2015 Conference Presenters

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Technical Subject Matter Expert, Data Access Framework, S&I Framework Project, ONC

Dragon serves as Technical Architect on multiple projects for the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), including Data Access Framework, Standards Implementation and Testing Environment, Patient Centered Outcome Research, Direct, and C-CDA. In this assignment he works with NIST to develop certification tools for standards adopted in the ONC Standards and Certification Criteria. Dragon has two decades of experience building information technology systems across multiple domains, including Transportation, Commerce and Healthcare. He started his career building software to control and optimize train traffic for railroad companies. Dragon was a presenter at the 2010 Redwood MedNet Conference; at that time he was Chief Architect for Harris Healthcare Solutions, with responsibility for architectures using Direct and eHealth Exchange standards. Dragon has a Bachelors of Electronics degree from Bangalore University in India.

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Executive Director, California Association of Health Information Exchanges (CAHIE)

Dr. Cothren leads stakeholders at CAHIE in pursuit of statewide interoperability in California through outreach, education, policy development, and emerging technologies that promote sharing of health information. Prior to CAHIE he led technology efforts conducted by the California State Governance Entity under the HITECH disbursements, including the creation of the National Association for Trusted Exchange (NATE) based on consensus policies and national standards. Dr. Cothren was Chief Scientist and Director of Clinical Information Systems at Northrup Grumman, where he led one of the four federal contracts that articulated an initial prototype architecture for the Nationwide Health Information Network. Dr. Cothren also conducted clinical research at the Cleveland Clinic, holds numerous patents, and has authored or co-authored over 100 publications. Dr. Cothren has presented at three previous Redwood MedNet Conferences. Dr. Cothren holds undergraduate degrees in both Biology and Chemical Engineering from MIT, a PhD in Medical Engineering from the Harvard/MIT Health Sciences and Technology program, and currently teaches health informatics as part of the University of California Davis Extension program.

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Ms. Filkins is a senior SANS analyst holding the CISSP and SANS GSEC (Gold), GCH (Gold), GLSC (Gold), and GCPM (Silver) certifications. She has done extensive work in system procurement, vendor selection and vendor negotiations as a systems engineering and infrastructure design consultant. She works on HIPAA security issues in the health and human services industry, with clients ranging from federal agencies (Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs) to municipalities and commercial businesses. She focuses on issues related to automation:

privacy, identity theft and exposure to fraud, as well as the legal aspects of enforcing information security in today's mobile and cloud environments. In 2014, Ms. Filkins authored the Health Care Cyberthreat Report, published by SANS based on threat intelligence data related to healthcare organizations in the US. She has been an invited moderator for HIMSS Privacy and Security forums as well as presented at several conferences, including the 2011 RWMN where she participated in the discussion on Security and Health Information Exchange. Ms. Filkins has a BS in Physics from Harvey Mudd College.

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Dr. Hersh is a faculty member in the OHSU School of Medicine. He is Director of all graduate biomedical informatics programs at OHSU. He also spearheaded OHSU distance learning programs for biomedical informatics, which are available up to the master's degree level. He conceptualized and implemented the first offering of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) 10x10 ("ten by ten") program, which offers a certificate course in biomedical informatics. He is Director of the Biomedical Informatics Program of the Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI, www.octri.org) and was Chair of the National Informatics Steering Committee of the Clinical & Translational Science Award (CTSA) program of the National Institutes of Health from 2006-2008. Dr. Hersh is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA) and is co-editor of ACM SIGIR Forum. He is a member of the AMIA Board of Directors. Dr. Hersh maintains the Informatics Professor blog (http://informaticsprofessor.blogspot.com/), and he previously presented at the 2011 Redwood MedNet Conference. Dr. Hersh has a BS in Biology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, an MD from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and completed a Fellowship in Medical Informatics at Harvard University in 1990.

