WIHSE
Wisconsin Institute for Healthcare Systems Engineering

Vision: To be the premier research institute that transforms health care through engineering

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The WIHSE executive Committee during a strategic planning session.
About WIHSE

The Wisconsin Institute for Healthcare Systems Engineering (WIHSE) is an interdisciplinary research center at the University of Wisconsin—Madison’s College of Engineering.

History

Discussion and planning for WIHSE was initiated in 2015 by Professor Pascale Carayon. It was formally recognized as an Institute by the University in July of 2017. Since its inception, WIHSE activities have been led by an interdisciplinary executive committee with representatives from 4 schools/colleges on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus including: Engineering, Medicine and Public Health, Nursing and Pharmacy. This model gives WIHSE a strong and unique position to implement interdisciplinary HSE research.

WIHSE Research Themes

WIHSE research applies Healthcare Systems Engineering (HSE) to address the Quadruple Aim:
- To revolutionize the patient experience
- To improve population health
- To control healthcare costs
- To enhance clinician satisfaction

We aim to be the hub for research innovations in HSE. To achieve this, WIHSE brings together engineers and health scientists as well as healthcare delivery and technology companies to transform health care into an integrated system. We do this by expanding our knowledge and developing smart and connected healthcare systems and technologies.

WIHSE research will serve as a catalyst to transform health care into an engineered, information-rich system that provides patient-centered, effective, efficient and safe care. It focuses on 4 themes:
1. Monitoring and anticipating for safe care transitions for vulnerable populations (e.g., children, elderly patients).
2. Smart automation and technologies for coordinating and communicating diagnosis and treatment: Application to cancer and diabetes.
3. Smart and connected patient-centered care: Implications for clinical decision support, telehealth and sensing technologies.
4. Modeling, forecasting and responding to healthcare-associated complications (e.g., infections, medication safety)

WIHSE Consortium

As WIHSE develops we will continue to reach out to healthcare delivery and technology companies to become research partners. By partnering with industry we strive to develop innovative and impactful engineering concepts and methods to improve processes and decision making at all levels of healthcare delivery and across the continuum of care.

Events

As WIHSE grows we will offer events for faculty and staff on campus as well as individuals off campus. This will afford attendees the opportunity to become more familiar with our research and build research collaborations.

Check our website for upcoming events

http://wihse.engr.wisc.edu/

Past Events:
- August 2016 – College of Engineering Roundtable
- January 2017 – When Healthcare Meets Engineering Roundtable
- March 2017 – WIHSE Inaugural Conference
- May 2018 – WIHSE 2018 Conference