

# Update

November 2017

## 10th Annual Summit & Trade Show Focused on Using Data to Improve Health

### More Than 300 Attend Two-Day Event

The 10th Annual Health Current Summit & Trade Show brought together more than 300 attendees for two-days of presentations

and discussions on the use and integration of more complete data into clinical care. Held at the Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Hotel and Spa, October 30-31, 2017, the event featured



discussion on a number of key topics in health IT today, including the use of technology to combat the opioid crisis and the future and challenges of integrated value-based healthcare. The two-day program included 17 presentations, including two keynote lunch presentations, six breakout sessions each day and three general session panel discussions. Evaluations rated the presentations in the good to excellent range. [Read more](#)

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## 2017 Health IT Award Winners Announced

### Dr. Brad Croft and El Rio Health Receive Health IT Leader and Innovation Awards

A key feature of the annual Health Current Summit & Trade Show is the presentation of the annual Health IT awards. The Health IT Leader Award recognizes an outstanding leader in advancing healthcare through health information technology and health information exchange (HIE). The Health IT Innovation Award recognizes an organization that has demonstrated innovation in the use of health IT and HIE technology to improve healthcare and quality.



L-R: Christi Lundeen, CIO, Mercy Care Plan, Mercy Care Integrated Care, Practice Innovation Institute, Melissa Kotrys, CEO, Health Current, Bob Thompson, CIO, & Karen Critchley, RN, Care Coordination Supervisor, accept the Health IT Innovation Award for

El Rio Health

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## Health Current Connection to Controlled Substances Prescription Database Now Available

### Webinars Demonstrate How Users Are Able to Comply with PMP Mandate Through HIE Portal

Health Current has become one of the primary tools for Arizona prescribers under a new statewide controlled substances prescription monitoring program mandate (PMP Mandate) that requires prescribers to check patient prescription histories before



prescribing Schedule II, III and IV drugs. [Read More](#)

Health Current will be offering lunch and learn webinars on the PMP Mandate with a demonstration of how HIE Portal users are able to comply with the mandate. All webinars are from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Are you e-Prescribing?

Electronic Prescribing or e-Prescribing has steadily grown nationally and in Arizona. Approximately two-thirds of prescriptions nationally and just over half of prescriptions in Arizona are e-prescribed.

The many reasons for e-prescribing include:

- Improving patient care through the e-prescribing tools built into electronic health record systems (EHRs) that provide alerts for drug-to-drug interactions, allergies, therapeutic duplications, and contraindications
- Increasing patient adherence
- Reducing the potential for forgery of paper prescriptions and abuse of controlled substances
- Eliminating phone calls and inaccuracy due to illegible hand-written prescriptions
- Meeting Meaningful Use and Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) requirements



The electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) has been legal in Arizona since April 2012. [Read More](#)

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