Speaker Biographies

Dr. Marion Ball, Ed. D., Fellow, Center for Healthcare Management, IBM Research
Dr. Ball is a member of the Institute of Medicine, and serves on the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine. She also serves on a variety of boards in the area of health information technology, including American Health Information Management Systems (AHIMA/FORE), and she just finished a three-year term as Co-Chair in 2007 on the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Board. She received the Morris F. Colleen Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), and is an honorary member of Sigma Theta Tau, the Honor Society of Nursing, and the Medical Library Association (MLA). She is the author/editor of 20 books and over 260 articles in the field of Health Informatics. Her book, Consumer Informatics, received the HIMSS 2005 Book-of-the-Year Award. In 2006, the third edition of Introduction to Nursing Informatics was published, as well as a second edition of Aspects of Electronic Health Record Systems. Her previous book entitled Nursing Informatics: Where Caring and Technology Meet has most recently been translated into Chinese, joining the family of other translations into Japanese, German, Korean, and Polish.

Andy Bond, Ph.D., General Mgr-Interop., National e-Health Transition Authority (Australia)
Andy Bond is Chief Architect at the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA). He has driven the interoperability agenda at NEHTA for several years covering organisation, information, and technical aspects of system design and interconnectivity. Prior to NEHTA, Andy was Chief Scientist at the Distributed Systems Technology Centre (DSTC) responsible for research strategy and research engagement and transition of technology into the market. Andy has worked in distributed systems for over 20 years including research, development, and commercialisation. Special areas of interest include middleware, enterprise architectures, and interoperability. His work has included the interoperability frameworks, large scale national and international architectures, and other high-level community architectures.

Kenneth H. Buetow, Ph.D., Director, NCI Center for Bioinformatics, National Cancer Institute
Kenneth H. Buetow, Ph.D., is the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Associate Director for Bioinformatics and Information Technology and the Director of the NCI Center for Bioinformatics (NCICB). As Director of the NCICB, Dr. Buetow oversees coordination and deployment of informatics in support of NCI research initiatives and the Center’s participation in the evaluation and prioritization of the NCI’s biomedical informatics research portfolio. Dr. Buetow initiated the cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid™ (caBIG™) pilot project and oversees its activities. Dr. Buetow is also the Chief of the NCI Laboratory of Population Genetics (LPG). The LPG conducts human genetic and genomics research, both at the bench and using informatics tools. He has spearheaded efforts of the Genetic Annotation Initiative (GAI), an attempt to identify variant forms of the cancer genes identified through the NCI Cancer Genome Anatomy Project (CGAP). Prior to his position at NCI, Dr. Buetow was at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Buetow received his doctorate of philosophy degree in human genetics from the University of Pittsburgh in 1985.
Boyd Carlson, Senior Director, Application Development and Integration, Duke Health Technology Solutions
Sr. Director, Application Development and Patient Revenue Management Organization (PRMO) - IT
Boyd Carlson provides leadership in the development of mission critical applications across Duke Medicine. He is responsible for developing strategies that promote interoperable applications across the Health System that are safe, effective and efficient. Boyd also directs the Information Technology team of PRMO and is responsible for overseeing new patient visit and accounting initiatives throughout the Health System.

Steve Council, Senior Account Executive, Healthcare TIBCO Software

James Daniel, M.D., Chief Information Officer, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Alex DeJong, Senior Architect, Siemens Medical Solutions Health Services
Alex is responsible for the architecture of the Soarian™ software suite. He has experience ranging from software development to data center operations. He has led large-scale back-end systems integration projects and web enabled legacy information systems. His work spans across a wide variety of industries, such as Government, Retail, Insurance and Healthcare. He has contributed to EDI X12, and earned an early adopter award from the ACORD IDS organization.

