

HIMSS Women in IT Awards



In recognition of women "who have made a difference" in health IT, the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) has announced the recipients of the inaugural HIMSS Most Influential Women in Health IT Award. The seven women awardees will be honoured at HIMSS 17 to be held in Orlando, FL.

"Women have been making a difference in health IT for decades, but their accomplishments and contributions are not often visible to all of us," according to Carla Smith, HIMSS executive vice president. Hopefully, that scenario will change with the launch of HIMSS award for health IT's most influential women, added Smith.

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The HIMSS Award recipients are:

- Shareefa Al Abulmonem, head of eServices, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Saudi Arabia
- Marion J. Ball, senior advisor, IBM-Center for Computational Health
- Rachelle Blake, CEO and managing director, Omni Med Solutions, Germany
- Christina Caraballo, senior healthcare strategist, Get Real Health
- Karen DeSalvo, MD, acting assistant secretary of health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Karen Guice, MD, acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, U.S. Department of Defense
- Lisa Stump, chief information officer, Yale New Haven Health and Yale School of Medicine

Their stories and accomplishments are a great source of inspiration for other people. One awardee has positively impacted the "lives of millions of citizens," while another has shaped the entire trajectory of the health IT sector, Smith noted.

"And, we have recipients who have used IT in health settings to utterly transform the ability of a region's population to remain well, and to receive optimal care when needed," she continued.

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