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AHIMA Calls for Nominations for its Prestigious Grace Award

*Applications for Achievement in Health Information Management
to be Accepted through May 25*

CHICAGO – March 19, 2018 – Seeking to recognize a healthcare delivery organization that takes an outstanding and innovative approach to health information management (HIM), the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) is calling for applications for the seventh annual Grace Award.

Interested applicants can submit their entries via ahima.org/grace through May 25.

Ninety years ago, Grace Whiting Myers acted on a sincere conviction to improve the quality of our nation's health records by founding the association now known as AHIMA. The idea was simple—that advancements in the collection and organization of health information will invariably help to improve public health. As a tribute to Myers' prescient vision, AHIMA's annual HIM award bears her name: The Grace Award.

Past winners of the Grace Award regularly demonstrated transformative journeys toward new and innovative HIM practices that also delivered better patient outcomes.

"As healthcare organizations collectively capture vast amounts of patient data, there is an obvious opportunity to leverage this information into better medical decisions," said AHIMA CEO Wylecia Wiggs Harris, PhD. "Through the Grace Award, the HIM community can honor one exemplary organization that effectively advances this purpose."

The 2018 award will be presented at AHIMA's Annual Convention and Exhibit in Miami, FL, September 22-26.

A committee of judges, representing healthcare delivery organizations, health information professionals and HIM associations, selects the Grace Award. This year's judges are:

(CHAIR) Elizabeth Curtis, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA
Administrative Director, Medical Information Management, The Ohio State University
Wexner Medical Center

Tracie Allen, RHIA, FACHE
US Army Chief, Mission Support, U.S. Transportation Command, Theater Patient
Movement Requirements Center

Shelly Asbury, CCS, CCS-P

Director, Physician Coding Compliance, JSA Healthcare

Kenneth Clyburn, RHIA, CHPS
Health Information Services Director, Beaufort Memorial Hospital

Stephanie Luthi-Terry, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA, MA
Director, Enterprise HIM Integration/eHIM Business Solutions, Allina Healthcare

Nicole Mathis-Walker, RHIA
Associate Director, HIM, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Kyle McElroy, RHIA, MS
Corporate Associate Vice President of HIM Operations, IASIS Healthcare

Sandra Pearson, RHIA, CHDA
CDI & Data Governance Director, SCL Health

Distinguished Grace Award Alumni:

SCL Health (2017)
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (2016)
Allina Health of Minneapolis (2015)
Children's Medical Center of Dallas (2014)
Truman Medical Centers (2013)
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic (2012)

About AHIMA

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) represents more than 103,000 health information professionals in the United States and around the world. AHIMA is committed to promoting and advocating for best practices and effective standards in health information and to actively contributing to the development and advancement of health information professionals worldwide. AHIMA is advancing informatics, data analytics, and information governance to achieve the goal of providing expertise to ensure trusted information for healthcare. www.ahima.org