

## **HSCN Becomes AHRMM Canadian Chapter**

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The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association is the premier organization for healthcare supply chain and materials management professionals. AHRMM strengthens the healthcare supply chain by providing leadership, education, networking, and industry-specific resources to advance the field and enhance the professional development of its individual members. With approximately 4,000 members worldwide, AHRMM offers numerous opportunities for professionals to reach their highest potential and network with the best.

HSCN, the Canadian healthcare supply chain group, is very closely aligned with AHRMM focus and principles. The HSCN board felt that being a chapter will benefit our members through increased visibility to other healthcare supply chain developments across the world. We are pleased to confirm that HSCN has been accepted as chapter affiliated with AHRMM at the Bronze level. There are no costs to HSCN with this chapter affiliation.

While HSCN has achieved an affiliation with AHRMM, you must be an AHRMM member also to obtain specific AHRMM membership benefits through their website and educational programs.

AHRMM's Chapter Affiliation Program acknowledges AHRMM's most outstanding chapters through four levels of recognition: Standard, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. To qualify for the varying levels, chapters must achieve a specified number of points from the previous calendar year's activities and have a targeted percentage of its membership affiliated with the AHRMM national association. At the Bronze Level of Affiliation, a chapter is achieving above average results in the areas of membership development and chapter programs and services.

The Affiliation Program is not ongoing. Chapters must apply every year to participate. The Program begins on January 1 and runs through December 31. HSCN has been accepted for the current year and will re-apply in subsequent years.

### **Benefits for HSCN**

- Access to all Affiliated Chapter support services, such as access to chapter news in your area, promotion of HSCN events on AHRMM website, access to AHRMM website (non member sections only).
- Bronze Level plaque
- Invitation for 2 Chapter Officers to attend the Leadership & Achievement Breakfast at the Annual Conference. Recognition at the Annual Conference Leadership & Achievement Breakfast.
- \$120 administration fee for Continuing Education Units (a 60% discount)
- Recognition on www.ahrmm.org as Bronze Level Chapter

As HSCN continues to grow in membership and services, we feel that this affiliation with AHRMM will give HSCN access to even more information on how the healthcare supply chain is evolving globally and help us profile the excellent work being done in Canada. The opportunity to learn from a broader base of suppliers and providers will help us all in our search for Leading Practice.

*Our mission is to establish and promote Canadian healthcare supply chain standards and leading practices, and to provide executional support for all healthcare stakeholders that result in improved effectiveness and efficiency, improved patient outcomes and greater alignment between supply chain partners.*