

# **Niall Wallace**

**CEO at Infonaut**

Toronto, ON, CA

CEO at Infonaut Inc. - Evidence-based Hospital Infection Control

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## **Description**

Entrepreneur with interests in Innovation, Healthcare and Education.

Created a Health Technology to control and stop Hospital Acquired Infections. Born out of Toronto's SARS crisis - spending almost 6 years developing disease surveillance systems for Public Health.

Based on those experiences we developed a unique approach to Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals and are commercializing as a solution for Hospitals - 'Hospital Watch Live'.

Volunteer and advisor on a number of boards supporting innovation and education. Strong interests in privacy and helping to shape the political approach to growing Canada's knowledge economy.

Committed to making healthcare work better through 21st century approaches to quality, safety and efficiency.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Panelist

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health Care - Providers, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities

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## **Topics**

Infection Control, Infectious Diseases, Concept to Commercialization, Hospital Hand Hygiene Compliance, Disease Surveillance, Social Media for Innovation, Privacy By Design, Superbug, HAI, New Models of Innovation in Life Sciences

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## **Affiliations**

HIMSS - Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, George Brown College Innovation Advisory Board, OBIO, ITAC - Information Technology Association

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## **Sample Talks**

### **Toronto Board of Trade - Concept to Commercialization**

The challenges that Small and Medium Enterprises™ often face in bringing ideas to the market and what can be done to overcome them.

• Learn how to quickly turn your ideas into marketable innovations

• Discover how to overcome the challenges of access to capital and facilities

• Reduce your R&D costs by partnering with the college and university sector

### **MedEdge 2012 - Concept to Commercialization**

From Concept to Commercialization

With moderator Jane Gertner, Executive in Residence, ventureLAB. Lahav Gil, Chief Executive Officer, Kangaroo Group and Niall Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, Infonaut Inc. discuss the challenges and overcoming barriers to commercialize new and disruptive healthcare innovation.

### **Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Health Care**

TDX Speaker Series focused on Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Health Care.

From this event, the audience gains perspectives on the state of entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation in health care. What have the challenges been? How can entrepreneurs be supported as they try to solve common problems that ail patients, organizations, and the broader system?

### **New Models of Innovation in Life Sciences**

Increasing costs and decreased productivity have hampered growth and investment in the global life sciences and health-care sector. The open-innovation approach embraced by many industries could transform the way biotech and health-care companies innovate—bringing products and services to market quickly and efficiently. Niall will examine the open-innovation approach and discuss opportunities and challenges for health-care stakeholders as they position themselves in the value chain.

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## **Past Talks**

### **Paediatric Hospital Superbug Surveillance**

Hospital Watch Live: An innovative platform to control & stop superbugs

### **From Concept to Commercialization**

How SMEs Can Turn Innovations into Income

### **Colleges Ontario Network for Industry Innovation**

Ontario Innovation Results from College Partnerships

### **Social Media And Enterprise Innovation**

Social Media Week

### **New Models of Innovation in Life Sciences**

MaRS Event Series

**Ontario's Response to the Challenge of Infectious Disease**  
MaRS Future of Medicine Conference 2010

**From Concept to Commercialization: Overcoming Barriers to Innovation**  
MedEdge Summit 2012

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## **Education**

**University of Guelph**

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Globe and Mail**

Data scrubbing: Hospital's surveillance tools help track infections.

### **CBC Morning Radio**

CBC.ca | Information Morning Cape Breton | Hand Washing Technology

In the wake of the recent outbreak of C. difficile in Cape Breton, hear about a high-tech pilot project at Toronto General Hospital called HospitalWatchLive that's trying to get more medical professionals to lather up and wash their hands in the fight against the spread of germs. (runs 14:55)

### **Ambassador of Privacy By Design**

Recognized by Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

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## **Testimonials**

### **Jeremy Laurin**

MedEdge is York Regions premier industry driven life sciences summit happening each year in June. MedEdge 2012 featured Niall Wallace-CEO, Infonaut on a speaker panel contributing to the topic "From Concept to Commercialization." Over 325 life sciences industry leaders listened to Niall deliver a thought provoking presentation and benefited from his hands on style and approach. Niall listened to the audience, provided thoughtful feedback and remained engaged with the Summit attendees throughout the day. As the event organizers, ventureLAB was thrilled with the outcome and I was personally moved by Niall's style and approach. Entrepreneurs building enterprise class, globally oriented technology companies can learn a great deal from Niall

### **Peter Adams**

As a commercial advisor to Niall Wallace and Infonaut, I have seen Niall speak to a broad range of audiences including academic, clinical, commercial and public. His breadth and depth of knowledge around infection tracking technology and human factors (both geographically and in hospitals) is world class. His personable style enables him to communicate a complex topic in an engaging manner whether in public or through media.

**Robert Luke, Ph.D.**

George Brown College has supported Niall Wallace and Infonaut as part of our applied research and innovation program. During this time I've had the opportunity to work closely with Niall, who has generously given time to deliver speeches to government, academic and industry audiences on the value of college and polytechnic applied research. Niall is a very engaging and knowledgeable speaker, who speaks passionately about Canadian innovation and what companies and academic organizations who support them can do to improve our productivity. I have shared conference podiums with Niall on numerous occasions, in which he has delivered high quality talks on the Canadian economy and our latent innovation potential as a nation.

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