

Hammond-Henry Hospital Receives Health Care's 2016 Most Wired

Hammond-Henry Hospital is one of the nation's Most Wired- Small and Rural Hospitals, according to Hospitals and Health Networks (H&HN), an American Hospital Association publication. Technology is improving the efficiency of care delivery and creating a new dynamic in patient interactions, according to results of the 18th Annual Health Care's Most Wired® survey, released July 6, 2016 by the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Health Forum.

The 2016 Most Wired- Small and Rural award requires development in the four survey focus areas. The four focus areas are: infrastructure, business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety, and clinical integration.

“We are proud to receive the Most Wired award for the third year in a row,” said Jeff Lingerfelt, CEO at Hammond-Henry Hospital. “This award demonstrates our commitment to technology and it reflects the hard work and dedication of our employees and medical staff.” One focus area is clinical integration, which includes an electronic medical record (EMR). Jeff also stated, “The EMR makes it easier for patients to have access to portions of their medical record through the patient portal on the hospital's website. The EMR is readily available for the providers and authorized staff, which allows us to provide quality care to our patients.”

In redefining the way that they provide care in their communities, Most Wired hospitals are using technology to build patient engagement with the individual's lifestyle in mind, which includes electronic access to their care team. Sixty-eight percent accept patient-generated data through the patient portal.

“Hospitals are breaking out of their traditional four walls and providing care where and when patients need it,” said Rick Pollack, president and CEO of the AHA. “These Most Wired hospitals exemplify this transformation by harnessing technology, engaging patients and offering services remotely. And, removing policy and other barriers to telehealth will allow even faster adoption of these amazing technologies.”

The survey of 680 participants, representing an estimated 2,146 hospitals—more than 34 percent of all hospitals in the U.S.—examines how organizations are leveraging IT to improve performance for value-based health care in the areas of infrastructure, business and administrative management; quality and safety; and clinical integration. Detailed results of the survey and study can be found in the July issue of H&HN. For a full list of winners, visit www.hhnmag.com/mostwired.

