

# AHIMA Announces Lynne Thomas Gordon as CEO

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Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, FACHE, has joined AHIMA as chief executive officer. The association's Board of Directors announced the appointment September 8, and she assumed duties September 29.

Thomas Gordon joins AHIMA after serving as associate vice president for hospital operations and director of the Children's Hospital at Rush University Medical Center. She also is a member of the Rush University faculty in the graduate program in health systems management.

She looks forward to "helping move the organization forward in challenging yet exciting times," she says, "making sure people not only understand our vision but live it and breathe it-making our vision come alive."

She is eager to begin working with the board and association staff and meeting members and volunteers and looks forward to "talking to everyone and learning from one another." AHIMA's annual convention, beginning just days after her appointment, will provide her with plenty of opportunity.

## Leadership Experience and Association Involvement

Prior to Rush University Medical Center, Thomas Gordon served as the administrator of Houston Medical Center in Georgia and chief operating officer of Children's Hospital of Michigan and Shands AGH in Florida. She started her HIM leadership career at Piedmont Hospital and progressed to positions of increasing responsibility in the health information and operations areas at Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center in Atlanta.

Thomas Gordon holds active membership in AHIMA and the American College of Healthcare Executives. She has served on the information management taskforce of the Joint Commission and as a governor on the ACHE board. She held additional offices for ACHE and was awarded their Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent's Award.

She is a past president and board director for the Georgia Health Information Management Association and a recipient of the GHIMA Distinguished Member Award. Thomas Gordon also has received AHIMA's Achievement and Education-Practitioner Awards and has served on the AHIMA Nominating Committee and as a member of the House of Delegates.

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