recommendations, instituting a policy where the Medicare and Medicaid no longer provide reimbursement over and above the typical rate to treat several types of healthcare-acquired infections. As a result, hospitals are taking the necessary steps to eliminate infections.

The National Association of Community Health Centers has recognized Congressman Murphy as a champion for leading the effort in Congress to ensure doctors are available to all American families. Congressman Murphy introduced the Family Health Care Accessibility Act to expand the number of doctors at Community Health Centers and keep medical costs down, allowing parents to sleep easier at night knowing there is a neighborhood doctor they can use. Rep. Murphy's bill was included in the House-passed version of the Community Health Centers Renewal Act.

As a national leading advocate on mental health issues, Dr. Murphy has worked in a bipartisan manner to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. To draw attention to how mental health services are not covered equally with physical healthcare, Congressman Murphy authored the Seniors Access to Mental Health Act, which increases Medicare's mental health coverage benefits for seniors to equal regular physical healthcare coverage. The Seniors Access to Mental Health Act became federal law as part of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, on July 15, 2008.

Congressman Murphy also introduced the Mental Health Security for American Families in Education Act and passed legislation into law to get college students suffering from depression or other mental illnesses the help they need before tragedy strikes. Previously, legal barriers prevented schools from notifying parents if a student needed help and was in danger of hurting himself or others. Congressman Murphy broke down these barriers so parents can take an active role in getting their child help. Language from the bill was included in the College Opportunity and Affordability Act, H.R. 4137, adopted in the House of Representatives.

Tim led the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation's efforts to fix the Medicare prescription drug bill so that Pennsylvania's prescription drug program, PACE, would be properly integrated with

Medicare. This has allowed Pennsylvanians to save \$170 million and the PACE program to extend its coverage and may lead to additional savings in the future.

In addition, when the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced new regulations in 2008 that would have cut Medicaid services to those most in need – children, and the mentally and physically disabled – Congressman Murphy worked with then-House Energy and Commerce Chairman John Dingell and drafted legislation preventing these cuts to crucial Medicaid services. H.R. 5613, the Protecting Medicaid Safety Net Act, became law on June 30, 2008, as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act. This legislation maintains the following: payments provided to public safety net institutions; coverage of rehabilitation services for people with disabilities; as well as specialized medical transportation to school for children covered by Medicaid. Further, this bill will save money and prevent fraud by requiring all States to electronically verify the financial disclosures of Medicaid applicants to ensure that they are eligible to receive Medicaid.

Tim's efforts as a healthcare leader are a continuation of his work in the Pennsylvania State Senate where he served from 1997-2002. There he penned the state's historic Patient Bill of Rights and increased funding for medical research, while consistently supporting responsible fiscal management of government to promote job creation and reduce the tax burden on families.

Congressman Murphy received his bachelor's degree from Wheeling Jesuit University in 1974. He earned his master's degree from Cleveland State University in 1976 and his PhD. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1979. Congressman Murphy lives in Upper St. Clair, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Representative Allyson Schwartz (D-PA)



During her more than two decades as a health care executive and legislator, Schwartz has developed a well-earned national reputation as one of America's leading health care policy experts.

Schwartz is viewed as one of the leaders in Congress on health IT, particularly on e-prescribing. Schwartz helped found, and currently co-chairs, the New Democrat Coalition Healthcare Taskforce, a Congressional healthcare initiative aimed at dramatically improving Americans access to quality, affordable health insurance through prevention, innovation and competition.

As a Pennsylvania state Senator, Schwartz spearheaded Pennsylvania's legislative efforts to provide health care coverage to the children of working and middle-class families. Her leadership led to the creation of the Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 1992, which served as the model for the federal initiative that now provides health insurance to millions of American children.

In Congress, Schwartz serves on the powerful Committee on Ways and Means, which has jurisdiction over tax, trade and revenue raising measures, as well as Medicare and Social Security.

