

## **Advancing Collaboration in Healthcare through Technology, Information, and Data at HIMSS AsiaPac17**

*Four hospitals in Singapore and Australia awarded EMRAM Stage 6 and Stage 7 for high standards in the implementation and utilization of information technology applications*

SINGAPORE (28 SEPTEMBER 2017) – The 11<sup>th</sup> [HIMSS AsiaPac17 Conference and Exhibition](#) was designed to cast a spotlight on understanding the ever-evolving influence that technology, information and data have in an increasingly growing connected ecosystem of health, and how this is enabling greater collaboration between governments, healthcare practitioners and institutions, and patients.

The four day event welcomed more than 1,200 healthcare professionals – doctors, nurses, as well as health technology experts and developers, and members of health institutions – from over 30 countries. The regional conference hosted three pre-conference workshops focused on educating and equipping members of the healthcare ecosystem with the knowledge to navigate the challenges and opportunities of technology. In addition, there were six main conference tracks on Population Health, Nursing, Data and Technology, Collaborative Care, and Value-Based Care, as well as the Integrated Health Information Systems Singapore track to showcase the best in Singapore healthcare. To celebrate first-hand the best in-class implementation and utilization of information technology applications in Singapore, HIMSS Asia Pacific also facilitated tours of Ng Teng Fong General Hospital (NTFGH) and Jurong Community Hospital (JCH) – both EMRAM award recipients at this year's HIMSS Asia Pacific Awards Dinner 2017.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, H. Stephen Lieber, CAE, President & CEO Emeritus of HIMSS shared, “Doctors today can no longer work alone and expect the same quality of care without input and leadership from the rest of the care team. The care team in turn cannot function seamlessly without technology enablement: predictive analytics, artificial intelligence, electronic medical records, internet of things, mobile technology, and so on. This combination of great teamwork and great use of technology is the formula to value-based, patient-centered, team-based care. It is with this in mind that the HIMSS team has put together this conference to accelerate our progress in this direction.”

“HIMSS continues to support the transformation of health through the use of information and technology. This is at the heart of everything we do”, added Harold 'Hal' Wolf III, President and CEO of HIMSS. “It was wonderful to see so many attendees participate in various dialogues and learnings over the course of the event. This year there was a strong emphasis among a growing coalition of peers to find new capabilities to drive better care through integrating and implementing a team-based approach which includes the use of the HIMSS maturity models for EMRs, Analytics and Innovation Pathways.”

### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS OF HIMSS ASIAPAC17**

Highlighting the importance of information technology at the HIMSS AsiaPac 2017 conference, Mr. Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications & Information and Ministry of Health said, “I am glad that the theme of this conference is “Unifying Patients and Providers” – bringing different stakeholders together through smart use and appropriate use of technology, to be able to deliver better care for our patients. As we move forward in our care transformation efforts

and into more team-based care, our healthcare professionals could keep in mind the 3 'C's of Collaboration, Connection, and Co-creation. Technology is an important enabler, as it opens up new ideas, new possibilities and allow us to translate these new ideas into reality".

Bringing together thought leaders and distinguished speakers, HIMSS AsiaPac led discussions around the importance of transforming towards an integrated, team-based care model; clinical efficiency improvements through greater adoption of technology; upskilling of nurses in the digital age for better patient care; mitigating cyber security threats and the safe management of patient data; and how hospitals can transform their healthcare practices through a multi-disciplinary approach involving IT architecture, solutions design, standards and policies.

HIMSS AsiaPac17 also supported two award ceremonies – the fifth Asia Pacific HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award 2017 and HIMSS Asia Pacific Awards Dinner 2017.