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Dr. Hogarth is a board certified internal medicine physician at UC Davis Medical Center and a faculty member at UC Davis School of Medicine. Since 2004, Dr. Hogarth has led the development and on-going technical operation of the California Electronic Death Registration System (http://www.edrs.us). His team also developed the Maryland EDRS, which went live in 2015. Since 2010, he has been CMIO for the UC-wide Athena Breast Health Network project (http://www.athenacarenetwork.org), which involves electronic patient-reported information from over 70,000 women in California. Dr. Hogarth is the UC Davis site informatics lead for the pSCANNER network, a PCORI funded clinical research data network with access to over 23 million patient records. He joined the faculty of the UC Davis School of Medicine in 1997. Dr. Hogarth has presented at six previous Redwood MedNet Conferences. Dr. Hogarth has an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering from Texas A&M University and an MD from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

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Mr. Isbell is responsible for technical and operational initiatives for Health Information Exchange (HIE) services between Kaiser Permanente regions and with external health care exchange partners. He is also the current Program Manager for the Care Connectivity Consortium (CCC), a collaborative whose focus is to promote health information exchange on a national scale. The CCC is comprised of Mayo Clinic, Intermountain Healthcare, Geisinger Health System, Group Health, OCHIN, and Kaiser Permanente. Mr. Isbell joined Kaiser Permanente in 2002. Prior to Kaiser Permanente he worked as a management consultant in the health care industry.

Arien Malec
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Mr. Malec oversees the strategic development of the clinical data platform. Recently he was detailed to the Office of National Coordinator (ONC) as coordinator of the Direct Project for 18 months, and then as coordinator for the Standards and Interoperability Framework for ONC, where he developed the standards strategy and participatory framework for many of the standards included in Edition 2014 ONC Certification. Prior to RelayHealth, Mr. Malec served in product management, professional services, and business development leadership roles for technology companies serving the pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device sectors, working on solutions for improving the process of clinical trials and pharmacovigilance. Mr. Malec has a BA in International Relations from The American University.

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Dr. Payne has been the Medical Director of University of Washington (UW) Medicine IT Services since 2000. He is also a faculty member in two departments at UW, and Attending Physician at UW Medical Center and at Harborview Medical Center. Prior to UW he led the installation of the Veterans Administration CPRS electronic medical record at VA Puget Sound in Seattle. He is Board Chair-elect of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). He is on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA), a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh) and served as the Chair of the AMIA EHR-2020 Task Force. He is the author of over 60 articles in the field, and editor of a book on Operating Clinical Computing Systems in a Medical Center, now in its second edition. His research interests include natural language processing and electronic documentation in EMRs. Dr. Payne has an undergraduate degree from Stanford University, an MD from University of Washington, and completed a Fellowship in Medical Informatics at Harvard University. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Clinical Informatics.

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Mr. Rishel recently retired as VP and Distinguished Analyst in Gartner's healthcare provider research practice (14 years). Mr. Rishel currently serves on the Federal Health IT Standards Committee (HITSC; 6 years). As a co-founder of HL7 Mr. Rishel served on the board for 21 years, spending two years as Chair. Mr. Rishel was a trustee and commissioner of the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (3 years), and he served on the board of directors of the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI; for 4 years), and the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS; for 2 years). Mr. Rishel has presented at six previous Redwood MedNet Conferences. Mr. Rishel studied mathematics at Dartmouth College and Electrical Engineering at University of Michigan.

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Ms. Savage works on cost and quality transparency in health care, and on maintaining patient privacy while working to realize the potential of health information exchange for better patient care in a learning health care system. Prior to joining ONC, Ms. Savage was Senior Associate General Counsel at UnitedHealthcare. From 2012-2013 she served on the Governance Board of the CMS Multi-Payer Claims data base project. Prior to joining UnitedHealthcare, Ms. Savage was General Counsel at Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH). Prior to joining PBGH, she served as Stanford University's benefits compliance officer. Ms. Savage is a Member of the State Bar of California, the American Corporate Counsel Association, and the American Health Lawyers Association. Ms. Savage has a BA from Mills College, and a JD summa cum laude from New York University School of Law.

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Dr. Tripathi is the founding President and CEO of the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative. He is Chair of the Information Exchange Workgroup of the Federal HIT Policy Committee (HITPC). He also serves on the Board of the New England Health Exchange Network (NEHEN), and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the eHealth Initiative. Prior to MAeHC, he worked with U.S. and international clients as a Manager at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG). While at BCG, he served as the founding president and CEO of the Indiana Health Information Exchange. Prior to receiving his PhD he was a senior operations research analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington, DC. Dr. Tripathi has an undergraduate degree in political science from Vassar College, a PhD in political science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a MPP from Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.