

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Amerinet Member Hospitals Recognized Among Best in Healthcare Information Technology

Healthcare information technology plays an important and ever-growing role in the enhancement of quality patient care. To ensure quality and patient safety, healthcare facilities must invest in IT resources.

Recognizing this, many Amerinet members have taken a leading role in the implementation of technology to help them reach optimal operational and financial efficiency.

Twenty-nine Amerinet member hospitals were recently recognized among America's 100 "Most Wired" hospitals and health systems in a 2009 survey and benchmarking study conducted by Hospitals and Health Networks (H&HN), the journal of the American Hospital Association. Member facilities were also recognized in the Most Improved, Most Wireless and Most Wired – Small and Rural.

This year, 556 hospitals and health systems completed the survey, representing 1,314 hospitals. The survey asks hospitals to report on how they use information technology to address five key areas: safety and quality, customer service, business processes, workforce and public health and safety.

"These facilities truly understand the benefits of IT in improving the quality of healthcare," said Todd Ebert, Amerinet president and CEO. "We congratulate them and are proud to partner with them in serving their communities."

Amerinet offers a wide variety of information technology solutions to its members. By partnering with Amerinet's information technology solutions suppliers, healthcare CFOs and CIOs can prioritize investments for maximum return and cost savings, and ensure effective IT implementation.

Amerinet's information technology solutions include:

- Electronic health records and health information exchange services
- Hardware - desktops, laptops, servers and peripherals
- Network, communications and telecom equipment and services
- Security and business continuity systems
- Staffing and outsourcing solutions
- Consulting solutions
- Clinical and financial applications and systems

The Amerinet member facilities honored among the 100 Most Wired were:

- Akron General Medical Center – Akron, Ohio
- AtlantiCare – Egg Harbor Township, N.J.
- Central DuPage Health – Winfield, Ill.
- Citizens Memorial Hospital – Bolivar, Mo.
- Concord Hospital – Concord, N.H.
- Covenant Health – Knoxville, Tenn.
- Dublin Methodist Hospital – Dublin, Ohio
- Eastern Maine Medical Center – Bangor, Maine
- Geisinger Health System – Danville, Pa.
- Hunterdon Healthcare System – Flemington, N.J.
- Inland Northwest Health Services (Hospital) – Spokane, Wash.
- Intermountain Healthcare – Salt Lake City, Utah
- Loyola University Medical Center – Maywood, Ill.
- Maimonides Medical Center – Brooklyn, N.Y.
- MedCentral – Mansfield Hospital – Mansfield, Ohio
- MedCentral – Shelby Hospital – Shelby, Ohio
- MedStar Health – Columbia, Md.
- Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center – New York, N.Y.
- MultiCare Health System – Tacoma, Wash.
- NorthShore University Health System – Evanston, Ill.
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital – Chicago, Ill.
- Partners HealthCare – Boston, Mass.
- ProMedica Health System – Toledo, Ohio
- Rush University Medical Center – Chicago, Ill.
- Susquehanna Health – Williamsport, Pa.
- UAMS Medical Center – Little Rock, Ark.
- University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago – Chicago, Ill.
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Valley Health System – Ridgewood, N.J.

Most Improved:

- Central Peninsula Hospital – Soldotna, Alaska
- Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital – Dixon, Ill.
- Knapp Medical Center – Weslaco, Texas
- McDonough District Hospital – Macomb, Ill.
- Norwalk Hospital – Norwalk, Conn.
- Rady Children's Hospital and Health Center – San Diego
- Washington County Hospital and Nursing Home – Chatom, Ala.
- Wheeling Hospital – Wheeling, W.Va.

Most Wired Small and Rural:

- Adena Regional Medical Center – Chillicothe, Ohio
- Bothwell Regional Health Center – Sedalia, Mo.
- Cullman Regional Medical Center – Cullman, Ala.
- Inland Northwest Health Services – WA & ID Region – Spokane, Wash.
- Marion General Hospital – Marion, Ind.
- Northern Michigan Regional Hospital – Petoskey, Mich.
- Otsego Memorial Hospital – Gaylord, Mich.

- Reid Hospital & Health Care Services – Richmond, Ind.
- Robert Packer Hospital – Sayre, Pa.
- Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System I – Mattoon, Ill.
- Shenandoah Memorial Hospital – Woodstock, Va.

Most Wireless:

- Central DuPage Hospital – Winfield, Ill.
- HealthAlliance Hospital –Leominster, Mass.
- Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center –New York
- MultiCare Health System – Tacoma, Wash
- NorthShore University HealthSystem – Evanston, Ill.
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital – Chicago Rush University Medical Center – Chicago, Ill.