

Carson City Hospital named 2010 Most Wired



CARSON CITY — Carson City Hospital (CCH) has been recognized as one of the nation's Most Wired-Small and Rural hospitals, according to the results of the 2010 Most Wired Survey released in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine. CCH is one of only 25 hospitals in the United States recognized with a Most Wired award in this category this year.

Hospitals understand the importance of health information technology (IT) and the benefits of its widespread adoption, yet as a field still face significant barriers to implementation according to a newly released survey of America's Most Wired hospitals and health systems.

Carson City Hospital has received the Most Wired award eight times since 1999.

"We're so proud of this award, because we know here at Carson City Hospital that having a solid, state-of-the-art technology infrastructure improves our efficiency, as well as the quality and safety of care for our patients," said Bruce L. Traverse, CCH President and CEO. "That's why we work so hard to build this outstanding technological infrastructure – for our patients."

This year's survey reveals continued progress for hospitals in patient safety initiatives, including the fact that 51% of medication orders were done electronically by physicians at Most Wired hospitals, up from 49% last year.

Survey results speak to the fact that the full potential of health IT has not been met and that the use of electronic medical record (EHR) functions is still not widespread, even with independent physicians who practice within hospitals.

The 2010 Most Wired Survey is redesigned this year to reflect two years of work with an advisory group to continually improve the Most Wired Survey. The 2010 Most Wired Survey represents a new structure and methodology with an increased use of analytics and reporting. The advisory group was comprised of leaders from the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME), chief information officers, Most Wired staff and vendors. Additionally, the new methodology was made available to the entire CHIME membership for review and comment.

Hospitals & Health Networks conducted the 2010 survey in cooperation with McKesson Corporation and CHIME. The July *H&HN* cover story detailing results is available at www.hhnmag.com.

About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and 38,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

About the Most Wired Survey

Hospitals & Health Networks, the journal of the AHA, conducts the voluntary Most Wired Survey annually which uses the results to name Most Wired hospitals and health systems. It is based on organizations' level of achievement in four focus areas: Business and Administrative Management, Clinical Quality and Safety, Care Continuum and Infrastructure.

McKesson Corporation is a healthcare services and information technology company dedicated to helping its customers deliver high-quality healthcare by reducing costs, streamlining processes, and improving the quality and safety of patient care.

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) is an executive organization dedicated to serving chief information officers and other senior healthcare IT leaders. CHIME provides a highly interactive, trusted environment enabling senior professional and industry leaders to collaborate; exchange best practices; address professional development needs; and advocate the effective use of information management to improve the health and healthcare in the communities they serve.

For more information about Carson City Hospital, visit online at www.carsoncityhospital.com.

Carson City Hospital and its 10 family-practice affiliates make up the Carson Health Network, which is committed to improving the health and wellness of the community. Carson City Hospital is a 77-bed acute-care hospital affiliated with the Sparrow Health System. Located in central Michigan, the Carson Health Network serves the communities of Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia and Montcalm counties. Its affiliated physician offices are located in Ashley, Carson City, Greenville, Fowler, Ithaca, Lyons, Maple Rapids and Stanton. You can learn more online at www.carsoncityhospital.com. Carson City Hospital: Comprehensive Care. Close To Home.