

Massachusetts Digital Health Forward



Photo from MeHI's 2025 AHM Challenge Final Pitch Event. Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers President and CEO Michael Curry is pictured right.

Join MeHI, **Wednesday, June 3** at the UMass Club for Massachusetts Digital Health Forward, an annual gathering to celebrate the innovations and partnerships impacting health care across the Commonwealth. This year's event will feature the finalists from the Primary Care Innovation Challenge. The event will bring together the brightest minds in the healthtech community to watch the finalists pitch their innovative solutions designed to support and sustain primary care. It will also feature speakers and networking opportunities. The MeHI team looks forward to seeing you there.

Date: Wednesday, June 3

Time: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Location:

UMass Club

1 Beacon St., 32nd Floor

Boston, MA 02108

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Ecosystem Updates / Events

Technology-Enabled
Interventions for Older Adults

MIT Sloan Health Care
Conference 2026

with Cognitive Decline

Join the [Massachusetts AI and Technology Center for Connected Care in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease \(MassAITC\)](#), Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 4:00 p.m. for its webinar, Technology-Enabled Interventions for Older Adults with Cognitive Decline. The session will cover how to develop and test mechanism-driven, technology-enabled interventions for older adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

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M2D2 2026 \$200K Challenge Pitch-Off and Awards Announcement

Join the [UMass Lowell Medical Device Development Center \(M2D2\)](#), Wednesday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. for the 2026 \$200K Challenge Pitch-Off and Awards Announcement, where program finalists will pitch their innovations to a panel of judges. The event will also provide opportunities to network with startups, judges, leaders from local biotech companies, industry partners, subject matter experts and life sciences entrepreneurs. MeHI will also award a \$10,000 cash prize to one finalist as part of the program.

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Opportunities

Kraft Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Community Health

The Kraft Center for Community Health recently launched the [Kraft Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Community Health](#). The award will recognize exceptional organizations, programs or innovations that are making a measurable impact on heart disease, cancer, substance use disorder or maternal health and have the potential to become scalable models for addressing critical community health challenges. The recipient will be awarded \$100,000 and the opportunity to present at the [Mass General Brigham World Medical Innovation Forum \(WMIF\)](#) in September. The Kraft Center for Community Health will also provide tailored support to the prize-winning team and foster connections within the Mass General Brigham Innovation system. Applications are due Thursday, April 30.

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UMass Lowell Innovative Fellows Training (LIFT) Program

Join the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\) Sloan School of Management](#), Friday, Feb. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for its flagship health care conference that will bring together over 350 leaders across biopharma, digital health, venture capital and academia to explore how the health care ecosystem can evolve amid rapid change. The conference will focus on building a more resilient, equitable and adaptive future for health care.

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Digital Healthcare Innovation Summit

The 14th annual Digital Healthcare Innovation Summit (DHIS) will take place on Monday, April 27 and Tuesday, April 28 in Boston. The summit will explore digital health innovation topics including direct-to-consumer health care, underserved populations, distributed versus centralized care, regulatory and policy changes, women's health, and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in interactive breakout sessions, attend panel discussions, and network with industry leaders.

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The [UMass Lowell Innovative Fellows Training \(LIFT\) Program](#) was created for researchers who want to expand their impact beyond the lab. The program is an experiential learning opportunity designed for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers working in biotech, medtech, aging, and aging-related diseases, including Alzheimer's disease. Through hands-on sessions and mentorship, fellows develop core commercialization and business skills. Applications close Wednesday, March 18.

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Health Care Cybersecurity News

Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call: Thursday, March 12

Join MeHI and the MassCyberCenter for the monthly Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call on Thursday, March 12 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Representatives from the Commonwealth Fusion Center will provide updates on recent cyber threats and trends.

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ARPA-H Awards Funding to Digital Twin Tech to Boost Health Care Cybersecurity

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded \$19 million to Northeastern University to advance the use of digital twins to improve health care cybersecurity.

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Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General Report Highlights Key Cybersecurity Challenges

A [report](#) published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General found that the agency faces multiple challenges, including approaches to cybersecurity that vary by division, a lack of standardized governance, and the health care industry's reliance on legacy technology.

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Health Care AI News

McKinsey Report States AI is Transforming Health Care Delivery and Operational Efficiency

A [McKinsey report](#) suggests that technology has evolved beyond a supporting function to become the primary driver of growth across the health care industry. Experts say AI is transforming prior authorization, workforce optimization and other areas of health care.

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Oxford Study Finds AI Performance Comparable to Traditional Search Methods for Patients Seeking Medical Advice

An [Oxford University study](#) found that, for patients seeking medical advice, AI offers no significant advantage over traditional online engines. Researchers noted a significant gap between AI's potential and its actual performance.

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In the News

BBJ Highlights Use of AI at South Shore Health

An article in the Boston Business Journal (BBJ) highlighted how South Shore Health is taking a measured approach to its adoption of AI and other technological innovations, including ambient listening.

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Bicycle Health Announces New CEO

Boston-based Bicycle Health, a tech-enabled virtual medical group focused on the treatment of opioid use disorder, announced the appointment of Rick Dean as its new chief executive officer.

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On Social Media

MeHI Joins Other Ecosystem Leaders at Startup Boston Event

MeHI Director Keely Benson attended the Ecosystem Leaders Quarterly Roundtable Event, hosted by [Startup Boston](#) and held at [Silicon Valley Bank](#). The event focused on collaboration, alignment and addressing regional ecosystem gaps. It also celebrated the resources available for startups in Massachusetts.



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Career Opportunities

Digital Health Job of the Month

Watertown-based [Firefly Health](#) is seeking a [customer success manager](#).

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Health IT Job of the Month

[Boston Medical Center](#) is looking for an [EHR trainer](#).

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