

# Georgia eHealth Summit

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# Welcome to the Georgia eHealth Summit

Monday, March 12

Georgia Tech Research Institute

Where are **you** on the course being charted for the transformation of health care technology in Georgia?

Whether you're a physician, medical practice manager, IT developer, hospital CIO or ..., by the end of today's Georgia eHealth Summit, we hope you'll have a clear understanding of your role in this vital initiative.

Our goals?

To improve health outcomes, enhance patients' access to care and reduce administrative costs and burdens.

As Governor Deal said in his State of the State address in January:

"In centuries long past ... in a world far removed from the one we know today ... the Age of Exploration captivated the minds of brave, young men. These individuals traveled through distant waters to identify the unknown, their will to explore outweighing the countless dangers, hardships and tragedies they faced. ... Brave adventurers, with only primitive tools at their disposal, charted a course by looking to the stars for guidance. The nights were not always clear ... the waters not always friendly. For each man commanding a vessel on the high seas, there was always the temptation to give up and to turn back. But ... they held steadfast to their course, leading them to discover new worlds and to expand the opportunities for mankind."

You, too, are charting a course vital to the future of health care.

Already health information technology is at work in our state which is gaining ground as the nation's Health IT Capital. Not only have our physicians and hospitals begun to embrace health information technology, but Georgia is also home to more than 200 health IT companies covering virtually all health care disciplines and employing more than 16,000 people.

You and your colleagues are breaking new ground. Embrace it. Build on it. And share it.

Thank you for your participation today. If you have questions or comments, please let us hear from you.



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# Agenda — Monday, March 12, 2012

**7:30 a.m. Check-in Opens**  
**Continental Breakfast**  
**Exhibits**  
*GTRI 1st Floor*

**8 a.m. Welcome**  
*GTRI Auditorium*  
Kelly Gonzalez, Director of Health IT &  
Interim State Health IT Coordinator,  
Division of Health IT  
Georgia Department of Community Health

**Opening Remarks**  
Governor Nathan Deal

**8:15 a.m. Plenary Session I**  
*GTRI Auditorium*  
David A. Cook, Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Community Health  
  
Dominic Mack, MD, MBA,  
Executive Medical Director  
Georgia HIT Regional Extension Center  
  
Dennis White, MSM IT, Chairman  
Georgia Health Information Exchange Inc.

**9:15 a.m. *The Affordable Care Act and the Future of Health Care Delivery***  
Anton Gunn, MSW, Regional Director  
U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services

**10 a.m. Break/Exhibits**

**10:15 a.m. Plenary Session II**  
*GTRI Auditorium*  
***CMS' Vision on Meaningful Use of HIT***  
Richard E. Wild, MD, JD, MBA, FACEP  
Chief Medical Officer  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
  
***Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program: Understanding Meaningful Use***  
Jason McNamara  
Health Information Technology Coordinator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**11:15 a.m. *Toward Better Care***  
James Morrow, MD  
Morrow Family Medicine  
  
***Physician-Patient Engagement with IT***  
Jack M. Chapman Jr., MD  
Gainesville Eye Associates

**Noon Lunch**  
*Rooms A, B and C*

**1 p.m. Keynote Speaker**  
*GTRI Auditorium*  
***Health IT and Your Own Person-Centered Health System***  
**Robert M. Kolodner, MD, FACMI**  
Chief Health Informatics Officer  
Open Health Tools Inc.  
Former National Coordinator for Health IT  
US Department of Health & Human  
Services

**1:45 p.m. Presentation of Awards**  
*GTRI Auditorium*

**2 p.m.**      ***Georgia TeleHealth: Leading the Way***  
*GTRI Auditorium*

Paula Guy, Executive Director  
Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth Inc.

