



CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Sessions Subject to Change

All times Eastern

Monday, November 6, 2023

WEDI Workgroup Meeting

Open to members AND non-members. WEDI workgroups provide thoughtful leadership and common-sense approaches that enhance the exchange of clinical and administrative healthcare information. Join the meetings as we collect input, exchange ideas, and make recommendations that inspire impactful and far-reaching change in our industry.

Rooms YT14 and YT15, Terrace Level

YT14

9:00am – 10:00am, Eligibility & Benefits

10:00am – 11:00am, Provider Information

11:00am – 12:00pm, Genomics

YT15

9:00am – 10:00am, Payment Models

10:00am – 11:00am, Claims

11:00am – 12:00pm, Remittance Advice and Payment

12:00pm – 1:30pm, YT17, **CMS Office of Burden**

Reduction and Health Informatics Presentation and Listening Session

Stella Mandl, Acting Director, Office of Burden Reduction & Health Informatics, CMS

Kathleen McGinty, Acting Deputy Director, Investigations and Fraud Prevention Partnerships Group, Center for Program Integrity, CMS

Daniel Kalwa, Deputy Director, National Standards Group, CMS

Paul Anderson, Health Insurance Specialist, CMS

Beth Karpiak, Policy Advisor, CMS

1:30pm – 3:00pm, YT17, **Leveraging Electronic Attachments to Reduce Administrative Burden and Strategies to Enhance Interoperability**

Sherry Wilson, Executive VP, Chief Compliance Officer, Jopari

Mary Lynn Bushman, Senior Business Analyst, NGS, an Elevance Health Company

Sofia Fayazdeen, Product Director, EDI Product, UnitedHealth Care

Christol Green, e-Solutions Senior Business Consultant/ Advisor, Elevance Health

Rhonda Sapereira, Senior Product Manager, Optum

Tara Rose, Capability Manager, Optum

Beth Davis, Senior Manager, Veradigm

Tina Greene, Senior Regulatory and Industry Affairs Director, Mitchell International

Rose Hodges, Senior Manager, Project Management, Aetna

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

7:45am, Founder's Lobby

Breakfast, Sponsored by



8:30am – 8:45am, Grossman Hall

WEDI Coffee Kickoff, No Surprises Act Task Group

8:45am – 9:30am, Grossman Hall

Seeking Trust and Transparency in AI Tools: The Blueprint for Trustworthy AI

Brian Anderson, MD, Chief Digital Health Physician, MITRE, Co-Founder, Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)

9:45am – 10:30am, Grossman Hall

Understanding AI Before Applying AI

John Glaser, PhD, Executive in Residence, Harvard Medical School

10:30am – 11:00am, Founders Lobby

Morning Networking Break Sponsored by



11:00am – 12:30pm, Grossman Hall

TBA Presentation and Listening Session from HHS Office of Civil Rights

Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, Office of Civil Rights, US Department of Health & Human Services

12:30pm – 1:15pm, Grossman Hall, Founders Lobby

Conference Luncheon

1:15pm – 2:00pm Breakouts

Grossman Hall

Alleviating the Burdens of Prior Authorization: Massachusetts Echoes the Push for Automation'

David Delano, Senior Director of Services, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium
Wendy Warring, JD, President and CEO, Network for Excellence in Health Innovation
Lauren Bedel, Senior Health Policy and Program Associate, Network for Excellence in Health Innovation

NT01, Ceremonial Classroom

ICD-11 Presentation and Conversation: Updates, Important Changes, and Future Decisions

Jamie Ferguson, Co-Chair, ICD-11 Policy Workgroups, National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS). Vice President, Health IT Strategy & Policy, Kaiser Permanente

2:15pm – 3:00pm Breakouts

Grossman Hall

Maximizing Value Through AI: Excelling in Episodes of Care. presented by edifecs
Summer Kahlon, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Edifecs

NT01, Ceremonial Classroom

Amplifying Health Equity: Unleashing the Power of AI and Data for Patient-Centric Transformation

Nawar Shara, PhD, Chief Research Data Scientist, Director, Center of Biostatistics, Informatics and Data Science (CBIDS), MedStar Health Research Institute

3:00pm – 3:30pm, Founder's Lobby
Afternoon Networking Break Sponsored by



3:30pm Breakout Sessions

Grossman Hall

3:30pm – 5:00pm, Grossman Hall
*Healthcare Standard Development
Organization (SDO) Updates*

Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD, Chief Executive
Officer, HL7

Andrew Fitzpatrick, Operations and
Licensing, X12

Robert Bowman, Principal, Interoperability
and Standards, CAQH

John Hill, Chief Operating Officer and

Margaret Weiker, Vice President, Standards
Development, NCPDP

NT01, Ceremonial Classroom

3:30pm- 4:15pm, *Beyond Paperwork:
Streamlining Healthcare Documents*
presented by DocStudio



5:00pm – 6:30pm, Grossman Hall, Founders Lobby
WEDI Welcome Reception

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

7:45am, Founders Lobby
Conference Breakfast

8:30am – 8:45am, Grossman Hall
WEDI Coffee Kickoff, Claims Sub workgroup

8:45am – 9:30am, Grossman Hall
Updates from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Micky Tripathi, PhD, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

9:45am – 10:30am, Grossman Hall
CARIN Alliance and Department of HHS Digital Identity Proof of Concept
Ryan Howells, CARIN Alliance, Principal, Levitt Partners
Kyle Neuman, Director of Trust Framework Development, DirectTrust
Adam McBride, IT Program Manager, Department of Health & Human Services
Robin Monks, Head of Product Engineering- Praia Health, Providence Digital Innovation Group