Chris Diaz, Senior Solutions Consultant, Healthcare TIBCO Software
Mr. Diaz is a senior sales consultant for TIBCO Software’s North America Presales team. He has over 15 years of experience in enterprise computing working for some of the software industry’s most innovative firms. Over the last five years at TIBCO, he has focused on applying Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), Business Process Management (BPM) and Complex Events Processing (CEP) to the healthcare industry.

John Dodd, EA Practice Lead CSC
Mr. Dodd has over 38 Years of IT experience with over 36 Years with CSC. He has a B.S in Manufacturing Engineering and M.S. in Computer Science and Information Systems and has been involved in many large-scale integration activities and currently leads the Enterprise Architecture practice and is the lead of the Health Service Framework in the SOA COE. He was chief architecture for the Medicaid IT Architecture for two years. He is currently the Chair of the Industry Advisory Council Enterprise Architecture Shared Interest Group and lead of the Data Architecture Subcommittee Support.

Peter L. Elkin, MD, FACP, FACMI, Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
Peter is a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. He received his Batchelor of Science from Union College and his M.D. from New York Medical College. He did his Internal Medicine residency at the Lahey Clinic and his NIH/NLM sponsored fellowship in Medical Informatics at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Elkin has been working in Biomedical Informatics since 1981 and has been actively researching health data representation since 1987. He is currently on the executive committee of ASTM E31. He is the primary author of the American National Standards Institute’s (ANSI) national standard on Quality Indicators for Controlled Health Vocabularies ASTM E2087, which has also been approved by ISO TC 215 as a Technical Specification (TS17117). He chairs the OASIS International Healthcare Continuum and is a co-chair of Health and Human Service’s HITSP Technical Committee on Biosurveillance. Dr. Elkin is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Medical Informatics. Dr. Elkin chairs the International Medical Informatics Associations Working Group on Human Factors Engineering for Health Informatics. He was awarded the Mayo Department of Medicine’s Laureate Award for 2005. Dr. Elkin is the index recipient of the Homer R. Warner award for outstanding contribution to the field of Medical Informatics.

Steve Flammini, Chief Technology Officer, Partners Health Care
Steve Flammini is the Chief Technology Officer for Partners Healthcare in Boston, Ma. Partners Healthcare is an integrated health system founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to its two academic medical centers, the Partners HealthCare System also includes community hospitals, specialty hospitals, community health centers, a physician network, home health and long-term care services, and other health-related entities. Partners HealthCare is one of the nation's leading biomedical research organizations and a principal teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School. In this role, he is responsible for IT Technology strategy, process, and execution. He also holds the title of Corporate Director of Application Development, where he oversees Application technology, development, and integration. Steve joined Partners Healthcare in 1989, in the IT group at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He became the Director of Systems Development at BWH in 1992, and the Director of Application Development of Partners Healthcare in 1995. He is on the adjunct faculty at Northeastern University in the Bouve College of Health Sciences, and at the University of Alabama in the Graduate School of Health Professions.
Scott Gaydos, Application Services Executive, Federal Healthcare Portfolio, EDS
Mr. Gaydos is a senior business/IT leader offering an extensive background in senior leadership, consulting, project and program management, object oriented development, architecture design, and service-oriented enterprises. His background includes 15 years in software development, 12 specifically in clinical and administrative healthcare IT systems. His full life cycle technical expertise includes hands-on involvement in the analysis, design, implementation, and testing of multiple software applications in multiple environments. He has developed the architecture for DoD global blood bank systems as well as DoD medical eligibility systems. Additionally, he has served as the EDS Program Manager for the VHA’s Registration, Eligibility, and Enrollment Systems supporting the modernizations efforts for the VHA’s Health Eligibility Center. He currently serves in the role of Applications Services Executive within the EDS Federal Healthcare Portfolio, overseeing growth, delivery, and innovation in advanced healthcare technologies including the adoption of business/IT alignment strategies such as Service Oriented Architectures. Additional roles during his career have included development of HL7 laboratory interfaces as well as overseeing the development of X12 EDI efforts for utilization review and case/disease management solutions while serving as VP of Software Development for an independent medical software vendor.