**2:45 p.m.**   **Break/Exhibits**

**3 p.m.**      **Concurrent Workshops I**

**Workshop A**

*Room A*

***HIE-Enabled PHR Systems: The Consumer/Patient 'Glue' Connecting the Personal, Care Delivery and Population Health Domains***

Jim Hansen, MBA, Vice President and Executive Director  
Dossia Consortium

**Workshop B**

*Room B*

***Consumer and Caregiver Role in HIE***

Mindy Montgomery, Principal and Co-Founder  
Krysora

**Workshop C**

*Room C*

***Consumer Innovation Challenge***

Paula Reynolds, MD, MPH  
Executive Director  
Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council

**Workshop D**

*GTRI Auditorium*

***One Patient, One Record – A Journey***

Praveen Chopra, CPIM  
Vice President and CIO  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

**4 p.m.**      **Plenary Session III**

*GTRI Auditorium*

***Current and Future Health IT for Consumers: The View from Georgia Tech***

Mark Braunstein, MD, Associate Director  
Health Systems Institute,  
Georgia Institute of Technology

**4:55 p.m.**   **Closing Remarks**

Blake Fulenwider, Deputy Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Community Health

**5 p.m.**      **Summit Closes**

## Keynote Speaker



**Robert M. Kolodner, MD, FACMI**

*Chief Health Informatics Officer*  
Open Health Tools Inc.  
*Co-founder, President*  
Collaborative Transformations LLC  
*Former National Coordinator for Health IT,*  
US Department of Health and  
Human Services

Robert M. Kolodner, MD, is co-founder and President of Collaborative Transformations LLC, and also serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Health Informatics Officer for Open Health Tools Inc. (OHT), a multinational, non-profit organization. OHT is dedicated to improving the health of people through the transformation of health IT. In these two roles, Dr. Kolodner is continuing his work to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities worldwide by facilitating the widespread use and rapid, collaborative evolution of health IT tools and solutions.

Recently, Dr. Kolodner served as a strategic adviser to Georgia Institute of Technology's health IT initiatives.

Dr. Kolodner's 31 years of federal service and leadership include serving as the National Coordinator for Health IT and as the key clinical champion and national Chief Health Informatics Officer in the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). At the VA, he provided vision, direction, and effective leadership for the VA's award-winning suite of Electronic Health Records and Personal Health Records solutions.

Dr. Kolodner received his A.B. from Harvard and his MD from Yale. He is board certified in psychiatry and is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Informatics.

## Speakers



**Mark Braunstein, MD**

*Associate Director*  
*Health Systems Institute*  
Georgia Institute of Technology

Mark Braunstein, MD, teaches health informatics at the Georgia Institute of Technology's Health Systems Institute. He is involved in research

aimed at wider and deeper adoption of health information technology to improve the quality and efficiency of care delivery.

He was co-founder, Chairman and CEO of Patient Care Technologies Inc. (PtCT), an ATDC Graduate company, a 1998 Inc. 500 company, and a leading provider of electronic patient record and care management systems to the home care industry. PtCT was acquired by MEDITECH in 2007.

Dr. Braunstein received his Bachelor of Science from MIT in 1969 and his MD degree from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in 1974. After an internship at Washington University, he joined the faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy at MUSC until he left in 1978 to co-found PROHECA, an early developer of clinical pharmacy systems.

He is the author of more than 50 papers, articles and book chapters devoted to various aspects of clinical automation. He is the immediate past Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Advanced Technology Ventures (GATV), a corporation that supports the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC), a technology incubator operated by the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has received numerous awards and recognitions.



**Jack M. Chapman Jr., MD**

*Gainesville Eye Associates*

Jack Chapman, MD, is a practicing Ophthalmologist in Gainesville with Gainesville Eye Associates.

His interest in health information technology includes serving as

Chairman of the Electronic Health Care Committee of the Medical Association of Georgia and the board of directors of the Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth. Additionally, he was Vice Chair of the Health Information Technology (HIT) Advisory Board of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), and served on the Health Care Committee of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

He serves on the boards of directors of the Medical Association of Georgia Foundation, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Physicians Institute. He is also a member of the Medical Association of Georgia and he was recently appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to the Board of Community Health.

He is Past President of the Medical Association of Georgia and the Hall County Medical Society, where he was also Past President of the Hall County Medical Society's Health Access Initiative. He chaired the Health Care Committee of the Greater Hall County Chamber of Commerce.

Chapman earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Georgia and his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. Chapman completed his residency in Ophthalmology at the Medical College of Georgia.



