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The MedBiquitous® Community Connection newsletter shares ongoing activities for community members and features updates, as well as a list of future engagements. For more information about MedBiquitous, please visit medbiq.org/about_us.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We extend a warm welcome to the newest participants to the MedBiquitous Program! We will have more participants to announce next month.

- New Innovations, Inc.
- Schilling Consulting LLC

We invite you to join, or rejoin, the community! For more information, please visit https://www.medbiq.org/participation.

Cast Your Ballot: Open Ballot Reminder

This is a reminder to all voting body representatives that we have an active ballot that will close on March 2 at 11:59 PM ET. Please refer to your email for more instructions. If you are the voting representative for your organization and did not receive the ballot email, please contact medbiq@aamc.org.

Join MedBiquitous Working Groups
When health professions education and credentialing organizations utilize data standards, the resulting interoperability benefits educators, learners, administrators and technical teams alike. The development, adoption, and implementation of data standards allow organizations to share data with more flexibility, agility, and consistency - eliminating the need to develop a unique process for each new transaction. The recognized and replicable processes provided by MedBiquitous standards can improve overall data quality, enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of data collection and sharing, and support better decision-making and policy implementation across the international health professions education landscape.

Beginning March 2021, MedBiquitous plans to begin launching its technology standards working groups. Reconvened working groups will focus on the reactivation of the full collection of MedBiquitous data standards.

The first phase of the launch will include a subset of our existing standards. Those standards that will be submitted to ANSI for review as American National Standards (ANS) are indicated below. Working groups that have active working group leads are listed. We would like to thank individuals listed for volunteering their time and talents to lead MedBiquitous working groups. If you are interested in leading a working group that presently does not have a chair, please contact medbiq@aamc.org.

**Activity Report (ANS submission):**

- James Fiore, Independent Participant

**Competencies (ANS submission for Competency Framework and Performance Framework):**

- Rosalyn Scott, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- Tim Willet, Sim-One

**Educational Trajectory and Educational Achievement (ANS submission):**

- Email medbiq@aamc.org if interested in becoming a working group lead.

**Professional Profile (ANS submission):**

- Prasad Chodavarapu, American Board of Family Medicine
- Amy Opalek, Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER)

**Curriculum Inventory:**

- Susan Albright, M:ed:Integrate
- Sascha Cohen, University of California, San Francisco
- Hugh Stoddard, Emory University School of Medicine

**Financial Interests:**

- Barbara Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine & Public Health
- Joanne Ey, American College of Physicians
- Diane Reed, UW Health

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Coming Soon: MedBiquitous 2030

A consistent challenge that MedBiquitous has been called upon to address is bringing to bear a distributed set of tools and resources in support of health professions education (HPE) and credentialing. Although the MedBiquitous community has answered this call on multiple occasions, the challenge remains that the adoption of the standards and guidelines produced by the community occurs only in niche pockets, rather than by the HPE community at large.

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new program initiative “MedBiquitous 2030.” In the last year, the global COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragility of our existing technology infrastructure. The delivery of education and the verification of credentials are just two examples of high-level processes that were disrupted and rapidly modified to accommodate changes that accompanied the pandemic. In almost every case, silos between existing technologies and data sets were made abundantly apparent, and integration and interoperability were touted as solutions to this dilemma.

In the coming weeks, the white paper “MedBiquitous 2030: Building the Digital Ecosystem for Health Professions Education,” will be posted in our public comment forum for feedback. This draft has been reviewed by the Steering Committee and its subcommittees. This final draft of the white paper will be available for 30 days before comments are collected and integrated into a version that will be published on our website.

Please look for upcoming announcements on the call for comment on the draft, as well as opportunities to join a working group that will support the goals and objectives of our MedBiquitous 2030 initiative.

Participate in the MedBiquitous ThinkTank

The MedBiquitous ThinkTank is our forum on the AAMC virtual community platform. We will use this space for discussions related to our community activities, like webinars, and our standards development efforts.

Your voice is vital in the data standards community and needs to be heard. What are some education technology challenges you are trying to solve, and how can MedBiquitous help? Your ideas might spark a new project!

If you would like to join the MedBiquitous ThinkTank, email medbiq@aamc.org with the below information:

- First name
- Last name
- Email address
- Professional title
- Institution name
- Institution street address
**MedBiquitous Community Connection Webinar Recordings**

The catalog of recorded presentations from the entire 2020 season is available [here](https://www.medbiq.org/mediapublications). Viewing the MedBiquitous Community Connection webinar recordings is free, but registration is required. Please use your primary AAMC account login and password to access the content.

Our 2021 webinar season will be announced soon! Details related to speakers and topics will be updated at [https://www.medbiq.org/mediapublications](https://www.medbiq.org/mediapublications).

Interested in presenting a webinar topic for MedBiquitous Community Connection? Proposals may be sent to medbiq@aamc.org with the following details:

- Title of presentation
- Speaker(s) name, title, and institution
- 2-3 learning objectives and/or goals for webinar attendees
- Short description of presentation (200 words or less)
- Short description of speaker(s) background (200 words or less)

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Please be safe and healthy.

Best regards,

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