Col. David Gilbertson, Program Manager, DoD Electronic Health Record, Military Health System
Colonel David Gilbertson has more than 24 years of experience in managing information technology and information resources. His scope of experience and training gives him with a clear perspective on the challenges of military healthcare and the important role of health information technology. Currently, COL Gilbertson is the Program Manager of the $5B DoD Clinical Information Technology Program (CITPO). The CITPO acquires systems that support the direct patient-provider relationship, as well as population health, medical surveillance, clinical decision support, and force health protection for our deployed service members. Prior to his selection as Program Manager, COL Gilbertson served as the Director, Systems Management for the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) where he was responsible for providing oversight and program integration for major information systems.

COL Gilbertson’s career achievements include pioneering the adoption of the commercial electronic inpatient system at William Beaumont AMC; fostering early interagency sharing efforts by being the first to implement the Veteran’s Affairs (VA) pharmacy system at a DoD facility; establishing the role of G6 for the newly formed 30th Medical Brigade; planning and executing the first large-scale deployment of telemedicine technology during Operation Joint Endeavor; creating a career course for biomedical information systems officers; creating a functional course on clinical informatics; and implementing a model IM/IT Governance process at Tripler AMC. As the Assistant Chief of Staff for the Pacific Regional Medical Command, COL Gilbertson was instrumental in the success of important research in telemedicine and other advanced technologies. COL Gilbertson’s academic qualifications include a Masters degree in Medical Information Sciences from Stanford University and Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Georgia, Athens. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the National Defense University Chief Information Officer (CIO) Certification Program. As a level 3 certified professional in Information Systems Acquisition and in Program Management, COL Gilbertson is recognized as a member of the Army Acquisition Corps. He also holds national certification in Information Assurance, is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMS), a certified Program Management Professional, and a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Dennis Giokas, Chief Technology Officer, Canada Health Infoway
Dennis Giokas is the Chief Technology Officer for Canada Health Infoway and head of the Solution Architecture Group. In that capacity he is responsible for the overall electronic health record business and technical solution architecture, and the health IT standards agenda. These include the EHR Solution Blueprint, the Privacy and Security Conceptual Architecture, and the Infoway Standards Collaborative for the governance, development, support and maintenance of standards. Infoway’s mission is to foster and accelerate the development and adoption of electronic health information solutions in Canada. Mr. Giokas has over 27 years of experience in the information management and information technology field. He has previously held executive positions at Sapiens Corporation, most recently as Vice-President and Managing Director of its Canadian subsidiary. He has also consulted on IT strategy in a number of industries including healthcare, financial services, insurance and energy services. He has held several senior positions with Digital Equipment Corporation, including those of Consulting Engineer and Group Technical Director. Mr. Giokas has served as a board director of COACH – Canada’s health informatics association. He is currently on the Board of Stewards for Open Health Tools Inc. and is a Director on the HL7 Inc. Board. He holds two patents for software innovations and has one industrial design patent. Mr. Giokas holds a Master’s of Music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music. He was working on his Ph.D. in Music Theory when he got interested in computer science. He has a Master of Science in Computer Science degree from Boston University.
Russell Hamm, Informatics Consultant, Apelon
Mr. Hamm is currently an Informatics Consultant at Apelon, Inc., a preeminent health care terminology products and services vendor. In this role he has worked internationally with both private and public sector institutions on the development and utilization of terminology services and terminology service standards. Prior to joining Apelon Russell was a Sr. Programmer/Analyst with Mayo Clinic’s Department of Biomedical Informatics where he was involved in the development of terminology models and terminology service interfaces. Additionally, Russell has participated in the design and implementation of NLP and rules based expert systems that employ structured terminologies to encode and analyze EHR content. Russell is an active participant in informatics standards activities, and is a regular participant and co-chair of the HL7 Vocabulary Technical Committee where he is responsible for maintaining the HL7 vocabulary content, developing standard terminology service specifications, and designing terminology maintenance interfaces. As an active participant in informatics for over six years, Russell is a respected member of both the business and informatics standards communities. His activities range from designing terminology services and specifications, creating on-line electronic learning systems and providing education and guidance regarding terminology best practices to the informatics and standards communities.

