



**EVENT SCHEDULE**  
**(Subject to Change. All Times Eastern)**

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, American University,  
Washington College of Law

**WEDI Workgroup Meetings** (Small and Medium Classrooms, Terrace Level)  
Open to all conference registrants, WEDI Members and Non-Members

**9:00am – 10:00am**  
Remittance Advice & Payment

**9:00am – 10:00am**  
Genomics

**10:00am – 11:00am**  
Emerging Technologies

**10:00am – 11:00am**  
Eligibility & Benefits

**11:00am – 12:00pm**  
Provider Information

**11:00am – 12:00pm**  
Health Equity (New) & Payment Models Joint Meeting

**12:00pm – 12:45pm, Grossman Hall**  
Conference Lunch

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**1:00pm- 1:30pm, Grossman Hall**

- Keynote Address; Aneesh Chopra, President, CareJourney, former Chief Technology Officer under the Obama Administration

**1:30pm – 2:15pm, Grossman Hall**

- The Quest for Interoperability Through the Years; A Roundtable Discussion with Former and Current ONC Leadership
  - Micky Tripathi, PhD, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
  - Donald Rucker, MD, Former National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (2017- 2021), Chief Strategy Officer, 1upHealth
  - Vindell Washington, MD, Former National Coordinator for Health Information (2016-2017), Chief Executive Officer, Onduo, Chief Clinical Officer, Verily Health Platforms

*We welcome the current and former National Coordinators of Health IT for a fireside chat discussing the evolution of interoperability, the road ahead and how technology and policy will aid in efficiency and data exchange.*

**2:15pm – 3:00, Grossman Hall**

- Privacy & Security Hot Topics and OCR Mission Moving Forward
  - Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR)  
*WEDI welcomes the new OCR Director who will share her thoughts on ransomware, OCR rulemaking, the office's enforcement focus on her vision ahead.*

**3:00pm – 3:15pm, Founders Hall**

- Afternoon Refreshment Break

**3:15pm – 4:00pm, Grossman Hall**

- TBA Educational Session Sponsored by **edifecs**

**4:00pm – 4:30pm, Grossman Hall**

- The Latest from the CMS Office of Burden Reduction & Health Informatics
  - Mary Greene, MD, Director of the Office of Burden Reduction & Health Informatics, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

**4:30pm – 5:15pm, Grossman Hall**

- “Baking In” Health Equity as a Fundamental Process; Updates on ONC’s Health Equity by Design
  - Thomas Mason, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)  
*Dr. Mason offers an update on how ONC is working on making equity a core design feature of its collective health IT endeavors*

**5:30pm – 6:30pm, Plaza (Outdoors)**  
WEDI National Conference Welcome Reception

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022, American University,**  
**Washington College of Law**

**7:30am – 9:00am, Founders Lobby**  
Conference Breakfast

**8:00am – 8:45am, Small Classroom**  
Claims Sub workgroup Meeting

**8:30am – 8:45am, Grossman Hall**  
WEDI Conference Coffee Kickoff Sponsored by **axway** 

**8:45am – 9:30am, Grossman Hall**

- Keynote: The Future of Administrative Standards
  - Rich Landen, Co-Chair, NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards  
*The Subcommittee on Standards monitors and makes recommendations to the Full Committee on health data standards, including implementation of the Administrative Simplification provisions of HIPAA, MMA the ACA and associated areas of focus such as interoperability. We welcome members of NCVHS' Standards Subcommittee on Standards to offer insight, standards expectations and workplans for the future, including updates on ICD-11.*

**9:30am – 10:15am, Grossman Hall**

- Critical Issues Impacting the Prior Authorization Workflow
  - Beth Davis, Senior Manager, Allscripts Payerpath
  - Donald Quackenbush, Product Manager, Cognizant
  - Heather McComas, Director, Administrative Simplification Initiatives, American Medical Association
  - Michael Pattwell, Principal Business Advisor, Edifecs

**10:15am – 10:30am, Founder's Lobby**

- Morning Refreshment Break

**10:30am – 11:15am, Grossman Hall**

- Solving National Problems at the Regional Level; How Health Data Utilities and Data Frameworks are Solving Gaps in Data and Supporting Patient Access
  - Lisa Bari, Chief Executive Officer, Civitas Networks
  - Nichole Sweeney, General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer, CRISP

- Elizabeth Killingsworth, General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer, Manifest Medex  
*Sharing data among influential entities allows for the normalization, aggregation, and streamlining of clinical data exchange, reduces costs, and creates positive trends in patient care. Learn about the emerging concept of health data utilities and how two states; California and Maryland, are succeeding in supporting data exchange through collaboration, partnerships, and policy.*

#### 11:15am – 12:00pm, Grossman Hall

- Healthcare Actor's Roles to Improve Quality with Clinical Data Exchange
  - Sandra Mitchell, Healthcare Data Quality Analyst, Department of Veterans Affairs  
*When inadequate clinical data content is exchanged, even the most sophisticated innovative technology will not be able to live up to expectations. Reasons for failure are often multi-layered and the complex resolutions must involve a spectrum of health care actors working together with a focus on the quality of the clinical content exchanged, not just a successful technical exchange. How is the Veterans' Administration HIE creating a community of trust, leveraging technology, and advocating for policies and procedures that build patient/provider trust and data quality improvement.*

