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Melissa Rutala joined Arizona Health-e Connection as Associate Director in November 2007, and is program lead for EMR adoption and E-Prescribing activities, which includes working closely with SureScripts-RxHub on development of a unique e-prescribing utilization program aimed at eliminating barriers to clinicians who have chosen to e-prescribe. She currently staffs the AzHeC Clinical Technical and EAzRx Committees.

Ms. Rutala served on the organizing committee for sponsors for the National E-Prescribing Conference, produced by CMS in October 2008.

Prior to joining AzHeC, Ms. Rutala served as both a Consultant and Health Policy Analyst at the Deloitte Center for Health Solutions and Deloitte Consulting, LLP in Washington, D.C. While at Deloitte, Ms. Rutala worked extensively on several Medicaid, price transparency and cost-saving initiatives with organizations to include the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Governor's Association, and the Wisconsin Medicaid Program. She was a contributor and interviewer for the Deloitte Center for Health Solution's publication *Health Care Price Transparency: A Strategic Perspective for State Government Leaders*.

Prior to her work with Deloitte, Ms. Rutala was Associate Director of Programs - Medicine Programs – at Envision EMI. While at Envision, Ms. Rutala organized forums on Medicine and Nursing for 8500 students. Her activities included managing sixteen faculty advisors, recruiting 250 temporary staff, researching and developing curriculum, and organizing and managing expenditures.

Ms. Rutala gained additional experience in both training and curriculum development while at Envision, as well as coordination of the review of residency training programs for UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Ms. Rutala is an active member of HIMSS (serving on the HIMSS DEA E-Prescribing Work Group), and HL7, and holds a Masters in Public Health from George Washington University with a concentration in health policy, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.