Jeff Hensley, CTO, The TriZetto Group, Inc
Since joining TriZetto, Hensley has managed multiple development teams and is currently focused on solution portfolio management. Since 2005, in his current position as Chief Technology Officer, Hensley leads TriZetto’s architecture efforts setting future technology direction. Through these efforts, he has helped develop a vision that supports the ongoing evolution of our solutions architecture and technology platforms. Jeff Hensley has more than 25 years of management experience in a variety of technology and quality-assurance functions, with the last nine years focused on the healthcare industry. Hensley is a graduate of St. Louis University, and obtained his masters degree in Computer Science from Northern Illinois University.

Alan Honey, Enterprise Architect, Kaiser-Permanente
Principal Enterprise Architect, Kaiser Permanente, Co-Chair, HL7 SOA Committee: Healthcare Services Specification Project (HSSP). 25 years in IT, including 9 years as an Enterprise Architect in Kaiser Permanente. Previous experience in Government and Finance sectors in Architecture and Project Management. Defined Application and Information Architectures across Kaiser Permanente enterprise, with focus on Integration and Service Oriented Architecture. Consulted on many large projects, including enterprise wide EMR implementation. Specified and developed application life cycle methodologies. Over last three years deeply involved in HSSP as co-chair of the HL7 SOA SIG, defining standard healthcare service specifications and methodologies.

Dr. Stanley Huff, Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Intermountain Health Care
Dr. Huff is Professor (Clinical) of Medical Informatics at the University of Utah, and the Chief Medical Informatics Officer at Intermountain Healthcare. Intermountain Healthcare is a charitable not-for-profit health care organization in the intermountain west that includes 22 hospitals, numerous primary care and specialty clinics, and a health plans (health insurance) division. He has worked in the area of medical vocabularies and medical database architecture for the past 20 years. He was a participant in the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) project, and is currently a co-chair of the Logical Observation Identifier Names and Codes (LOINC) Committee, previous co-chair of the Health Level Seven (HL7) Vocabulary Technical Committee, past Chair of the Board of Directors of HL7, a past member of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, and a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA). He teaches a course in medical vocabulary and data exchange standards at the University of Utah.

Dr. Stephen Hufnagel, Enterprise Architect, IRD Directorate, Military Health System, DoD
Stephen Hufnagel PhD, Architect and System Engineer, is the Military Health System (MHS) representative to the Health and Human Services (HHS) Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP). In that capacity, he is the co-chair of the HITSP Provider Perspective Technical Committee responsible for the development of HITSP Interoperability Specifications.

Stephen Jepsen, Senior Director, Healthcare Technology Business Unit, Oracle
Stephen Jepsen has been with Oracle for over 14 years primarily working in the healthcare industry working with a variety of provider, payer and public health entities. He is currently Senior Director in the Healthcare Technology Business Unit leading a team of global healthcare technologists focused on solving customer challenges in the area of healthcare data interoperability. His team provides domain and technical leadership for large-scale projects such as regional Electronic Health Records, enterprise-wide BI solutions for quality of care and infrastructure in support of leading edge initiatives such as translational medicine. Mr Jepsen's teams employ a wide variety of Oracle and 3rd party technologies to build Service Oriented Architectures in support of achieving business objectives.
Don Jorgenson, CEO, Inpriva, Inc.
Don Jorgenson has more than twenty years of experience leading embedded system and software development projects in energy management, telecom and healthcare. Over the last six years, his focus has been on healthcare information system interoperability, security and privacy. He serves as the Eclipse OHF team co-lead, lead of the HSSP Privacy, Access and Security Services (PASS) workgroup and has been active in IHE, WS-I and ASTM. Don holds a BS degree in Engineering Science and an MS degree in Electrical Engineering from Colorado State University. He is CEO of Inpriva, Inc.

