



Indiana Health Information Exchange

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Indiana Health Information Exchange appoints new Chief Medical Officer

*Dr. Josh Nelson brings legal and clinical experience to lead
nation's largest Health Information Exchange*

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Health Information Exchange (IHIE) today announced the appointment of Josh Nelson, MD, to the role of Chief Medical Officer. In addition to serving as the medical liaison to IHIE customers, stakeholders and communities, Dr. Nelson will provide medical, clinical and healthcare delivery systems expertise and strategy support for IHIE products and services.

Prior to joining IHIE, Dr. Nelson was a Physician Executive Fellow at WellPoint in Indianapolis where he engaged in projects relating to technology and information system innovation, data and health outcomes analysis, quality, compliance; case, disease and utilization management; and provider engagement issues including accountable care organizations, medical homes and innovative payment structures. As a clinical research investigator and physician in an outpatient clinic for several years, Dr. Nelson was involved in more than 50 Phase II through IV clinical trials for central nervous system products.

“Dr. Nelson brings a very unique and valuable set of skills to our team. I am incredibly pleased to be able to welcome him to IHIE and am looking forward to learning from him and to working together to identify opportunities and solutions for improving our healthcare delivery system,” said Harold Apple, CEO and President of IHIE. “Having spent time practicing law in California prior to becoming a psychiatrist, Dr. Nelson’s range of experiences position him to be just the right talent at just the right time for IHIE.”

Before his medical career, Dr. Nelson was an attorney at a large law firm in Los Angeles, negotiating and documenting high value business transactions. He attended law school at the University of California at Berkeley and received his undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

“I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to help lead IHIE and work with the state’s top healthcare industry leaders to find practical solutions to improving lives and reducing costs,” Dr. Nelson said. “Health information exchanges are being called upon to find innovative solutions to the healthcare crisis. The well-being of our country depends on organizations like IHIE to find creative and innovative solutions to complex problems and I look forward to serving a meaningful role in that effort.”

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Dr. Nelson attended medical school at the University of California at Davis, home to one of the top 50 teaching hospital systems in the United States. He began his medical career as a hospitalist at Kaiser Permanente in California working on a team of nursing, allied medical, social work and outpatient staff for mental health and medical issues in a managed care environment. Dr. Nelson completed his residency in psychiatry at the University of Michigan and an internship in Internal Medicine within the Providence system in Oregon. He is a board certified psychiatrist.

Dr. Nelson will provide leadership for all of IHIE's clinical services including strategy and implementation of DOCS4DOCS®, a clinical messaging service; the Quality Health First ® program, a nationally recognized, multi-stakeholder financial incentive program; and the Indiana Network for Patient Care, a state-wide clinical informatics network. These innovative delivery programs are being implemented throughout Indiana to improve health care quality and costs.

About the Indiana Health Information Exchange

Indiana Health Information Exchange, Inc. (IHIE) is the nation's largest health information exchange organization. IHIE is responsible for securely delivering clinical information to assist with care coordination and improving patient outcomes to more than 80 hospitals and 19,000 physicians across the state of Indiana. Healthcare providers trust IHIE to deliver critical patient data when and where it is needed most. In addition to hospitals, IHIE also serves long-term care facilities, immediate care centers, public health centers and free-standing labs and imaging centers. IHIE is a non-profit corporation formed by the Regenstrief Institute, private hospitals, local and state health departments, BioCrossroads and other prominent organizations in Indiana. To learn more, visit www.IHIE.org

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