Eisenhower Among Nation's Most Wired Hospitals

Eisenhower Medical Center has been named as one of 154 of the nation's Most Wired hospitals according to the results of the 2012 Most Wired Survey Benchmarking Study released in the July issue of Hospitals & Health Networks, the journal of the American Hospital Association (AHA).

According to the study, the nation's Most Wired hospitals are leveraging the adoption and use of health information technology (IT) to improve performance in a number of areas. As a theme, hospitals are focused on expanding and adopting IT that protects patient data, and optimizes patient flow and communications.

Health Care's Most Wired Survey asked hospitals and health systems nationwide to answer questions regarding their IT initiatives. Respondents representing 1,570 hospitals were considered for the award.

"We are proud of the work we have accomplished as a team and are honored to be recognized as a Most Wired hospital," says David Perez, Eisenhower's Chief Information Officer. "Our continued strategic investments in information technology over the past decade have truly enhanced our ability to provide excellent patient care, as well as enhance quality and patient safety."

Among the key findings this year:

74% of Most Wired hospitals and 57 percent of all surveyed hospitals use automated patient flow systems.

90% of Most Wired hospitals and 73 percent of all hospitals surveyed use performance improvement scorecards to help reduce inefficiencies.

100% of Most Wired hospitals check drug interactions and drug allergies when medications are ordered as a major step in reducing medication errors.

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