Pavel Kilian, Siemens Medical Solutions Health Services
Pavel Kilian, PhD. is currently a Senior Application Architect at Siemens Medical Solutions, responsible for the application architecture of the Soarian™ Application Suite. Pavel has 12 years of experience in the healthcare industry as an architect and is specialized in clinical applications. Pavel has worked with multiple different technologies including OpenM, C++, J2EE and is currently driving semantic interoperability within Soarian. He is married and has recently become the proud father of a daughter.

John Koisch, Healthcare Architect, Booz Allen, Hamilton

Dr Kenneth Lunn, Director of Data Standards and Products (NHS Connecting for Health, NPfIT, UK)
Director of HL7. Head of the UK Terminology Centre. Technical Committee member for the IHTSDO. Ken has a Ph.D. in Distributed Computing from the University of Keele. He has over 25 years R&D experience in advanced computing, including Artificial Intelligence and Model-based Development Methods, working for multi-national organisations and universities. He joined the NHS in 2004, and he leads a team of over 90 staff engaged in the development and support of information standards.

Skip McGaughey, Executive Director, Open Health Tools
Skip McGaughey is Executive Director of Open Health Tools, which is a collaborative organization comprised of standards organizations, academia, National health systems, the open source community, vendors, and IT professionals. The purpose of this global foundation is to build software frameworks for interoperable healthcare systems that allow patients and their healthcare providers with access to vital and reliable medical information, from anywhere and at anytime. Prior to helping to this, Skip was the original Executive Director of Eclipse.org, which is a multi-language, multi-vendor open source platform for tool integration. There are over 800,000 organizations and over four million developers using Eclipse. Eclipse pioneered the linkage between building open source software and enabling successful and profitable ecosystems to deliver the technology to customers. As an agent for change and technical advancement, Skip pioneered object oriented programming into IBM. He was chairman of the Architecture Review Board that worked with Microsoft to design and bring advanced graphical user interfaces to market. He guided the creation of the IBM VisualAge family of products and helped design and introduced embedded programming tools. He has been an activist in linking open source with open standards.

Charles N. Mead, MD, MSc, Senior Associate, Booz Allen, Hamilton, Chief Technology Officer, NCI Center for Bioinformatics and Information Technology
Dr. Charles N. Mead is Booz Allen Hamilton Senior Associate, responsible for supporting the National Cancer Institute Center for Bioinformatics senior management by providing technical leadership, strategy, and architectural direction for the NCI’s various Clinical Trials Informatics Initiatives. Prior to joining BAH, Dr. Mead was Director of Healthcare and Life Sciences Strategy at Oracle Corporation, responsible for industry product development strategy and industry standards organization leadership. Prior to joining Oracle, he was the Founder and Chief Technology Officer at CareCentric, Inc., a company which provided clinical, administrative and financial solutions for non-physicians working in non-acute settings. Dr. Mead has served – and continues to serve – in a variety of leadership positions for a number of standards development organizations including HL7 and CDISC (Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium) including holding positions which have included Director at Large, Health Level 7 Board of Directors (2002-5); HL7 MnM Facilitator (1997-present); CoChair of HL7 Personnel Management (2001-3) and Patient Care (1997-2001) Technical Committees; and CDISC Industry Advisory Board Member (2004-present). Dr. Mead earned his Doctor of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, and then practiced Emergency Medicine for 9 years before returning to Washington University to earn a Master of Science degree in Computer Science. Prior to beginning his medical training, Dr. Mead earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Northwestern University.
Parsa Mirhaji, M.D., Director, The Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Informatics Research, The University of Texas -Health Sciences Center at Houston
Dr. Parsa Mirhaji is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Medicine and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Health Information Sciences in the School of Health Information Sciences. Dr. Mirhaji is the Director of the Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Informatics Research, where he has developed predictive epidemiology models and detection methodologies for emerging infectious diseases such as avian flu and a reference architecture for situational awareness for public health preparedness (SARA). Dr. Mirhaji has been an acting committee member on the Texas Hospital Preparedness Program at the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research, a selected member of Technology Subcommittee – Health Information Technology Advisory Commission, Texas Department of Health and Human Services, the chair of the International Defense and Homeland Security Conference 2003-2006, and the chair at the International Conference on Rule Markup Languages for the Semantic Web, 2006.

