What is IHI?
IHI is an international organization with numerous chapters at universities in the United States and around the globe. The main purpose of the organization is to **improve healthcare and health outcomes in people worldwide**.

For more information about the IHI International Organization you can visit this site: [http://www.ihi.org/education/ihiopenschool/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ihi.org/education/ihiopenschool/Pages/default.aspx)

Our Mission
Our Willamette chapter will share the overall goals of IHI, but will also be a forum for students to **interact, collaborate, and build a strong pre-health community** at Willamette. We will strive to **advance and uphold leadership, service, and lifelong learning** in Willamette students who aspire to be part of the next generation of health professionals.

Goals for 2015-2016
- Develop and participate in **outreach projects** to improve healthcare in the Salem community.
- Send out biweekly **newsletters** that include current events in the healthcare field such as medical research breakthroughs, changes in our country’s health policies, and general issues surrounding quality improvement.
- Attend lectures given by **guest speakers** who represent various health professions.
- Watch exciting **medical documentaries** such as Escape Fire, The Raising of America, and Unnatural Causes.
- Provide the opportunity for Willamette students to **shadow IHI members** who are studying to become physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, dentists, paramedics, public health professionals, etc. at PSU or OHSU.
- **Attend the yearly West Coast IHI Open School Conference** in Portland representing Willamette’s IHI Chapter.
- Complete **free online courses** offered by IHI in Patient Safety, Family Centered Care, Leadership in Healthcare, and Graduate Medical Education.
How to Join

- Every Willamette student interested in learning about healthcare is welcome to join IHI. There is no membership fee but **students must meet the following criteria to be considered a member:**
  - Attendance of at least 1 IHI meeting/month (Biweekly meetings will be offered)
  - Attendance of at least 2 IHI events/semester (At least 5 events will be offered/semester)

- **When to sign up:**
  - Pre-health information session: August 25th
  - IHI specific information session: Date TBA
  - Fall Activities and Resources Expo: September 3rd, 4:30-6:30PM

Fast Facts About our Healthcare System

- Preventable medical errors are the **third leading cause of death** in the US - up to 400,000 people are killed each year. *Hospitalssafetyscore.org*
- **30% of all US healthcare costs** each year is wasted (unnecessary labs, frauds, etc). *Forbes.com*
- A 2014 study comparing the healthcare systems of 11 industrialized nations **ranked the US as last or near last** on dimensions of access, efficiency, and equity. *Commonwealthfund.org*

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