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Massachusetts Digital Health Forward



Join MeHI, **Wednesday, June 3** at the UMass Club for Massachusetts Digital Health Forward conference, 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. The conference 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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Health IT Careers Webinar Series

The MeHI team hosted discussions with tech leaders from nine health care organizations as part of the Health IT Careers Webinar series. Panelists from Lowell Community Health Center, Behavioral Health Network, Mass General Brigham, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston Medical Center and Signature Healthcare shared their career journeys. Speakers also offered insights and advice for those entering the health IT field, addressed challenges and opportunities related to working in those settings, and discussed unique career pathways that students might consider.



These webinars offer more insight into MeHI's [Health IT Mentorship Program](#), career opportunities in health care organizations and the skills needed to succeed in the field.

The Health IT Careers Webinar series can be found on MeHI's [Workforce Initiative](#) page. If you would like to learn more about the mentorship program, reach out to MeHI Mentorship Program Lead [Lis Renczkowski](#).

Ecosystem Updates / Events

Voice-Based, AI-Enabled Cognitive Rehabilitation for Dementia Care

Join the [Massachusetts AI and Technology Center for Connected Care in Aging & Alzheimer's Disease \(MassAITC\)](#) Tuesday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. for its "Old School Meets New School: Voice-Based, AI-Enabled Cognitive Rehabilitation for Dementia Care" webinar. [Moneta Health](#) Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer Dr. Jen Flexman will be the featured speaker. Moneta Health was a semifinalist in MeHI's [Healthy Aging Challenge](#).

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Digital Healthcare Innovation Summit

The 14th annual Digital Healthcare Innovation Summit (DHIS) will take place 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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Opportunities

Kraft Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Community Health

The Kraft Center for Community Health has launched the [Kraft Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Community Health](#). The award will recognize exceptional organizations, programs or innovations making a measurable impact on heart disease, cancer, substance use disorder or maternal health and have the potential to become scalable models for

Medtech Impact Symposium and Gala

Join [MassMEDIC](#) Thursday, April 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Medtech Impact Symposium and Gala. The Symposium will convene leading experts to examine how the medtech industry can make high-quality, affordable care accessible to all while driving innovation and long-term resilience. The event will conclude with the Medtech Impact Gala, which will highlight patient and innovator stories.

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Impact Launchpad

The Impact Launchpad event Tuesday, May 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. will feature short pitches from a select group of high-potential innovators, engaging panel discussions, a poster session and a networking reception. Co-sponsored by innovation-focused centers at Tufts University, Northeastern University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the event is part of the [Innovate2Impact](#) program, designed to identify and accelerate promising new start-ups, technologies and solutions that can improve health outcomes and care delivery.

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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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Health Care Cybersecurity News

Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call: Thursday, April 9

Join MeHI and the MassCyberCenter for the monthly Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call Thursday, April 9 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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Massachusetts Municipal Cybersecurity Summit

Health care providers in Massachusetts are invited to join the [MassCyberCenter](#) for the sixth annual Massachusetts Municipal Cybersecurity Summit Wednesday May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester. At this free cybersecurity training event, attendees will learn how to recognize emerging threats, bolster their defenses and respond to a range of cybersecurity challenges. Health care providers attending this event will improve the cybersecurity resiliency and awareness of their organizations.

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HIMSS26 Features Panel on Strengthening Rural Hospital Cybersecurity

At the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society annual conference (HIMSS26), a panel of representatives from health care coalitions discussed cybersecurity in rural hospital settings and dispelled misconceptions about resource-sharing programs.

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HHS Adds Cybersecurity Guidance to Health Care Sector Self-Assessment Tool

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released an updated version of its [Risk Identification and Site Criticality \(RISC\) toolkit](#). The new version includes cybersecurity guidance that will help health care organizations assess their practices and identify risks.

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Health Care AI News

Amazon Launches Suite of Agentic AI Tools for Health Care

Amazon Connect Health is a suite of agentic AI tools that can manage administrative health care tasks like

Blue Cross Blue Shield Study Shows that AI Drives Up Health Care Costs

A [Blue Cross Blue Shield study](#) indicates that use of AI tools for medical coding and

helping patients schedule appointments, summarizing medical histories for clinicians and generating medical codes from clinical documentation.

billing may be contributing to higher health care costs.

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In the News

WHOOP Plans Hiring Spree for Hundreds of Roles

Boston-based WHOOP, makers of a tech-enabled fitness tracker, plans to add over 600 new positions in 2026, including roles in research and design, software, hardware and marketing.

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BBJ Celebrates Innovators in Health Care

The Boston Business Journal (BBJ) honored 14 of the region's top health care innovators. Honorees were selected based on their achievements in executive leadership, research, entrepreneurship, community health and health equity.

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Cohere Health Adds Dr. Mark Leenay to Board of Directors

Boston-based Cohere Health announced the appointment of Dr. Mark Leenay to its board of directors. The company offers AI-enabled solutions that streamline provider and payer collaboration.

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On Social Media

Lahey Innovation Hub and Mass League of Community Health Centers Join MeHI's Digital Health Sandbox Network

The [Lahey Innovation Hub](#) and the [Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers](#) have joined MeHI's Digital Health Sandbox Network. Startups will have the opportunity to partner with these organizations to develop digital health solutions that can have a real positive impact on patient outcomes.

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Career Opportunities

Digital Health Job of the Month

Framingham-based [Definitive Healthcare](#) is seeking a [data scientist](#).

Health IT Job of the Month

[Boston Children's Hospital](#) is looking for a [research data manager](#).

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