



Health Informatics Society Australia Ltd.



Don Walker Awards 2008

Call for Submissions

CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HISA DON WALKER AWARDS

Dr Don Walker is a pioneer in the application of computers in Australian health care. With an untiring commitment to the field that has spanned decades, Don has made a major contribution to Australian health informatics, particularly in the area of terminology.

It is in his spirit of continuous innovation that the Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA) is calling for submissions to the 2008 DON WALKER AWARDS. The Awards have been generously sponsored by Intel.

Nominees for the award, either individual or group, can come from any sector of the direct healthcare and associated industries and must have demonstrated that their work has improved patient outcomes through the use of innovative technological solutions.

Selection criteria for the award are shown below. The awards will be presented at HIC08, Australia's health informatics conference, held in Melbourne between the 31st of August and the 2nd of September 2008.

The recipient(s) of the 2008 Don Walker Awards will have made a demonstrable impact on the improvement of health outcomes through innovations, around information in any of the following categories.

- **Award 1: Effectiveness**
 - Examples include
 - Preventing unnecessary hospital admissions
 - Avoiding medical errors
 - Improving health outcomes
 - Reducing waiting times

- **Award 2: Efficiency**
 - Examples include
 - Reducing the unit cost of diagnostics and treatment
 - Improving administrative processes
 - Improving throughput

- **Award 3: Access**
 - Examples include:
 - The successful application of health informatics in:
 - Emerging and underdeveloped economies
 - Underserved social and economic groups
 - Remote / rural communities

Please note that a submission will be judged according to its performance against the award criteria and a submission does not need to address all the objectives within a category

Nominations

Nominations can come from any sector of the direct healthcare industry (public, private, not for profit, community health, allied health, aged care, GPs, academia, science and technology etc) and associated industries (device manufactures, pharmaceuticals, IT industry, ISVs etc).

The timeline for the 2008 Awards are:

Announcement:

December 7th 2007

Call for Submissions:

December 7th 2007 to July 1st 2008

Judging:

July 7th 2008 – July 22nd 2008

Award notification to successful applicants:

August 4th 2008

Award Submission

A proposal for a Don Walker Award will need to include the following detail:

- Names of those applying for the award
- Their organisational affiliations
- The award category that they are applying under
- How the applicants have made innovations and how this can be demonstrated to have improved healthcare in a significant, measured, sustained way that can be shared
 - It is anticipated that this section will be up to a 4 page abstract with references

Award submissions should be sent to the HISA office at the following address, by the July 1st closing date.

413 Lygon Street
East Brunswick
Vic 3057
Australia

Or emailed to

hisa@hisa.org.au

Award Process:

The Don Walker Awards will be conducted according to the HISA Award Process. This process is public and copies may be downloaded from www.hisa.org.au/awards, or obtained by calling the HISA office on 03-9388-0555

Award Criteria

For each of the Award areas (Effectiveness, Efficiency and Access), the applicant, or nominee, for a Don Walker Award in health informatics must substantiate that the nominated work is significant, measured, sustained, and can be shared.

- To be **significant**, the nominee's work must have a demonstrated impact on the target organisations' health informatics processes. Although the works' focus will be upon the target organisations' informatics development and maintenance processes, it should also consider, as pertinent, the impact on the target organizations' management, workforce, and system development and maintenance processes.
- To be **measured**, the work must include the data used to guide the work and clearly demonstrate its impact. Improvement goals, factors, and metrics must be defined in a concrete manner. The work must involve assessment of the cause-and-effect relationship between changes and their impact.
- To be **sustained**, the work must lead to a continuing impact on the target organisations' health informatics projects. In particular, the work should result in well-documented support for effective, efficient, accurate process performance and continuous or processional improvement.
- To be **shared**, the insights, experiences, and proven practices stemming from the work must have been made available beyond the target organisations. I.e. – the winners' work must be reported in the following year's Australian HIC conference or be one on the selected non peer reviewed presentations in HIC08 (see www.hisa.org.au/hic08presentations).

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