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2006 Cheers Awards Nomination Deadline Extended

Individuals, hospitals, health systems, and companies that have made extraordinary advances in the field of patient safety over the last year now have more time to be considered for a Cheers Award from the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP). The nominations deadline for the awards has been **extended to midnight on August 24, 2006**.

The annual ISMP Cheers Awards are one of the most prestigious ways to recognize true leaders in the field of patient safety. Award categories are: individuals or small groups; hospitals and healthcare organizations; and professional organizations or group collaboratives. In addition, an *ISMP Medication Safety Alert!* subscriber award is given each year to an organization that widely distributes the newsletter and uses its information to improve medication safety.

Award recipients are recognized for their outstanding contributions at the annual Cheers dinner banquet. They will receive an award, travel stipend to attend the banquet, and national recognition for their work. The 2006 awards dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, December 5, at the Hilton Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif. This year's keynote speaker is Charles R. Denham, MD, Chairman of Texas Medical Institute of Technology, a non-profit medical research organization dedicated to driving adoption of clinical solutions in patient safety and healthcare performance.

To submit a nomination, visit ISMP online at www.ismp.org/Cheers/default.asp or call 215-947-7797. Self-nominations are encouraged.

ISMP is a nonprofit organization that works closely with health care practitioners, consumers, hospitals, regulatory agencies and professional organizations to provide education about preventing medication errors. ISMP is recognized as the premier international resource in all matters pertaining to safe medication practices in health care organizations.