



CSOHIMSS 1st Quarter Newsletter, Fiscal Year 2008-2009

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Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009

Healthcare Information Technology Professionals to Solicit Support from Ohio Political Leaders

The [Northern Ohio HIMSS Chapter](#) (NOHIMSS) and [Central & Southern Ohio HIMSS Chapter](#) (CSOHIMSS) are sponsoring the 2nd annual Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 25th, 2009 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio! This jointly organized, state-level event, aims to directly engage state officials and promote the use of healthcare information technology (HIT) for the benefit of all Ohioans. In 2007, the Commonwealth Fund published their [State Scorecard on Health System Performance](#) which ranked Ohio as 24th of 50 states in measures related to access, quality, avoidable hospital use and costs, equity, and healthy lives. HIMSS Advocacy Day will propose HIT solutions to enable Ohio to move from 24th to 1st on the State Scorecard.

In the following months, a task force comprised of board and chapter members from both CSOHIMSS and NOHIMSS will be taking the necessary steps to make this goal a reality, but their success depends on your participation at Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009. This event is free to participants! Along with meeting Ohio's political leaders, you will learn valuable lessons and gain insights into HIT and its role in our political system. If you would like to be more involved, please contact Rick Moore, the CSOHIMSS [Advocacy Chair](#).

[Register Securely Online.](#)

CSOHIMSS Fall Conference

The Glue That Holds It All Together: People, Process, Standards, and Tools

We are hosting our annual Fall Conference on Friday, November 7th at the Worthington Hills Country Club in Columbus, Ohio. Join us to learn about what's happening in the world of health information technology. This year's Fall Conference also offers a unique opportunity to tour OhioHealth's Dublin Methodist Hospital, located 15 minutes from the conference. Please let us know during registration if you plan to attend the tour.

Registration is only \$45 for CSOHIMSS members and \$55 for non-members. If you are not a CSOHIMSS member and you attend our Fall Conference, you will receive a complimentary, one-year CSOHIMSS membership! Conference topics include: Standards (CCR, HL7, etc), "Nursing Glue" is the Magic to Make Things Work, Physician Champions, Standards (HITSP), and Clinical Surveillance, as well as others. All presentations will be made available after the conference on our website: [Conference Presentations](#).

For those of you who are interested in learning more about what's going on at our neighboring chapters, visit their websites at: <http://www.bluegrasshimss.org>, <http://www.indianahimss.org>, & <http://www.nohimss.org> or you can get involved more with our own chapter.

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Book Review

The Social Transformation of American Medicine

By Paul Starr

Winner of the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction, *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* is industry standard reading for understanding the history of our healthcare system. Paul Starr investigates the evolution of professional autonomy and authority through legitimate

Register for Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009

February 25th, 2009

The CSOHIMSS Chapter Board is in the process of planning of Ohio HIMSS Advocacy Day 2009. Participation is free and lunch is included! For additional information visit our [Advocacy](#) page. If you would like to preregister now, you can [Register Securely Online](#). See you there!

Register for the CSOHIMSS Fall Conference

November 7th, 2008

To view the conference agenda or get directions to the conference, please go to our [Calendar of Events](#) and click on the appropriate link. Remember, preregistration is required for this event, so don't delay: [Register Securely Online](#). See you there!

New Members Spotlight

Natasha Edmonds, Twyla Pohar, and John Milaychev

The CSOHIMSS Board of Directors welcomes its new members! Natasha works at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green and wants to be involved in the CSOHIMSS board to help technology-based solutions improve the efficiency and quality of healthcare. She hopes her efforts will

complexity, the transformation of hospitals, and the history of medical care insightfully and academically while maintaining relevance and readability. Newsweek acclaimed Starr's book as "superb sociology, superior history, and essential reading for anyone interested in the fate of American medicine." New York Times Book Review posits *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* as "the definitive social history of the medical profession in America." Paul Starr is Professor of Sociology at Princeton University, where he holds the Stuart Chair in Communications and Public Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School.

CSOHIMSS Jane A. Blank Annual Scholarship

The CSOHIMSS Chapter is offering our annual Jane A. Blank Distinguished Member Scholarship Award in the amount of a \$1,000.00 scholarship along with a one-year HIMSS membership (\$30.00 value) to an undergraduate or graduate student studying in the healthcare management systems or healthcare information fields.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in the healthcare information and management systems industry. Review criteria are focused on academic achievement, service activities, technical skills, career goals, demonstration of leadership potential, and communication skills. The \$1,000.00 scholarship (cash award) and one year HIMSS membership is awarded to the student deemed most deserving by the CSOHIMSS Scholarship Committee.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, download the [Scholarship Application](#) or visit our web site at www.csohimss.org for more information. Application submission deadline is February 28, 2009. Good luck!

increase awareness and aid implementation of information technology in clinical management arenas. Twyla Pohar works at OSU Medical Center in Columbus and offers CSOHIMSS experience and an established track record of execution and success in the field of healthcare IT. She combines an expertise in technology with a focus on strategic planning, business development and leadership. John works at New Wave Software in Cincinnati and joined CSOHIMSS to help establish HIT and improve healthcare. He believes that learning is important above all else and strives to learn and share knowledge and improve people's lives. CSOHIMSS is proud of its member diversity and is lucky to have that diversity represented in its Board of Directors.

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