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International Federation of Health Information Management Associations Releases 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

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CHICAGO: 28 September 2020 The International Federation of Health Information Management Associations (IFHIMA) Board of Directors released its 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. The Plan reaffirms IFHIMA's 53 year commitment to Health Information Management (HIM) while embracing new roles and priorities for the profession.

IFHIMA's mission is to represent and advance the global HIM profession; its vision is a healthy world enabled by quality information. IFHIMA has long recognized the need for an international organization to serve as a forum for the exchange of information relating to health information management, information privacy and clinical information. IFHIMA members are from 29 countries, across membership categories of individual, national, corporate and educational institutions. This membership encompasses the six regions of the World Health Organization (WHO).

This is a time of healthcare transformation supported by rapid technology advancement and an exponential growth of data. Digitization of records, telemedicine, patient engagement, and more, have impacted HIM professionals as they manage health information to ensure high quality data while protecting privacy. Notably, the industry is preparing for the adoption of ICD-11 over the next decade.

The [IFHIMA 2020-2025 Strategic Plan](#) recognizes these challenges as they unfold and has been defined to sustain its members and the organization as the transformation continues.

Our members and key international stakeholders will continue to look to IFHIMA for advice and expertise in health information management best practices. IFHIMA will accomplish this with four Strategic Pillars.

1. Member Engagement and Growth - IFHIMA will continue to invest in its members and demonstrate the value of membership.
2. Education, Training and Research - IFHIMA's members and key international stakeholders will look to IFHIMA for advice and expertise in HIM best practices.
3. Developing Nations - IFHIMA will strengthen its relationships with developing nations through expanded initiatives addressing education, professional recognition, and advocacy.
4. Strategic Partnerships - IFHIMA will establish and build upon its collaborative Strategic Partnerships, leveraging the knowledge and expertise of HIM professionals.



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As the world grapples with a pandemic that has taken the lives of almost a million individuals worldwide, the role of all health professionals, including HIM professionals, is paramount. The importance of health information should be obvious to everyone as data is a vital tool in treatment, research, contact tracing and vaccine development.

Since the pandemic began, IFHIMA has produced webcasts, podcasts, articles and whitepapers addressing the new privacy, workflow and behavioral challenges of COVID-19. These and other [resources](#) on privacy of health information are available to our growing membership.

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