

## UC San Diego Health System Receives “Most Wired” and “Most Wireless” Awards

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**F**or the fifth consecutive year, UC San Diego Health System was named one of the nation’s “Most Wired” and, for the fourth time, one of the top “Most Wireless” 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.

The UC San Diego Health System’s listing appears in the publication’s twelfth annual survey and benchmarking study. Both awards recognize 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 the quality of care.

“We are honored to once again receive this honor knowing that it is a tangible symbol of UC San Diego Health System’s commitment to better serving our patients,” said Chief Executive Officer Tom Jackiewicz.

“We believe that Information Technology can be leveraged to help our faculty and staff to provide excellent care and efficient services to patients and each other. The Most Wired designation is really recognition of the outstanding work done by everyone across our health system to creatively adopt and use technology,” said Ed Babakanian, Chief Information Officer.

*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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