

## ANI Innovator Profile

### Utah Nursing Informatics Network (UNIN)

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The Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) is a collaboration of organizations that represents more than 5,000 nurse informaticists and brings together 30 distinct nursing informatics groups globally.

**Mission:** To advance NI leadership, practice, education, policy and research through a unified voice of nursing informatics organizations

**Vision:** Transform health and health care through nursing informatics and innovation

#### **ANI Innovator Profiles Program**

The purpose of this program is to capture an ANI Innovator Profile for each ANI member organization to increase awareness and visibility, and to describe their contribution towards a unified voice for nursing informatics.

#### **ANI Innovator Profile – UNIN**

The Utah Nursing Informatics Network (UNIN) was formed in 1996 to provide a network for healthcare informaticists in Utah and the Intermountain area. Membership is open to all who have an interest in the field of healthcare informatics and represents many area health care institutions, universities, and businesses.

#### **UNIN Goals**

1. Continue to support/encourage member publications.
  - Increase visibility of publications and presentations among the group
  - Showcase member publications at meetings and in newsletter
2. Communications
  - Newsletter
  - Share announcements from AMIA, HIMSS
  - Distribute calls for abstracts, dates for meetings, and similar announcements
3. Membership participation
  - Increase awareness among students and new employees
  - Reach outside of current membership with communications
  - Explore funding options that will support broader participation

## UNIN Interview with Holly Miller:

**1. What is the primary mission of UNIN?**

Our primary mission is to build connections and communication between academic, clinical, government and private sector domains of nurse informaticists in our region. Also we encourage and support member publications and work to increase the visibility of these among the group.

**2. How many members do you currently have?**

Currently we have 118 members. It has slowly increased over the years, and part of that increase is due to the clinical informatics program at the University of Utah College of Nursing.

**3. What projects is UNIN working on to advance informatics and innovation in healthcare?**

We are working on engagement with the University of Utah informatics community in national policy development, nursing informatics educational and professional development. UNIN provides mentoring to students at the University of Utah and we also welcome members external to the university. Anyone in the community that is working in healthcare informatics is welcome.

**4. What value do you see in UNIN being an ANI member?**

We find value in being able to participate in policy creation and research and being involved in dialogue among colleagues in various settings, academic and clinical. UNIN benefits from the valuable information shared from leaders across the nation through ANI.

**5. In what way(s) is UNIN supporting ANI Initiatives e.g. the [ANI Consumer Pledge](#), [ANI Comments & Testimony](#), the [Emerging Leader Program](#), etc?**

We disseminate ANI announcements to our members, such as the call for abstracts and dates for meetings. We have provided feedback to policy statements being formulated by ANI. In general our goals and efforts align with those of ANI, we work in our community to advance nursing informatics leadership, practice, education, policy and research. We enjoy the exchanges over these related ideas within the broader community of ANI.

**6. What is UNIN's vision for the future of nursing informatics?**

We see that the market demand for people trained in informatics is huge. The future is exciting and includes things like the novel designs for physiological monitors, development of patient centered decision support applications, and web based educational programs. In the future we see nursing informatics playing a major role in transitions of care, designing systems that facilitate care coordination and effective communication between providers, patients and their families. Nurse informaticists are uniquely qualified to design these systems to be patient-focused, content sensitive, and clinically effective.

## 7. Additional Comments

I am very happy and honored to be representing UNIN and we appreciate all that ANI provides to us. The future is exciting as nursing informatics grows and continues to make valuable contributions.

### **Biography for Holly Miller**

Holly Miller, MS, BSN, RN is a nurse informaticist with a master's degree in Clinical Informatics from the University of Utah. She has served as the UNIN representative to ANI since 2010. Holly works as an Associate Terminologist for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She has expertise in clinical terminologies and terminology modeling. Holly is involved with terminology mapping and value set creation to support various clinical applications. Her areas of focus have included Skin Assessment/Pressure Ulcer Prevention, Mobile Health, Nursing Flowsheets, and Clinical Research. She participates in standards development organizations, such as clinical LOINC, HL7, and IHTSDO.

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