**Praveen Chopra, CPIM**

*Vice President, Chief Information Officer,  
Chief Supply Chain Officer  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
(CHOA)*

Praveen Chopra provides leadership oversight for Information Systems and Technology and Supply Chain at

CHOA. Chopra has demonstrated proven ability to create successful customer centric outcomes by developing and deploying strategies across health care, retail and consulting industries.

At Children's, Chopra is an integral part of strategy, quality and technology steering committees. He has led large-scale transformative change associated with Electronic Medical Records, Community Health Records, Meaningful Use, Business Intelligence, Cost Containment and Value Analysis initiatives.

Chopra also actively collaborates with key stakeholders at the local and state levels to advance Georgia's statewide health information exchange. Prior to transitioning to the health care sector, Chopra was instrumental in establishing supply chain excellence, delivering innovation and driving operational excellence for major product categories at The Home Depot. Chopra also brings extensive experience from Accenture consulting with Fortune 500 companies.

# Speakers



## **David A. Cook**

*Commissioner*  
Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)

Governor Nathan Deal appointed David A. Cook to serve as Commissioner of DCH in January 2011. He currently leads the \$12 billion

agency responsible for Georgia's health care planning, purchasing and oversight, and for improving the health outcomes of its citizens.

From 2001 to 2010, Cook served as the Chief Executive Officer for the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG). During that time he restructured the organization, successfully streamlined its operations and applied increased resources to member services. Earlier, Cook served as MAG's General Counsel and Director of Advocacy.

Cook's career spans the legal and legislative arenas, both at the state and federal levels. His affiliation with the Georgia General Assembly began in 1976 when he served as the Reading Clerk for the Georgia State Senate. In 1984, after completing law school, Cook served as a top aide to State Senator Nathan Deal, who chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee and served as president pro tempore of the Georgia Senate. When Deal was elected to Congress in 1992, Cook served him in Washington, D.C., from 1992-1995 as his Chief of Staff.

Cook was the managing partner in the law firm of McGuire, Cook, & Martin P.C. from 1984 to 1992, specializing in corporate law and contract litigation.

He is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law and a graduate of Georgia Southern University.



## **Blake Fulenwider**

*Deputy Commissioner*  
Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)

With a strong background in health policy, both statewide and federally, Blake Fulenwider brings a wealth of experience to DCH.

At DCH, Fulenwider assists the Commissioner with programmatic oversight, support and management. He provides guidance and support for the Medicaid Division and the Division of Health Information Technology. He also serves on the board of the Georgia Health Information Exchange Inc.

Fulenwider most recently served as Governor Deal's chief health policy adviser. He also served Gov. Deal in Washington, D.C., in a similar role when then-Congressman Deal was the chairman (and ranking member) of the Health Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee. His work on legislation includes the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Reauthorization Act, food safety and biopharmaceuticals.

Fulenwider is a native Georgian and a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration/Finance.

**Kelly Gonzalez, MS, PMP, CUA**

*Director of Health IT & Interim State Health IT Coordinator,  
Division of Health IT  
Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)*

Kelly Gonzalez is Interim State Health Information Technology Coordinator for Georgia and Director of Health Information Technology (HIT) for DCH. As such, she is responsible for developing the information technology roadmap and coordinating key stakeholders as the state transforms the delivery of quality health care services. She is a member of the Board of the Georgia Health Information Exchange.

Gonzalez leads the initiative to define and develop health IT for Georgia, including the establishment of a stakeholder collaborative and oversight of a statewide assessment of Georgia's current health IT landscape.

A graduate of Beloit College in Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in economics and management and English literature, Gonzalez earned her Master of Science in Information Systems (MIS) from DePaul University in Chicago. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in human computer interaction from Iowa State University.



**Anton J. Gunn, MSW**

*Regional Director  
US Department of Health and Human  
Services*

Anton J. Gunn, MSW, became Regional Director in Region IV, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in August 2010, appointed by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. HHS is the federal government's lead agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. As Regional Director, Gunn represents Secretary Sebelius in Region IV, including official dealings with federal, state, local and tribal government organizations in the Region.

Before joining HHS, Gunn served in the South Carolina House of Representatives. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and a Master of Social Work from the University of South Carolina.



