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HIMSS Announces 2008 Award Recipients

CHICAGO (Jan. 21, 2009)—The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the membership society of more than 20,000 health IT and management systems professionals, and over 350 corporations, announced today the recipients of its [Annual Awards Program](#). HIMSS will recognize this year's 50 outstanding industry leaders and organizations during its Awards and Recognition Banquet on Saturday, April 4, at the Fairmont Chicago Hotel.

Held in conjunction with the [2009 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition](#), the banquet honors the 2008 award recipients for their significant contributions to the Society, their organizations and the health IT profession. These special contributions vary widely due to the diverse membership of HIMSS and the broad definition of the healthcare professions encompassed by HIMSS' mission.

“We are pleased to facilitate a program that recognizes today's industry leaders and organizations that share our mission to lead change in the health IT and management systems field through knowledge sharing, advocacy, collaboration, innovation and community affiliations,” said HIMSS Vice President of Member Services Erica Pantuso.

Award recipients are selected by various HIMSS Committees, Work Groups and Task Forces, and then are given final approval by the HIMSS Board of Directors. The call for nominations for the 2009 awards opens in August. More information on [HIMSS Annual Awards Program](#) is available online or contact awards@himss.org with questions.

Congratulations to the following 2008 award recipients:

Industry Service Awards

CHIME-HIMSS John E. Gall Jr. CIO of the Year Award

Patricia Skarulis

Vice President and CIO

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Nursing Informatics Leadership Award

Rosemary Kennedy, RN, MBA

Chief Nursing Informatics Officer

Siemens Medical Solutions

Physician IT Leadership Award

Brian R. Jacobs, MD

CMIO and Executive Director

Center for Pediatric Informatics, Children's National Medical Center

ACCE-HIMSS Excellence in Clinical Engineering/IT Synergies Award

Todd H. Cooper

SHS-HIMSS Excellence in Healthcare Management Engineering/Process Improvement Award

Lawrence E. Dux, CPHIMS, FHIMSS

Davies Awards of Excellence

Public Health Award of Excellence

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, Cherokee, N.C.
- New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Trenton, N.J.

Ambulatory Care Award of Excellence

- Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Oklahoma Arthritis Center, Edmond, Okla.
- Palm Beach Obstetrics & Gynecology, Lake Worth, Fla.

Community Health Organization Award of Excellence

- Columbia Basin Health Association, Othello, Wash.
- Community Health Access Network, Newmarket, N.H.
- New York Children's Health Project, New York, N.Y.
- White River Rural Health Center Inc., Augusta, Ark.

Organizational Award of Excellence

- Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, Maine

Publication Award

Books of the Year Award

Developing a Data Warehouse for the Healthcare Enterprise

By Bryan Bergeron, MD

Keys to EMR Success: Selecting and Implementing an Electronic Medical Record

By Ronald Sterling, CPA, MBA

Service Awards

Distinguished Fellows Service Award

Robin S. Raiford, RN, BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS

Outstanding Special Interest Group Member Award

Feliciano Yu, MD, MSHI, MSPH, CPHIMS

Chapter Leader of the Year Award

Barry T. Ross, MHSA, MSIE, LFHIMSS

Lifetime Member Award

- John R. Freeman, PhD, LFHIMSS
- Barbara Gerhardt, LFHIMSS
- Robert Kowalski
- Frank C. Overfelt, FACHE, LFHIMSS

Board of Directors Service Award

- Margaret Amatayakul, RHIA, CHPS, FHIMSS
- Victoria M. Bradley, RN, CPHIMS, FHIMSS
- Steven J. Fox, JD
- John T. Hansmann, CPHIMS, FHIMSS
- John C. Wade, FCHIME, FHIMSS

John A. Page Outstanding Service Award

Ned Simpson, LFHIMSS

Leadership Award

- Randy McCleese, FHIMSS
- Charles Parker
- Barry T. Ross, MHSA, MSIE, LFHIMSS

Chapter Innovations Award

Runners Up

- Arizona Chapter – Small Chapter
- Tennessee Chapter – Large Chapter

Grand Prize

- Iowa Chapter – Small Chapter
- Southern California Chapter – Large Chapter

About HIMSS

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society ([HIMSS](#)) is the healthcare industry's membership organization exclusively focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of healthcare information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare. Founded in 1961 with offices in Chicago, Washington D.C., Brussels, Singapore, and other locations across the United States and the globe, HIMSS represents more than 20,000 individual members and over 350 corporate members that collectively represent organizations employing millions of people. HIMSS frames and leads healthcare public policy and industry practices through its advocacy, educational and professional development initiatives designed to promote information and management systems' contributions to ensuring quality patient care.

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