



INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY RECEIVES FIRST ANNUAL 3M HIM TEAM QUALITY AWARD

Innovative Practices to Drive Quality within Health Information Management Recognized

SASKATOON – Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – During the closing luncheon of the 2009 Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA) conference on Saturday, British Columbia's Interior Health Authority received the first annual 3M HIM Team Quality Award presented by CHIMA for implementing pre-printed insulin forms to improve the quality of care for inpatient adult diabetics.

"As a leading HIM vendor, we see excellence in the field and want to recognize it," said Brandon Brock, sales and marketing manager, health information systems, 3M Canada. "We are pleased to partner with CHIMA for this award."

The award, launched in January, recognizes innovation and quality improvement for Health Information Management (HIM) projects. The winning project from a cross-functional team at Interior Health Authority showed inpatients with adult diabetes experienced more than 60 per cent improvement in glucose control when hospitals integrate a pre-printed insulin order form into their care.

The team receives \$2,500 for its department along with support from 3M to promote the project externally and internally within the region. Jane Kitazaki, project lead and HIM analyst at Royal Inland Hospital said, "I am proud to be part of this exceptional team and to be recognized for a project we know will help other Canadian hospitals."

"Although often overlooked, comprehensive clinical documentation and timely data submissions are critical to providing high quality care and understanding processes better," said Gail Crook, CHIMA's CEO. "We are thrilled 3M is encouraging and recognizing HIM professionals who play a key role in our healthcare system."

Finalists for the 3M HIM Team CHIMA Award:

- [Lloydminster Hospital - Data Quality Improvement project](#)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health Authority - Community Health Records, System Review and Best Practice Implementation](#)
- [Vancouver Island Health Authority - Chart Flow Quality Improvement Process](#)

3M and CHIMA plan to announce the 2010 award criteria this autumn after receiving feedback from CHIMA members. View summaries of the [winning project](#) and three finalists at www.3m.com/ca/his

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