Donald T. Mon, Vice President, AHIMA
Donald T. Mon, Ph.D., is vice president of Practice Leadership for the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Dr. Mon leads the association’s professional practice initiatives, which include a strategic focus on electronic health information management (e-HIM™). Dr. Mon also represents AHIMA in helping to develop national policy and industry standards for the electronic health record (EHR), the personal health record (PHR), and health information exchange. He currently co-chairs the Health Level Seven (HL7) EHR Technical Committee, is a co-facilitator for the HL7 PHR Work Group, and serves as an Industry Liaison for the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT). Dr. Mon has over 25 years of healthcare experience, including a strong record of leadership in the field of HIM through research, practice, and advocacy. Prior to joining AHIMA in 2003, he served as Assistant Dean and Chief Information Officer of the Biological Sciences Division and The Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago. Dr. Mon has also helped design, develop, and maintain large scale databases and information systems for Catholic Healthcare West in San Francisco; University of Illinois at Chicago; Premier, Inc.; the Oracle Corporation; and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center. Dr. Mon has presented at regional and national conferences and seminars and has been published in numerous healthcare journals on topics including electronic health records, personal health records, health information exchange, health information technology and policy, data warehousing and data mining, career advancement in HIM, and customer service. Additionally, Dr. Mon has peer reviewed journal articles and books for the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS). Dr. Mon holds a Ph.D. in Educational/Counseling Psychology and Research Methods from Loyola University in Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from San Francisco State University.

Galen Mulrooney, VP, J P Systems, Inc., Lead Information Architect, Chief Health Informatics Office, VHA

Joe Natoli, Platform Architect, Intel Corporation
Joe Natoli is a platform architect in the Digital Health Group at Intel. Responsible for the end-to-end strategy and architecture for new products, Joe also leads the pilot/concept engineering projects. Joe has held various architecture positions across Intel's business including e-Business integration infrastructure, supply chain ERP, enterprise data warehousing and business intelligence, as well as portal deployments. He was founding member and architect of the SOA strategy and planning program for Intel IT, which included development of the overall architecture, best practices, training, production, and POC proof points, as well as the financial return models to monitor program success.

Nancy J. Orvis, Chief Operational Architect, DOD Military Health System (MHS), Integrated Requirements and Design (IRD) Directorate
Nancy Orvis, MHA, is the MHS Chief Operational and Data Architect, and MHS point of contact for Health Standards Development Organizations (SDOs). In that role, she is co-chair of the Health Level Seven Government Projects SIG, and she is currently serving on the HL7 Architecture Review Board this year.

