

## Stephen Wood, FHIMSS, Wins June Spirit Award

**Stephen Wood, Managing Partner of HealthCare Perspective, LLC**, has received the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Spirit Award for June 2009. The Spirit of HIMSS award recognized members who exemplify the mission of HIMSS through their recent volunteer efforts within the society. Mr. Wood has spent the past year working with the HIMSS Quality & Price Reporting Collaborative Work Group to examine key quality and price reporting initiatives, and identify how health IT is currently used to capture and report pricing and clinical outcomes data. In collaboration with Davina Vaswani, MHA and Evelyn Gallego-Haag, MBA, MPH, the group conducted a thorough environmental scan, explored technology utilization and hosted a well-received roundtable discussion at HIMSS09. The culmination of their work will be the publication this fall of a white paper summarizing their findings regarding healthcare price and quality transparency in the healthcare arena.

The release of this important initiative comes amidst the debate about healthcare reform in this country. This paper offers vital information about the need for increased transparency around quality and price reporting in healthcare and how IT can improve consumer access and understanding of what they are buying with their healthcare dollar.

“These three group members have facilitated the majority of the project’s deliverables and deserve to be commended on their extensive and time-consuming work towards this important initiative,” said Pam Matthews, RN, FHIMSS, senior director, healthcare information systems, HIMSS, and staff liaison of the work group. Mr. Wood is a member of the Financial Systems Steering Committee and co-chair of the Quality & Price Reporting Collaborative Work Group. He has a unique blend of over 35 years of information systems and financial management experience in healthcare.