

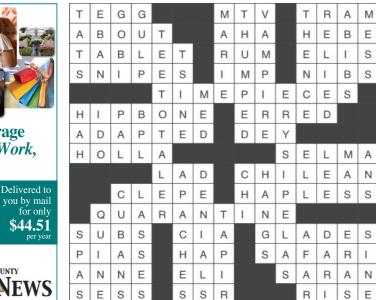
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THE LARUE COUNTY

Artificial intelligence is a hot topic

BY MELISSA PATRICK KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

The all-day event hosted leaders from businesses, health insurance companies, hospitals, government and pharmaceutical companies to discuss the state's evolving health care landscape and the role each of these groups plays in shaping the future of health care in Kentucky.

Keynote speaker Dr. Bill Fera of Deloitte Consulting talked about the growing role of artificial intelligence in to enhance patient outcomes health care during the inaugural Healthcare Innovation Summit hosted by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

"This is probably the most excited I have been about information technology in about 25 years," he said.

Fera outlined how AI is revolutionizing the health care industry by creating efficiency improvements in back-office processes, call centers and administrative tasks. In particular, he noted the potential of AI to improve the efficiency and accuracy of claim adjudication.

He said it also can be used and provider care, from predictive analytics and automation to robotics and advanced diagnostics.

grated into health care systems, it will allow providers to better focus on the human aspects of their profession, pointing to the current state of data collection that often results in providers spending more time on the computer than making eve contact with their patients.

Fera stressed that all of this will be done "with the help of AI," and not instead of human involvement. As an example, he pointed to the challenges of hiring enough nurses, calling AI the nurse's "teammate."

"So if I have a nurse teammate that can do some tasks that the

Fera added that as AI is inte- nurse doesn't have to do, make much more efficient." some phone calls, follow up on some labs, check in on their pre-operative visit to make sure that the patient understands ahead of this issue. what's happening," he said. "We are not, I promise, we are not replacing nurses. ... We're going to help them focus on the things that are important. And the same thing with our clinicians."

"AI is going to be telemedicine on steroids," she said. "I feel confident that when this takes off, it will have a very positive impact on rural healthcare and all healthcare, late for the hospital industry." because it will actually reduce spending and it will make it so

Matt Grimshaw, market president of CHI Saint Joseph Health, urged hospitals to get

"I think our industry is ripe to get turned upside down," he said. He later added, "But my question for us as a state, for us as a nation is, will we be nimble enough to adopt new standards that allow us to do better with technology to care for patients? My fear is we won't and that others will come around us before we're able to adjust. It'll be too

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