Eisenhower Named 2013 Most Wired Two Years in a Row

Nation's Most Wired Hospitals Demonstrate Progress Through Innovation

For the second consecutive year, Eisenhower Medical Center has been recognized as one of the nation's "Most Wired" health care facilities, according to the results of the 2013 Most Wired Survey released in the July issue of Hospitals & Health Networks magazine. Eisenhower is the first and only hospital in the Coachella Valley to receive the recognition.

"This year's Most Wired organizations exemplify progress through innovation," says Rich Umbdenstock, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association. "The hospital field can learn from these outstanding organizations ways that IT can help to improve efficiency."

Among some of the key findings from this year's survey:

• Sixty-nine percent of Most Wired hospitals and 60 percent of all surveyed hospitals report that medication orders are entered electronically by physicians. This represents a significant increase from 2004 results when only 27 percent of Most Wired hospitals and 12 percent of all hospitals responded, "Yes."
• Seventy-one percent of Most Wired hospitals have an electronic disease registry to identify and manage gaps in care across a population compared with 51 percent of total responders.
• Sixty-six percent of Most Wired hospitals share patient discharge data with affiliated hospitals, in

comparison to 49 percent of the total responders. Thirty-seven percent of Most Wired hospitals do so with non-affiliated hospitals versus 24 percent of total responders.

“Being recognized as a Most Wired Hospital two years in a row demonstrates Eisenhower Medical Center’s commitment to the use of information technology in assisting with the overall care, safety and confidentiality of our patients,” says David Perez, Chief Information Officer, Eisenhower Medical Center.

Health Care’s Most Wired Survey, conducted between January 15 and March 15, asked hospitals and health systems nationwide to answer questions regarding their IT initiatives. Respondents completed 659 surveys, representing 1,713 hospitals, or roughly 30 percent of all U.S. hospitals.

The July H&HN cover story detailing results is available at www.hhnmag.com.

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