



Major Health Informatics Conference Coming to Kitchener and Your Desktop

WATERLOO, Ont. (Wednesday, March 31, 2010) – The Advances in Health Informatics Conference 2010 (AHIC 2010) convenes April 28 – 30 in Kitchener, Ontario and on your desktop!

AHIC 2010 is the first global, virtual Health Informatics conference in Canada. Participants can attend both physically and remotely via interactive webcast, thanks to Cisco Systems, the conference's Diamond Sponsor.

Keynote talks, scientific presentations and discussion sessions will highlight the theme "Realities of eHealth." AHIC 2010 features national and international visionaries, researchers, industry experts and government leaders addressing Health Informatics innovation, research and education. The conference includes a Networking Reception showcasing conference sponsors through the use of digital media. AHIC 2010 will conclude with a Think Tank session on "Revisiting eHealth Strategies", which will examine what has worked in eHealth, what hasn't and why. This session will launch a continuing task force that will provide a forum for consideration, critical review, discussion of eHealth strategic issues and proposals for their resolution.

Dr. Nicola Shaw, Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, noted: "We received so many submissions for AHIC that we had to make difficult decisions regarding which papers to accept for presentation at the conference. This will be a fantastic learning opportunity for the conference attendees."

"I have attended so many conferences that cost thousands of dollars for travel, that I decided we had to make this event accessible remotely, and maybe provide ideas to others on how to do the same. Today, it borders on being irresponsible if we don't use the very technologies we promote as Health Informaticians", said Dominic Covvey, the Conference Chair.

Keynote speakers include: Senior Medical Informatics Director for Cisco Systems, Daniel Z. Sands, the President and CEO of the Branham Group, J. Wayne Gudbranson, and Science writer and columnist, Steven Strauss.

AHIC will recur every 2 years, alternating with the Information and Technology in Health Conference (ITCH). AHIC 2010 is co-hosted by UW Waterloo Institute for Health Informatics Research, UW School of Optometry, UW School of Pharmacy, Conestoga College and the National Institutes of Health Informatics.

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About NIHI: NIHI (www.nihi.ca) is a Canada-wide, virtual institute of institutes bringing together experts in Health Informatics. NIHI serves as a catalyzer, co-ordinator and facilitator that assists in defining, fostering and bonding together local initiatives dedicated to HI research and education.