



*HIMSS Davies Organizational Award of Excellence & the NEW HIMSS Analytics Stage 7 Award  
....The Pinnacle of HIT Awards*

The industry looks to HIMSS as the ‘go-to’ authority in healthcare IT. The industry also looks to HIMSS to provide the pinnacle of healthcare IT awards. The HIMSS *Davies Award* was established in 1994 to recognize implementation excellence in EHRs (electronic health records). Today, HIMSS Analytics is proud to announce another pinnacle of achievement awards – the all-new *Stage 7 Award*.

**HIMSS Davies Award for EHR Implementation Excellence**

The HIMSS *Nicholas E. Davies Organizational Award of Excellence* is the highest honor for recognizing the “best of the best” in the implementation, education and derived value of health information technology. The award began with a focus on hospitals and health systems, and expanded to include physician practices, public health organizations and community health organizations.

**NEW! HIMSS Analytics *Stage 7 Award* – Paperless and Proud of IT!**

In 2005, HIMSS Analytics launched the EMR (electronic medical records) Adoption Model<sup>SM</sup> (EMRAM) to track the paperless journey for hospitals and health systems. The EMRAM scores hospitals in the HIMSS Analytics<sup>TM</sup> Database on their progress in completing 8 stages (0-7), with the goal of reaching Stage 7 – the pinnacle of a paperless patient record environment. Once achieved, summary clinical data can be shared via standard transactions with other sites that treat the patient or with the patient’s personal health record. Improvements in outcomes, protocols, and clinical decision support are the main benefits enjoyed by Stage 7 hospitals. Beginning in 2009, HIMSS Analytics plans to recognize hospital organizations who have reached EMRAM’s highest level by launching the *Stage 7 Award*.

***Davies Organizational & Stage 7: Compare & Contrast***

	<u><b>Davies</b></u>	<u><b>EMRAM Stage 7</b></u>
<u><b>What is the Purpose of the Program?</b></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluates EMR implementation, use, and value derived in key areas of management, functionality, technology and overall value</li> <li>▪ Provides best practice guidance through lessons learned for other organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMRAM identifies and scores hospitals using an 8-step scale that charts the path to a fully-paperless clinical environment that improves patient safety and clinical outcomes</li> <li>• Recognizes those hospitals who have fulfilled each EMRAM stage to the highest level by using the specified technologies</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>What Does the Program Measure?</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use of HIT based on a complex set of rigorous criteria including enterprise-wide use of EMR, CPOE (computerized physician order entry) and CDS (clinical decision support)</li> <li>▪ Documented ROI (return on investment) of implemented IT for both financial and clinical outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EMR applications, including CCD or other interoperability standard transactions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percent of medical orders entered by physicians,</li> <li>• Percent of the EMR that is paperless</li> <li>• Closed loop medication administration processes are measured and validated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><u>How do Organizations Become Eligible?</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a Threshold application</li> <li>• Pass Threshold criteria and receive an invitation to submit a Full application</li> <li>• Be selected as a finalist</li> <li>• Complete a site visit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hospitals must contribute data to the HIMSS Analytics annual hospital study</li> <li>▪ Complete a site visit</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>How are Top Achievers Selected?</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multidisciplinary, volunteer Committee of peers (previous Davies Organizational recipients) evaluates Threshold and Full applications; performs site visits, and selects recipients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For Stage 7 hospitals only, staff from HIMSS Analytics and volunteer, independent industry professionals perform a site visit</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>What are the criteria?</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actual use of the EMR in all or in most care settings that is based upon the following rigorous criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All major clinical areas should be using the EMR</li> <li>2. EMR should be the primary or only source of care information,</li> <li>3. CPOE should be utilized throughout the organization by all</li> <li>4. Clinical decision support within the EMR systems is used in real time for enhanced patient care.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hospitals report on the status of their EMR environment by completing the annual study and are assigned an EMRAM stage level.</li> <li>▪ All lower stages must have been achieved before HIMSS Analytics will move a hospital to a higher level</li> <li>▪ Hospitals can update their data as frequently as they desire to ensure they have the most accurate EMRAM score.</li> <li>▪ Stage 6 hospitals are validated via a phone interview with either the CIO (chief information office), CMO (chief medical officer), directors of IT and/or clinician managers</li> <li>▪ Stage 7 organizations are evaluated with onsite visits as described previously</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>What HIT Implementation and Use are Required?</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPOE must be utilized throughout the organization by all providers in most care settings.</li> <li>• Clinical decision support within the EMR systems is used in real time for enhanced patient care.</li> <li>• Documented RIO as a result of the EMR implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A hospital can be assigned to Stages 3-6 if it reports meeting all of the application requirements for a single patient care service (e.g. single nursing floor, cardiology service, but <u>not</u> the emergency department).</li> <li>▪ Using the rules above, HIMSS Analytics awards additional points for reported implementation of applications in stages higher than the level to which the healthcare organization is assigned.</li> </ul>
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