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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Inside WEDI: Exploring Workgroups (open to the health care industry)

1:00PM - 2:30PM

Before attending the workgroup meetings (May 19) and the conference (May 20-22) learn about WEDI's workgroups from each group's co-chairs. Learn about their work products, leadership, and common-sense approaches that enhance the exchange of clinical and administrative health care information.

Monday, May 19, 2025

WEDI Workgroup Meetings (open to the health care industry)

10:00AM – 3:00PM

Every day, WEDI members volunteer their time and talent to workgroups and task groups. They collect input, exchange ideas, and make recommendations that inspire impactful and far-reaching changes in our industry.

Meetings Scheduled (more to be scheduled):

- 10:00AM – 11:00AM, Provider Information Workgroup
- 11:00AM – 12:00PM, Remittance Advice & Payment Workgroup
- 12:00PM – 1:00PM, Privacy and Security Workgroup
- 2:00PM – 2:30PM, Genomics Workgroup

Tuesday, May 20, 2025


10:00am – 10:15am, *WEDI Welcome*


10:15am – 10:45am, *Defining the Values, Purpose, and Practices of AI to Ensure They Help, Not Harm*
Brian Anderson, MD, CEO, Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)

10:45am – 11:15am, *Solving National Health Care Issues at the State Level*, **Lisa Bari**, CEO, Civitas Networks for Health

11:15am – 12:00pm, *TBA*

12:00pm – 12:30pm, CONFERENCE BREAK

	Cyber Resilience in Health IT: Protecting Data, Systems, and Patient Trust	State-Led Innovation: Advancing Health IT and Data Exchange for Better Care
12:30pm – 1:15pm	<p><i>The Cyber Resilience Playbook: Strengthening Health IT Against Attacks</i></p> <p>Lisa Bisterfeldt, Program Manager, Cyber Resiliency, St Luke’s Health System</p> <p>Mitch Saruwatari, Director of National Emergency Management, Kaiser Permanente</p> <p>Sola Adesida, Executive Director, Enterprise IT Resiliency, Kaiser Permanente</p>	<p><i>Designing a Better System of Health Information Exchange</i></p> <p>John Ohanian, Director of the Center of Data Insight and Innovation, State of California Health and Human Services</p>
1:15pm – 2:00pm	<p><i>AI Powered Cybersecurity: Leveraging Machine Learning to Detect and Prevent Threats</i></p> <p>Rick Doten, VP, Information Security, Centene Corporation, CISO, Caroline Complete Health</p>	<p><i>Leveraging Data to Aid Communities and Create a More Efficient, Secure Experience</i></p> <p>Kathryn Decker, Director of Clinical Informatics, My Health Access Network</p>
2:00pm – 2:15pm	CONFERENCE BREAK	
2:15pm – 3:00pm	<p><i>TBA Session Sponsored by</i></p> 	<p><i>Collaboration and Partnership: Providing a Pathway to the Future of Clinical and Administrative Data Exchange</i></p> <p>Denny Brennan, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium</p>
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<p><i>HIPAA Exception Pilot Proves Significant Improvement: How Using FHIR APIs Streamlines Prior Authorization</i></p>	<p><i>Title TBD</i></p> <p>Laura McCrary, EdD, CEO and President, Konza</p>

	<p>Heidi Kriz, Director of Medical Policy and Medical Management, Regence</p> <p>Anna Taylor, Associate Vice President, Population Health and Value Based Care, MultiCare Connected Care</p>	
3:45pm – 4:30pm	TBA	<p><i>Informing Policy and Practice Through Data and Collaboration in Minnesota</i></p> <p>Alanna Chamberlain, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Mayo Clinic (Minnesota EHR Consortium)</p> <p>Tyler Winkelman, Health Services Researcher, Hennepin County Medical Center (Minnesota EHR Consortium)</p>
4:30pm – 5:00pm	<p>TBA Session Sponsored by</p> 	

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

9:50am – 10:00am, *WEDI Welcome*

10:00am – 10:45am, *Leading with Impact: Strategies for Women to Thrive in Health IT Leadership*

- **Sarah Ahmad**, CEO, CAQH
- **Shweta Maniar**, Global Director, Healthcare & Life Sciences, Google
- **Hannah Galvin, MD**, Chief Medical Information Officer, Cambridge Health Alliance
- Moderated by **Grace Vinton**, Host HITeas with Grace Podcast

10:45am – 11:45am, *Standard Development Organization (SDO) Panel*

- **Robert Bowman**, Principal, Interoperability and Standards, CAQH
- **Margaret Weiker**, Vice President of Standards Development, NCPDP
- **Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD**, Chief Executive Officer, HL7
- **Cathy Sheppard**, CEO, X12

11:45am – 12:30pm, *CONFERENCE BREAK*

	AI in Healthcare IT: Navigating Innovation, Impact, and Implementation	
12:30pm – 1:15pm	<i>Understanding the Power, Potential, and Responsibility of Artificial Intelligence</i>	<p><i>(PA Track) Panel: Addressing Findings from WEDI’s Prior Authorization Survey</i></p> <p>Panelist TBA</p>

	Rebecca Mishuris, MD , Chief Medical Information Officer and VP, Mass General Brigham	
1:15pm – 2:00pm	<p><i>Smarter ER Decision-Making: How Generative AI is Transforming Hospital Admissions</i></p> <p>Eyal Klang, MD, Director of Generative AI Research Program, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai</p> <p>Donald Apakama, MD, Emergency Department Physician, Assistant Professor, Artificial Intelligence and Human Health, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai</p>	<p><i>(Cyber Resilience Track) Panel: Building a Cyber Resilient Health System. Strategies for Threat Detection & Response</i></p> <p>Rajan Odayar, EVP, Digital Information & Cyber Security Officer, Waystar</p> <p>Erik Decker, VP, Chief Information Security Officer, Intermountain Health</p> <p>More panelists TBA</p>
2:00pm – 2:15pm	CONFERENCE BREAK	
2:15pm – 3:00pm	<p><i>Using AI to Reduce the Burden of Prior Authorization</i></p> <p>TBA, Duke Institute for Health Innovation</p>	<p><i>(Transforming PA Track) CAQH Index Report 2024: Presentation and Industry Reaction Panel</i></p> <p>Erin Richter Weber, Chief Policy and Research Officer, CAQH</p> <p>Panel TBA</p>
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>TBA Session Sponsored by</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><i>(Patient-Centered Innovation Track) Bridging the Digital Divide: Solving the Challenges of Accessible Technology</i></p> <p>Neal Neuberger, Lead, National Rural Health Association’s Rural Health IT Coalition, President, Health Tech Strategies</p>
3:45pm – 4:45pm	<p><i>Leveraging Intermediaries to Advance Interoperability with FHIR</i></p> <p>Panelist TBA</p>	

Thursday, May 22, 2025

10:00am – 10:45, *Leading, Mentoring & Thriving in Health IT. Women of WEDI Panel*

Merri- Lee Stine, Senior Manager, Project Management, Aetna, a CVS Health Company (Moderator, WEDI Board Chair)

- **Pam Grosze**, Vice President, Senior Product Manager, PNC Bank
- **Andrea Preisler**, Senior Associate Director, Administrative Simplification Policy, American Hospital Association
- **Gail Kocher**, Director, National Standards, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
- **Danielle Lloyd**, Senior Vice President, Private Market Innovations & Quality Initiatives, America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
- **Rebekah Fiehn**, Director, Dental Benefits, Coding, and Data Exchange, American Dental Association

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