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Modern Healthcare and HIMSS Announce 2007 CEO IT Achievement Award Recipients

(Chicago, IL) April 30, 2007 – *Modern Healthcare* and HIMSS announced the recipients of the 2007 CEO IT Achievement Award. **Alan Aviles**, President & CEO, New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation; **John Ferguson**, President & CEO, Hackensack University Medical Center; and **Michael Murphy**, President & CEO, Sharp HealthCare are this year's honorees.

"It takes superior leadership and unwavering commitment to navigate the complex and lengthy process to deploy IT systems that will transcend healthcare," said Fawn Lopez, publisher of *Modern Healthcare*. "We congratulate this year's recipients for their superior leadership, courage, dedication and vision. They are true champions of IT in healthcare."

A panel of four healthcare executives selected this year's recipient from a pool of 68 entrants. The panel included Sherry Browne, Sr. Vice President & Chief Information Officer, Ascension Health; Glenn D. Steele, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., President & Chief Executive Officer, Geisinger Health System; Ronald J. Strachan Vice President & CIO HealthEast Care System; and Eric B. Yablonka, Vice President & CIO, University of Chicago Hospitals.

"The three recipients of this year's CEO IT Achievement Award have demonstrated the vital and integral role of health information technology in the strategy of improving healthcare delivery at their respective organizations," said H. Stephen Lieber, HIMSS president/CEO. "HIMSS and our members congratulate these honorees for their leadership in moving ahead the nationwide adoption of health IT."

The 2007 recipients will be profiled in a supplement to the June 25, 2007 issue of *Modern Healthcare* and honored at a breakfast presentation on Tuesday, June 26 at the HIMSS Summit07 in San Diego. Following the presentation, the recipients will serve as keynote panelists at the opening session and present their perspectives on health IT. For more information about attending this event, please visit the HIMSS Web site at www.himss.org/summit.

This year's recipients join a distinguished group of CEO IT Achievement Award recipients, including Glenn Steele, Jr., Geisinger Health System; Joel Allison, Baylor Health Care System; George Halvorson, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan & Hospitals, Mark Neaman, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare; Richard Hastings, St. Luke's Health System; Judith Pelham, Trinity Health; Leonard Schaeffer, WellPoint Health Networks; George Vecchione, Lifespan; and Pete Velez, Elmhurst Hospital Center/Queens Healthcare Network.

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