

Appointments

Dr. Sue Thomas joins as Medical Director at xwave



Dr. Sue Thomas, former Chief Medical Officer at GE Healthcare's Integrated IT Solutions (IITS) division, has joined the xwave Healthcare team as Medical Director. For the past decade, Sue has helped medical practices across North America to adopt GE's award-winning Centricity Electronic Medical Record.

As Medical Director of xwave Healthcare, she will serve as the voice of the customer, providing perspective on behalf of the practicing physician as the company analyzes and addresses the challenges of the field of medical information services.

Sue graduated from MIT and the Yale School of Medicine, and then trained in Family Medicine at the University of Connecticut. Before becoming a physician, her undergraduate degree from MIT in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science led to employment at Hewlett Packard and Intel Corporation during the pioneering days of microprocessor development. This experience effectively complemented her medical accreditation. As a practicing physician in Maine for 15 years, she championed the use of EMRs both locally and nationally.

Sue and her husband currently divide their time between Maine and Toronto.

SSHA Consolidates Management Team



William Albino, CEO of the Smart Systems for Health Agency (SSHA) has announced the appointment of Chris Renaud, MBA as Vice President, Strategic Planning and Architecture.

Albino noted: "Chris will work with industry stakeholders to ensure SSHA's business model and strategies are compatible with and support overall e-Health strategies. Chris will also be responsible for ensuring SSHA's policies and guidelines are well thought-out, practical, deployable and enforceable."

Renaud brings over 20 years of senior IT and health sector experience to SSHA. Most recently he held the position of CIO, Health Services Information & Information Technology (I&IT) Cluster, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). Prior to this he has held IT delivery positions at the Vice President level and has led a number of innovative strategic initiatives and alignment of I&IT with business directions and process change to improve service delivery.

Over the summer months SSHA has added three seasoned staff members in its Client Relationship Management Division to drive e-Health deployments in the laboratory, public health, telemedicine and physician sectors.



Heidi Brown, Account Director, Public Health, has 20 years of health care IT experience at senior levels of General Electric Healthcare, Eclipsys Corporation, EMC, Data General Corporation and others. In this role, she facilitates the adoption of SSHA products and services by the Public

Health Division of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and Public Health Units. SSHA works with the public health sector to offer provincial IT solutions to protect

Ontarians in the event of disease outbreaks and to improve information sharing among public health professionals.



Nima Dehghanpour, Account Director, Laboratories, has 15 years of IT project management and client relationship experience with Capgemini Outsourcing, xwave Solutions and others.

She works with the Ontario Laboratories Information System (OLIS) of the MOHLTC on the development and rollout of this project that will electronically connect medical labs and link them with the practitioners who order tests and need the results. She helps the OLIS team leverage SSHA services as it deploys OLIS. Once fully implemented, OLIS will provide the health care system with a centralized system of electronic test ordering.



Jim Scott, Account Director, Telemedicine and Physicians has 25 years of experience managing IT and telecom services with companies such as Hydro One, EDS, Bell Canada and others.

He works with OntarioMD and the MOHLTC to accelerate the adoption of SSHA products by Ontario's 25,000 physicians. In addition, he works with Ontario Telemedicine Network to help it continue to rapidly expand its patient-health care provider videoconference services to rural and northern areas of Ontario.

SSHA is an agency of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). The Agency is responsible for electronically connecting health care professionals to each other and to patient information. SSHA provides a common IT platform that helps health care providers access vital patient and health information they need to deliver better care. For more information, visit www.ssha.on.ca.

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AMIA Names Edward H. Shortliffe as Incoming President & CEO



The American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Board of Directors have announced the appointment of Edward H. Shortliffe, MD, PhD, MACP, FACMI as its incoming President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He will assume the role full-time in July 2009.

Shortliffe succeeds Don E. Detmer, MD, MA, who has led AMIA since 2004, fostering excellence, growth, and innovation in the profession and the association. Detmer was instrumental in developing a fundamental transformation of AMIA to become the academic professional home for biomedical and health informatics by significantly enhancing AMIA's initiatives and programs, improving

operational efficiency and quality, and expanding its national and global presence and visibility. This has solidified the strength and relevance of the "AMIA" brand both in the US and abroad.

"Ted Shortliffe is exactly the right member of our community to pick up the reins of leadership for AMIA upon my retirement", notes Dr. Detmer. "He and I will begin working together early in the new year so the transition will be smooth and the tremendous growth trajectory of AMIA will continue. There has been uniform excitement about this appointment for obvious reasons," Detmer concludes.

There's something about Mary.

Courtyard's Mary Sanagan brings international experience, expertise and energy to healthcare transformation.

Despite spending most of her early years in southern Ontario, Mary has spent plenty of time on some of the world's great islands in pursuit of educational, professional and personal adventures. She lived in Hong Kong for two years as a child, received her B.Sc. from McGill, relaxed on Santorini's famous black sand beaches and worked at Manhattan's largest public hospital corporation on several clinical documentation initiatives. An impressive island resume indeed.

But there's something about Mary that resonates far beyond her well used passport. As a skilled clinical systems professional with keen strategic insights and ITIL and PMP certifications, Mary takes pride in her commitment to improving the experience of patients and providers.

She's Courtyard's proud Mary - passionate about transforming healthcare.



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