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**HIMSS Announces 2008 Award Recipients**

CHICAGO (Jan. 19, 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](mailto:awards@himss.org) with questions.

Congratulations to the following 2008 award recipients:

**Industry Service Awards**

**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, Edmund, Okla.
- Palm Beach Obstetrics & Gynecology, Lake Worth, Fla.

Community Health Organizational Award of Excellence

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

**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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