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**HIMSS Middle East and Elsevier Announce Call for Submissions for the HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award 2016 at UAE eHealth Week**

**Dubai, August 24, 2016** – HIMSS Middle East and [Elsevier](#) are proud to announce the call for submissions for the second [Middle East HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award 2016](#).

The HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award is a global platform to recognize outstanding achievements and innovations in the usage of health information and technology, to advance patient care and safety. Established in 2013, it is held annually across Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Europe.

“We were amazed by the high quality of submissions during the inaugural Awards program in the Middle East last year. This year, we are excited to offer this global platform again for Middle Eastern healthcare providers to showcase their achievements. This time, we have a second category to recognize outstanding ICT innovations. We encourage all to participate and showcase best practice in care delivery for our patients,” said Jeremy Bonfini, Executive Vice President, HIMSS International.

The two categories open for submission this year, are:

- Outstanding ICT Achievement and
- Outstanding ICT Innovation

Last year, the Awards program witnessed strong participation from healthcare organizations across the Emirates. The four finalists were Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center; SAAD Specialist Hospital, Al-Khobar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and Tawam Hospital, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi and SAAD Specialist Hospital took home the winners’ trophies for best ICT achievements. [Their projects](#) were recognized during the HIMSS-Elsevier Digital Healthcare Award Reception and Gala Dinner at UAE eHealth Week 2015.

“The HIMSS-Elsevier Awards gave Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi an important platform to a success story of the management of controlled medications to improve patient safety in our hospital. We were extremely honored to be recognized for our efforts, and one year on, we continue to pursue our goal of excellence in ICT achievement. We encourage all hospitals to submit for this year’s Awards, so that through peer-learning, the Middle East healthcare sector can benefit as one,” said Dr. Manish Kohli, Chief, Medical Informatics, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi.

This year’s judges are: John Daniels, Global Vice President, HIMSS Analytics, USA, Michael Leroy, Chief Information Officer, Sidra Medical and Research Centre, Qatar, Osama El-Hassan, Head of eHealth, Dubai Health Authority, United Arab Emirates, Peter Edelstein, Chief Medical Officer, Elsevier Clinical Solutions, USA and Mohd Abouelhoda, Head of Bioinformatics, Saudi

Human Genome Project, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

“Elsevier and HIMSS Middle East are proud to be able to create international awareness of the great strides that Middle Eastern hospitals are taking to improve care delivery. Using technology, healthcare providers are reducing medical waste and errors, improving patient engagement and safety, and creating sustainable business models. I am honoured to be one of the judges and am excited about the submissions,” said Peter Edelstein, Chief Medical Officer, Elsevier Clinical Solutions.

Submit your case study [here](#) or [email HIMSS](#) to enquire.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, 2 September 2016. The Awards Celebration will be held on Monday, 31 October 2016 at the UAE eHealth Week (Dubai leg).

More information about the UAE eHealth Week 2016 can be found [here](#).

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