Global Healthcare Organizations Join Abbott To Launch The UNIVANTS Of Healthcare Excellence Award

Global recognition for cross-functional care teams achieving measurably better healthcare

Now accepting applications to celebrate unity and change in healthcare

CHICAGO, August 1, 2018 —Leading global healthcare organizations, in partnership with Abbott, today announced the launch of the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award, which stands for unity and the avant garde. This unique healthcare industry award is a first-of-its-kind global collaboration between Abbott and European Health Management Association (EHMA), the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) and Modern Healthcare. The award will honor integrated multidisciplinary clinical care teams with innovative approaches to achieve measurably better healthcare performance for patients, clinicians, payers and healthcare institutions.

“Our partners currently include global organizations dedicated to lab medicine, healthcare management and healthcare media,” said Lisa Rose, divisional vice president, global marketing, Abbott. “Just as there is a need for healthcare providers to reach across the aisle and break down silos, our multi-disciplinary partners also are unifying to find solutions to the evolving state of healthcare together.”

The call to action for 2019 nominations for this prestigious award occurred at the 70th AACC Annual Scientific Meeting & Clinical Lab Expo in Chicago and featured healthcare teams that have already achieved success.

By recognizing the integrated clinical care teams who are already achieving measurably better healthcare and leveraging expertise across disciplines, the award is intended to inspire healthcare professionals around the world. The award partner organizations will be sharing best practices in publications, roundtable events and more.

“Through the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award program we hope to encourage healthcare system departments to break out of their silos and persuade all areas of the hospital to take advantage of the data from the lab to solve critical needs in the hospital and, above all, improve patient outcomes,” said Howard Morris, PhD, president of the IFCC.

“The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award program is focused on supporting the implementation of innovative and effective change solutions. As President of EHMA, I am very pleased to be supporting an initiative that aligns so well to our mission to drive excellence in health management as a platform for high quality, patient-centred care,” said Professor Federico Lega, president of the European Health Management Association.

The founding partners invite teams to apply for the inaugural award who demonstrate:

- **Strength in Unity** – teams working across disciplines to break down silos and develop care projects as collective and integrative teams
- **Avant Garde** – implementation of ideas that are at the forefront of change and mobilizing insights from the clinical laboratory to transform healthcare delivery
- **Nurturing and Passion** - cultivation of communities, passionate about integrated clinical care and enabling others to do the same

The awards are open to all healthcare professionals and teams regardless of affiliation with Abbott. All partners, excluding Abbott, will evaluate submissions to determine the 2019 winners.

Award entries are being accepted through March 2019. For more information and to enter the 2019 UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Awards, please visit UnivantsHCE.com.

About EHMA

Active since 1982, the European Health Management Association (EHMA) is a non-profit membership organisation based in Brussels, Belgium. Centred on a unique European health network of managers, educators, providers, researchers, citizens, innovators and policy makers, EHMA achieves its goals by making knowledge about evidence-based effective practice more accessible and by facilitating and supporting improvement. For further details please contact info@ehma.org, visit our website ehma.org or follow us on Twitter (@EHMAinfo), Facebook and LinkedIn.

About IFCC

IFCC is the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide. Through leadership and innovation in science and education, IFCC strives to enhance the scientific level and the quality of diagnosis and therapy for patients throughout the world. IFCC builds on the professionalism of its members to provide quality services to patients. IFCC is a Federation of 90 Full Member and 12 Affiliate member Societies of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine representing more than 45,000 individual clinical chemists, laboratory scientists, and laboratory physicians and 48 Corporate Members covering the major areas of clinical laboratory developments. For further details please contact ifcc@ifcc.org.

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