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Electronic Health Records

Nashville is a major center of the healthcare industry. One of the present hot projects in the industry is Electronic Health Records (EHR). Our August speaker will discuss the status of EHR in the industry and the problems of healthcare going digital. Our speaker is Al Azmitia who is the Director of Information Services for iPractice Group. The iPractice Group is an EHR and technology healthcare company supporting small, independent medical practices throughout the U.S.

Al Azmitia will discuss “Meaningful Use” (MU) which, in the health information technology context, is the attestation of the use of electronic health records and related technology within a healthcare organization in order to qualify for incentive money from the Federal Government. Al will outline the stages of Meaningful Use and the relationship with the HITECH Act. He will also discuss the adoption of Meaningful Use and give us a projection of what’s next in healthcare.

Al Azmitia has over 25 years of IT experience with 16 years in the healthcare industry. He joined iPractice Group in 2010 as C.I.O. – Information Services Director to provide this startup company with strategic and tactical direction in EHR and IT technology for the healthcare industry. He is building the hosting infrastructure to support reliable and secure access to clinical and business applications. Prior to iPractice Group, Al worked for 15 years

in the Nashville area with four major healthcare companies in IT management positions. He was the Technology and Project Services Director for Anthem Healthcare Intelligence, Inc.; Assistant Vice President of Information Technology for Ardent health Services, Inc.; and Director of Network Services for Community Health Systems, Inc. Al started his healthcare industry experience as a Senior Telecommunications Engineer for Vanderbilt University and Medical Center.

Al spent ten years working in St. Petersburg, FL as the Senior Systems Specialist for the St. Petersburg Times Newspaper, Inc. Al learned electronics serving in the U.S. Navy for nine years as an Aviation Electronics Technician.



Al has an MBA in Project Management from the Jones International University and a BS in Industrial Engineering Technology from Southern Illinois University. Al is a Cisco Certified Networking Professional as well as a Certified Design Professional. He also holds other certifications. Al has attended many technical training sessions and seminars throughout his career.

Al has been married to Carol for 28 years and says that she was a Miss America candidate. They live in the Kingston Springs area of Tennessee and have one daughter and two sons. They like to fish, hike, and go to the beach. Al has a hobby of HO scale model railroad-ing.

This should be a great program to learn about the electronic health status from an expert. Bring your peers.

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Dinner Reservation and Cancellation Policy

AITP members will be notified by electronic mail one week prior to the Chapter meeting. Reservations can be made by responding to the electronic notice or by calling **Mary Simpson at 615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775** Dinner reservations can be canceled up to 24-hours prior to the meeting without cost.

Since the Chapter pays for reserved meals, No Shows will be billed at the reservation price of \$20.00 for Members, and \$30.00 for Guests.

Members are responsible for their guests' reservations. *If you are a member and have not been receiving this notification, please contact Mary Simpson at:*

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August Chapter Meeting

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From the August 2005 President's
Message: Another Medical Records
Program

MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

Christopher Rehm, Chief Medical Officer for Spheris Corporation, was our July speaker. His topic was Electronic Health Information Management (EHIM) and the current push to outsource medical transcription. This includes items from scheduling to billing, registration, care, drugs, and labs. Central to this effort is the Electronic Health Record (EHR). With an EHR the patient does not have to keep up with and transport his own record from one office to another. Dr. Rehm told of one patient who was referred from one hospital office to another across the street. Rather than wait for the record to be transferred the physician had the pertinent test repeated. An EHR would have eliminated the cost and wasted time of the duplication.

The Spheris Corporation makes secure medical records available over the Web. The ROI is built on eliminating transcription costs. It is estimated that deploying a regional or national system would save 100 billion dollars over the present arrangement. The ultimate client is the caregiver -- the physician, nurse practitioner, and others.

Such a system is an important reimbursement driver. With an EHR you can simply run a report. EHR allows for real-time reporting, including speech recognition. The key penetration of this market is in the 90% of practices that have 10 doctors or fewer. 60% have 3 or fewer. Thus far many physicians are resistant to change and unwilling to spend the money to implement EHR. Their paper records are locked away. With EHR there would be fewer tests, duplicate records, and hospitalizations.

