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Only Two Weeks left to submit your entries for The Microsoft Health Users Group Innovation Awards 2014!

Deadline for Submission: Monday, January 27th, 2014 - 5:00pm

Get the recognition you deserve! The Microsoft Health Users Group Innovation Awards 2014 are presented annually to the healthcare organization and technology solutions partner-with which it has collaborated-that best demonstrates industry leadership in using technology to achieve innovation excellence.

Why Enter?

- Winners will be featured in promotional and marketing activities, such as a press release, web content, as well as possible media interviews.
- Winners will receive a "Winner" trophy.
- Winners will receive a marketing document on how to publicize the fact that the organization is a winner. Includes a "winner" specific logo to use for all your marketing materials throughout the next year.

Categories:

A full description of each of the categories can be found in the downloadable entry submission form.

- **Innovation in Patient Engagement**
High-quality healthcare is delivered with effective and timely communication in an integrated information environment.
- **Innovation in Electronic Medical Record Optimization**
Help improve patient care, enhance care quality, and boost operational performance using information and communications technology and real-time business intelligence.
- **Innovation in Infrastructure Optimization**
Help improve performance and operational efficiencies of the platforms and technology investments at a lower overall cost.
- **Innovation in Mobile Health Solutions**
Transforming healthcare with new ways to collaborate and access information and applications.

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[Johnson & Johnson's Digital Health Scorecard](#)

[Next Docs Trial Exchange](#)

[NextGen Healthcare's MedicineCabinet](#)

[iLink's Patient Engagement](#)

[Mi-Co's Mi-Forms](#)

[Seismic Solutions' Content in Context](#)

- **Open Innovation**

If there is truly no categories above for which your solution fits into, you may enter this category.

For more information visit:

[Microsoft Health Users Group Innovation Awards 2014](#)

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Case Study: Health System Can Ensure Secure Remote Access to Patient Data with Multi-Factor Authentication



Presence Health, with more than 150 locations, serves the healthcare needs of people throughout Illinois. The organization's physicians and other workers often need to remotely access patient health records. To ensure secure and simple access for these employees, Presence deployed Windows Azure Multi-Factor Authentication. This service helps healthcare workers focus on patient care and makes it possible for the organization to secure access to health records in accordance with US healthcare regulations.

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Data Privacy and Compliance in the Cloud Is Essential for the Healthcare Industry



The healthcare industry is in a major period of transformation and IT modernization. More than ever, healthcare providers and professionals are faced with the need to be more efficient, reduce costs and collaborate seamlessly as virtual teams to deliver higher quality care for more people at a lower cost point.

Healthcare organizations are increasingly looking to cloud technologies to help them meet these goals. However, a natural concern with using cloud technology is keeping sensitive health information private and secure.

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Training and Events



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Lowering the Cost and Complexity of Medical Image Archiving Using an Intelligent Cloud Infrastructure

January 14, 2014

Growth of clinical data storage requirements, capital budget constraints, and aging, inefficient servers/equipment are ranked as the top three challenges healthcare organizations face in datacenter management. This webinar will discuss how health organizations can develop a storage management strategy that meets the needs of healthcare for high availability, interoperability and accessibility of mission critical data.

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Modernizing and Mobilizing Your Clinical Desktop

January 22, 2014

If you are running Windows XP or Windows 7, this webcast is for you. If you are concerned about the use of iPads in your environment and want to give your users an alternative, this webcast is for you. If you want to address secure and compliant mobile workflows, this webcast is for you.

In this one hour webcast, we will discuss non-compliance with the HIPAA Security rule for Windows XP users beyond April 8, 2014. Including how threats and vulnerabilities and risks to Protected Health Information will make the Windows XP platform the target of cyber-attacks and open to malware and virus intrusion. We will discuss the pitfalls and pain points of moving Healthcare users to a mobile/tablet environment. And we will discuss Mobile Desktop strategies and solutions which offer enterprise security for Healthcare organizations and meet HIPAA regulations.

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Extending Your EMR with Business Intelligence Solutions

The best business intelligence applications start with one part EMR, one part financial applications, and one part operational applications stirred into real insights. The webinar will feature speakers that have successfully extended EMRs into managing costs, transmitting information to disease registries and improving patient care.

 [Watch the On Demand Webinar Now!](#)

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The Modern Data Center - An Intelligent Infrastructure for Health

To help achieve the IHI triple aim, healthcare IT leaders must find new designs to provide an intelligent infrastructure to the business, one that is not restricted by traditional IT designs or by the four walls of their current datacenters. This enables Healthcare IT departments to deliver infrastructure as an optimized business service, one that has flexibility, agility, and resiliency. The Modern Datacenter can help achieve the IHI triple aim and reduce friction in the value chain of healthcare.

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YOU'RE INVITED! Visual Studio 2013 Launch Event

Please join us at this event where we will discuss the value and returns of Modern App development in the context of real business scenarios.

In an era where every app must work seamlessly on every device, all the time, **Visual Studio 2013** provides modern tooling and services that allow you to transform the user experience across all Windows devices. By allowing teams of every size to **collaborate**, Visual Studio 2013 will help you deliver continuous **value**, with **agility** and **scale**.

WHEN:

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
8:30am - 4:00pm

WHERE:

Sacramento Secretary of State Building
1500 11th Street
Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Lunch will not be provided*

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May 12-15, 2014 - Houston

Register now for [TechEd 2014](#), the premier Microsoft conference for IT pros and developers. Dive into a broad range of learning opportunities on the latest Microsoft technologies, tools, platforms, and services. Connect with industry experts and peers May 12–15 in Houston.

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Microsoft in Health Blog: Devices and Services for Health & Life Sciences: A Look at Our Sales Force Enablement Strategy



As Microsoft transitions to a services and devices company, one area in Life Sciences that has developed into a very compelling story is our Sales Force Enablement strategy focused on the pharmaceutical sales rep. It is like baking a cake—a few good ingredients cooked just right and icing on the top.

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Starting 2014 With a Cleaner (Surface) Slate



As physicians, nurses, clinical case managers, home health providers and others who work in health and healthcare have discovered, the slate tablet computer is becoming a preferred device for busy healthcare professionals. The slate tablet's highly mobile form factor, touch interface, high resolution screen, and long battery life make it an ideal companion for clinical computing. Clinicians and healthcare IT professionals are also drawn to a new generation of Windows tablet devices from a variety of manufacturers that meet the enterprise connectivity, privacy and security requirements of today's hospital and clinic environments.

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