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HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATION (HSCA) ELECTS INTALERE'S MARK WHITMAN AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTHCARE eSTANDARDS (CHeS)

Intalere's Director of Supply Chain, Diagnostix Services, Brings More Than 30 Years of Experience in Healthcare Supply Chain Consulting and Data Standards Promotion to CHeS Leadership

Washington, DC (February 7, 2017) – The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](http://www.hscanet.org)) today announced that Mark Whitman, Intalere's Director of Supply Chain, Diagnostix Services, has been elected Chair of HSCA's Committee for Healthcare eStandards ([CHeS](http://www.ches.org)). A long-standing CHeS member and a past Chair, Whitman will continue to help guide the work of CHeS to improve accuracy, efficiency, and safety across the healthcare supply chain through the application of electronic data standards.

"Mark's knowledge, dedication, and three decades of experience will be instrumental as the healthcare supply chain continues to improve safety and efficiency through the establishment of global standards," said CHeS Executive Director Curt Miller. "Mark's leadership will help further our mission of connecting the supply chain, protecting patients, and improving the efficacy of all supply chain stakeholders, including providers, suppliers, and group purchasing organizations."

At Intalere, Whitman provides strategic supply chain consulting expertise to Intalere member organizations. He has more than 30 years of experience in the evaluation of hospital operations. Prior to his work with Intalere, Whitman served as a healthcare consultant evaluating supply chain management operations and as a director of management engineering. He earned a master of business administration from Xavier University and a bachelor of science in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan.

"A common set of e-standards is critical in encouraging efficient operations for manufacturers as well as enabling providers to safely and accurately perform their duties," said Mark Whitman. "I am honored to continue my work with CHeS, and look forward to helping usher in more effective use of data across multiple platforms and facilitate the highest quality of service provision for all of our partners."

The guiding vision of CHeS is to accelerate the adoption, implementation, and active usage of industry-wide data standards for improving efficiencies throughout the healthcare supply chain. In support of the CHeS mission and vision, the committee focuses on the following goals:

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- Serve as one **united GPO voice** on matters of healthcare supply chain standards and process improvements.
- Provide an **open and neutral forum** for industry-wide collaborative approach for healthcare supply chain participants.
- Endorse **GS1 Healthcare standards** to help accelerate industry-wide deployment of the standards and associated processes throughout the healthcare supply chain.
- Develop and recommend **best practices** where industry-wide standards could improve efficiencies throughout the healthcare supply chain.
- Define and lead in the **development of new standards** where existing standards or their absence are not meeting industry needs.

For more about HSCA's Committee on Healthcare eStandards, visit:
www.supplychainassociation.org/About_CHeS

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About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](http://www.supplychainassociation.org)) represents the nation's leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America's hospitals, nursing homes, nursing home pharmacies, clinics, home healthcare providers and surgery centers. GPOs deliver billions in savings annually to healthcare providers, Medicare and Medicaid, and taxpayers. HSCA and its member GPOs are committed to delivering the best products at the best value to healthcare providers, to increasing competition and innovation in the market, and to being supply chain leaders in transparency and accountability. For more information, visit www.supplychainassociation.org. Follow HSCA on Twitter @HSCA.

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