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VA Health Care Entities Named to 2013 “Most Wired” Hospitals List

SAN DIEGO, Calif. –The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), representing 151 VA medical centers, including VA San Diego Healthcare System was recently named to the 2013 “Most Wired” hospitals list. The list, which is released by *Hospitals & Health Networks*, in partnership with McKesson, the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) and the American Hospital Association (AHA), is the result of a national survey aimed at ranking hospitals which are leveraging health information technology (HIT) in new and innovative ways.

The survey, which was conducted between January 15, and March 15, 2013, polled 1,713 hospitals and health systems nationwide to answer questions regarding their information technology (IT) initiatives. Overall, roughly 30 percent of all U.S. hospitals were surveyed.

“VA is honored to have its integrated health care system on the ‘Most Wired’ hospitals list for the first time ever,” said Dr. Robert Petzel, Under Secretary for Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs. “VA is dedicated to providing Veteran patients with the best experience possible. Integrating health IT into our everyday processes throughout our vast health care system has helped us to accomplish that goal. This recognition and this year’s 10th anniversary of the introduction of VA’s Personal Health Record, My HealthVet, indicate we’ve made great strides in accomplishing our goals, and we’re eager to build on this progress.”

With this designation, for the first time, all VA medical centers nationwide were named to the 2013 “Most Wired” list. Locations of all VA medical centers can be found here:

<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp>.

The full list of 2013’s “Most Wired” hospitals and the entire report can be found in the July *H&HN* cover story detailing results available at www.hhnmag.com.

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