U.S. Representative Allyson Y. Schwartz is serving in her third term representing Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District. The 13th district includes both the close-knit neighborhoods of Northeast Philadelphia, as well as the first ring suburbs of Montgomery County.

Rep. Phil Gingrey, MD (R-GA)



Congressman Phil Gingrey was born and raised in Augusta. After graduating from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, he moved to Atlanta to attend Georgia Tech. Phil co-oped his way through college, and completed his undergraduate studies in Chemistry. With a Bachelor's of Science degree from Georgia Tech, Phil returned home to Augusta to attend the [Medical College of Georgia](#).

Dr. Gingrey served his internship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, and his residency at the Medical College of Georgia. He also completed a rotation during this time at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus.

Upon completion of his medical training, Dr. Gingrey moved his young family to [Marietta](#) where he set up a pro-life OB-GYN practice. For 26 years, Phil built a successful practice and delivered more than 5,200 babies.

Phil has worked hard for the betterment of his community. He served on the Marietta city school board, where he was elected chairman three times. In 1998, Phil decided to run for state Senate. Phil won, and was re-elected in 2000 with 74 percent of the vote. Then in 2002, he was elected U.S. Congressman for Georgia's 11th District.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gingrey is working to improve education, protect

our nation, fight for the life of the unborn, and improve healthcare for all Americans. He is committed to lowering taxes for hardworking Georgians and protecting the traditional values so important to Northwest Georgia.

Congressman Gingrey currently serves on the [Energy and Commerce Committee](#), where he will use his background as a physician to shape our nation's health care policy. During his previous terms in Congress, Phil has also served on the [Armed Services Committee](#), the Rules Committee, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the Science and Technology Committee. In the 110th Congress, Phil served as Ranking Member of the [Science Subcommittee](#) on Technology and Innovation.

Phil and his wife, Billie, have been married for 38 years. They have been blessed with four children, Billy, Gannon, Phyllis and Laura Neill, and eight grandchildren. They attend St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marietta.

Representative Dennis Moore (D-KS)



Dennis Moore, a lifelong Kansan, is serving his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Moore was born in Anthony, Kansas, in 1945. He was educated in Wichita public schools. In 1967, he graduated from the University of Kansas, and received his law degree from Washburn University School of Law in 1970.

After service in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, Moore started his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Kansas. He entered private legal practice in Johnson County in 1973.

In 1976, Moore was elected District Attorney in Johnson County and was reelected twice, serving a total of 12 years. During his tenure, Moore earned a reputation as a tough, but fair, prosecutor.

As District Attorney, Moore:

- personally prosecuted more than twenty-five felony jury trials;
- led the Consumer Protection Division in the investigation and successful prosecution of a national oil company charged with rigging gas pumps to cheat consumers;
- established the first Victim Assistance Unit;
- served as President of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association.
- In 1993, Moore was elected to the Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees and was elected to a second term.

- Since being elected to Congress in 1998, Moore has served his country and the constituents of the Third District of Kansas.

In Congress, Moore:

- serves as a leading advocate for fiscal responsibility, including reinstatement of the 'Pay As You Go' budget rule requiring that any legislation affecting entitlement spending be revenue neutral;
- helped bring the Amber Alert system to the Kansas City metro area;
- wrote legislation, now law, providing full airfare payment for soldiers stationed overseas returning home for Rest and Recuperation;
- led effort giving Medicare negotiating authority to lower drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries;
- wrote legislation, now law, raising the death gratuity benefit from \$12,000 to \$100,000 for families of service persons killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Moore is a member of the House [Financial Services Committee](#), serving as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, as well as the [Small Business Committee](#).

Moore is also a member of the [Blue Dog Coalition](#), a group of moderate to conservative Democrats committed to restoring fiscal responsibility and accountability to government.

As a member of the Center Aisle Caucus, a group formed to bring more civility and bipartisanship to Congress, Moore has developed a reputation as someone who will reach across the aisle to develop common-sense solutions to issues.

