

AHIMA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and philanthropic arm of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) dedicated to empowering people with health information literacy to achieve better health outcomes. Founded in 1962, AHIMA Foundation programs, research, and projects help families make informed health decisions, guide evidence-based healthcare system policies and practices, and educate and train aspiring and current health information professionals.

We recognize health information is human information.

RESEARCH AGENDA TO EXPLORE

Our research agenda aligns with the following Healthy People 2030 objectives developed by the Health Communication and Health Information Technology Workgroup

1

Increase the proportion of adults offered online **access** to their medical record HC/HIT 06

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Increase the proportion of adults who use IT to **track** healthcare data or communicate with providers HC/HIT 07

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Increase the proportion of people who can **view, download, and send** their electronic health information HC/HIT D09

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Increase the proportion of people who say their online medical record is **easy to understand** HC/HIT D10

5

Increase the **health literacy** of the population HC/HIT R01



STATEMENT OF NEED

91 million

Americans struggle to access, understand and use their health information -- nearly 1/3 of all U.S. adults. (CDC)

Digital Health Equity is a **Necessity** in the 21st Century Cures Act Era. (JAMA)

35%

of U.S. adults have gone online to figure out a medical condition. (Pew Research Center)

Lessons drawn from the 4000-year **history** of the **medical record** may help healthcare professionals **improve patient care** in the digital age. (AJM)

Digital health literacy is a social determinant of health. (JAMA)

Improving health literacy could **prevent** nearly **1 million hospital visits** and **save over \$25 billion a year.** (CDC)

PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS TO EMPOWER & ENGAGE

▶ **Community**

**Program currently seeking funding opportunities*

* **Developing and Implementing a Digital Readiness Screener**, an assessment hospitals and health systems can use to identify and help patients in their community better access, understand, and use their health data.

* **Improving the Accessibility of U.S. Hospital Websites**, a research, education, and awareness project to arm hospitals with the resources and tools to improve their digital experience in a way that is compliant, informed by our research, community-based organization partnerships, and the lived experiences and stories of patients with disabilities

▶ **Education**

Annual Scholarship Program for student members in pursuit of degrees in Health Information Management or Health Informatics

* **Better Health is in Your Hands** patient education campaign provides consumers with digital content on health information topics in English and Spanish

▶ **Workforce**

Institute for Healthcare Advancement (IHA) Health Literacy Specialist Certificate for AHIMA-approved CEUs

Mark Dietz Leadership Webinar Series preparing health information professionals to take on new challenges in healthcare

* **Health Information History Center**, a resource for AHIMA members, current and future health information and public health professionals, as well as scholars and others interested in the evolution of the profession and the history of medical record keeping

ADVOCACY TO CHAMPION

Advancing **AHIMA's consumer-focused advocacy agenda** focused on individual access, consumer engagement, privacy, cybersecurity, behavioral health and interoperability, healthcare reform, health equity, telehealth & remote patient monitoring, public health, and the social determinants of health

Affiliate organization: **Telehealth Equity Coalition** and **National Digital Inclusion Alliance**