We are looking for some good people to serve on the board this next year. If you've ever wondered where our chapter officers come from and would like to be one, the board is the incubating chamber. I joined the board two months after attending my first chapter meeting and becoming a member that same night. It has been highly satisfying and allowed a depth of involvement in AITP business that would not be possible otherwise. I have been pleased with this year's board and look forward to more of the same next year. Just ask any board member if you want to know more.

Robert Wright
President, AITP Nashville Chapter, 2004-2005
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The top 10 unintentionally worst company URLs

Attn: Entrepreneurs

Everyone knows that if you're going to operate a business in today's world you need a domain name. It is advisable to look at the domain name selected as others see it and not just as you think it looks. Failure to do this may result in situations such as the following (legitimate) companies who deal in everyday humdrum products and services but clearly didn't give their domain names enough consideration:

1. A site called 'Who Represents' where you can find the name of the agent that represents a celebrity. Their domain name... wait for it... is

www.whorepresents.com

2. Experts Exchange, a knowledge base where programmers can exchange advice and views at

www.expertsexchange.com

3. Looking for a pen? Look no further than Pen Island at

www.penisland.net

4. Need a therapist? Try Therapist Finder at

www.therapistfinder.com

5. Then of course, there's the Italian Power Generator company...

www.powergenitalia.com

6. And now, we have the Mole Station Native Nursery, based in New South Wales:

www.molestationnursery.com

7. If you're looking for computer software, there's always

www.ipanywhere.com

8. Welcome to the First Cumming Methodist Church. Their website is

www.cummingfirst.com

9. Then, of course, there's these brainless art designers, and their wacky website:

www.speedofart.com

10. Want to holiday in Lake Tahoe? Try their brochure website at

www.gotahoe.com

This article was submitted by Dr. Gerald Marquis.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2011

AITP Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2011

Date	Event	Location	Information
August 4	General Election	Tennessee	Vote your Choice
August 11	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	Al Azmitio, CIO, iPractice Group
August 25	Folding party	Saunders' House	Come network with other AITP'ers
September 5	Labor Day	U.S.A.	Holiday
September 8	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	TBA

SPEAKERS

We are always interested in good speakers to make presentations at our AITP Chapter Meetings. If you know someone who is interested in making a presentation on a topic, on their company, or company's products, please contact Paul Saunders at (615) 367-1717 or Paul@SaundersSystems.com.



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**AITP Unemployed Professional Membership Discount Renewed
By: AITP Membership Service Area**

On June 22nd, the Association Board of Directors unanimously approved renewal of the popular Unemployed Professional Discount to be effective for a full year - from 9/1/11 until 8/31/12. To qualify for this discount a person must have been previously employed in the IT profession and must now be unemployed.

Current AITP members may use the discount when their membership comes up for renewal anytime in the coming year, but new members are welcome at any time, provided they meet the qualifications above. The discount of \$50 reduces the Association dues to \$55. Chapter and Region dues (if applicable) must also be paid and are not discounted.

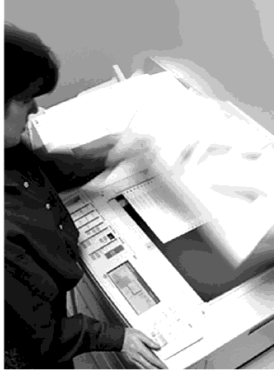
Last year, over 200 individuals took advantage of the program and extended or joined AITP. Naturally the association leadership wishes that all IT Professionals regain and retain full employment, but we also realize that there is currently a nationwide unemployment rate hovering around 10%, and the economy has been slow to recover.

What better way to network among your peers, than at a chapter, region or national event? Most chapters meet every month from September through June, and some meet throughout the entire calendar year. The opportunity to network and share your professional interests and talents could assist you in getting back on track to gain full time employment.

The association dues have been reduced to \$55; which is a savings of \$50 off of the normal amount. Local Chapter and Region dues if applicable must be paid and are not reduced. Members who previously took advantage of this Unemployed Membership Discount will be eligible for this promotion as long as they are able to validate that they are still unemployed. This membership discount will not be available online.

Be sure to take advantage of this limited offering. The total membership or renewal for the Nashville chapter will be \$85, compared to the regular \$135 membership fee.

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