

Intelligent Healthcare Association Announces 2015 Award Recipients

Industry Awards Recognize Leaders in Advanced Healthcare Technology Solutions

NEW YORK, April 6, 2015 — The Intelligent Health Association (IHA) announced today the recipients of the IHA 2015 Awards.

Two special recognition awards are being made to leaders in the digital health community. **Dr. Bill Crouse**, senior director worldwide health for Microsoft Corporation, is receiving the **2015 Intelligent Health Global Thought Leader** award. Receiving the **2015 Intelligent Health Ambassador** award is **Dr. Kaveh Safavi**, the managing director for Accenture's global healthcare business.

Healthcare facilities and systems receiving awards are nominated in competitive categories. This year's awards are as follows:

- **The 2015 Improving Regulatory Compliance** is being awarded to UPMC Enterprises (Pittsburgh, PA) for a mobile solution for providers to communicate clinical information securely. Dr. Rasu Shrestha, chief innovation officer at UPMC and executive vice president, UPMC Enterprises, is receiving the award.
- The University of Chicago Medicine (UCM) is the recipient of the **2015 Improving the Patient Experience: Care and Safety** for modernizing the collection of patient care to respond quickly and efficiently across the campus. Receiving the award are Sue Murphy, RN, BSN, MS, executive director, Patient Experience and Engagement program, and Dr. Alison Tothy, associate chief medical officer for the program as well as a pediatrician at UCM.
- The University of Tennessee Medical Center (Knoxville, TN) is the recipient of the **2015 Most Innovative Use Case Award** for significantly increasing surgical supply availability by automating inventory and location data throughout the surgical suites. Becky Ashin, vice president of the Advanced Orthopaedic Center at the medical center will be receiving the award.

- By combining four IT systems into one and automating process methodology, Health First (Rockledge, FL) is being awarded the **2015 Most Innovative Use of Business Intelligence** for significantly reducing hospital readmissions and discovering significant cost savings. Receiving the award is Karie Ryan, Health First's chief of clinical informatics.
- Ochsner Health System (New Orleans, LA) will receive the **2015 Best Comprehensive Integration** award for its electronic solution to support formulary maintenance in pharmaceutical delivery among its 13-site enterprise-wide system. Receiving the award are Chris Entwisle, RPh, IT pharmacy manager; Ginger Schnell, pharmacy IT lead; and Ann Lockhart, clinical transformation and informatics.

Award recipients have been invited to participate in the Intelligent Health Association Awards ceremony at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 2015 conference and exhibition in Chicago, Illinois. The event is being held April 13, 2013, at 5:00pm in at the Intelligent Health Association Pavilion's Leadership Theater.

During the event, recipients will be honored, and the **2015 Intelligent Health Association GRAND AWARD** will be announced. The GRAND AWARD is selected from the recipients of the five awards.

The judges for the categorical Intelligent Hospital Awards are as follows: Georgia Tech professor Gisele Bennett; University of California-San Francisco professor Donna Hudson; University of Wisconsin distinguished researcher Alfonso Gutierrez; and consultant and retired Lucent Technologies manager, John Walz.

The IHA annual awards identify and recognize the most compelling healthcare projects incorporating wireless technologies resulting in sustainable impact on the patient experience, safety and healthcare facility operations. Additionally, the IHA awards are intended to educate the healthcare delivery industry. For more information, please visit ihassociation.org/awards.

About the Intelligent Health Association

The Intelligent Health Association (IHA) is a not-for-profit, global organization founded to elevate awareness and to educate the life sciences community on the adoption of new technologies. Educationally focused, IHA is a vendor-neutral, technology and frequency agnostic association dedicated to promoting the use and adoption of auto-ID, NFC, RFID, RTLS, sensors and wireless technologies in the healthcare, assisted and independent living and nursing home industries. For more information, please visit: www.ihassociation.org.

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