

The Health Ireland User Group Audit and Research Prize

The Health Ireland User Group is a congress of GPs, Practice Nurses and Practice Administrators which actively supports the optimal use and ongoing development of *Health.one* (From Helix Health) a prominent electronic records and practice management software solution.

With over 400 sites nationally and links to sister products worldwide *Health.one* has been a leading choice amongst Irish GPs since the early 1990s. In recent years, development of the program has enhanced the audit and research capacity of the individual user, with powerfully adaptable data search and retrieval applications. Furthermore, the program has evolved to provide a suite of potent analytical and patient cohort management options, which include mail-merge, database export, action planning, patient alerts, individual structured care planning and linkage to the iPCRn. Never before has the practice database been such an amenable community laboratory.

Similar developments are occurring across the range of available GP software programs nationally. Increasingly, the functionality of these programs is converging and allow more and more cross-platform collaboration. The Health Ireland User Group sees *Health.one* as a continuing source of innovation, especially in the data analysis aspects of the medical records software space.

In this light, the User Group wishes to stimulate greater awareness of the research potential of the electronic record in Irish General Practice. In particular, the User Group would like to encourage experimentation and innovation using the many research tools which are built in to the *Health.one* program.

To this end it is considered that it might be timely to offer an award for audit or research projects undertaken wholly or in part using the *Health.one* platform.

The Award

It is proposed that an annual prize of €750 be awarded to a project, based in General Practice on the Island of Ireland for which the *Health.one* program is

Field of Endeavour

Audit or Research Projects using the *Health.one* program.

Criteria

The project may be based on *Health.one* databases only or on multiple databases which include at least one *Health.one* site.

The project will describe specifically the software functionality deployed in its methodology.

Special consideration will be given to projects which demonstrate advanced or innovative use of the *Health.one* program.

Special consideration will be given to projects that specifically explore or describe cross-platform methodologies

Adjudication

A subcommittee of the Health Ireland User Group and the GPIT and/or ICGP will review applications and decide the winning project by majority vote.

Timeline

It is proposed to make the award at the ICGP Audit Conference at the Annual Summer School or alternatively, at the ICGP Winter Meeting, commencing 2014.

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