

Canadian Health Informatics Awards 2009 Award Recipients

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Leadership in the Field of Health Informatics

Dennis Rankin

Independent Health Industry Informatics Consultant



The Leadership in Health Informatics Award salutes the outstanding, ongoing contributions of an individual whose leadership is broadly recognized in the HI community, often at the national level. This leader's contributions extend over many years. This award winner has made significant contributions to advancing the Canadian HI agenda and significantly contributed to or strongly influenced health outcomes or health systems improvements.

A true HI pioneer, Dennis' leadership has strongly influenced health outcomes and improvements across Canada for 35 years. With a resume that reads like the history of Canadian HI, Dennis is renowned for his negotiating, influencing and directing skills and ability to bring together hesitant partners with disparate views. Many business leaders from across Canada reach for Dennis' phone number when a large and seemingly unmanageable project looms.

In his early career in the private sector, Dennis was involved in the very first HI systems implementations in Canada. He also led key private sector initiatives that remain influential and foundational in Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. Today, Dennis continues to lead some of the largest and most complex strategic HI projects in this country.

While his accomplishments are too numerous to list here, his recent contributions include:

- Diagnostic Imaging Repositories in Ontario, providing leadership in leveraging solutions for several local health authorities and more;
- being instrumental in the creation of Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Repository Services;
- playing a pivotal role in the DI PACS national procurement process involving Quebec, Saskatchewan and Ontario.



COACH President Linda Miller presented the award to Dennis Rankin.

The award nominators emphasized Dennis' exceptional dedication, commitment and resolve: "Dennis is not about self-promotion or marketing, but about real and tangible accomplishments over his entire career. He is a consummate and exceptional leader who prefers to let his actions speak instead of words."