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'Leadership for Smooth Patient Flow' Named ACHE Book of the Year

CHICAGO, January 24, 2008—Kirk Jensen, MD, Thom A. Mayer, MD, Shari J. Welch, MD, and Carol Haraden, PhD, are the winners of the American College of Healthcare Executives 2008 James A. Hamilton book of the year award for *Leadership for Smooth Patient Flow: Improved Outcomes, Improved Service, Improved Bottom Line*.

The award will be presented on March 11, 2008, at the Tuesday Hot Topic Session #1 during the American College of Healthcare Executives 51st Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. The award is given annually to the author(s) of a management or healthcare book judged outstanding by ACHE's Book of the Year Committee.

The James A. Hamilton Award is underwritten by the Alumni Association of the Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, in honor of the late James A. Hamilton, FACHE, the program's founder and course director between 1946 and 1966 and ACHE's 1939–1940 Chairman.

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In *Leadership for Smooth Patient Flow*, published by Health Administration Press, the authors explain the fundamentals of patient flow and provide a solid case for pursuing improvement efforts. Using real-life examples to explain common patient flow theories and improvement efforts, the book focuses on the practical information and leadership techniques healthcare executives can use to foster change and remove barriers to smooth patient flow.

Jensen, who has more than 20 years' experience in emergency medicine management and clinical care, is chief medical officer for BestPractices Inc., a national resource in physician leadership and management, and a faculty member of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. He also served on the expert panel and site examination team for Urgent Matters, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative. Mayer is president and CEO of BestPractices Inc. and the medical director of the NFL Players Association. Welch is a faculty member at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and is on the clinical faculty at the Urgent Matters Project for the Patient Flow Network. Haraden is vice president at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

Other Recommended Reading

The Book of the Year Committee recommends two additional books: *Strategic Cost Reduction: Leading Your Hospital to Success*, by Michael E. Rindler, published by Health Administration Press, and *Improving Primary Care: Strategies & Tools for a Better Practice*, by Thomas Bodenheimer, MD, and Kevin Grumbach, MD, published by McGraw-Hill.

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