



Requests for Health IT Data Grow in FY2007 as Dorenfest Institute Announces Release of Free and Updated Data

Academic-related requests, which totaled 72 percent of all requests, ranked as the main reason for access to the data

CHICAGO (August 1, 2007) – As the ongoing quest continues for credible and current data on health information technology and management systems, The [Dorenfest Institute for Health Information Technology Research and Education](#), managed by the [HIMSS Foundation](#), has released updated information that includes: 1) Updated 2005 data from [HIMSS Analytics™](#) Database (derived from the Dorenfest IHDS+ Database™). 2) The 2006 Annual Report of the U.S. Hospital IT Market.

The Dorenfest Institute provides **at no charge** a variety of detailed historical data, reports, and white papers about information technology use in hospitals and integrated healthcare delivery networks 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.

From July 1, 2006 – July 30, 2007 (HIMSS fiscal year 2007), the Dorenfest Institute received 248 total requests for information database access, an increase of 190 percent from the previous fiscal year. Almost half, or 47 percent, of the approved applicants were associated with a university. All requests were reviewed; they were accepted, if they fell into one of the four categories (listed above). Of the university approved requests, 38 percent were *university students*; *university faculty* and *university other* were each 6 percent. Government totaled 3 percent of the total accepted requests. Of all requests, 85 percent were from the United States; 15 percent from outside the U.S.

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Of the accepted applicants, the majority, 72 percent, were academic related. As noted on the application form, the accepted applicants also accessed the database for the following reasons: academic research paper – 46 percent; doctoral thesis – 13 percent; masters' thesis – 12 percent; other – 12 percent; white paper – 8 percent; grant research – 6 percent; and article – 3 percent.

Information newly released and now available through the Institute includes:

The **2006 Annual Report of the U.S. Hospital IT Market**, available in PDF format on The Dorenfest Institute Web site, 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 finding on IT investment and enterprise resource planning. The data is from the HIMSS Analytics Database (derived from the Dorenfest IHDS+ Database™).

The **newly released 2005 data from the HIMSS Analytics™ Database (derived from the Dorenfest IHDS+ Database™)** covers IT use in hospitals and integrated healthcare delivery networks. The release of the 2005 data expands the current library of the Dorenfest 3000+ Databases™ and Dorenfest Integrated Healthcare Delivery System Databases™ for the period 1986 through 2003, plus the 2004 data from the HIMSS Analytics™ Database (derived from the Dorenfest IHDS+ Database™), as well as many publications on IT use in the healthcare industry during that same time period.

“With this new data, users now have expanded information that will help support their efforts in healthcare IT research and investment,” said Sheldon I. Dorenfest, former president/CEO of Sheldon I. Dorenfest and Associates, Ltd. in Chicago.

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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 the HIMSS Foundation by Dorenfest to further the interest in and benefits associated with ongoing research in health IT.

“The HIMSS Foundation continues to provide vital information to academic researchers and government agencies through this newly released compilation of research,” said R. Norris Orms, FACHE, executive director HIMSS Foundation. “The Dorenfest Institute and HIMSS Analytics have made this historical data available to help expand research-based resources on healthcare’s use of information technology and management systems.”

The complete listing of databases, white papers and publications available from the Dorenfest Institute is available at <http://www.himss.org/DorenfestInstitute/default.aspx>, including an online registration form for access to all of the data.

Visit <http://www.himss.org/pressroom/releaseDetail.asp?ContentID=62301> to read the 2005 news release on the formation of The Dorenfest Institute for Health Information Technology Research.

Contact foundation@himss.org for more information on the Dorenfest Institute.

About HIMSS Foundation

Established in 1986, the HIMSS Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of HIMSS, providing support and assistance to the organization, its members, and the industry. The HIMSS Foundation is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Projects that the Foundation supports include: [scholarships](#) for students in healthcare IT-related fields, and relief and assistance for need-based programs such as the [Katrina Phoenix Project](#).

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About HIMSS Analytics

HIMSS Analytics supports improved decision-making for healthcare organizations, healthcare IT companies and consulting firms by delivering high quality data and analytical expertise. The company collects and analyzes healthcare organization data relating to IT processes and environments, products, information systems (IS) department composition and costs, IS department management metrics, healthcare delivery trends and purchasing related decisions. HIMSS Analytics is a wholly owned, not-for-profit subsidiary of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS).

About HIMSS

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About Sheldon I. Dorenfest & Associates, Ltd.

Sheldon I. Dorenfest & Associates, Ltd., prior to its donation to HIMSS, was the leading source of information and knowledge about the healthcare information technology industry. Through its databases, market reports and analytical services, Dorenfest & Associates disseminated a wide variety of different types of information to the healthcare industry about information technology use in health care. Formed in 1976, Dorenfest & Associates was a leader in helping the healthcare information technology industry to achieve better results from their use of information technology.

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