



## **HIMSS Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence – Public Health**

The Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence for Public Health is awarded to a state, local or tribal public health program that has improved the health of a defined community through health information management.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 Davies Public Health Award:

- **Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Wisconsin Immunization Registry**

Barriers, successes, and lessons learned that have led to their achievement and recognition as industry leaders will be presented at 2011 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL, February 20 – 24, 2011. Please visit [www.himssconference.org](http://www.himssconference.org) for additional details.

### **Davies Public Health Award: Application Process Essentials**

- The Award recognizes the use of care data for public health issues, and ideally its impact on population health; it does not recognize care delivery.
- Vendors cannot apply for the Award (but can provide assistance to the applicant).
- Public health informatics researchers should provide assistance in submitting the application.
- The Award recognizes public health electronic information systems which are:
  1. Implemented for sufficient time to show strong evidence of measuring and improving health of a defined population, not individual care;
  2. In routine daily use;
  3. Incorporated with IT into all phases of the systems operation and practice;
  4. Providing data currently acted upon by public health officials; and
  5. Able to share data in a standard and secure manner with other public health systems.



## History of the Davies Award

Originally created by CPRI-HOST (Computerized Patient Record Institute-Healthcare Open Systems and Trials) in 1994, the first three recipients of the Davies Award were Organizational Award recipients in 1995. CPRI-HOST merged with HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) in 2002, and HIMSS since has launched the Davies Ambulatory Care Award in 2003, the Davies Public Health Award in 2004 and the Davies Community Health Organization Award in 2008. The Davies Public Health Award has recognized fourteen public health entities. The Award is applicable to any state, local or tribal public health program that improves the health of a defined community through health information management. Past award winners include:

### ***2009 Davies Public Health Award***

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), Resource Patient Management System (RPMS), Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, (NJDHSS), Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS)

### ***2008 Davies Public Health Award***

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), Resource Patient Management System (RPMS), Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, (NJDHSS), Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS)

### ***2007 Davies Public Health Award***

- Institute for Family Health - New York, NY
- Illinois-National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS) - Springfield, IL

### ***2006 Davies Public Health Award***

- Behavioral Health Integrated Provider System (BHIPS) – Austin, TX
- New York State Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (NYS EPHTN) Data Exchange System – Albany, NY

### ***2005 Davies Public Health Award***

- Indian Health Service Clinical Reporting System – Warm Springs, OR
- North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT) –Chapel Hill, NC (see [http://www.himss.org/ASP/davies\\_publichealth.asp](http://www.himss.org/ASP/davies_publichealth.asp) for video interview)

### ***2004 Davies Public Health Award***

- Pennsylvania's National Electronic Disease Reporting System (PA-NEDSS) – Harrisburg, PA
- South Dakota Electronic Vital Records and Screening System – Pierre, SD
- Utah Statewide Immunization Information Station, Utah Department of Health – Salt Lake City, UT