#### 12:00pm – 12:30pm, Founders Hall

- Conference Lunch

#### 12:30pm – 1:15pm, Grossman Hall

- Automated Prior Authorization; Addressing Less Complex Cases without Human Interaction
  - Nikki Henck, Smile Digital Health  
*Educational Session Sponsored by  smile DIGITAL HEALTH*  
*Learn how FHIR capabilities such as structure data capture, clinical quality language and business process automation tools can be used to automate prior authorizations and deliver real-time decisions. By tapping into its own utilization management experience, payers can deploy FHIR and business process automation to rapidly approve certain kinds of less complex cases (and complex cases as well) without human intervention, delivering immediate turnaround of requests. Real-time decisioning decreases provider burden, increases provider satisfaction, and reduces payer UM costs.*

#### 1:15pm – 2:00pm, Grossman Hall

- Ushering a New Era at HL7
  - Charles Jaffe, MD, Chief Executive Officer, HL7
  - Viet Nguyen, MD, Chief Standards Implementation Officer, HL7

*In the light of upcoming regulatory requirements, we welcome HL7 leadership to offer exciting updates on the organization. Learn more about the new Implementation Division, updates on FAST, Helios and more.*

**2:00pm – 2:15pm, Founders Lobby**

- Afternoon Refreshment Break

**2:15pm – 3:00pm, Grossman Hall**

- Patient Advocacy Roundtable: How Technology and Policy is Improving the Patient Experience
  - Anna Hyde, Vice President of Advocacy and Access, Arthritis Foundation
  - Lauren Ryan, Government Affairs Director, AARP
  - Nicole Braccio, Policy Director, National Patient Advocate Foundation
  - Moderated by Samantha Holvey, Director,  
*Prominent patient advocacy groups meet to discuss the year in policy and regulations for their constituents, the patients.. How healthcare organizations can continue to improve the patient process through technology and policy and what 2023 holds for their organizations and members.*

**3:00pm – 3:30pm, Grossman Hall**

- Getting Closer and Closer: TEFCA Making Strides in Solving Interoperability
  - Mariann Yeager, CEO, The Sequoia Project  
*From recently releasing the Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) application to its plan to open the application portal in early October, TEFCA is making giant leaps toward achieving nationwide interoperability. How has the process been for The Sequoia Project, the recognized coordinating entity (RCE)? Mariann Yeager stops by to offer updates and her thoughts for the path ahead.*

**3:30pm – 5:00pm, Grossman Hall, Small Classroom (Small Group Exercise)**

- Collaboration in Action: Guiding Principles in Electronic Payments  
*Your Opportunity to Work Together and Shape Industry Policy*
  - WEDI Remittance Advice & Payment Workgroup Co-Chairs
    - Pam Grosze, Vice President, Senior Product Manager, PNC Bank
    - Patricia Wijtyk, Senior EDI Analyst, Cognizant

**Thursday, October 27, 2022, American University, Washington**  
**College of Law**

**8:00am – 9:00am, Founders Lobby**  
Conference Breakfast

**9:00am – 9:30am, Grossman Hall**

- Keynote: Margaret O'Kane, Founder and President, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

#### 9:30am – 10:15am, Grossman Hall

- How Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Data Help Paint a Detailed Picture to Aid Communities
  - Ryan Bosch, MD, President and Co-Founder, Socially Determined  
*It's now widely recognized that an individual's societal, economic, and environmental conditions—known as social determinants of health (SDOH)—are the greatest influence on health outcomes. Long overdue, health systems and insurers are investing in interventions that help tackle consumers' social needs. Now they must figure out how to measure the impact of these programs and which technology platforms will maximize their investments.*

#### 10:15am – 10:45am, Founders Lobby

- Morning Refreshment Break

#### 10:45am – 11:15am, Grossman Hall

- TBA Technology Showcase Presented by **edifecs**

#### 11:15am – 12:15pm, Grossman Hall

- Existing and Future GFE and AEOB Requirements of the No Surprises Act
  - Emily Ames, Health Insurance Specialist, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - Elissa Dines, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Advocacy and Assister Support, US Department of Health & Human Services

#### 12:15pm – 12:45pm, Founders Lobby

- 12:15pm- 12:45pm, Conference Lunch (Working)
  - 12:45pm- 1:00pm, Updates on the No Surprises Act Data Exchange Requirements
    - WEDI No Surprises Act Task Group

#### 1:00pm – 2:30pm, Founders Lobby, Small Classroom

- Collaboration in Action: No Surprises Act AEOB Request for Information  
*Your Opportunity to Work Together and Shape Industry Policy*  
2:30pm- Report Out
  - Facilitators, WEDI No Surprises Act Task Group

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