# Speakers



## **Paula Guy, RN**

*CEO*

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth

Paula Guy has 11 years of leadership experience in building telemedicine networks in the state of Georgia. Currently CEO for Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth, she serves on the

Georgia Health Information Exchange Board. Previously she served on the advisory board for Georgia Technology Authority, review boards for grants and has been a frequent telemedicine expert speaker and consultant.

The Georgia Telemedicine Program is now the most comprehensive, robust telemedicine program in the nation. Before coming to the Georgia Telemedicine Program in 2004, Guy served 18 years at the Southeast Health Unit, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, in the capacities of Telehealth Director, Coordinator for the Georgia State Cancer Registry and Director of the Community Care Services Program. Guy is a Registered Professional Nurse and graduate of Georgia Southwestern University.



## **Jim Hansen, MBA**

*Vice President, Executive Director*  
Dossia Consortium

Jim Hansen serves as Vice President and Executive Director of the Dossia Consortium, a not-for-profit association that brings together major employers, including AT&T, Intel and Wal-Mart,

representing more than five million employees, dependents and retirees, to advance the use health information technology. The initiative is designed to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of health and health care for all consumers and patients.

Hansen's more than 30 years of information technology, strategic planning, product development, marketing, operations and finance experience includes 20 years within the health care industry. Prior to joining Dossia, he was founding President and CEO of CareEntrust, an award-winning not-for-profit employer-sponsored health information exchange (HIE) delivering secure regional health record services for use by both consumer/patients and health care providers.

He is actively involved in a number of national health and health care transformation support organizations including the Institute of Medicine (multiple groups), ONC S&I Framework Transitions of Care workgroup, and most recently DirectTrust (a group developing a trust framework for Direct). He was a long-time working member of the Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP).

Hansen holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Information Management and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Colorado.



**Dominic Mack, MD, MBA**

*Executive Medical Director*  
Georgia HIT Regional Extension Center  
*Deputy Director*  
National Center for Primary Care  
*Assistant Professor*  
Morehouse School of Medicine

Dominic Mack, MD, MBA, is Executive Medical Director of the Georgia Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (GA-HITREC) located at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Under Dr. Mack's leadership, the organization works collaboratively with various partners to assure the adoption of certified EHR technology, to improve the quality of health for the community and to eliminate the disparate gap of health care throughout Georgia.

In addition to his leadership role at GA-HITREC, Dr. Mack is Deputy Director of the National Center for Primary Care and Assistant Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine.

His career includes 11 years at Southside Community Health Center in Atlanta, where he most recently served as Chief Medical Officer. In 2001, he returned to Morehouse School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine. While at Morehouse he served as the Medical Director for the Family Medicine Department and later became the Associate Chair of Clinical Affairs.

He has worked extensively in both academia and the corporate sector. He founded and served as President of Mack Medical Consultants, which guides business practices in medical organizations.

A native of Augusta, Ga., he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Paine College in Augusta and his Medical Doctorate in 1987 from Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Kennesaw State University.



**Jason McNamara**

*Health Information Technology Coordinator*  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

At the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Jason McNamara currently serves as the Health Information Technology Coordinator on the CMS HITECH team. He is responsible for the coordination and oversight of 16 State Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Additionally, he is a national subject matter expert about how hospitals participate in the program (eligibility, hospital calculations and meaningful use).

McNamara leads audit development and strategies for the Medicaid EHR incentive program. Prior to CMS, McNamara worked with many of the industry's leading EHR/EMR vendors. His teams have implemented and managed a number of technology solutions that help to improve patient care and maximize clinical efficiencies, ranging from single provider private practices to the Department of Defense's Military Health System. McNamara is also a combat veteran and served in the US Marine Corps.

# Speakers



**Mindy Montgomery**  
*Principal and Co-Founder*  
Krysora

Mindy Montgomery's career has run the gamut of product and solution development: technical writing, testing, implementation and program management. In her role as Principal at Krysora LLC, she provides technology and business consulting services to a wide range of clients: state and regional health information exchange initiatives, members of the Microsoft HealthVault ecosystem, and consumer-focused products and services organizations. Her professional passion lies in discovering the best solution for the needs of her clients.

