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### Save the date!

Thursday  
October 22

Southwest  
Michigan  
Physician  
IT Summit

Welcome to this issue of the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange Newsletter. We'll keep you informed on a monthly basis on information and the progress of the development of a secure online infrastructure designed to connect the region's healthcare providers. If you have any questions, comments or story suggestions, please share them with our editor, Bonnie Caprara, at [bcaprara@changescapeinc.com](mailto:bcaprara@changescapeinc.com).

### Southwest Michigan Physician IT Summit

The Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange and ChangeScape will hold the first Southwest Michigan Physician IT Summit - Preparing Your Practice for EMR Adoption on Thursday, Oct 22, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.

The Summit is an opportunity for physicians, practice managers and physician office staff members to learn about strategies for successful electronic health record (EHR) adoption, implementing EHRs in physician practices, and optimizing existing EHR systems. Attendees will share lessons learned from physician practice-based IT projects, learn about the benefits of health information exchanges (HIEs), and efforts at the regional, state and federal levels to stimulate the use of EHRs.



Micky Tripathi PhD. will deliver the keynote address. He is the president and CEO of the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative and co-chair of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) Policy Committee. As co-chair, he advises Dr. David Blumenthal, the national coordinator, on recommendations for meaningful use specifications.

#### General Sessions include:

- Federal Stimulus: What it is and the Implications for Your Practice
- State and Regional Implications

#### Breakout sessions include:

- Twenty Questions You Should Ask Yourself to Prepare for EMR
- EMR Vendor Selection Process and Contract Negotiation Tips
- Donating EHR Systems for Non-Employed Physicians
- How to Integrate IT into Your Practice to Minimize Adoption Barriers and Maximize Work Flow

CMEs are available.

## Southwest Michigan HIE Program Director completes CPHIE certification

Larry Hamilton, Southwest Michigan HIE project manager, has completed his Certified Professional in Health Information Exchange (CPHIE) certification.

The designation indicates that Hamilton has mastered the common body of knowledge of planning, governance, information architecture and stewardship, personal health records, telehealth and home monitoring and other exchanges of electronic information among organizations to make the most of that information in the Southwest Michigan HIE planning process.

“HIEs are really new and there are a lot of standards and approaches in developing them,” Hamilton said.

“Having gone through this process will help us effectively develop a strong and efficient HIE that will benefit the participating hospitals and physician practices.”

For more information on the CPHIE certification and other health IT certifications, visit [www.healthitcertification.com](http://www.healthitcertification.com).

The Summit is co-sponsored by the Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN) Resource Center.

Registration and additional information on the Summit will be forthcoming in upcoming MiHealthLink newsletters and on the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange Web site -- <http://www.mihealthlink.org/events.htm>.

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## Southwest Michigan HIE physician practice survey completed

The Southwest Michigan HIE has completed a comprehensive survey of 302 physician practices.

The 30-question phone survey asked participants about the types of electronic health and medical systems they use and or the types of systems they plan on using, how much help they'll need in implementing an EHR or EMR system. The survey also asked if the practices were hospital-owned or independently-owned and if they plan on participating in the HIE.



“I don't know of any other region in the state that has conducted a survey to this extent and with such a high number of responses,” said Larry Hamilton, Southwest Michigan HIE project manager. “We now have a better understanding of the statistical layout of EHR and EMR use. It's really helping us understand the marketplace, the impact of implementing an HIE and will help us integrate their needs and capabilities.”

The 302 surveyed physician practices represent 64 percent of the 470 physician practices representing 1,152 physicians in Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties.

The results of the survey will be presented at the Southwest Michigan Physician IT Summit on October 22, in Kalamazoo.

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