



AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2015 IN REVIEW

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015 IIS NATIONAL MEETING IS OPEN

AIRA's 2015 IIS National Meeting will be held in New Orleans April 21st-23rd, 2015. The [preliminary agenda](#) and other meeting details are available on AIRA's [website](#). This year, keynote speakers include:

- ❖ **Paul A. Offit**, MD, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases and Director, Vaccine Education Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- ❖ **David A. Ross**, ScD, Director, Public Health Informatics Institute

AIRA members are able to register at a discounted rate. If you would like to see if your organization holds a current membership with AIRA, please click [HERE](#). Contact [Ketti Turcato](#) to obtain the access code if you are a current member and did not receive an access code by email.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY  CLICK HERE

<http://www.immregistries.org/events/2015/04/21/aira-2015-national-meeting>

If you are planning on attending the National Meeting, we encourage you to reserve your hotel room as soon as possible. AIRA has reserved a room block for meeting attendees, but because the National Meeting immediately precedes the [New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival](#) (April 24th-May 5th) it is important to reserve a room in the AIRA block as general hotel availability is limited that week. For reservations contact the [Sheraton New Orleans Hotel](#) at (888) 627-7033 and mention that you are with the "AIRA National Meeting" to receive the \$151 room block rate.



MARCH AT AIRA

- March 2nd 2 – 3:30 pm ET: **AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- March 3rd 2 – 3 pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- March 3rd 2 – 3 pm ET: **ONC Interoperability Roadmap Webinar**
- March 11th 1 – 2 pm ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- March 12th 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- March 16th 2 – 3 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners & Membership Meeting**
- March 18th 2 – 3 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- March 19th 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Meeting**
- March 23rd 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**

Contribute to SnapShots

We want to hear from you, our members! Tell us about recent projects, innovative use of IIS data, or anything else you'd like to share with the community. Send your story to info@immregistries.org today!

NVAC MEETING UPDATE

The National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) met on February 10th-11th, 2015 in Washington, DC. ASTHO presented regarding interstate data sharing of immunization information. NVAC approved a statement of support regarding efforts to better implement IIS to IIS data exchange across jurisdictions. As soon as the statement is ready for distribution, AIRA will share it with the membership.

NATIONAL ADULT IMMUNIZATION PLAN

In 2011, NVAC recommended the development of a strategic plan with the goal of improving adult immunization. Through an environmental scan of past reports issued by vaccine stakeholders, a survey, several focus groups, and in-depth interviews with subject matter experts, and in consultation with federal partners, the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) has developed the draft National Adult Immunization Plan. The draft plan details background on the immunization landscape and provides a strategic plan for federal and nonfederal stakeholders.

Last month, AIRA sent out a request for formal comments on the proposed National Adult Immunization Plan. The comment period for the NVPO Adult Immunization Plan has been extended. Please send all comments to Ketti Turcato no later than COB on Friday, March 6th.

We ask that you pay particular attention to:

- Monitoring & Evaluation - are the measures provided adequate, are there additional measures that ought to be considered?
- Roles & responsibilities
- If there was one thing that would change the landscape for your organization, what would that be? Was it addressed in the plan?

MIROW WORKSHOP AT AIRA CONFERENCE

The Modeling Immunization Registry Operations Workgroup (MIROW) Steering Committee would like to invite attendees to participate in an interactive session at the 2015 AIRA National Conference in New Orleans. Over the past ten years, MIROW has developed best practice recommendations for IIS with participation from representatives of many IISs and partners both as subject matter experts and as external reviewers. The number of subject matter experts who are invited to participate in the facilitated MIROW subject matter expert workgroups is limited by available resources, however. MIROW would like to use the AIRA National Conference as an opportunity to gather input from a wider spectrum of subject matter experts on the current topic "Decrementing Inventory via Electronic Data Exchange." MIROW will host an interactive workshop to illustrate analysis techniques used to document IIS operational best practices and to receive input on the issues that IIS and partners face with this topic. The interactive session will be facilitated with small group activities and the input will be used in developing the best practices document. Prior experience with MIROW is not required—just your willingness to participate. The session is slated for Breakout Session 5 on Wednesday April 22nd from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

FEBRUARY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on February 3rd, 2015. The Data Quality Assessment Tool is being piloted in MN, OR, NC, FL and PA. These states are currently able to download the software and input data to run the assessment report that is being piloted. A separate ASC workgroup is continuing to develop an Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage in IIS. This workgroup is making great progress and is currently ahead of schedule. Finally, each month ASC will hear from one of its members on assessment work that is being done by an IIS. This month, Rob Wester and his team from San Diego presented on their assessment work at the ASC meeting. San Diego is collaborating with an epidemiologist and other UCSD partners. This provides an opportunity to see if the IIS can be used for data modeling. They are comparing this with traditional survey results and are conducting weighting and modeling to potentially save costs in San Diego. This project is still in the beginning stages.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The SISC met on February 11th, 2015. Nathan Bunker provided an update to the committee on the Functional Guide he has been creating. The functional guide's main role is to document how our systems operate at a functional level, and will be a companion guide to our HL7 Interoperability Guide. The document is meant to help identify areas that are supporting or preventing full interoperability between EHR/IIS and IIS/IIS as we move toward seamless data exchange, and will be leveraged to create a more complete testing process for interoperability. The IIS community can play a role in helping Nathan make sure these issues are thoroughly and appropriately documented.
- AIRA is hosting an ONC Interoperability Roadmap webinar on March 4th, and comments on the Interoperability Roadmap are due to AIRA by March 6th. An off-cycle SISC meeting was scheduled for 11am ET on March 16th to review comments on the roadmap.

Education Steering Committee

- The ESC met on February 18th, 2015. The most recent webinar on Meaningful Use Onboarding was well-received. More than 90 attendees participated and evaluations indicated the webinar was relevant, included new information and was worth sharing with colleagues. The next ESC webinar in May will focus on use of IIS for AFIX. Following this, the webinar in June will explore IIS integration into an immunization program.
- SnapShots is looking for articles; if you are interested in contributing an article, please contact the SnapShots editor, [Katie Reed](#). Articles are due by March 27th, 2015.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee conducted its regularly scheduled monthly call on February 19th, 2015. MIROW's current topic will be sent out for external review in a few weeks and anticipates publication this summer. The current topic is Management of Patient Active/Inactive Status in Immunization Information Systems: Replacement of 2005 Guidelines. MIROW is hosting two sessions at the AIRA national meeting. One is an interactive workshop (MIROW 411) and the second will include presentations from several IIS about implementation of MIROW guidelines (101). All attendees are invited to attend both sessions.