She began her career with Intel Corp., where she served in a variety of roles, from managing benchmarking product development for Intel's Program Management Office to supporting the expansion of Intel's Digital Health Group. Her work led her to Omnimedix, where as Chief Operating Officer she was in charge of all operational aspects of the business, including identifying and working with key partners to expand the scope and breadth of clinical and administrative health care information available to consumers. In 2010, Mindy co-founded Krysora, a consulting and development firm focused on health information technology solutions.

Montgomery is a graduate of Oregon State University and Portland State University.



**James R. Morrow, MD**  
*CEO*  
Morrow Family Medicine

James (Jim) Morrow, MD, is CEO of Morrow Family Medicine, a new state-of-the-art family practice in Cumming, Ga. He is a past winner of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Primary Care Davies Award for Implementation of an EHR, and the HIMSS' Physician IT Leader of the Year Award.

Dr. Morrow recently served two years as Medical Director and Vice President for Medical Affairs for Allscripts Healthcare Solutions before returning to full-time practice.

Having served two terms as a commissioner with the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT), he also participated in HIMSS as a member and chairman of various committees. Dr. Morrow is on the board of directors of the Physicians' Institute for Excellence in Medicine, the Georgia Health Information Exchange and is an adviser to the Board of the Technology Association of Georgia for Health (TAG Health). In 2012, he joined the Advisory Board of the Georgia HIT Regional Extension Center (GA-HITREC).

Dr. Morrow has presented to national audiences at the HIMSS Annual Conference, National Health IT Day in Washington, D.C., and the World Healthcare Congress, also in D.C., as well as at numerous meetings around Atlanta and Georgia.



**Paula Reynolds, MD, MPH**

*Executive Director*  
Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council

Paula Reynolds, MD, MPH, is the Executive Director of Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council (CCSNPC), a collaborative dedicated

to finding efficient and effective ways to improve access and quality of health care for the underinsured in Chatham County, Ga., and Director of ChathamHealthLink, the community-based health information exchange managed by CCSNPC. She received her Bachelor of Science in biology from Emory University, her MD degree from the Medical College of Georgia, and her Master of Public Health from Mercer University.

She served as Associate Director of Pediatric Research at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah; Executive Director of the Savannah Behavioral Health Collaborative; and Adjunct Professor, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Health Sciences Department. She has developed and managed several community projects including CARING FOR CANCER, funded by Southeast Georgia Cancer Coalition; NO MORE NO SHOW, funded by the Oscar Mayer Foundation; and SSTEPS – Strategies for Sickle Cell Testing Education Prevention and Screening, funded in part by the Rosalynn Carter Foundation.

Dr. Reynolds works closely with clinical providers, public health, community non-profits and local government to establish a seamless continuum of care for the uninsured in Chatham County, a mission supported by a robust IT infrastructure and sustained with the support of county government.



**Cory Weston**

*IT Manager*  
ChathamHealthLink

Cory Weston has been an applications programmer and database administrator for 15 years. Specializing in health care IT in Coastal Georgia for the past 10

years, he has developed numerous applications for public health including a web-based application for cancer screening currently in use by health departments across Georgia.

He has advanced training in Linux, Apache, MySQL and Oracle and is certified in both Mirth Connect and Mirth Appliance. He has served on the Legal and Privacy Committee of the GA OHITT Advisory Board and currently serves on the Georgia Health Information Exchange Lab Sub-Committee.

In 2009, the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council hired Cory as Implementation Manager of its Health Information Exchange pilot project, funded by a grant from the Georgia Department of Community Health. Currently, he serves as IT Manager of ChathamHealthLink, Chatham County's community-based Health Information Exchange, where he oversees interfaces, messaging, software infrastructure and reporting.

Cory holds Bachelor of Arts with honors and JD degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He practiced law in Savannah, Ga., prior to establishing his own computer consulting business in 1996.

# Speakers



**Dennis L. White, MS MIT**

*CEO*

Alliant | GMCF

*Chair*

Georgia Health Information Exchange (GHIE)

Dennis L. White is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Alliant | GMCF (Georgia

Medical Care Foundation), a non-profit organization serving as the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Georgia. Alliant | GMCF assists medical professionals across all settings in the delivery of quality health care, with specific attention to program integrity, quality improvement, prior authorization, utilization management, and Medicare and Medicaid services.

