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***Why Hospitals Should Fly* Named ACHE Book of the Year**

CHICAGO, January 9, 2009—John J. Nance, JD, is the winner of the American College of Healthcare Executives 2009 James A. Hamilton book of the year award for *Why Hospitals Should Fly: The Ultimate Flight Plan to Patient Safety and Quality Care*.

The award will be presented on March 24, 2009, at the Tuesday morning Hot Topic Session during the American College of Healthcare Executives' 52nd 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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Why Hospitals Should Fly, published by Second River Healthcare Press, is a narrative chronicling the transformational journey of the fictional St. Michael's Memorial Hospital. In the book, Nance uses the hospital to illustrate what healthcare could and must do to realize exceptional patient safety and quality care. The hospital's characters experience problems faced in today's hospitals and develop and adopt real-life solutions that improve patient care. The book serves as a call to action, presenting readers with the realities of what it will take to make America's hospitals the safest and most reliable in the world.

Nance, a speaker, consultant and best-selling author, is one of the founding members of the National Patient Safety Foundation. A broadcast analyst and advocate for medical/patient safety and aviation safety, he is the Aviation Analyst for ABC World News and Good Morning America. Nance is a decorated Air Force officer-pilot, a veteran of Vietnam and Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield and a lieutenant colonel in the USAF Reserve. He also is the author of 18 books, both fiction and nonfiction, including *Blind Trust*, which sheds light on public issues in aviation safety in America and is widely credited with helping spark the earliest infusion of culture-changing lessons from aviation into medical practice.

Other Recommended Reading

The Book of the Year Committee recommends two additional books: *Strengthening Ethical Wisdom*, by Jack A. Gilbert, EdD, FACHE, published by Health Forum Inc. (AHA Press), and *Hospitalists: A Guide to Building and Sustaining a Successful Program*, by Joseph A. Miller, John Nelson and Winthrop F. Whitcomb, published by Health Administration Press.

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