



Summer Symposium and Golf Tourney

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Upcoming ANHIX Events

The 7th Annual ANHIX – Digital Health Canada 2019 Winter Conference will be held on **Tuesday, February 5th** at the Four Points by Sheraton Calgary Airport Hotel. The early bird deadline is **January 11th**. For more details see page 3.

The ANHIX Spring Symposium/AGM is in the planning stages and is tentively scheduled for **May, 2018** in Edmonton. More information will be published as it becomes available.

ANHIX's Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament was held at the Ranch Golf and Country Club on September 12, 2018 with 60 people in attendance.

The program began with Michael McDermott, a Project Manager at Alberta Health, providing an update on the Central Patient Attachment Registry (CPAR) project.

Michael discussed the importance of continuity of care and the very real benefits it produces including decreased utilization, decreased mortality and decreased costs. He spoke to how

continuity was being enabled by the implementation of patient panels and the central patient attachment registry. He described the process of paneling and the key behaviors needed to support it. He described the implementation progress being made and the dependencies that were required to achieve a successful implementation. He finished by identifying challenges that are being encountered as implementation proceeds.

Next up was Dr. Lawrence Richer, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta, Associate Dean, Clinical

Research and Director of the Northern Alberta Clinical Trials and Research Center (NACTRC).

Dr. Richer's presentation was entitled "How AI, big data, and digital technology are disrupting clinical trials and drug development".

He discussed how clinical trials are necessary to drive the adoption of innovation (drug, device, process or other) but they are often slow and expensive. He then went on to describe how the application of AI, big data, and digital technology are

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Dr. Deborah James speaks to the UAlberta Health Initiative

Upcoming Healthcare Information Management Events

BCHIMPS Spring
Education Symposium
2019
Fairmont Pacific Rim
Hotel, Vancouver, BC
March 1

bchimps.org

HIMSS '19
Conference & Exhibition
Orlando, Florida
February 11 to 15

himssconference.org

Canadian Reception at
HIMSS '19
February 12

itac.ca/blog/event/5139

e-Health 2019
Canada's National
Conference & Tradeshow
Toronto, ON
May 26 to 29

e-healthconference.com

MedInfo 2019
Centre de Congrès de
Lyon, France
August 26 to 30

MedInfo 2019

Summer Symposium (Cont.)

... are transforming the conduct of clinical trials. He also indicated that there were many positives regarding Alberta landscape thus providing significant opportunity for innovation.

The last to speak was Dr. Deborah James, Executive Director, Innovation, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta who provided an introduction to the UAlberta Precision Health Initiative. She described the University of Alberta Precision Health (PH) Signature Area, the overarching support and infrastructure that guided identified initiatives. She identified the key people involved and the many partner organizations (Alberta Health, AHS, Alberta Innovates etc.) and she then spoke to several PH initiatives including the real world evidence unit, the Alberta Real World Evidence Consortium and Alberta Public Labs/Translational Research Laboratory.

Copies of the presentations are available to ANHIX members following the link below:

[Summer Symposium Presentations](#)

Golf Tourney Cancelled

For the first time in the seventeen-year history of the ANHIX Golf Tourney, the event had to be cancelled due to poor weather. The overnight high of 9°C had dropped to 1°C by lunchtime and with snow threatening the decision was made to cancel. However, that didn't stop three hardy souls from Alberta Health Services playing their round despite the inclement weather. They even started out on the driving range!



Albert Gip, Gerry Ison and Brad Saretsky braving the elements!



Audit Volunteers

Now that ANHIX has been incorporated as a Society, Service Alberta requires us to submit an annual return. This annual return must include an audited financial statement. Societies can either have the audit performed by professional auditors or two Society members in good standing. Hiring external auditors would likely prove quite costly so it's the Board preference to determine if there are two members who would volunteer for the task. The Treasurer will assist the two members in every way possible but for transparency reasons, the members will report their findings to the President. If you would be willing to assist with the audit, please contact us at info@anhix.com.

Prospective Board Members

Have you ever thought of helping to lead ANHIX's activities by becoming a Board Member? In the early Spring, we will be seeking nominees to stand for election to the Board. Board Members serve a two year term and there will be several vacant positions to be filled at the upcoming AGM in May. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone else in mind, then look out for the emails that will be coming out in March.

In the News



Formerly COACH: Canada's Health Informatics Association

ANHIX-Digital Health Canada 2019 Conference

The 2019 ANHIX/Digital Health Canada Calgary Winter Conference marks the seventh collaboration between ANHIX and Digital Health Canada (formerly COACH) to deliver an event in Calgary. The one-day conference attracts leaders, thinkers, senior executives, and individuals within the health space from Alberta and beyond.

The conference will be held at the Four Point by Sheraton Calgary Airport Hotel on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019. To obtain further details on the agenda or to register for the conference, please visit the registration web site by clicking on the following link - [Conference registration](#)

ANHIX members will enjoy a discounted rate and a further early bird discount is available until January 11th.

ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM

Our Spring Symposium will be held in May 2019 at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre Edmonton South. Conference planning is actively underway, and details will be announced shortly.

ANHIX Membership



To enjoy discounted rates to attend ANHIX events, you need to be an ANHIX member. This applies to both the upcoming Winter Conference and Spring Symposium so if you wish to get the best possible rate, go to the ANHIX website – anhix.com/join and join today. The membership fee is still only \$25 and the savings you realize on the non-member rate make it very worthwhile.

If you are currently a member and your membership expires before the upcoming events, you will receive an email inviting you to renew your membership prior to its expiration.

The Canadian Reception @ HIMSS 2019

The reception, hosted by the members of ITAC Health and HIMSS North America, will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Windemere Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Orlando. As in years past, there will be complimentary

hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and there is no charge to attend. All are welcome so please feel free to share the invitation. To register, simply click on the following link - [2019 Canadian Reception @ HIMSS Invitation](#)

Alberta Health Services Membership Agreement

ANHIX has been working with AHS to try and find creative ways to allow more AHS staff to attend ANHIX events but at the same time keep costs at an affordable level. After discussion, it was agreed to run a trial membership agreement that allows AHS to have ten attendees to all three of ANHIX's annual events. The ten are of AHS' choosing and may be the same ten for each event or a different ten for each event. The one time cost includes membership and event registration fees. The first event covered under this agreement was the Summer Symposium and it will also cover the Winter Conference and the Spring Symposium.

Discussions are now underway with Alberta Health to see if they would like to take advantage of a similar arrangement.

If you are interested in learning more about organizational memberships, please contact us at info@anhix.com.

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We want to hear from you!

As mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, our Spring Symposium is fast approaching, and the program committee will begin its work shortly. As it starts to put the agenda together it would like to hear from you on any recommendations you may have for presentation topics or speakers.

Additionally, we are also always looking for ideas for newsletter articles,

suggestions for ways we can provide greater value to our members or any other general comments. Please let us know what works and what can be improved. We can be reached by email, through the website, by fax or by mail.

Contact details are shown in the left column of this page so get communicating!

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

The ANHIX Board wishes all ANHIXs members and their families and friends a very happy holiday season and a prosperous and happy New Year.

