



## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

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Derek Empey is a pharmacist at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, NY. Current roles include clinical pharmacist, clinical informatics and IT, as well as Drug Diversion program manager covering 2 campuses. A graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy, and recently from Louisiana Tech University with a MS in Health Informatics, he has had supervisory roles in retail pharmacy, regional leadership roles in chain operations, long term care pharmacy, and inpatient hospital pharmacy.

His main interests revolve around Health IT, the use of data and analytics to improve patient care quality and safety, and most recently how data analytics and technology can aid in the opioid crisis and prevention of drug diversion. Current projects include multi-hospital collaboration on examining opioid prescribing metrics, hospital wide “Waste with Me” education pilot program, and creation of various metrics dashboards for monitoring clinical quality measures, as well as pieces for drug diversion monitoring.