He serves as Chair for the Georgia Health Information Exchange (GHIE), a statewide collaborative serving to improve the quality and efficiency of the state's health care delivery by building local health data sharing communities. He is also a board member of the American Health Quality Association (AHQA), the trade association serving all 53 QIOs across the country.

White has more than 25 years experience in state and federal government contracting, as well as work in financial, health care and information technology sectors. He has extensive experience in operational and organizational development, as well as the implementation of large-scale technology projects.

White received a Master of Science in Management of Information Technology from the Georgia Institute of Technology along with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting. He is currently working on a Doctorate in Healthcare Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina.



**Richard E. Wild, MD, JD, MBA, FACEP**

*Chief Medical Officer, Atlanta Regional Office Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*

Richard Wild received his MD degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine by the American

Board of Emergency Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. His internship and residency training were at Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco; San Francisco General Hospital; and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

With more than 20 years of experience as a practicing emergency physician ranging from small rural Georgia hospitals to large university teaching centers, he also has served on the Medical School faculties of Boston University, University of Massachusetts and Brown University. He was Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine and Chief of Emergency Services at a teaching hospital of Brown Medical School. He has taught emergency medicine, health policy and legal medicine to resident physicians and medical students and has served as his state medical specialty society president. Additionally, he has served on several national emergency medicine association committees dealing with government affairs, coding and physician reimbursement.

Dr. Wild has degrees in business and law and has practiced as a health care attorney with a large Boston law firm representing hospitals, physicians, skilled nursing facilities and a major Boston teaching hospital. He was medical director of Medicare's direct fiscal intermediary in Baltimore and also CMS (then HCFA) Chief Medical Officer for reimbursement policy during the initial implementation the Hospital Prospective Payment (DRG) system. He subsequently served on the Medicare Prospective Payment Assessment commission staff (now MedPac).

He served five years on active duty with the US Army Medical Corps and as a medical officer at Martin Army Hospital, Fort Benning, Ga.

# Georgia Health IT Partnerships

## **Georgia Department of Community Health**

Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is the lead agency for health care planning, purchasing and oversight in Georgia. The agency is dedicated to ***A Healthy Georgia***, focusing on access to and delivery of affordable quality health care for Georgians.

DCH is designated as the single state agency for managing Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids,<sup>®</sup> covering 1.7 million Georgians. DCH also administers the State Health Benefit Plan, which provides health care coverage for nearly 700,000 Georgia state employees, teachers, school workers, retirees and their dependents. Combined, these two divisions have a budget of almost \$12 billion and provide health insurance coverage to approximately one-fourth of the state's population.

As the lead agency for Georgia's Health Information Technology initiatives, DCH is transforming the delivery of health care in the state. Two major initiatives underway include the Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentive Program and the new Statewide Health Information Exchange. An HIE Challenge Grant recipient, DCH is also working with Georgia Tech and the Rome (Floyd County) medical community on a consumer-mediated electronic health record system.

DCH also licenses and regulates more than 14,000 Georgia health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes and personal care homes, and administers the state's health planning functions, including Certificate of Need.

For more information, visit [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov).

## **Georgia Health Information Exchange Inc.**

Formed as a public-private partnership, the mission of the Georgia Health Information Exchange (GHIE) is to facilitate a statewide health information exchange for Georgia that is trusted and valued by all stakeholders. GHIE is committed to improve health care coordination, reduce costs and establish a solid foundation for long-term financial sustainability.

As the governing body for Georgia's statewide health information exchange, GHIE fosters ***A Healthy Georgia*** through the use and exchange of electronic health information by improving patient-centered health care, increasing efficiency and promoting the health status of Georgia's entire population.

For more information, visit [www.georgia-hie.org](http://www.georgia-hie.org).

## **GA-HITREC**

The Georgia HIT Regional Extension Center (GA-HITREC), located at the Morehouse School of Medicine, uses a community-oriented approach to assist Georgia's providers with the selection, successful implementation and meaningful use of certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems to improve clinical outcomes and quality of care. Working collaboratively with valued partners to assure the adoption of certified EHR technology will improve the quality of health for the community while eliminating the disparate gap of health care delivery throughout Georgia.

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