

## New U.S. Hospital IT Data Released for Research Purposes by Dorenfest Institute

The Dorenfest Institute for Health Information Technology, Research and Education, managed by the HIMSS Foundation, released U.S. health IT market and updated 2006 data from HIMSS Analytics™ Database.

The Dorenfest Institute provides a variety of detailed historical data, reports and white papers about information technology use in hospitals and integrated healthcare delivery networks at no charge to universities, students under university license, U.S. governments (local, state and federal), and governments of other countries that will be using the data for research purposes.

In the last 12 months, for example, 70 applicants were granted access to the Dorenfest Database. Of these, 89 percent were associated with universities. Applicants used the data for academic research papers, grant research, master's theses, doctoral theses, white papers, etc.

The **newly released 2006 data from the HIMSS Analytics™ Database** covers IT use in

hospitals and integrated healthcare delivery networks. The release of the 2006 data expands the current library of the Dorenfest 3000+ Databases™ and Dorenfest Integrated Healthcare Delivery System Databases™ for the period 1986 through 2006, as well as many publications on IT use in the healthcare industry during that same time period.

The **2007 Annual Report of the U.S. Hospital IT Market**, also now available in PDF on the Dorenfest Institute Web site, [www.himss.org/dorenfestinstitute](http://www.himss.org/dorenfestinstitute), presents the state of the U.S. hospital IT market. The report examines hospital budgets as well as financial, technology and department environments, and presents key findings on IT investment and enterprise resource planning. The data is from HIMSS Analytics™ Database. The 2006 and 2005 reports are also available on the site.

“These updated data and market reports, along with the legacy of the Dorenfest healthcare IT

databases, support the critical research that is needed to improve outcomes from healthcare IT investment projects,” said Sheldon I. Dorenfest, president/CEO of the Dorenfest Group in Chicago. The Dorenfest Group is a leading consultant and source of knowledge about the healthcare information technology industry.

The Dorenfest Institute was formed in January 2005 to further the interest in and benefits associated with ongoing research in health IT. This followed a generous donation of his company and its historical data assets to HIMSS Foundation by Dorenfest to further the interest in and benefits associated with ongoing research in healthcare IT.

The complete listing of databases and publications available from the Dorenfest Institute is available at [www.himss.org/dorenfestinstitute](http://www.himss.org/dorenfestinstitute), including an online registration form for access to all of the data. Contact [foundation@himss.org](mailto:foundation@himss.org) for more information on the Dorenfest Institute. ■