

HIMSS ASIA PACIFIC 2015 TO KICK OFF ON MONDAY

World-renowned industry leaders congregate to examine existing and emerging technologies to enable better healthcare outcomes

[SINGAPORE] Thursday, 3 September 2015 – Leading experts in healthcare from around the world will gather in Singapore on Monday to share ideas and best practices at the HIMSS AsiaPac15 Digital Healthcare Week. Convened under the theme, **'SMART Healthcare – Transforming the Way We Manage Health'**, the event will take place at Marina Bay Sands Singapore from September 7 to 10 as industry professionals discuss ways to improve efficiency and care quality through the latest innovations in information technology and management systems.

Led by Singapore Minister for Health, Mr. Gan Kim Yong, the ninth edition of the annual conference and exhibition will see a number of international speakers from the US, Australia and Europe as well as regional policy makers, hospital leaders and top solution providers come together to tackle challenges around rising affluence, aging populations and the rise of chronic illnesses.

Dr. Steve Tierney, Medical Director, Quality Improvement/CMIO, Southcentral Foundation, is amongst a number of notable speakers from the US. A graduate of Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland, Dr. Tierney will co-lead a conversation on re-engineering data infrastructure for quality outcomes through sharing a case study on the Alaska Native owned and operated Southcentral Foundation Nuka System of Care – an award-winning, world-renowned population healthcare System in Anchorage, Alaska.

Dr. Tierney said:

“There is a lot of data collected throughout the healthcare delivery system and I believe we are only in the beginning stages of truly understanding how to turn these data into useful information that can help the industry progress to the next level. Our project has really turned things around for Alaska, and I hope our findings can help provide a solution for those in Asia with similar issues.”

Another renowned thought leader in the industry to present at the conference is Dr. Robert H Leviton, Chief Medical Information Officer at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center in New York. Dr. Leviton played a key role in the integration of all of the clinical work flows of over 700 physicians from 23 specialties of Medicine and Surgery in both the ambulatory, emergency, behavioral, and inpatient settings for acute, chronic, and long term care with the clinical work requirements of Nursing, Social Work, Case Management, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Care, Nutrition Services, Pharmacy and Speech Language Pathology at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center. He will present to his audience at HIMSS AsiaPac15 on how to manage admission to acute or observation services; track and manage a patient's length of stay, provide real time review of admission records to assure the medically necessary reasons for admission are achieved and control 30-day Readmissions to the hospital.

Dr. Leviton commented:

“Doctors need to be given the time and space to do their job, which is to look after patients and ensure they recover from whatever medical issues they are suffering from. Healthcare practitioners shouldn't need to be IT experts and spend a significant amount of time looking for information they need to assist with



their daily jobs. A robust and effective electronic health record system that integrates all clinical work flows will not only save time, but also human and financial resources.”

Other recently confirmed speakers to play a part in Asia’s journey towards becoming highly digitalized and connected in the healthcare space include Dr. Masoud Afnan MBBS, FRCOG, Chief Medical Officer, United Family Healthcare, China; Francis Fan, Group Director, Technology Management, Integrated Health Information Systems (IHIS), Singapore; Dr. Alan Hedge MS, PhD, CPE, C.ErgH, Program Chair, ErgoExpo 2015; Atkinson Center for Sustainable Futures Faculty Fellow; Director, Human Factors and Ergonomics Laboratory, Cornell University, USA and Dr. James S. Miser, Chief Medical Information Officer, Bumrungrad International, Thailand.

HIMSS AsiaPac15 will run from September 6 - 10 2015 with the main conference from September 7 – 10. More information can be found at www.himssasiapac15.org.

Online registration will close at 5pm (SGT) on Friday, 4 September. Visit the website for instructions on how to register after this deadline.

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