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AHIMA Calls for Applications for its Prestigious Grace Award

*Nominations for Achievement in Health Information Management
to be Accepted through May 29*

CHICAGO – April 6, 2016 – 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 fifth annual Grace Award.

Organizations that submit an online application, due by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Sunday, May 29, will be evaluated on how the organization is advancing AHIMA strategic initiatives of information governance, informatics, public good, leadership and innovation.

“With every Grace Award entry, we are pleased to learn how healthcare organizations are putting strategies into action – transforming data into health intelligence – so patients and healthcare providers have reliable information at their fingertips,” said AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA. “We look forward to recognizing another organization that is improving patient care by effectively using health information.”

Applications are available at ahima.org/grace. Named after AHIMA’s founder Grace Whiting Myers, the AHIMA Grace Award: In Recognition of Excellence in Health Information Management, will be presented at the 88th AHIMA Annual Convention & Exhibit in Baltimore, October 15-19.

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

- Tracie Allen, RHIA, FACHE, Chief, Administrative Operations, USTC/TPMRC-W
- Mark Dietz, RHIA, President, Dietz Health Care Management Consultants
- Jane D. Duckert, RHIA, MA, Director, University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics
- Diane E. Ferry, RHIA, MS, President/CEO, Star-Med, LLC
- Marcia F. Johnson, RHIA, MBA, MPA

- Stephanie J. Luthi-Terry, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA, MA, Director, E-HIM Business Solutions, Allina Health
- Nicole F. Mathis-Walker, RHIA, Associate Director, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Diane Premeau, RHIA, CHP, MBA, CHC, Director, Health Information, and Privacy Officer, Daughters of Charity Health System
- Steven J. Steindel, PhD, FACMI
- DeGloria S. Williams, RHIA, Director of Health Information Management, Children's Medical Center of Dallas

Previous Grace Award Winners include:

- 2015: [Allina Health of Minneapolis](#)
- 2014: [Children's Medical Center of Dallas](#)
- 2013: Truman Medical Centers (TMC)
- 2012: University of Wisconsin Hospital and Health System

The call for applications is being announced this week to mark the 27th Annual Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week April 4-8. This year's event is themed, "Accurate Information, Quality Care."

The application and more information is available at ahima.org/grace.

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The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) represents more than 101,000 health information professionals in the United States and around the world. AHIMA is committed to promoting and advocating for high quality research, best practices and effective standards in health information and to actively contributing to the development and advancement of health information professionals worldwide. AHIMA's enduring goal is quality healthcare through quality information. www.ahima.org