

**Jan Root, Ph.D.**  
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Jan Root has degrees in Marine Biology, Biochemistry and Health Education. She's still unsure how she ended up on health information exchange, but it has become her passion. Dr. Root's career has focused on the business aspects of bringing electronic commerce practices into regional health care communities in ways that reduce costs for the entire community. She has worked at the Utah Health Information Network (UHIN) since 1994 and now serves as its President and CEO. Dr. Root was deeply involved in the development and implementation of many aspects of HIPAA at national and local levels. She is the primary author of the HIPAA *Professional Health Care Claim implementation guide*, the WEDi White Paper *Implementation Guide Selection* and co-authored *The AMA's Field Guide to HIPAA*. Through her work at UHIN, she has developed an in-depth understanding of how to create a sustainable and successful community regional health care network. Dr Root is now focused on integrating 'administrative' and 'clinical' exchanges to create a compelling business model for Health Information Exchanges (HIE).