Ron G. Parker, Group Director, EHR Solutions Architecture, Canada Health Infoway
Plamen Petrov, Chief Enterprise Architect, Blue-Cross Blue-Shield Association
Plamen Petrov is the Chief Enterprise Architect at Blue Cross Blue Shield Association - a national federation of 39 independent, community-based and locally operated Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies. In his role Plamen is responsible to define and oversee the architecture of the business technology solutions that BCBSA develops, operates and delivers to the 39 BCBS companies. Plamen works closely with his peers and colleagues at the 39 BCBS companies to define interoperable business technology solutions and establish standards. Plamen is also an adjunct professor in the Computer Science Department at Loyola University Chicago.
Plamen has 20 years experience with various technologies and industries having worked previously at companies like Convergys, Motorola, Sun Microsystems, and United Airlines. Plamen holds an undergraduate degree in Computer Engineering from Sofia Technical University, a Masters degree in Computer Science from Loyola University Chicago, a Masters degree in Engineering Management from Northwestern University and has done several years of doctoral studies in Artificial Intelligence at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Jody Pettit, M.D., Health Information Technology Coordinator, Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research
Dr. Pettit is the Health Information Technology Coordinator, Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research and serves at the Project Director for the Oregon Health Information Security & Privacy Collaboration. Since 2000, Dr. Pettit has been actively involved in health information development projects including serving as the director of the Oregon Health Information Infrastructure project for the Oregon Healthcare Quality Corporation, chair of the State of Oregon Health Policy Commission’s Electronic Health Records and Healthcare Connectivity Subcommittee, chair of the Chronic Disease Data Clearinghouse Steering Committee and consultant on Metropolitan Portland Health Information Exchange project for the Oregon Business Council’s Data Exchange Committee. Dr. Pettit is a board-certified internist practicing part-time as faculty with the Department of Medical Education at Providence Ambulatory Care and Education Center and Legacy Internal Medicine Residency Program and is a Clinical Associate Professor in the OHSU Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology. Previously, Dr. Pettit served as the InterHospital Physicians Association (IPA) Medical Director (2001-2005) and as a clinical consultant for the electronic medical records company MedicaLogic/Medscape (1999-2001). Dr. Pettit holds an MD degree, Masters degree in health and wellness administration and Bachelors degree in general science. Jody Pettit, MD, Health Information Technology Coordinator, Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research, jody.pettit@state.or.us

Dr. Peter Rohner, Institute of Information Management, University of St. Gallen (Switzerland), Managing Partner of Rohner Consulting
Dr. Peter Rohner is managing the competence center "CC HNE", which is concerned with e-government and e-health issues, at the Institute of Information Management at the University of St. Gallen (http://ehealth.iwi.unisg.ch). He earned a master's degree in information systems and a doctorate degree with a work on architecture and integration of distributed systems. He is currently working on his postdoctoral lecture qualification in the areas of e-government and e-health. He is a member of several Swiss national expert panels in these two interconnected fields and partner of Rohner Beratung AG, a consultancy specialized in management of hospitals and public administrations (http://www.rohner.ch).

Ken Rubin, Chief Healthcare Architect, Civilian Govt and DoD Healthcare Portfolio, EDS
Ken Rubin is a senior healthcare architect with Electronic Data Systems, Inc. (EDS), primarily focused on health informatics, enterprise architecture, and electronic health record interoperability. Mr. Rubin has over fifteen years of experience and ten years of health informatics experience, seven of which as the lead Enterprise Application Architect for the [US] Veterans Health Administration (the largest healthcare provider in the United States). Mr. Rubin is very active in the standards community, holding positions as co-chair of the OMG Healthcare Domain Task Force, the HL7 Service-Oriented Architecture Special Interest Group, the Healthcare Service Specification Project (HSSP), and formerly the HL7 Process Improvement Committee. Additionally, Mr. Rubin serves as the Enterprise Architect and on the Board of Stewards for Open Health Tools, a community developing open-source healthcare middleware.

Vish Sankaran, Program Director, Federal Health Architecture, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONCHIT)
Bob Schat, Principal Solution Architect, CSC Netherlands
Bob Schat is Principle Solution Architect for CSC Computer Sciences Corporation. He is the responsible for the over all design of IT solutions, covering the business process architecture, application architecture and infrastructure. He is specifically interested in the way architecture can be used as a way to communicate between people with different backgrounds. Specific professional interests are service oriented architecture, systems design and development and testing loosely coupled architectures. Being the responsible solution architect for the LSP he jointly with Nictiz, the National IT Institute for Healthcare in the Netherlands develops additional functionality for the LSP. He also assists in the support of healthcare institutions connecting to the LSP. Bob is Master Certified IT Architect.

