IFCC, Abbott and Health Industry Leaders partners in the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award reveal NEW OPPORTUNITIES for recognition in 2020

*Milan, 16th December 2019* - Since 2018, the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Program has been inspiring integrated clinical care teams to submit best practices to www.UnivantsHCE.com for recognition associated with measurably better healthcare. Inaugural winners for 2019 were announced earlier this year (click [here](#) for details) and have been widely promoted across the globe as an inspiration to other healthcare professionals who are interested in leveraging laboratory medicine in avant-garde ways to advance patient care, while also achieving measurable benefits to clinicians, payors, and entire health systems.

Seven leading healthcare organizations including IFCC, AACC, Modern Healthcare, EHMA, HIMSS, NAHQ, and IHE have spearheaded the program in partnership with Abbott Diagnostics to promote the power of UNITY across healthcare disciplines and transform care delivery through teamwork, novel thinking and insights associated with laboratory medicine.

*The current application cycle for the 2020 winners has begun with a submission deadline of February 28, 2020 for interested applicants.*

In the meantime, the 8 program partners have raised the bar for 2020 with new opportunities for integrated clinical care teams to achieve additional recognition for achievements in healthcare excellence.

Five new categories were announced this month to recognize the highest ranked applications from key regions of the world including: **Best of Asia Pacific, Best of Europe, Best of Latin America and Caribbean, Best of North America, and Best of Middle East and Africa.** These new categories are supplemental to global recognition of distinction and/or achievement as well as the highest and most prestigious honour among them all, UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence WINNER, which is offered to 3 integrated clinical care teams each year, regardless of region.

The new award categories are expected to inspire more applicants for 2020 while offering more opportunities for recognition. Laboratory Medicine is an essential asset to advancing healthcare and care teams who achieve measurable better healthcare excellence deserve recognition for the impact they create for patients, payors, clinicians and entire health systems.
For more details about the award or winning best practices, visit the program website at www.UnivantsHCE.com.

About UNIVANTS
The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award recognizes integrated clinical care teams that work together to achieve better health system performance through new technology, insights and solutions. These "Unifiers" have stepped up to drive collaboration and have demonstrated in exemplary fashion the following:

- Avant-Garde in their approach to solving problems
- Using lab intelligence to achieve measurably better outcomes
- Transforming healthcare delivery with measurable impact to patients, clinicians, payors and entire health systems

The award program is open to all healthcare professionals and teams globally regardless of affiliation with Abbott or any partner of the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence program. All partners, excluding Abbott, evaluate submissions and select winners. Applications for the 2020 award will start being accepted August 1, 2019 with a deadline of February 28, 2020. For more information on the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Awards, the 2019 award winners, as well as the award application, visit UnivantsHCE.com.

About IFCC
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