



## Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence

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### --- HIT Efficiencies - The Power of Pharmacy Informatics---

#### Medication Reconciliation:

- **2006 Davies Organizational Award - Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network, Bronx, NY**
  - Created an in-house medication reconciliation process by customizing their EHR to facilitate a safer spectrum of medication administration.
  - Patient's current medications and the plan for the patient's discharge needs are available at one quick glance.
  - This in-house, simple design received commendation during a JCAHO site visit, as it has improved patient safety so remarkably, surveyors stated, "You have covered every point of failure," providing benefits to patients and providers.

#### Drug Utilization:

- **2007 Davies Organizational Award – Allina Hospitals & Clinics, Minneapolis, MN**
  - Created a process to reduce drug utilization, with its ability to generate a system list of specific IV medications, which can be changed to PO medications without contacting a provider.
  - Clinical and economic benefits are realized by patients and the health system:
    - PO medications are a less costly route of therapy
    - Chance of infection from IV use is decreased
    - Average length of stay is reduced
    - Pharmacy and Nursing time to prepare and administer medication is reduced.

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### **Prescription Refills:**

- **2007 Davies Ambulatory Award – Village Health Partners, Plano, TX**
  - Patient portal allows patients to refill their prescriptions, make appointments, request a referral, change demographics, or ask a billing question.
  - All prescriptions sent electronically. Whether the request comes by phone, fax, email or while the patient is in the office, it is forwarded to the physician who reviews it and sends it on electronically to the local pharmacy or PBM, a process which takes seconds.
  - Refills done within an hour of the request, as the physician quickly disposition them as soon as they come up in-between patients.
  - Streamlined workflow –
    - Physician is taking about as much time as he was in the paper world on refills but no one else has to be part of the workflow.
    - Limited number of “pass offs” limit the errors tremendously.
    - Saves at least fifty calls per doctor per day
    - Refilling a prescription costs us pennies.

### **--- History of The Davies Award ---**

The HIMSS Nicholas E. Davies Award of Excellence recognizes excellence in the implementation and use of health information technology, specifically electronic health records (EHRs), for healthcare organizations, private practices, public health systems, and community health organizations. Since its inception in 1994, the following number of awards have been received across the four award categories:

- **Organizational Davies Award** [www.himss.org/ASP/davies\\_organizational.asp](http://www.himss.org/ASP/davies_organizational.asp)
  - Initiated in 1994, 25 healthcare organizations recognized
- **Ambulatory Care Davies Award** [www.himss.org/ASP/davies\\_primarycare.asp](http://www.himss.org/ASP/davies_primarycare.asp)
  - Initiated in 2003, 15 practices recognized
- **Public Health Davies Award** [www.himss.org/ASP/davies\\_publichealth.asp](http://www.himss.org/ASP/davies_publichealth.asp)
  - Initiated in 2004, 9 public health entities recognized
- **Community Health Organization Davies Award**  
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  - Initiated in 2008, first awards to be announced HIMSS09 Chicago, IL