Did you hear the one about the informaticist? That’s because there are no informaticist jokes.

★ Note that the American Medical Informatics Association has developed requirements for an Advanced Health Informatics Certification [link], which are “intended for informatics professionals representing the spectrum of primary disciplines, and the eligibility requirements are comparable in rigor to the clinical informatics subspecialty for physicians.”

★ From earlier this year -- The CDC now offers a fellowship in Public Health Informatics [link]. “The Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program (PHIFP) is a 2-year applied training fellowship for professionals with a master's or higher degree. We train professionals to apply principles of public health informatics to the practice of public
health.”

★ Have you seen the funding opportunities from the National Science Foundation for Information Integration and Informatics? Selected projects “should address contemporary applications of societal importance through advances in information integration and informatics... Projects may deal with one or more facets of the full knowledge lifecycle, which include acquisition, storage and preservation, use and [reuse] of data, information, and knowledge for decision-making and action.” [link]

★ The Pistoia Alliance is dropped a challenge for new innovations in Life Sciences Research & Development Informatics. The themes are delivering low cost R&D for the developing world, enabling the Internet of Things for life science research, and bringing benefit through data to R&D for the scientist; grand prize of $15,000 [link].

★ Drexel’s College of Computing & Informatics has a new dean [link]. Yi Deng apparently had a good run at University of North Carolina, where he launched seven interdisciplinary informatics-related degrees, and tripled program funding “from $5 million when he started in 2009 to $14.8 million most recently.”

★ OhioHealth Doctors Hospital “received a Stage 7 designation from HIMSS Analytics this week. The ranking is the highest on HIMSS Analytics’ EMR Adoption Model scale, which measures a hospital’s implementation and utilization of IT applications.” [link]. More on HIMSS here. The hospital was recognized for its heavy investment in informatics, including “hiring 10 nurse informaticists”.

★ FUJIFILM just released new tools in its “Synapse” suite of imaging informatics [link]. From FUJIFILM’s site: “SYNAPSE allows the archiving and distribution of vast amounts of image information from all modalities [in a] single system. With the first comprehensive PACS with next-generation Web technology, SYNAPSE utilizes the latest Wavelet compression technology for on-demand compression and access of
large files quickly and easily regardless of location.”

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