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AHIMA Calls for Nominations for its Prestigious Grace Award

*Applications for Achievement in Health Information Management
to be Accepted through June 2*

CHICAGO – March 27, 2017 – 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](http://www.ahima.org) (AHIMA) is calling for applications for the sixth annual Grace Award.

Organizations that submit an online application, due by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Friday, June 2, will be evaluated on how the organization is demonstrating industry-leading approaches to AHIMA's mission of transforming healthcare through informatics, information governance, HIM professional advancement and consumer engagement.

"HIM professionals play an essential role in ensuring information is accessible, accurate and secure, resulting in better clinical and business decisions and high quality patient care," said AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA. "With the Grace Award, AHIMA is excited to honor an organization that is taking an innovative approach to effectively use health information and advancing the vision and mission of the profession."

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 89th AHIMA Annual Convention & Exhibit in Los Angeles on October 7-11.

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

- Major Tracie C. Allen, MS, RHIA, FACHE, US Army Chief, Mission Support, U.S. Transportation Command, Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center
- Elizabeth H. Curtis, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA, Administrative Director Medical Information Management, Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
- Mark Dietz, RHIA, President, Dietz Health Care Management Consultants
- Sara Dingle, CCS, NYU Langone Medical Center

- Diane E. Ferry, RHIA, MS, President/CEO, Star-Med, LLC
- Seth J Katz, RHIA, MPH, Associate Administrator, Information Management, Truman Medical Centers
- Stephanie J. Luthi-Terry, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA, MA, Director, Enterprise HIM Integration/Business Solutions, Allina Health
- Nicole F. Mathis-Walker, RHIA, Associate Director, HIM, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Kyle McElroy, RHIA, MS-HAS, Corporate Associate Vice President of HIM Operations, IASIS Healthcare
- Steven J. Steindel, PhD, FACMI
- DeGloria S. Williams, RHIA, Director of Health Information Management, Children's Medical Center of Dallas

Previous Grace Award recipients include:

- 2016: [The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center](#)
- 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 coincides with the 28th Annual Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week March 26 – April 1. [HIP Week](#) recognizes the important role of HIM professionals in the effective management of health data necessary to deliver quality healthcare to the public. This year's event theme is, "Leading the way to quality data."

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 103,000 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