
Major Health IT Event Opens with Recognition of Most Digitally Mature Hospitals



The World of Health IT (WoHIT) has opened its doors to over 1,000 healthcare IT professionals from across 25 different countries worldwide today. Covering a range of the hottest topics in the industry, from mHealth and cybersecurity to genomics and integrated care, WoHIT has gathered the whole of the European and global eHealth community together.

Steve Lieber, President and CEO of HIMSS and John Rayner, Regional Director of HIMSS Analytics opened the event, held in Barcelona, with recognition of European hospitals who have achieved an exceptionally high level of digital maturity. Tire Devlet Hastanesi in Izmir Hospital, in Turkey was awarded EMRAM Stage, which demonstrates the highest level of digital maturity in a hospital. It is the fourth hospital to ever be awarded in Europe following outstanding EMR integration in all clinical areas, with all medical paper records replaced by digital documentation.

Four other European hospitals were also awarded with an EMRAM Stage 6. Fundació Hospital Comarcal d'Inca in Mallorca, Spain, Hospital de Cascais Doutor José de Almeida in Alcabideche, Portugal, Hospital Site du Sart Tilman in Liège, Belgium, and Fondazione Poliambulanza Istituto Ospedaliero in Brescia, Italy, all collected their certificates today and officially joined the exclusive EMRAM Stage 6&7 Community.

In addition to the EMRAM Awards, Lieber also launched the Kate Granger Awards for Compassionate Care in Europe, named after an English doctor who worked tirelessly to raise awareness around compassion in healthcare whilst undergoing treatment for cancer. The Awards will recognise individuals for seeing health and care "through the eyes of a patient".

Keynote speakers such as Richard Daniels, Executive Vice President and CIO at Kaiser Permanente, who addressed consumer-centred care or Dr Zubin Damania, who dove into the ethical challenges of delivering compassionate healthcare, were amongst today's highlights. A vibrant show floor featuring different workshops, speeches, and even a robot enabled delegates from across the globe to connect and engage in valuable conversations.

Lieber said: "This event is about giving attendees something truly unique and different – an innovative show floor and conference sessions with some surprises along the way– it should be an event unlike HIMSS has delivered before".

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