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Steve Lieber is President and CEO of HIMSS, a global, cause-based, not-for-profit organization focused on better health through information technology (IT). HIMSS leads efforts to optimize health engagements and care outcomes using information technology.

A seasoned healthcare management executive, Lieber brings to the HIMSS WorldWide over 30 years of experience in healthcare, primarily in healthcare association management. Since 2000, Lieber has served as President and CEO of HIMSS WorldWide and related organizations. HIMSS WorldWide consists of HIMSS and HIMSS International, cause-based, global membership societies; HIMSS Analytics, the market research and data services group; and HIMSS Media, the diversified media and publishing division—all focused on the optimal use of information technology and management systems for the betterment of health. Lieber not only serves on the Board of Directors of HIMSS and its related corporations, but he also serves on numerous other corporate, non-profit and coalition boards and groups. He was one of the founders of the Certification Commission for HIT and the Health Information Technology Standards Panel, two U.S. federally funded initiatives at the foundation of the U.S. interoperability effort.

As a nationally recognized commentator on health policy, in general, and specifically on healthcare IT trends and issues, Lieber is a regular speaker and contributor to corporate strategic planning efforts, government-sponsored policy efforts, private sector initiatives and other non-profit organizations. Lieber was recognized between 2004 through 2012 as one of the Top 100 most influential people in US healthcare.

In his strategic leadership role at HIMSS, Lieber has established the organization as a global leader on issues such as, electronic health records, interoperability, technology standards, IT adoption, and certification. He has also brought significant growth to HIMSS, more than quadrupling the organization’s size and expanding its scope to encompass ambulatory IT issues and healthcare business information systems, in addition to HIMSS leadership in the acute care clinical information systems arena. HIMSS annually hosts the world’s largest health IT educational conference and trade show, attracting over 35,000 healthcare professionals to its US-based event, as well as hosting similar conferences and exhibitions in Europe, Asia and the Mideast to promote HIT knowledge sharing and professional development worldwide.

Lieber previously served as CEO of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) for nearly nine years before accepting a position with the American Hospital Association as Vice President, Division of Personal Membership Groups. Prior experience includes Vice President of Operations for the Illinois Hospital Association; Senior Budget Analyst for the Illinois Bureau of the Budget; and Assistant Administrator, Research and Statistics for Arkansas Social Services.
Lieber holds an MA from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, a BA in Psychology from the University of Arkansas, and has completed additional course work at the graduate schools of business at both universities and at the Keller Graduate School of Management. Steve has been a Certified Association Executive (CAE) since 1994, is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and Association Forum of Chicagoland and has been awarded honorary life memberships at the American Hospital Association and the American Society of Healthcare Risk Management.