



On the Road to RHIO

Dear Colleagues:

We invite you to participate in GITA's next round of workshops on developing effective health information exchange (HIE) in Arizona. These workshops address the additional work needed to enhance the readiness of our rural communities to benefit from Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs). Their purpose is to:

- Include additional community leaders and stakeholders in community-related discussions about the importance of HIE.
- Identify a model for an effective HIE/RHIO and the specific actions necessary for a community to make decisions and progress through initial phases of the model.
- Outline specific resources available for communities forming exchanges as they formulate a viable business foundation, an approach to governance, and a private and secure platform for patient information exchange.



The schedule for first two workshops in this series is listed below. GITA is pleased to offer sessions in additional locations and will schedule these at the request of communities of rural healthcare providers.

DATE and TIME	CITY	LOCATION
Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sierra Vista	Sierra Vista Regional Health Center Outreach Education Center 1840 Paseo San Luis Sierra Vista AZ 85635
Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Flagstaff	North Country Community Health Center Conference Room 2920 N Fourth Street Flagstaff AZ 86004

Please RSVP to Emilie Sundie by E-mailing esundie@azgita.gov or calling (602) 364-4857 with your plans for attending. The workshops support e-health goals identified in the [Arizona Health-e Connection Roadmap](#) developed through Governor Napolitano's Executive Order 2005-25.

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