

AHIMA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and philanthropic arm of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) dedicated to empowering people with health information literacy to achieve better health outcomes. Founded in 1962, AHIMA Foundation programs, research, and projects help families make informed health decisions, guide evidence-based healthcare system policies and practices, and educate and train aspiring and current health information professionals.

**We recognize health information is human information.**

## RESEARCH AGENDA TO EXPLORE

Our research agenda aligns with the six Healthy People 2030 objectives related to health literacy – developed by the Health Communication and Health Information Technology Workgroup.

**1**

Increase the proportion of adults whose health care provider checked their understanding

**2**

Decrease the proportion of adults who report poor communication with their health care provider

**3**

Increase the proportion of adults whose health care providers involved them in decisions as much as they wanted

**4**

Increase the proportion of people who say their online medical record is easy to understand

**5**

Increase the proportion of adults with limited English proficiency who say their providers explain things clearly

**6**

Increase the health literacy of the population

## STATEMENT OF NEED

**91 million**

Americans struggle to access, understand and use their health information -- nearly 1/3 of all U.S. adults. (CDC)

**Digital Health Equity is a Necessity** in the 21st Century Cures Act Era. (JAMA)

**35%** of U.S. adults have gone online to figure out a medical condition. (Pew Research Center)

Lessons drawn from the 4000-year history of the medical record may help healthcare professionals improve patient care in the digital age. (AJM)

**Digital health literacy is a social determinant of health.** (JAMA)

Improving health literacy could prevent nearly 1 million hospital visits and save over \$25 billion a year. (CDC)

## PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS TO EMPOWER & ENGAGE

*\*Program currently seeking funding opportunities*

### Community

- \* **Better Health is in Your Hands** patient education campaign
- \* Digital health accessibility storytelling partnerships as part of our **Health Literacy for Health Equity** initiative

### Education

- Annual Scholarship Program** for student members in pursuit of degrees in Health Information Management or Health Informatics
- \* **Education and resources to help hospitals improve their digital experience** in a way that is compliant, accessible, and informed by our research and the lived experiences of patients with disabilities

### Workforce

- Institute for Healthcare Advancement (IHA) Health Literacy Specialist Certificate** for AHIMA-approved CEUs
- Mark Dietz Leadership Webinar Series** preparing health information professionals to take on new challenges in healthcare
- \* **Health Information History Center**, a resource for AHIMA members, current and future health information and public health professionals, as well as scholars and others interested in the evolution of the profession and the history of medical record keeping

## ADVOCACY TO CHAMPION

Advancing AHIMA's consumer-focused advocacy agenda focused on individual access, consumer engagement, privacy, cybersecurity, behavioral health and interoperability, healthcare reform, health equity, telehealth & remote patient monitoring, public health, and the social determinants of health

Affiliate organization: **Telehealth Equity Coalition** and **National Digital Inclusion Alliance**