The Kansas City Star said, "[Moore] cuts through the partisan rhetoric in search of logical, common-sense solutions." The Johnson County Sun noted that "Dennis Moore votes with his district on major issues...his concerns and his interests lie right here, where he spends a great deal of his time."

Moore resides in Lenexa with his wife Stephene, a registered nurse. They have seven children and nine grandchildren.

Representative Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX)



After spending twenty-five years practicing medicine in North Texas, Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D., was first elected to Congress in 2002, and re-elected in 2004, 2006, and most recently in 2008. During his time on Capitol Hill he has earned a reputation as a problem-solver who seeks sensible solutions to the challenges Americans face.

Dr. Burgess serves on the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee and three of its subcommittees: Health Care, Energy & Environment, and Oversight & Investigations. He is also a member of the bicameral Joint Economic Committee, and Dr. Burgess recently founded and is Chairman of the Congressional Health Care Caucus. During his six years in Congress, Dr. Burgess has been a strong advocate for health care legislation aimed at reducing health care costs, improving choices, reforming liability laws to put the needs of patients first, and ensuring there are enough doctors in the public and private sector to care for America's patients, and played an important role in bipartisan efforts to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and consumer products.

As a Member of Congress representing one of the fastest growing areas of the country, transportation is also a top priority for Dr. Burgess. He successfully amended the 2005 Highway Bill to include toll credits, design-build, and environmental streamlining. During his time on Capitol Hill, he also has worked to build, maintain, and improve the safety of our roads, bridges, air service and transit in the North Texas region.

While in the House of Representatives, Dr. Burgess has received several awards, including the 2008 House Legislator of the Year from the Multiple Sclerosis Society; 2005 Legislator of the Year by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners; Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); and the Spirit of Enterprise award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Today Dr. Burgess represents parts of suburban Dallas and Fort Worth. He graduated with both an undergraduate and a Masters degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. He received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed his residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Dr. Burgess also received a Masters degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May of 2009 was awarded an

honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center. Dr. Burgess has been married to his wife, Laura, for 35 years, and they have three children and a grandson.

U.S Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)



U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse has made reforming our broken health care system a hallmark of his career. He founded the Rhode Island Quality Institute, a collaborative effort between health care providers, insurers, and government that has pioneered efforts to expand the use of electronic prescriptions and improve the quality of care delivered in the state's intensive care units. In the Senate, Whitehouse made health care reform the subject of the first three pieces of legislation he introduced since taking office. This trio of bills is aimed at encouraging health quality reforms, building a national health IT infrastructure, and linking health care payments to health care quality. He has held dozens of meetings with health care leaders and advocacy organizations, in Rhode Island and nationwide, to build consensus on health care reform. As a temporary member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, Whitehouse took part in the Senate's effort to draft landmark health reform legislation that will lower cost, cover more Americans, and improve the quality of care.

A graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law, Whitehouse served as a policy advisor and counsel in the Office of the Governor of Rhode Island and as the state's Director of Business Regulation before being nominated by President Bill Clinton to be Rhode Island's U.S. Attorney in 1994. He was elected State Attorney General in 1998, a position in which he served from 1999-2003, and elected to the Senate in 2006.

Whitehouse lives in Newport, Rhode Island with his wife, Sandra, a marine biologist and environmental advocate, and their two children.

Sue Schade, CIO for Brigham and Women's/Faulkner Hospitals (Boston, Mass.), on behalf of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)



Sue Schade serves as the Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Brigham and Women's/Faulkner Hospitals in Boston, Massachusetts, a position she assumed in January of 2000. Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) is a 747-bed nonprofit teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School and a founding member of Partners HealthCare System, an integrated health care delivery network. BWH is committed to excellence in patient care with expertise in virtually every specialty of medicine and surgery. In her role, she provides direction and oversight to information technology initiatives at the Brigham and Women's and Faulkner Hospitals and the Brigham and Women's Physician Organization. Schade directly manages the Partners Information Systems staff based at BWH.