10:30am – 11:00am, Founder's Lobby
Morning Networking Break Sponsored by



11:00am – 11:45am Breakouts

Grossman Hall

"Model" Behavior: Updates from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). **Arrah Tabe-Bedward**, Deputy Director, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation, CMS

NT01, Ceremonial Classroom

Transforming the Process: HCSC's AI-Enabled Prior Authorization Tool Speeding Up Healthcare

Sid Raina, PhD, Health Care Management Technology Delivery Leader, Health Care Services Corporation

Derrick Higgins, Head of Enterprise Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Health Care Services Corporation

12:00pm – 12:45pm Breakouts

12:00pm – 12:45pm, Grossman Hall
Updates from NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards

Tammy Feenstra Banks, NCVHS Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Standards, Principal/Consultant, ImpactQue, LLC

Rich Landen, BCVHS Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Standards

12:00pm – 12:45pm, **NT01 Ceremonial Classroom**



Meeting NSA Provider Data Requirements Health Payment Systems' Strategy & The Role of Madaket PDX, presented by Madaket Health

Eric Demers, CEO, Madaket Health

Ted Acthem, Co-Founder, Chief Product Officer, Madaket Health

Martin Cody, SVP Sales, Madaket Health

Brian Marsella, President, Health Payment Systems, Madaket Health

12:45pm – 1:30pm, Grossman Hall, Founder's Lobby
Conference Luncheon and Networking

1:30pm – 2:15pm Breakouts

Grossman Hall



*AI & Evidence-Based Guidelines:
Streamlining Prior Auth for Medical
Necessity Presented by MCG, part of the
Hearst Health Network*

Brandy O'Diam, LPN, Associate Director,
Product Management, MCG Health

Danny Cawood, Manager, Product
Management, MCG Health

NT01, Ceremonial Classroom

*Finding Balance Between the Intersection of
Data Interoperability, Privacy, Cybersecurity,
and Improved Health Care; Updates from the
Health Sector Coordinating Council's
Cybersecurity Working Group*

Greg Garcia, Executive Director, Cyber Security
Health Sector Coordinating Council (HSCC)

2:30pm – 3:15pm Breakouts

Grossman Hall

*Building your Organization's AI Strategy;
Look Before You Leap*

Kevin Larsen, MD, Senior Vice President,
Clinical Innovation, Optum

Derrick Higgins, Head of Enterprise Data
Science and Artificial Intelligence, HCSC

Jared Staal, Senior Director, Advanced
Analytics and AI, Mayo Clinic

NT01, Ceremonial Classroom

*From Thin Air to Precision Data: The Power of
Generative AI in Electronic Data Interchange
and Medical Records.*

Presented by **edifecs**

Niraj Katwala, Vice President, Core Technology,
Edifecs

3:15pm – 3:45pm, Founder's Hall

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3:45pm Breakout Sessions

3:45pm – 4:45pm, **Grossman Hall**

Surveying the Health Equity Landscape: Current and Future Data-Centric Efforts and Initiatives to Address Health Disparities

Meagan Khau, Director, Data and Policy Analytics Group, Office of Minority Health, CMS
Rachel Harrington, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, NCQA

Jawanna Henry, Branch Chief Interoperability Systems Branch, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT

Vanessa Candelora, Senior Consultant, Point-of-Care Partners, Gravity Project Program Manager, Da Vinci Patient Cost Transparency Co-Lead

3:45pm – 4:30pm, **NT01 Ceremonial Classroom**

Payer and Provider Considerations on New Solutions for Prior Authorization - Finding Common Ground

Educational Session presented by



Eduardo Garcia, Partner, Healthcare Industry, IBM Consulting

Tamkeen Rasool, Partner, Healthcare Data and Analytics Lead, IBM Consulting

Heather McComas, Director, Administrative Simplification Initiatives, American Medical Association

Thursday, November 9, 2023

8:00am, Founder's Lobby

Conference Breakfast and Networking

8:45am – 9:15am, Grossman Hall

Developing Strategies for AI Governance, the VA and Beyond

Gil Alterovitz, PhD, VA Chief AI Officer, Director, National Artificial Intelligence Institute, US Department of Veterans Affairs.

9:30am – 10:15am, Grossman Hall

TBA General Session

Peter Clardy, MD, Senior Clinical Specialist, Google

10:15am – 10:45am, Founder's Lobby

Morning Networking Break

10:45am – 11:30am, Grossman Hall

Sequoia Project: Progress Towards Nationwide Interoperability

Mariann Yeager, Chief Executive Officer, The Sequoia Project

11:45am – 12:30pm, Grossman Hall

Applying AI and Data Science to Accelerate Learning and Improve Outcomes

Vindell Washington, MD, Chief Clinical Officer, Verily Health Platforms

12:30pm – 1:15pm, Grossman Hall, Founder's Hall

Conference Luncheon

1:15pm – 2:00pm, Grossman Hall

CISO Panel: Maintaining Security and Privacy as Patient Data and Technology Evolves

Paul Curylo, Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer, Inova Health Systems

Bezawit Sumner, CISO, Senior Director of Security and Compliance, CRISP Shared Services

Beth Creed, Supervisory Special Agent, Major Cyber Criminal Squad, Federal Bureau of Investigation

2:15pm – 3:00pm, Grossman Hall

Promises, Challenges, Updates, and the Future (of Data Exchange): Update on the Gravity Project's Affinity Pilot Project

Kathy Miller, Chief Operating Officer, Bronx Regional Health Information

Vanessa Candelora, Program Manager, Gravity Project. Senior Consultant, Point of Care Partners

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