

UC San Diego Health System Receives "Most Wired" Award

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For the sixth consecutive year, UC San Diego Health System was named one of the nation's "Most Wired" by Hospitals and Health Networks, a publication of the American Hospital Association. The list credits the top-ranking hospitals that have successfully adopted information technology to improve patient outcomes, streamline clinical practices and decrease the occurrence of medical errors and, in general, leverage information technology to improve Health System's performance across multiple dimensions.

"Leveraging technology to improve patient care is hardwired into our thinking at UC San Diego Health System," said Chief Executive Officer Tom Jackiewicz. "Technology enables the kind of efficient exchanges that speed care, increase accuracy of communication and inspire innovative care for patients locally and in telemedicine clinics."

"For more than 10 years, UC San Diego Health System has invested in information technology to improve the quality of patient care as well as elevate the safety and efficiency of healthcare delivery. This trend is now echoed in the national healthcare agenda," said Ed Babakanian, Chief Information Officer. "In addition to improving patient outcomes, we can also leverage vast amounts of data collected by our health system to drive research and teach our next generation of doctors."

UC San Diego Health System's listing appears in the publication's thirteenth annual survey and benchmarking study. The award recognizes that, when compared to nearly 5,000 hospitals in the country, UC San Diego Health System has an advanced information technology infrastructure that efficiently uses multiple technologies to connect clinical systems. The results are enhanced patient experience and quality of care.

Hospitals and Health Networks highlights top-ranking hospitals that are evaluated by how they use information technology in five areas: business processes, customer service, safety and quality, workforce, and public health and safety. Successful adaptation of information technology at hospitals results in streamlined clinical practices, increased patient outcomes, decreased medical errors, and improved satisfaction, customer service and patient care.

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