

HIT Coordinator Announcement

I am pleased to introduce Minakshi Tikoo, Ph.D. as the Health Information Technology (HIT) Coordinator for the Health Information Exchange (HIE) cooperative agreement between the Department of Public Health and the Office of the National Coordinator. Her primary role is to coordinate HIT related activities across state agencies and other stakeholders to achieve Meaningful Use (MU). Her leadership will help foster the growth of the Health Information Exchange among stakeholders across the health care system.

Dr. Tikoo's professional career has focused on the delivery, enhancement, and improvement of health care services and informatics. Her focus has been to create a synergy between health service's automation, health informatics, and research. She has extensive project management experience in health care evaluation and informatics.



She has worked on projects at the federal, state, and local level. In Connecticut and Virginia, she has deployed behavioral health informatics systems. These systems were a first for these departments in terms of systematic reporting and in creating interactions with the local provider networks through data feedback loops. In addition, she has worked with a wide variety of health and community organizations in New England and the Mid-Atlantic States to improve health IT and organizational efficiency with a special focus on EHR implementation.

Currently, Dr. Tikoo is the Director of Evaluation for the Biomedical Informatics Center within the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) and has an appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Medicine and Health Care, at the UCONN Medical School.

Dr. Tikoo's extensive experience in health informatics coupled with her relationships with stakeholders at the federal, state, and local levels will help provide opportunities for undertaking the challenging work of coordination across agencies and multiple stakeholders. She will help move Connecticut forward towards our goal of a functional and sustainable HIE with a focus on improving health care delivery systems that are effective and efficient.

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