

Mark Frisse



Mark grew up in rural Illinois. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Washington U. School of Medicine, Stanford University (Medical Information Science), and Washington University Olin School of Business.

He's an internist trained in hematology oncology who was a Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean at Washington University School of Medicine. He left Washington University to become a Vice President at Express Scripts. There he had the opportunity to help create consumer web sites for over 60 million members. He also ran their Practice Patterns Science subsidiary and later became Chief Medical Officer.

He subsequently explored the real world of health care technology by joining First Consulting Group. While there he was involved in a range of engagements. The most long-standing included a large-scale quality study for Texas Health Resources and an ambitious clinical information system implementation for Allina in Minneapolis.

For the past five years, he's been the Accenture Professor of Biomedical Informatics at Vanderbilt University.

Working with the support of Governor Phil Bredesen on a five-year project funded by AHRQ and the State of Tennessee, Mark and his amazing colleagues have created a regional health information exchange involving all major providers in the Memphis area. The

Exchange has comprehensive data sharing agreements and supports care for over 750,000 people. IT has been in operation for over two years.

He's based out of the Vanderbilt Center for Better Health and holds the endowed chair as Accenture Professor of Biomedical Informatics at Vanderbilt University.

Mark has focused on a number of areas.

He was an editor of the "Manual of Medical Therapeutics" in 1982 - one of the largest-selling medical books in the world.

He started working on hypertext information retrieval systems since 1986 and was on the program committee for Hypertext '87.

He was involved in a large-scale data integration project in the mid 1990s that provided drug interaction alerts to pharmacists at the BJC Health System in St. Louis.

He helped found RxHub; later served on the board of SureScripts, and in the latter capacity most recently was involved in the merger of the two entities into SureScripts RxHub

He's led workshops and authored comprehensive reports on privacy, confidentiality, and health information exchange.

He served as a co-chair for the State of Florida Health Information Privacy and Security (HISPC) effort and spoke at many regional meetings.

He co-chaired the Markle Foundation's Connecting for Health group that developed many of the data sharing policies. Carol Diamond, David Lansky, Gerry Hinkley, and Allen Briskin played key roles. Vicki Estrin brought these policies to life in Memphis. at Markle inspired all.

He's led workshops for a number of state-level initiatives. He recently completed a workshop and authored a report proposing re-organizing the health care system for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

He recently led and reported on a multi-day workshop addressing reorganizing the State of New York's approach to progressive intermittent frailty and the care of the elderly.

He lives in Nashville, TN and St. Louis. He spends as much time as possible with his wife Cathy and his two daughters.