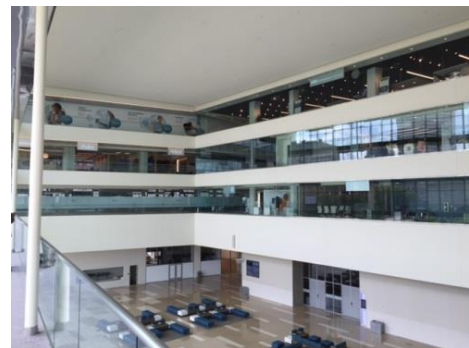


2015 HIMSS Chapter Lead Exchange

The 2015 HIMSS Chapter Lead Exchange was recently held on July 14 & 15 in Cleveland, OH at the HIMSS Innovation Center. Tom Hering, MT Chapter HIMSS Treasurer, had the distinction of attending this event and networking with peers on healthcare IT issues on both the national and local chapter levels.

If you ever get the chance to visit the HIMSS Innovation Center, it is an impressive facility. The mission of the center is to serve as an international center of excellence, enable innovation that improves the value of information technology in healthcare and convene industry stakeholders to solve real-world clinical workflow and financial transactional challenges. The facility is completely dedicated to healthcare innovation and technology. The center provides a conference and learning center, immersion theater, technology showcase, bookstore and resources.



Collaborative initiatives that HIMSS is working on with its partners at the center are privacy and security, health business solutions, patient engagement, interoperability and analytics. More information can be found at [Global Center for Health Innovation](#).

Strategic initiatives that HIMSS is working on are the following:

- HIE / Interoperability
- Advocacy to engage state and federal lawmakers on healthcare issues
- Department of Defense EMR selection
- Meaningful Use and Accountable Care Organizations

HIMSS 2016 will be held in Las Vegas, NV, February 29th, 2016 thru March 4th, 2016. It will be a new format, running Monday thru Friday with opening reception and keynote speaker on Monday night. More details to follow.

The rest of the Chapter Leader Exchange focused on operational topics for chapters (i.e. governance, policies, leadership, collaboration, membership, financial, sponsorship, etc.). If you would like to get involved with the MT HIMSS chapter, please contact us at montana.info@himsschapter.org.

Tom Hering, MT HIMSS Treasurer