Inspiring Ideas & Innovation at HealthAchieve2009

November 16, 17 and 18, 2009

HealthAchieve2009, together with the Innovations in Health Care Expo, attracted a total attendance of 10,871. Delegates networked, engaged, focused, and recharged over the three day event. They attended 63 sessions, breakfasts and receptions and listened to an impressive 230 participating guest speakers including Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Michael Moore, Silken Laumann, Ontario’s Minister of Finance, Dwight Duncan, Newt Gingrich, Dr. Elaine Dembe, Richard Florida, Dr. Kirsty Duncan, Chef Michael Smith, Ian Morrison, Emily Friedman, Steve Paikin, Jeffrey Simpson, André Picard and Wendy Mesley. Webcasts offered access to the high-profile sessions from remote locations across the province.

Notable highlights included: the largest attended session in HealthAchieve history, more than 3000 delegates listened to Michael Moore and then joined him in a spontaneous rendition of “O Canada”; Brent Butt sold out the Feature Breakfast leaving many on a waiting list; and 349 exhibitors came from Canada, USA, China, United Kingdom, Ireland, South Korea and Denmark to demonstrate new and exciting technologies, products, services and business solutions for today’s healthcare industry.


Ron Dunn of McKesson Canada welcomes everyone to HealthAchieve2009.

Brent Butt revs up the Monday breakfast crowd.

Dr. Dave Williams, astronaut, addresses the Patient Safety session.

Neil Stuart, Marion Walsh and Leslee Thompson enjoy a presentation.

Michael Moore ended his speech by singing “O Canada.”

Chef Michael Smith and friends.

Olympian Silken Laumann autographs her book.

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, CNN’s Chief Medical Correspondent.
Ontario Hospital Association HealthAchieve2009 Reflections

Exhibitor Awards

Exhibitor Awards were recognized for booth design, product display and staff knowledge. They were:
- Best Multiple Booth – Stryker Canada
- Best New Exhibitor - KCI Medical Canada
- Best Single Booth – Doro Safety & Security
- Best of Show – Hospira Healthcare
- Best Double Booth – Baxter Canada
- People’s Choice Award - HLS Linen Services

Additional HealthAchieve2009 Award Winners included:
- Energy Efficiency Award – Timmins District Hospital and Booth Centennial Healthcare Linen Services
- Pollution Prevention – Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre
- Overall Leadership – Ross Memorial Hospital
- Individual Leadership – Harry Taylor (posthumous) of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Small, Rural & Northern Health Care Award of Excellence – Hal Feldsted, President & CEO, Kirkland & District Hospital
- Communicator of the Year – Kim Spirou, Vice President of Communications and Development, Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital

The Ted Freedman Innovation in Education Award

The winner is: The Project Steering Committee Leaders for the University of Toronto Council of Health Sciences & Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network In recognition of the Catalyzing and Sustaining Communities of Collaboration Around Interprofessional Care Project.
Next row L to R: Jane Merkley, Jacques Lee, Danny Nashman, Maria Tassone.
Second Row L to R: Louis J. Vesprini, Vice President, Ontario Public Sector and Healthcare, HP Enterprise Services, Louise Lemieux-Charles.
Front row L to R: Ivan Silver, Mary Agnes Beduz, Ivy Oandasan, Ted Freedman and Lynne Sinclair.

Margret Comack Award of Excellence in Nursing Leadership

2009 recipient: Dr. Karima Velji, VP Patient Care and Chief Nursing Executive, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – Westside, pictured here with previous award winners and sponsor.
L to R: Jim Irving of Johnson and Johnson Medical Products, Debra Bournes, Mary Ferguson-Pard, Karima Velji, Chantale LeClerc, Dorothy Pringle and Esther Green.

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Leading Practices Awards

The 2009 Leading Practices Electronic Displays focused on the patient experience as defined by the patient. They offer provinces, regions, hospitals, healthcare institutions and health management organizations, locally and abroad, the opportunity to share what they have done to improve the “Patient Experience” in healthcare. The adjudicators for the Leading Practices Electronic Displays used the following criteria to judge the winners: originality; relevance to hospitals and healthcare; evidence that the practice achieved its objectives; objectivity; clarity and quality of PowerPoint presentation; practical implications; and relevance to HealthAchieve2009 theme “Inspiring Ideas and Innovations” as it relates to the patient experience.

The Strata Health Solutions Leading Practices Award – Access to Care winner was the Hospital for Sick Children and Bloorview Kids Rehab for “Paediatric Transition to Rehab - Going with the ‘Flo.’” L to R: Chris Carew, Daniela Lockhard (Strata Health Solutions Sponsor), Alastair Hodinott and Cindy Bruce-Barrett.

The HOK Leading Practices Award – Education winner was Mount Sinai Hospital for “Improving Geriatric Mental Health Services in Emergency Departments.” L to R: Nana Asomaning, Christine Chadwick (HoK sponsor), Dr. Don Melady, Jocelyn Bennett, Maxim Fishman and Angelina Yau.

The KPMG Leading Practices Award – Family and Patient Centred Care winner was Providence Healthcare for “Thriving in a World of Pain: A Non-Pharmacological Approach.” L to R: Karen Hirshfeld, Tracey Sanford, Valerie S. Grdisa (KPMG sponsor) and Dr. Joe Bornstein (KPMG sponsor).

The 3M Health Care Leading Practices Award – Patient Safety winner was Windsor Regional Hospital for “When Zero is a Great Thing!” L to R: Joan Madigan (3M Healthcare sponsor) and Karen Riddell.

The IBM Canada Leading Practices Award – Leadership winner was Windsor Regional Hospital for “The Pulse of Quality.” L to R: Linda Thorburn-Dinunzio from IBM, Nicole Sbrocca, Matthew Grayson and Corry O’Neil of Windsor Regional Hospital.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers Leading Practices Award – Technology winner was Credit Valley Hospital for “Neonatal Barcoding.” L to R: Richard Jhang (PricewaterhouseCoopers), Barbara Pitts (PricewaterhouseCoopers), Cindy Van Horn, Lina Ranieri, Anne Marie Lang-Berkowitz, Jimmy Fung, Kathryn Hayward-Murray.

Special thanks to the judges of the 2009 Leading Practices Displays: Shirley Bryant from Indigo Inc, Cahyee Cheung from Courtyard Group, Rob Crawford from Crawford and Associates, Andrew MacLean from Courtyard Group and Mark Walton at Blackstone Partners.
From the Exhibit Floor

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