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**NCPDP President, Lee Ann Stember, Honored As One of the  
Most Powerful Women in Healthcare IT**

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ – May 18, 2017** – [NCPDP](#) announced that this week, its President, Lee Ann Stember, was honored as one of the [Most Powerful Women in Healthcare IT](#). *Health Data Management's* editorial team launched the program in 2016 to give recognition to this under-represented group, and raise the profile of honorees and the importance of diversity.

“When I first came into the workforce, there were too few women in leadership positions,” explained Stember. “While we have seen progress, it doesn’t happen without actively mentoring tomorrow’s leaders. This is a personal passion, and a wonderful dialogue to have with others who were honored at this week’s Most Powerful Women in Healthcare IT event.”

NCPDP, a not-for-profit, multi-stakeholder, problem-solving forum, has consistently anticipated changes in the industry and led its transformation and advancement through the use of standards and technology. Many of the challenges NCPDP tackled under Stember’s leadership over the past 36 years bear striking similarity to those faced today: data silos and lack of interoperability, administrative inefficiencies, declining margins, increased pressure on physicians and other providers to improve patient health and safety, and streamline costs.

Under Stember’s leadership, NCPDP has taken on these difficult challenges, leading the private sector to lay aside competitive and business interests and take steps to move the industry forward for the ultimate benefit of the industry as a whole and more importantly, in the best interest of patients. The results are staggering - billions of dollars in savings for the industry; support for innovation and interoperability; safeguards for patient safety; and support for pharmacists and their role in improving patient care.

“This is a tremendous honor,” explained Stember. “Just last week we held NCPDP’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, and invited our Past Chairs and members to share memories as we celebrated key milestones. It is energizing to look back at what we have accomplished as we look ahead at all that must be done. It is truly a team effort, and I proudly share this recognition by *Health Data Management* with our member volunteers, Board of Trustees, executive leadership, and staff.”

Stember continued, “As a community, we have seen the importance of leading and embracing change, diversity of perspectives and experience, mentoring and cultivating the next generation of leaders. These are hallmarks of our culture at NCPDP that will keep our organization at the forefront of improving healthcare and the healthcare experience.”

Download a high resolution photo of Stember at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ncpdp/>

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Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with approximately 1,500 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry. Our diverse membership provides leadership and healthcare business solutions through education and standards, created using the consensus building process. NCPDP has been named in federal legislation, including HIPAA, MMA, and HITECH. NCPDP members have created standards such as the Telecommunication Standard and Batch Standard, the SCRIPT Standard for ePrescribing, the Manufacturers Rebate Standard and more to improve communication within the pharmacy industry. Our data products include dataQ<sup>®</sup>, a robust database of information on more than 80,000 pharmacies, resQ<sup>™</sup>, an industry pharmacy credentialing resource, and HCidea<sup>®</sup>, an innovative prescriber database that provides continually updated information on more than 2.5 million prescribers. NCPDP's RxReconn<sup>®</sup> is a legislative tracking product for real-time monitoring of pharmacy-related state and national legislative and regulatory activity. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Data Services, Products, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at <http://www.ncpdp.org> or call 480.477.1000.

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