- **Asia Pacific HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award 2017:** The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Australia (fifth year special winner); Fudan University Huashan Hospital, China; MacKay Memorial Hospital, Taiwan; Aravind Eye Hospital-Pondicherry, India; and Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia (fifth year special winner) took home awards recognizing their outstanding achievements in the usage of healthcare information technology and how their innovative use of information communication technology (ICT) has improved patient care.
- **HIMSS Asia Pacific Awards Dinner 2017:** HIMSS also hosted the HIMSS Asia Pacific Awards Dinner 2017 which recognized individuals and organizations across seven award categories. HIMSS Asia Pacific announced that this year's winners are:

**1. HIMSS Analytics EMRAM Award**

This year's Award recipients are: Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Singapore (Stage 7 EMRAM), Jurong Community Hospital, Singapore (Stage 6 EMRAM), The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne Australia (Stage 6 EMRAM & O-EMRAM), and Princess Alexandra Hospital, Queensland Australia (Stage 6 EMRAM)

**2. Best Paper Submission Award**

Winners: **David Chou**, VP and Chief Information & Digital Officer, Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, USA & **Stephen Wilson**, Principal Analyst, Constellation Research Inc., Australia

- Paper Title: How healthy is blockchain technology?

**3. Vendor's Choice: Healthcare IT Leader of the Year**

Winner: **Adj. A/Prof. Gamaliel Tan**, Chief Medical Informatics Officer & Head of Orthopaedics, JurongHealth Campus, National University Health System, Singapore

**4. Excellence in Start-up Innovation Award**

Winner: Tetsuyu Healthcare Holding

- Project title: Project RoboCARES

**5. User's Choice: Best Health IT Solution Award**

Winner: DXC Open Health Connect with UltraGenda Smart Scheduling

**6. Most Popular Exhibitor Award**

Winner: IBM Watson Health

**7. Nursing Innovation Showcase Challenge Award**

Winner: KK Women's and Children's Hospital Singapore

- Project title: KKH Lactation Tele-Consultation

“Receiving the EMRAM Stage 7 Award for Ng Teng Fong General Hospital was an honour for us. As the first Stage 7 facility in Singapore, SEA and ANZ, this represents a commitment for us to share our journey with others and to remain steadfast to our vision of transforming care and bringing health to every home through the adoption of technologies,” said A/Professor Cheah Wei Keat, Chairman of the Medical Board, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Singapore.

“JurongHealth is also very proud to receive the EMRAM Stage 6 Award for Jurong Community Hospital. Ng Teng Fong General Hospital and Jurong Community Hospital are integrated facilities, so patients can experience seamless care from the acute to step-down care settings under one roof,” added Ms. Joanne Yap, Chief Strategy Officer, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Singapore.

“Tetsuyu Healthcare is delighted to be recognized by HIMSS as the winner for the start-up innovation award. Our project, CARES by Tetsuyu, improves staff productivity and care quality in eldercare by integrating our care management platform with telehealth devices for chronic disease management and wound management as well as telepresence robotics. We urge all innovators to continue your good work in transforming the healthcare industry one creative breakthrough at a time,” said Ms Ng Li Lian, Co-Founder and Director.

Standout sessions from day one of the main conference included Bruce Liang, Chief Executive Officer, Integrated Health Information Systems Pte Ltd, Chief Information Officer, Ministry of Health, Singapore on Role of Technology in Enabling Team-Based Care; Dr. Dominic King, Clinical Lead, Google DeepMind, United Kingdom on Progress Towards AI-Enabled Care; Pang Sze Yunn, Head, Population Health Management, Philips, ASEAN Pacific, Singapore on Managing Healthcare Costs with Digital Health, and Dr. Fatima Paruk M.D., MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Allscripts Analytics, USA on Breakthroughs with Neural Networks and AI - Predictive Modeling Comes Alive.

Highlights from the second day of the main conference included Bob White, Senior Vice President & President, Asia Pacific, Medtronic, Singapore on The Move to Value-Based Healthcare; Charles Seviar, Chief Technology Officer, Unstructured Storage Division, Dell EMC, APJ, Australia on Powering the Genomic Revolution: Tackling the Big Data Bottleneck in Next-Generation Sequencing; and Tim Morris, Product & Partnership Director, EMEALAAP, Elsevier, UK on Value-Based Care = (Quality ÷ Cost) x Patient Engagement.

Visitors also had the chance to engage with over 50 exciting exhibitors including Elsevier, Allscripts, Epic, IBM Watson Health, Medtronic, DELL EMC and Philips. In addition, attendees also had exclusive access to demonstrations and showcases of over 100 of the latest innovations from Asia Pacific.

To find out more about HIMSS AsiaPac17 visit <http://www.himssasiapacconference.org/> for more information and the latest updates.

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