



## GREATER ILLINOIS Chapter

Weekly Communication

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### Interested in Mentoring?

GICHIMSS is always looking for members who are interested in participating in our mentorship program as either a Mentor or Protégé.

If you want to learn more, please [Click Here](#) to visit our mentorship site and consider signing up today!

### Contribute to our Next Newsletter

Are you interested in contributing to our upcoming newsletter? Please contact the GIC-HIMSS Communication Committee.

We are looking forward to hearing about your personal experiences working in the industry, any thoughts, insights, trends you are seeing, or advice or expertise you may like to share.

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### Upcoming Events / Webinars

*Free Webinars w/ CPHIMS Credit*

#### Nursing Informatics Certification Review Course

##### Dates:

Friday, September 30, 2016 from 8:00AM – 5:00PM CST  
 Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8:00AM – 12:00pm CST

##### Location:

Rockford Memorial Hospital  
 Finkenstaedt Board Room (Ground Floor)  
 2400 N Rockton Ave  
 Rockford, IL 61103

##### Overview:

GIC HIMSS is offering a 2-day Nursing Informatics Certification Review Course. This course is intended to assist in preparation for the ANCC Informatics Nursing Certification exam. This is not a Nursing Informatics 101 course. The course will be interactive to help you best prepare to sit for your exam. We will promptly start at 8:00 am on both days. Study guide included with registration fee. After completion of the course, 12.0 contact hours will be awarded for attendance at this two-day workshop. Attendees must attend both days to be awarded the contact hours. Maximum capacity is 30 students so register early!

[Click here to Register!](#)

**This education activity is jointly provided by Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc. (AJJ), the American Nursing Informatics Association (ANIA), and the Greater Illinois Chapter of HIMSS.**

#### Welcome to the GIC!

Welcome to the **Greater ILLINOIS Chapter of HIMSS!**

**The Story of Our Name Change...**

On July 28, 2016, our chapter name adopted its new name to represent the transformation our membership experienced over the past few years.

While originally founded to support the HIMSS "health" of Chicago and surrounding suburbs, our Chapter has expanded to now represent a large portion of the state of Illinois. As visible in the attached graphic, our chapter actively promotes the HIMSS vision throughout Illinois – past Rockford to the Mississippi River in the northwest, down to central Illinois, and east along the Indiana border including the Indiana "collar counties".

Our chapter Board of Directors has actively committed outreach to these "new" areas and now offers educational events, organizational affiliate outreach, and CIO partnerships. In addition to our annual Advocacy activities at our state capitol in Springfield, our chapter hosts events throughout the state including our upcoming Nursing Informatics event to be held in Rockford on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

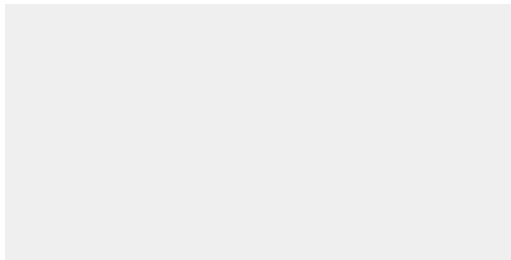


Our Board decided that "**Greater Illinois**" would best represent our objectives. It allows us to maintain the investments made to date in membership recognition of our correspondence and activities. By keeping the word "**Greater**", we still facilitate web searches and directory look-ups for those who know us as well as preserve the value of the name recognition we have built within the HIMSS communities. Similarly, given the breadth of the state falling under our purview – and the national HIMSS organization's on-going reference to us as the "**Illinois**" chapter – we feel this new name significantly embodies the entire membership we serve while reducing confusion for those who know us best.

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## Engage with the GICHIMSS on Social Media!

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and updates for GICHIMSS members!



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