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***Central Illinois HIE Summit: Patient Care & Connectivity –  
Free Medical Conference Coming Sept. 21***

(EAST PEORIA, Ill.) – Regional Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) promise to revolutionize healthcare communication and delivery.

HIEs are networks of electronic health records, insurance claims, and other sources, such as prescribing information. When providers have easy access to all necessary information about a patient, better care coordination is possible. HIEs can reduce medical errors and duplicate services while helping patients and their families navigate a complex healthcare system. Patient participation in HIE is voluntary.

The Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE), Quality Quest for Health of Illinois, and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria are jointly sponsoring a medical conference, “Central Illinois HIE Summit: Patient Care and Connectivity” on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria.

This conference will address the questions and concerns of the provider, including:

- How does it work?
- What are the advantages for me?
- How does it enhance care coordination?
- What is the patient perspective?
- Why is it important to our region?

Physicians, residents and medical students, nurses and other healthcare professionals, administrators and practice managers, and business and community leaders are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend and space is limited. A complimentary breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. **Registration is required** – either online at [qualityquest.org](http://qualityquest.org) or by phone at 309-282-8832.

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The medical conference agenda includes:

<b>7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Dr. Sara Rusch, Regional Dean, U of I College of Medicine at Peoria
<b>8:05 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.</b>	<b>HIE Overview</b> Dr. Gail Amundson, President/CEO, Quality Quest for Health of Illinois
<b>8:20 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>How HIE Works</b> Joy Duling, Interim Executive Director, Central Illinois HIE
<b>9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>9:20 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>HIE and the Provider Experience</b> Dr. Neal Patel, Chief Medical Information Officer, Inpatient Services, Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Co-Medical Director, Pediatric Critical Care Services, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt
<b>10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>

An HIE functionality demonstration follows the conference at 11:15 a.m.

### **About Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE)**

The Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) is a nonprofit organization established in December 2010 to make health information more readily accessible to any physician, hospital, clinic and other healthcare provider, based on permissions granted by individual consumers. CIHIE covers 20 counties in central Illinois. For more information, visit [cihie.org](http://cihie.org).

### **About Quality Quest for Health of Illinois**

Quality Quest for Health of Illinois is a non-profit healthcare collaborative working together to transform healthcare in the state. The organization brings physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, patients, and families together to focus on creating healthier communities with better patient outcomes. For more information, visit [qualityquest.org](http://qualityquest.org).

### **About the U of I College of Medicine at Peoria**

As part of the nation's largest public medical school, the College of Medicine at Peoria offers a unique balance of classroom education and clinical experience. Since its founding in 1970, the College's mission has been to improve healthcare in the community by serving as a leader in education, research and patient care. To learn more, visit [peoria.medicine.uic.edu](http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu).