American Medical Informatics Association Hill Briefing

Crossing the Health IT Chasm: Considerations and Policy Recommendations to Overcome Current Challenges and Enable Value-based Care

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Opening Remarks
Douglas B. Frídsma, MD, PhD, FACP, FACMI

Overview “Crossing the Health IT Chasm”
Julia Adler-Milstein, PhD

Empowering Patients in 21st Century Medicine and Research
Blackford Middleton, MD, MPH, MSc, FACP, FACMI, FHIMSS

Restoring the Joy of Practicing Medicine
Peter Embi, MD, MS, FACP, FACMI

Enabling Innovation to Flourish
Neil Sarkar, PhD, MLIS, FACMI

Q&A

President and Chief Executive Officer of AMIA

Doug Frídsma, MD, PhD, FACP, FACMI
Doug Frídsma is the President and Chief Executive Officer of AMIA, a membership society representing 5000 professional and student informaticians and their interests and activities in academe, industry, government and nonprofit organizations. Dr. Frídsma is an expert in informatics, interoperability, standards, and health IT (including meaningful use). His understanding of the science and application of informatics and experience as practitioner and policymaker give him a depth of knowledge well-suited to the critical challenge of transforming health and health care. Prior to joining AMIA, Dr. Frídsma was the Chief Science Officer for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, responsible for the portfolio of technical resources needed to support the meaningful use program and health information technology interoperability.
Authors

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Julia Adler-Milstein is an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Information with a joint appointment in the School of Public Health (Health Management and Policy). Dr. Adler-Milstein is a national expert on policy and management issues related to the use of IT in healthcare delivery. Her research assesses the progress of health IT adoption; the impact of such adoption on healthcare costs and quality; and the relationships between market, organizational, and team structure and health IT use. A core focus of her work is on health information exchange and interoperability. Dr. Adler-Milstein holds a PhD in health policy from Harvard University. Her private-sector experience includes the Center for IT Leadership at Partners Healthcare in Boston and in the Health and Life Sciences Division of Accenture.

**Peter J. Embi, MD, MS, FACP, FACMI**

Peter Embi, the President and CEO of the Regenstrief Institute, is an internationally recognized researcher and educator in the field of clinical research informatics, with numerous publications and presentations describing his innovations in the field. Dr. Embi assumed leadership of Regenstrief and his roles at Indiana University in 2015. He previously served in various leadership positions at The Ohio State University, including Interim Chair of Biomedical Informatics, Informatics Director of the OSU Center for Clinical and Translational Science, and Chief Research Information Officer at the OSU Wexner Medical Center. Prior to that, he was faculty at the University of Cincinnati Academic Health Center where he was the founding director of the UC Center for Health Informatics. Dr. Embi is a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics and is Chair-Elect of the AMIA Board of Directors.

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**Neil Sarkar, PhD, MLIS, FACMI**

Neil Sarkar is the Founding Director of the Brown Center for Biomedical Informatics, Associate Professor of Medical Science, and Associate Professor of Health Services, Policy & Practice at Brown University. His work is dedicated to furthering biomedical informatics educational and research agenda across the entire spectrum of biomedicine, from molecules to populations. An internationally recognized leader in the field of biomedical informatics, Dr. Sarkar is an elected Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Medical Informatics Association, and has served on the editorial boards for the leading journals in biomedical informatics (including the *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, the *Journal of Biomedical Informatics*, and *Methods of Information in Medicine* [for which he is an Associate Editor]). He has been an author on over 90 peer-reviewed articles, which span topics from comparative genomics using phylogenetic approaches to population-level trend detection and predictive modeling in clinical and public health contexts.

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