The University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network - November 2007 update

CHIRS*
Next CHIRS is on Tuesday 13 November, 5-6.30 in the lounge at University House (changed from Melbourne Cup Day 6 November) and final CHIRS for 2007 is 4 December. All welcome; contact one of the convenors (below) if you need directions. No need to RSVP. If a colleague / student / research partner is interested, please bring them along. In 2007 CHIRS is being sponsored by VeRSI, the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative (http://versi.edu.au) or contact gabrielle.bright@versi.edu.au 8344 3768).
*Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social - rhymes with beers

Tour of St Vincents Simulation Centre / Presentation on Making Users Quitters
A World Usability Day 2007 event on 8 November, 12-1 PM. Bookings: Patrizia Bordignon patrizia@designui.com.au phone 0409 936 498 (places are limited). More information www.worldusabilityday.org/event/show/347

Privacy seminar
The Health Information Privacy and Security Group of HISA is hosting a seminar/workshop, Sydney, 22 November, in response to the release of the Australian Law Reform Commission final discussion paper on Australia's privacy laws. Details www.hisa.org.au/hipsnovseminar

Call for papers
Australian College of Health Service Executives 2008 Congress, Alice Springs, 6-8 August 2008. Abstracts due 23 November. Potential topics include "Information Technology and Management". Details: www.achse.org.au/congress08/abstracts.html

Call for papers
Health Informatics Society of Australia annual conference, Melbourne, 31 August – 2 September 2008. Theme "The person in the centre". Papers due 29 February 2008. Further information: www.hisa.org.au/hic08

Webcasts: Global strategies for clinical research information
Sponsored by the American Medical Informatics Association and the US Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium to update the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries on adoption of clinical data standards. http://www.bettermanagement.com/seminars/details.aspx?l=13852

Report: Use of health records for medical research
Modern Healthcare Online 19 October 07 reports on a US Institute of Medicine study investigating the use of health records for medical research, including privacy issues.
http://www.modernhealthcare.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071019/FREE/310190004/1029/FREE

Steering Committee news
The next Health Informatics Steering Committee Reference Group is Monday 12 November. Reference Group members: Peter Harris, Liz Sonenberg, Teng Liaw, Loane Skene, Jim Black, Simon Milton, Kathleen Gray.

If you have any news, ideas, or items of interest for the next HINet bulletin please contact us by Monday 26 November. Also if you know of someone who would like to be on the mailing list – just let us know!

Regards from HI Network convenors...
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