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Greenwich Hospital Named 2009 Most Wired Hospital

For the ninth time in eleven years, Greenwich Hospital has been selected a Most Wired award winner by *Hospitals & Health Networks (H&HN)* in its July issue. *H&HN* is a trade magazine published by the American Hospital Association. This recognition is based on technology advancements made by the organizations to enhance patient safety, clinical quality and customer service in healthcare centers.

According to the magazine, the nation's 100 Most Wired hospitals have demonstrated better outcomes in four key areas - mortality rates, patient safety, length of stay and the federal government's "Hospital Compare" core measures.

Information Systems projects at the hospital touched every computer and phone over the past year, and changed the way clinical areas provided care. Among the new initiatives were computerized physician order entry and barcode medication verification linked to the electronic medication administration record (commonly known as CPOE, BMV, and eMAR).

This is the 11th year that Hospitals and Health Networks has conducted the Most Wired survey and benchmarking study, polling the nation's hospitals on the use of information technology. The awards were based on responses from 556 hospitals and health systems that completed the survey, representing 1,327 hospitals. Hospitals and Health Networks conducted the 2009 survey in cooperation with American Hospital Association, Accenture, College of Healthcare Information Management Executives and McKesson Corporation.

This award and recognition comes after HIMSS Analytics, a subsidiary of Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) scored Greenwich Hospital among the top 1 percent of U.S. hospitals for its clinicians' use of electronic medical entry and other advanced uses of technology that contribute to safe patient care and treatment. YNHH achieved state 6, HIMSS second highest level and was one of only 57 U.S. hospitals that attained HIMSS's two highest levels.

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