

Clinical Engineering and IT Excellence Recognized: 2020 ACCE/HIMSS Excellence in Clinical Engineering and Information Technology Synergies Award Winner Announced



Ken Fuchs, MBA, MEng, has been named the recipient of the [2020 ACCE-HIMSS Excellence in Clinical Engineering and Information Technology Synergies Award](#), a joint award sponsored by the American College of Clinical Engineering (ACCE) and HIMSS. The boards of directors of both organizations selected the recipient.

This award recognizes individuals who have best demonstrated leadership in promoting or implementing significant synergies between the clinical engineering and information technology professions. Award recipients also must be members in good standing of both organizations. Nominees for the award are honored for professional or technical contributions to the professions, such as research, development of a new process or product, a paper of significance, and “trailblazing” work in a new application of clinical engineering and IT.

Fuchs is the Senior Standards Consultant at Draeger Medical Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of electronic medical devices such as patient monitoring, ventilation, anesthesia and warming therapy systems. He is currently responsible for coordination of Draeger Medical’s participation in U.S. and International standards development activities. He is also personally active in medical device clinical as well as interoperability related standards. Fuchs currently serves as the chair of the IEEE 11073 Standards Committee for medical device communication, he co-chairs the AAMI MP working group for multi-parameter patient monitors, and he is involved in several other standards development efforts in ISO, IHE, HL7 and AAMI.

At HIMSS, Fuchs has been involved with the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase since 2005, when the first Patient Care Device demonstration was held. He was a member of the IHE USA Board of Directors as well as a PCD co-chair for several years. He has volunteered at the Interoperability Showcase in the past as well as for HIMSS20.

“Ken has been very involved in the CE-IT Community from the inception of the community. His vision and leadership have helped define the scope of direction for PCD (Patient Care Device Domain) where he has been a leader from its very beginning. He has a great passion to collaborate across disciplines and to educate users’ community in order to provide much clarity for the complex architecture of network of systems and its dependence on standards to achieve and deliver safe true interoperability.

Ken is well respected in the CE-IT Community; he has delivered a multitude of presentations and training workshops and has served on many committees in order to help deliver safe and effective patient care through technology. Ken is the true embodiment of CE-IT Synergies and we are extremely pleased he was awarded this Award”, said Ilir Kullolli, President of ACCE

Fuchs will be honored at the HTA/ACCE awards reception on Tuesday, March 10, at Orange County Convention Center, room# W306A, during the 2020 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition in Orlando, FL. [RSVP today](#)