

Massachusetts Digital Health Forward



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Welcome Remarks
Cindy Friedman
MA State Senator



Keynote Speaker
David Seltz
Executive Director
MA Health Policy
Commission



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JD Chesloff
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MA Business
Roundtable



Panelist
Susan Adams
Senior Vice President
Health Informatics
MA League of Community
Health Centers



Panelist
Valerie Fleishman
Executive
Vice President & CIO
MA Health &
Hospital Association



Panelist
Mark Zhang
Acting Assistant
Undersecretary for Health
U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs

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](#). Attendees at this year's event will engage with the brightest minds in the healthtech community and hear 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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Ecosystem Updates / Events

Northeast Healthcare Innovation Summit 2026

Join Bamberg Health on Wednesday, May 13 for the Northeast Healthcare Innovation

Impact Launchpad

The Impact Launchpad event on 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

Summit 2026. The event will bring together health care leaders, institutions and technology companies to drive innovation and advance the transformation of the region's health care system. As a proud partner for this event, MeHI is pleased to share a 20% discount code for ticket purchases. Register at the link below using the code **MeHI20** to receive the discount.

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GroundBeat Concert Series | Abilities: Amplified

Join the Esplanade Association on Wednesday, June 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a free event celebrating music, technology and people with disabilities. Abilities: Amplified will bring the community together for an energetic live concert and an interactive resource fair. Attendees can connect with local organizations, discover community support networks, and get hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology, including wearable robots like those developed in the Harvard Biodesign Lab.

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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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Patient-Powered Digital Health 2026

Join the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) Division of Clinical Informatics at Harvard Medical School from Monday, June 22 through Wednesday, June 24 for its conference, Patient-Powered Digital Health 2026. This three-day program is focused on advancing real-world, patient-centered innovation. The event will bring together health care leaders, technology innovators, researchers, patient advocates and industry partners to explore how AI and emerging digital tools can improve engagement, education and outcomes.

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Opportunities

Caregiver AI Challenge

Through the Caregiver AI Challenge, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) seeks affordable, AI-enabled solutions that help caregivers meet care demands and improve the quality of care for older adults and people with disabilities. This competition will support AI tools that best meet the [Caregiver Challenge AI principles](#), informed by the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) [Home as a Health Care Hub](#) initiative. This challenge has two tracks that will run concurrently, AI Tools to Support Caregivers and AI Tools for Extending the Caregiver Workforce. Each track has three progressive phases, with cash prizes awarded in each. Applications are due Friday, July 31.

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Health Care Cybersecurity News

Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call: Thursday, May 14

Join MeHI and the MassCyberCenter for the monthly Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call Thursday, May 14 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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American Hospital Association Names Preferred Cybersecurity Provider

The American Hospital Association (AHA) named Rubrik as a preferred cybersecurity provider. The AHA announced its [Preferred Cybersecurity & Risk Provider Program](#) in October 2025 which identifies companies that can help hospitals and health systems protect their patients and operations from cyberattacks.

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Health Care Faces Cyberattacks Every 10 Hours

According to [new research by Securin](#), a health care organization was hit by ransomware every 10 hours during the first three months of 2026, a rate driven by known vulnerabilities. The findings also indicate that relatively high ransom payments make the health care sector one of the most reliable and profitable targets for cybercriminals.

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Health Care AI News

Ambience Healthcare Launches Chart Chat

[Ambience Healthcare](#) has launched Chart Chat an AI-powered nursing co-pilot designed to integrate with an organization's electronic health record (EHR). The tool gives nurses the ability to query EHRs at the point of care.

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Ensemble and Cohere Team Up on Large Language Model

[Ensemble](#) and [Cohere](#) teamed up to build a large language model for revenue cycle management that aims to help reduce provider administrative burden. The solution leverages AI to make financial workflows more efficient.

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In the News

WHOOOP Raises \$575 Million

Boston-based [WHOOOP](#) raised \$575 million in a

Harbinger Health Secures \$100 Million

[Harbinger Health](#), based in Cambridge, raised \$100

Clasp Closes \$20 Million Funding Round

Series G funding round. WHOOP plans to use the funds for its U.S. and international growth, as well as new personalized features for its health and fitness wearable.

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million in 2025 to commercialize its multi-cancer detection platform. Later this year, the company plans to launch new blood-based cancer detection tests.

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[Clasp Group Inc.](#), a Boston-based startup focused on the health care workforce, closed a \$20 million Series B funding round. The company plans to double the number of staff on its 55-person team using the new investment capital.

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On Social Media

MeHI Awards \$10,000 Prize to Breathe BioMedical Inc. at M2D2 Pitch Competition



Pictured from left to right: MedTech Strategies, LLC Managing Director and Founder and Simbex VP of Commercialization Services [Ilsa Webeck](#), MeHI Director [Keely Benson](#), Breathe Biomedical Inc. CEO [Bill Dawes](#), Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) Co-Director [Steven Tello](#), and UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Services [Nate Hafer](#).

In March, MeHI was proud to award a \$10,000 prize to [Breathe BioMedical Inc.](#) at the annual pitch-off event for the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) \$200K Challenge. MeHI Director Keely Benson also served as an expert judge at the event.

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Career Opportunities

Digital Health Job of the Month

Watertown-based [Firefly Health](#) is seeking a [lead software engineer](#).

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Health IT Job of the Month

[Signature Healthcare](#) is looking for a [meditech surgery analyst](#).

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