



HMS Enhances Expertise in Analytics with Two New Hires

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HMS (NASDAQ: HMSY) has enhanced its expertise in analytics by hiring Jason Cooper as senior vice president, chief analytics officer for population health management, and Sanjeev Kumar as vice president of data engineering and analytics for the chief technology office.

Jason Cooper to lead analytics for [HMS' Population Health Management suite](#)

In his role, Cooper will lead client analytics and consulting, clinical analytics and insights, health engagement design and data science for HMS' population health management product suite. Cooper has more than 20 years of experience in data, analytics, informatics and technology with executive leadership roles at several major healthcare companies. He holds Masters in Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering.

"I am excited to welcome Jason to the HMS team," Emmet O'Gara, HMS' executive vice president, population health management, said. "With his successful track record as an industry thought leader and experienced researcher in the field of healthcare analytics, Jason will be instrumental in furthering our award-winning* population health management suite to help reduce costs, improve health outcomes and enhance the member experience."

Cooper will report to O'Gara and serve as the head of the population health management analytics organization. Prior to joining HMS, Cooper served as vice president, chief analytics officer for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, as well as executive analytics roles for Wellmark (BCBS of IA/SD), Cigna and CVS Caremark.

"I am delighted to join the HMS team," Cooper said. "HMS' population health management suite is poised to have a significant impact on the healthcare industry through its unique early targeting of consumers with rising risk conditions who are most likely to benefit from care intervention and several other science-driven solutions."

Sanjeev Kumar to drive artificial intelligence, machine learning and analytics strategy across the organization

In his role, Kumar will report directly to Jacob Sims, HMS' chief technology officer, and will drive artificial intelligence, machine learning and analytics across the organization. Kumar has more than 20 years of experience in analytics and artificial intelligence with executive leadership roles at several Fortune 500 companies.

"Sanjeev's deep analytics expertise will have an immediate impact on furthering the tremendous strides we've made in leveraging technological advances in [artificial intelligence, machine learning and analytics to improve health outcomes](#) for our customers," said Jacob Sims, chief technology officer for HMS.

Prior to joining HMS, Kumar served as vice president of artificial intelligence and analytics for Office Depot, as well as global vice president of enterprise data analytics for Avis Budget Group. Kumar also holds a Ph.D. in artificial intelligence and computer science from University College London, U.K.

"By applying the latest advances in artificial intelligence and machine learning, we can potentially save the healthcare industry billions of dollars," Kumar said. "I'm excited to join HMS at this pivotal moment where we can serve a key role in making our healthcare system more affordable and efficient for consumers."