

**National EHealth Transition Authority Abstract & Bio of Presenters for
2.00PM-4.00PM Session**

Building Toward a National eHealth Future

Australia has a rich history of endeavour and innovation in electronic health including the electronic delivery of clinical transactions and the creation of electronic health records. Recent government investments have seen the growth of national infrastructure to provide a common support network for a variety of clinical, research, and reporting purposes.

As electronic health is adopted and incorporated into clinical practice, equipping health professionals to understand and work with the information systems put in place will provide many benefits to both the health professionals and patients.

NEHTA's purpose is to lead the uptake of e-health systems of national significance; and coordinate the progression and accelerate the adoption of e-health by delivering urgently needed integration infrastructure and standards for health information

This session will outline the case for and provide further discussion on eHealth services including an overview of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) system and describe proposed mechanisms required to support a connected future.. This session will also explore a number of these benefits and include a demonstration of an information system

Bio of Presenters

Sonya Hilberts

Sonya Hilberts manages NEHTA's (National E-Health Transition Authority) strategic direction for education, training and research. Her responsibilities include:

- Strategic plan development and implementation for e-health education, training and research
- Management of current investment in e-health education and training across NEHTA;
- Work with the health informatics sector to build the capacity of the organisations that represent and support health informaticians;
- Facilitate the development and implementation of education and training materials through health professional representative organisations.

Prior to NEHTA, Sonya's previous health and education roles included, National Executive Manager, National Learning and Development Manager, Senior Policy Analyst, Senior Project Officer, University and TAFE facilitator, Education Manager, Hospital Educator, International Trauma Educator, Critical Care Educator, and Learning and Development and Organisational Development Consultant. She has specialised in

designing and delivering non accredited and accredited curriculum and professional development programs in medium to large corporate government and non-government organisations.

Andy Bond

Andy Bond is NEHTA Manager of Standards and Interoperability. Andy has driven the interoperability agenda at NEHTA for several years covering organisation, information, and technical aspects of system design and interconnectivity. Prior to NEHTA, Andy was Chief Scientist at the Distributed Systems Technology Centre (DSTC) responsible for research strategy, engagement, and market transition. Special areas of interest include complexity, middleware, enterprise architectures, and interoperability. His work has included interoperability frameworks, large-scale national and international architectures, and various novel distributed systems innovations.

Cathy Richardson (Presenting at Brisbane & Melbourne)

Cathy Richardson has worked for NEHTA as a Terminology Analyst since 2007. She is part of a small specialist team who manage and develop the Australian extension of the Systemised Nomenclature of Medicine- Clinical Terms (the preferred national terminology for use in electronic health). She is passionate about terminology and the vision of E-health for Australia. Her qualifications include a Certificate in Nursing (General) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Information Management).