Jeff Schneider, CEO, MomentumSI
Jeff founded MomentumSI in 1997 and serves as its CEO and Chairman. As CEO, Jeff aligns the strategic goals of the company with those of the customers. As a hands-on CEO, he spends significant time working directly with client programs and keeps a close eye on disruptive technologies and paradigms. Jeff started his career at 3M working on supply chain and manufacturing systems. In 1996, he wrote the first book on Enterprise Java and continues to write for leading technology publications and is a frequent speaker related to emerging technologies. His concepts of service networks, enterprise vocabularies and the “service oriented enterprise” serve as a blueprint for companies to upgrade not only their enterprise architecture, but also their people and processes.

Harry Solomon, Interoperability Architect, GE Healthcare
Harry Solomon is an Interoperability Architect with GE Healthcare, with responsibilities for GE participation in DICOM, HL7, IHE, and various other interoperability efforts, with a particular focus on cardiology. He chairs DICOM WG1 (Cardiovascular Information). He also teaches in the Medical Informatics program at Northwestern University. Harry began working for the RCA Corporation in 1978 as a software developer. His first assignment was on a host interface to an IMP (Interface Message Processor), a routing node of the original ARPANET (the predecessor of the Internet). Among other early career tasks were developing application-level network protocols, integrating an early Ethernet, and writing system and interface specifications for distributed computing systems. In 1993, he began work on a program for the digital cardiac cath lab, through which he became involved with extending the DICOM Standard for cardiology, angiography, and media interchange. Most recently, he has been mentoring the DICOM working group for anatomic pathology as they begin establishing interoperability standards for that domain.

Eric A. Stephens, Director, Enterprise Architecture & Integration Execllus, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Eric Stephens is Director of the Enterprise Architecture & Integration team at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. He specializes in Enterprise Architecture practices, SOA maturity, and Enterprise Architecture modeling. Prior to joining Excellus Eric provided architectural leadership with AppliedTheory Corporation servicing a number of U.S. Government clients. He also led innovation at Questra Consulting and Mutual of New York during his 20+ years in the IT industry. Concurrently with his responsibilities at Excellus and AppliedTheory, Eric held an adjunct faculty position with the Center for Business Information Technology at Syracuse University where he now sits on the advisory board.

Lindsy Strait, CTO for Healthcare and Life Sciences, Sun Microsystems
Lindsy Strait, the Chief Technology Officer, Healthcare and Life Sciences at Sun Microsystems, is a subject matter expert and thought leader for Healthcare and Life Sciences Systems in the field of event driven self sensing service oriented architectures for the healthcare industry. Mr. Strait utilizes his 25+ years experience in information technology with specialization in healthcare informatics to develop and execute high-level strategic planning, definition, and assessment of operations and process for the healthcare global software team at Sun Microsystems. Mr. Strait has held many senior executive management and leadership positions in the public and private sector starting in military healthcare systems while in college and in the Marine Corps, through graduate level work in Systems Science at USC then on to work on staff at Harvard University with the Harvard Community Health Plan as the SVP of development for the Healthcare 2000 medical record application system through several successful start-ups bringing solutions to market, lead roles at Ernst and Young, on to his current role as an international speaker and subject matter expert and CTO for Sun Microsystems globally.

Mary Terlep, Consultant
Mary Terlep is a Healthcare Subject Matter Expert specializing in the EHR. Together they have extensive experience in the commercial and military healthcare IT arena. They are working with the Veterans Administration to establish an enterprise architecture strategy for Electronic Healthcare Record (EHR) interoperability.
David Torok, Siemens Medical Solutions Health Services
Dave Torok is currently a Senior Software Architect at Siemens Medical Systems, responsible for Service Oriented Architecture in the Soarian™ software suite. Dave has 20 years of experience in the Health Care, Financial Services, and Telecommunication industries as an architect of enterprise software and web applications. Dave has worked with Java since its introduction in 1995 and has continuously incorporated the evolving SOA technologies and standards into his work practice.

Joel Vengco, MS, Director, Ambulatory Practice Systems, Boston Medical Center
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