



Biography

Gaurav Nagrath serves as the Director, Division of Information Services for the **Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI)**. He assumed the director position at LPHI in 2003, following nine years of progressive Health IT, Core IT and Medical Informatics exposure at LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) in New Orleans.

At LPHI Mr. Nagrath assumes a leadership role in the ongoing development of health information systems policy and implementation strategies in the state and particularly in the Greater New Orleans area. Throughout this experience, he has emphasized engagement with various stakeholders, change management through the electronic medical record (EMR) adoption process, and cutting-edge best practices concerning information technology implementations in clinical settings.

Most recently, his work has focused on fostering a health information technology agenda in efforts to rebuild the health care infrastructure in post-Katrina New Orleans, particularly where these efforts have coalesced with LPHI programs such as Partnership for Access to Healthcare (PATH), School Health Connection, and the Behavioral Health Action Network. These programs engage diverse, collaborative networks of providers with the common goal of implementing formal information exchange networks to the benefit of disease management and evidence-based decision-making, which in turn improves health outcomes among underserved populations. Mr. Nagrath has provided strategic and operational guidance for these programs, as well as partner organizations and related policy initiatives.

Mr. Nagrath has a Masters of Business Administration which has helped to inform an approach to health IT and health information exchange initiatives firmly grounded in concepts of economic efficiency and operationally oriented business process reengineering. As a PhD student in Financial Economics with an undergraduate degree in Computer Science and as the recipient of a National Library of Medicine Bioinformatics Fellowship, Mr. Nagrath's deepening diversity of expertise brings a multidisciplinary approach rooted equally in the technical foundations of health information and the financial constraints so crucial to the business of health and health care.

Mr. Nagrath also guides and directs LPHI's information services portfolio, with initiatives in the following spheres: Business Process Engineering, Information Systems Development (including Visual Analytics & Decision Support platforms), Core IT Infrastructure, and Health Information Technology.