

# Appointments

## HIM&CC Congratulates Dennis Niebergal recognized at 2010 Premier's Awards Gala



From left to right – Dennis Niebergal , Anne Sado, President of George Brown College and Mark McEwan Toronto chef, restaurateur, gourmet grocer and TV celebrity, who was also a George Brown graduate winner that evening

On November 22, 2010 Dennis Niebergal was recognized as a graduate of George Brown College at the 2010 Premier's Awards Gala for his outstanding contributions to technology and the arts.

"Considered by many to be the grandfather of the electronic medical records (EMR) industry in Canada, Dennis Niebergal was the founder, president and CEO of CLINICARE

Corporation, Canada's largest EMR company at the time of its sale last November.

When he started the company in Calgary in 1984, CLINICARE was the first of its kind in Canada and Niebergal, working alone, had an uphill battle trying to convince physicians across the country of the benefits of automating their patient records. By the time it was sold, CLINICARE and its U.S division, Chartcare Inc., had over 50 competitors, employed 65 people and was responsible for the automation of over 3.5 million patient records through its EMR technology. Over the years, Niebergal and his company received many honours, including a number of industry awards and the distinction of being named one of the country's Top 10 health care IT companies in 2008. The site of CLINICARE's largest client, a clinic in Sault Sainte Marie, has served as a model of EMR, visited by many federal and provincial politicians as

well as health care commissioner Roy Romanow.

Now semi-retired, Niebergal plans to continue to advocate for technology in health care as a board member of health care organizations and has been certified by the Institute of Corporate Directors. Niebergal continues to act as an expert evaluator for the European Commission on health care IT research and development projects. Niebergal is a founding member and board secretary of the Canadian Health IT Trade Association, which merged with the Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC) to become ITAC Health. He has also volunteered many hours to participate in committees formed to establish industry software standards. In addition, Niebergal contributes to a number of professional organizations, provincial and nationally."

For more information see - <http://www.georgebrown.ca/alumni/awards.aspx#maincontent>.