Schade has 25 years experience in health care information technology management. Her experience includes 12 years in positions of increasing management responsibility at a large integrated delivery system in the Chicago area. Following that, she led the software division for a start-up healthcare software and outsourcing services vendor. Prior to coming to the Boston area, Schade worked as a senior manager in the health care information technology practice at Ernst and Young.

An active member of both HIMSS and CHIME, Schade served on the CHIME Board from 2004 to 2006. She was responsible for their Advocacy initiatives focusing on the national healthcare information technology agenda and fostering CHIME's partnerships with other national organizations. She is presently the chair of the CHIME Education Foundation Board. She is presently serving on the HIMSS Advocacy and Public Policy Steering Committee. In addition to her work at BW/F, Schade is a regular speaker and writer highlighting the significant IT accomplishments at BWH.

Schade holds an MBA degree from Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, Illinois. She has achieved fellow status with both HIMSS and CHIME.

Justin Barnes, Chairman, Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association



Justin T. Barnes is Vice President of Marketing, Corporate Development and Government Affairs, Greenway Medical Technologies, Inc.

As a healthcare software executive and public policy expert, Justin Barnes is a Vice President with Greenway Medical Technologies and manages Greenway's Strategy, Marketing, Corporate Development and Government Affairs departments. In addition, Mr. Barnes is Chairman of the HIMSS Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association where he is responsible for executing the EHR Association's industry strategy and leadership. Barnes resides on several Public Policy, EHR and Health IT industry governance boards and brings the essential continuum of corporate experience from Silicon Valley Start-up's to Industry-leading Fortune 20 conglomerates.

Barnes has formally addressed and/ or testified before Congress as well as both Presidential Administrations on twelve occasions between 2005 and 2009 with statements relating to EHR meaningful use, EHR certification, healthcare privacy, security, confidentiality, compliance, standards, interoperability, health IT adoption incentives, health IT return on investment (ROI) and the globalization of healthcare. Barnes is a regular public speaker on these issues and has been published in more than 180 journals, magazines and broadcast media outlets relating to national leadership of health IT and EHR adoption efforts. In addition, Barnes has advised several U.S. Presidential campaigns on healthcare public policy, HIPAA, health IT and EHRs.

Barry P. Chaiken, MD, MPH, FHIMSS, HIMSS Board Chair



HIMSS Chair, Barry P. Chaiken, MD, MPH, FHIMSS has over 20 years experience in medical research, continuous quality improvement, risk management and patient safety. As founder of his own company, he worked on quality improvement studies and clinical investigations for the National Institutes of Health, the Framingham Heart Study, and Boston University Medical School.

Over the past 15 years Chaiken provided expertise in quality and patient safety to provider and payor organizations helping them utilize information technology to improve clinical and administrative activities. He has served as guest lecturer and consultant on topics including patient safety, clinician adoption of information technology, quality improvement and managed care. Chaiken also assisted hospitals and technology firms in the creation of medical software products and authoring of marketing communication materials.

Chaiken is board certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health as well as Health Care Quality Management. He is currently Chief Medical Officer at DocsNetwork, Ltd. where he provides thought leadership and offers clients his expertise in clinical transformation and quality improvement. Chaiken serves as Chief Medical Informatics Officer at Symphony Corporation and on the Healthcare Advisory Board of Evolvent Technologies, Inc. He has delivered more than 50 CME lectures, and is currently on the editorial board of the Journal of Patient Safety and the journal of Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare. Chaiken writes a column on technology and quality for the journal Patient Safety and Quality Health Care.

Chaiken received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NYC, his masters in public health degree in health services administration from the Harvard School of Public Health and his bachelors of arts degree in psychology from the University at Albany. He acquired his specialty training from the Centers for Disease Control as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and from the New Jersey State Department of Health as a preventive medicine resident. He is also a Board member, Board Liaison to HIMSS Europe, 2009-2010 Board Chair and a Fellow of the Health Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS). Chaiken holds an appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health and Family Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine.