Innovation is democratic. Anyone, at any level of the workforce, can come up with an idea that can transform a company or invent an entirely new industry. In healthcare and health information management (HIM), innovation can radically improve the quality of life and patient care and anyone can be the source of that next great idea or solution.

Whether you are processing health information in the C-suite, a venture capitalist, owner of a startup company, a healthcare professional, an AHIMA member or just interested in the rapidly changing health information landscape, AHIMA and the AHIMA Foundation's inaugural Health Information Innovation Leadership Conference will present some of the best and brightest ideas in the industry. Participants at the conference can learn from these innovations - or spark a new and different idea - that can be implemented at their institutions.

The Innovation Conference, held Oct. 2-3 during the 84th AHIMA Annual Convention and Exhibit at McCormick Place in Chicago, will showcase innovative progress in workforce development and the academic, corporate and government spheres aimed at transforming the future of health information.

"Health information management professionals must be agile and adapt to disruptive and constantly changing technology," said AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, FACHE. "With this conference, we want to assemble a cross-section of the most dynamic and creative individuals from the HIM field and beyond and inspire people to reflect on ways they can innovate at their own job and company."

Conference Overview
During the two, half-day sessions, there will be five, nationally recognized speakers. To ensure active participation, the audience will have opportunities to ask questions of each speaker and special "expert reactor panels" will provide provocative and immediate feedback on the speeches and presentations. Six innovators will also present and vie to win the first AHIMA and AHIMA Foundation Innovation Award.

John W. Kenagy, MD, MPA, ScD, FACS, an award-winning author and speaker, and Wil Yu, who leads nationwide innovation efforts for the U.S. through the Department of Health and Human Services, will speak at the Innovation Conference.

Called "the man who would save healthcare" by Forbes magazine, Kenagy will deliver a talk titled, "A Leader's Guide to Creating a Culture of Innovation." Kenagy is the author of Designed to Adapt: Leading Healthcare in Challenging Times, which was selected as the 2011 Book of the Year in healthcare management.

Yu's many responsibilities include helping to lead an initiative to promote and facilitate market development, entrepreneurship and investment in health technology through targeted engagements between policy-makers, innovators and investors. He serves as the director of the Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects program, funding breakthrough developments in health information technology. He will present "Driving Innovation and Diffusion Across a Multi-stakeholder Environment."

Other featured speakers include:

- David S. Hanekom, MD, FACP, CMPE, chief medical officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota
- Nina Nashif, managing director at Sandbox Industries and Founder of Healthbox
- Joseph W. York, PhD, MBA, national college dean, college of health sciences, DeVry University

Warren Jones, MD, FAAFP, executive director of Mississippi Institute of Geographic and Minority Health, Distinguished Professor of Health Policy, University of Mississippi Medical Center; and Richard Kneipper, chief strategy and innovation officer, Anthelio Healthcare Solutions, Inc., and founder and chairman of the Healthcare Innovation Council, will moderate the conference.

"This will be 2 days full of intellectually stimulating presentations and conversations that should facilitate new opportunities for collaboration in healthcare," said Bill Rudman, PhD, RHIA, executive director of the AHI MA
Foundation and vice president of education visioning for AHIMA.

The AHIMA Foundation received nearly 40 abstracts from innovators seeking to present and to contend for the Innovation Award. The top six were selected to present at the conference, and the winner of the Innovation Award will be selected as the conference closes.

Sign up for the conference by clicking here. Registration for the full convention includes access to the Innovation Conference; you also can register for the Innovation Conference only.

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