

## **Health Informatics Research Chair Dr. Nikki Shaw**

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Dr. Nicola Shaw has joined Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie as a Research Chair in Health Informatics at the Health Informatics Institute.

Dr. Shaw joins the Health Informatics Institute from the University of Alberta, where she served as the principal research head of the Applied Social Research in Health Informatics Group. While there, she was named the first Research Chair of Health Informatics in Western Canada. Prior to that she served as Research Scientist with the Centre for Healthcare Innovation and Improvement (CHII), Child and Family Research Institute and Assistant Professor with the Department of Pediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Shaw is a multi-disciplinary informatician with a focus on applied health informatics. All her work is collaborative and encompasses primary, social and secondary care as well as crossing the academic/health services divide. Her fundamental research interest is in the use of informatics to improve patient care and clinical effectiveness. As such, her scholarly work can be classified into seven broad themes: Primary Care-based Clinical Systems, Electronic Health Records, Electronic Medical Records, Health Informatics Policy, Clinical Audit & Clinical Governance, Evaluation, and Telemedicine & Telecare. Her approach is both theoretical and applied, focusing on the therapeutic relationships and patient outcomes.



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