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## Deborah Sprindzunas Honored As 2018 AHRMM Leadership Award Recipient

**CHICAGO, August 13, 2018** — The Association for Health Care Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) has named Deborah Sprindzunas, executive director of AHRMM, as the 2018 recipient of the George R. Gossett Leadership Award.

[The Leadership Award](#) is presented in memory of George R. Gossett, an early president of AHRMM. Gossett envisioned the prominence of resource and materials management in the health care field and championed the educational and professional development of the resource and materials management discipline. It is the highest honor bestowed by AHRMM and is given to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of leadership and professionalism in the field, made significant contributions to AHRMM and advanced the health care supply chain.

“Deborah is a leader. Leadership involves action and listening to feedback from those around you. Deborah has the ability to effectively communicate and gain commitment toward a shared vision. Her commitment to advancing the health care supply chain profession is inspiring and unparalleled,” said President and CEO, Nexera Inc. and Acurity Inc., Christopher J. O’Connor.

Sprindzunas has served as executive director of the [Association for Health Care Resource & Materials Management \(AHRMM\)](#) for 20 years. It is under her leadership that AHRMM has become the leading health care supply chain organization nationwide. In her role, Deborah handles strategic planning, budget and finances, board and executive committee relations, staffing, the direction of the association, collaborative relationships, AHA and PMG relations, media relations, sponsorship development, elections, board task forces, and other projects as needed.

“I am incredibly humbled to receive this honor and recognition, and at the same time it was completely unexpected,” said Sprindzunas. “Every day for the past 20 years, I’ve come to work motivated by knowing that what health care supply chain professionals do every day impacts patients in such a positive way. Often they are the unsung—and unseen—heroes.”

Sprindzunas has been committed to the growth of the health care supply chain professional by ensuring AHRMM offers the latest educational programming and networking opportunities for health care supply chain professionals across the nation. She has also continued to develop and expand AHRMM’s educational programs, bringing stronger educational offerings to the annual conference, regional meetings, chapter meetings, and online offerings through its [website](#).

Sprindzunas received the award on Monday, August 13, at AHRMM’s Annual Conference in Chicago.

### About AHRMM

The Association for Health Care Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association is the leading membership group for health care supply chain professionals. AHRMM strives to advance health care through supply chain excellence by providing education, leadership, and advocacy necessary for its members to remain at the top of their field. With more than 4,300 members, AHRMM offers numerous opportunities for professionals to reach their highest potential and grow their network. For more information, please visit [www.ahrmm.org](http://www.ahrmm.org).

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