

## **IFCC, Abbott and Health Industry Leaders partners in the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award announce twelve integrated clinical care teams receiving recognition from the Award programme**

*Milan, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019* - Last year the IFCC (International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine) joined Abbott and other six leading healthcare organizations across the globe including AACC, EHMA, Modern Healthcare, HIMSS, NAHQ, and IHE, to launch the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award.

The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award annually recognizes interdisciplinary care teams who collaborate across disciplines and transform healthcare delivery, and ultimately patient lives. The programme's goal is to inspire innovative solutions within healthcare that will positively affect patients, clinicians, payors, and health systems globally, to highlight best practices, inspire unity and to encourage novel, avant-garde ways of thinking, as the name UNIVANTS suggests.

This year, twelve innovative care teams are being recognized for excellence in measurably better healthcare performance:

- 3 teams have been awarded the inaugural distinction of 2019 UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence WINNERS
- 7 teams were finalists, receiving the honours of DISTINCTION
- 2 teams were semi-finalists with honours of ACHIEVEMENT.

The 2019 awarded teams submitted care projects highlight the emerging power of informatics (43% involve algorithms and/or longitudinal analysis of clinical data for maximized patient care), an industry focus on prevention (moving from "sick" care to patient wellness), and the power of teamwork (stakeholder engagement within and outside core laboratory) for improved healthcare delivery.

More details associated with each of the winning teams are available at: <https://www.diagnostics.abbott/int/en/univants-healthcare-excellence>.

The [UnivantsHCE.com](https://www.univantshce.com) website is now accepting applications for 2020 award recognition. The Award is open to all healthcare professionals and professional teams regardless of affiliation.

Submissions must:

- Demonstrate that an integrated clinical care team had a measurable impact on key performance indicators (KPIs) for patients, payors, clinicians, and entire health systems.

- Highlight a clinical care team's success against key programme attributes, including integrated teams that have used laboratory medicine in partnership with other teams to address unmet needs and/or gaps in care.

For questions or more details about the programme, write to:  
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## **About UNIVANTS**

The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Award recognizes integrated clinical care teams that work together to achieve better health system performance through new technology, insights and solutions. These "Unifiers" have stepped up to drive collaboration and have demonstrated in exemplary fashion the following:

- Avant-Garde in their approach to solving problems
- Using lab intelligence to achieve measurably better outcomes
- Transforming healthcare delivery with measurable impact to patients, clinicians, payors and entire health systems

The award program is open to all healthcare professionals and teams globally regardless of affiliation with Abbott or any partner of the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence program. All partners, excluding Abbott, evaluate submissions and select winners. Applications for the 2020 award will start being accepted August 1, 2019 with a deadline of February 28, 2020. For more information on the UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence Awards, the 2019 award winners, as well as the award application, visit [UnivantsHCE.com](http://UnivantsHCE.com).

## **About IFCC**

IFCC advances excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide.

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