AnMed Health named among the nation’s ‘Most Wired’ for the sixth consecutive year

(Anderson, S.C. – July 9, 2015) – AnMed Health has been recognized as one of the nation’s Most Wired™ hospitals and health systems for the sixth consecutive year, according to the 2015 Most Wired Survey. The American Hospital Association Health Forum and the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) released the survey results in July.

The Most Wired hospitals are better positioned to improve patient care and safety, according to Frank Nydam, senior director of healthcare at VMware, which sponsors the Most Wired survey and benchmarking study.

“With the rising number of patient data breaches and cyber security attacks threatening the health care industry, protecting patient health information is a top priority for hospital customers,” Nydam said. “Coupled with the incredible technology innovation taking place today, health care organizations need to have security as a foundational component of their mobility, cloud and networking strategy and incorporated into the very fabric of the organization.”

At AnMed Health, information technology is an integral part of providing excellent care. AnMed Health has enhanced and integrated its suite of business and clinical systems ever since patient medical records transitioned to electronic records in 2000.

AnMed Health patients have secure online access to their hospital-based inpatient and outpatient health information through My.AnMedHealth, a portal for hospital patients that allows them to view laboratory, radiology and cardiology test results. This portal also allows patients to view and update their medication and allergy lists.

Over the last five years, AnMed Health has implemented a network-wide electronic health records (EHR) system in its physician practices. Now, nearly every AnMed
Health practice utilizes the same enterprise-wide EHR, and patient charts are shared among primary care and specialty providers. Shared clinical data reduces redundancies in the health care system and provides better patient safety. Patients of the physician network can also access their information via the My.AnMedHealth portal. This portal allows patients of AnMed Health doctors’ offices to interact with physician offices to request appointments, request prescription refills and ask general medical questions.

Physicians caring for inpatients at AnMed Health use a computerized physician order entry system (CPOE), which sends doctors’ orders directly to caregivers and departments without handwriting and legibility issues. On nursing units, nurses scan barcodes to ensure patients receive the right medicine in the right dose at the right time, and the perinatal care system allows caregivers to electronically document and store maternal vital signs and fetal tracings in obstetrical patients.

“Information technology is a core part of our mission because it allows us to make significant improvements in patient safety,” said Bill Manson, CEO of AnMed Health. “We want to remain aggressive in regards to our privacy and security measures in order to better care for our patients and provide a seamless experience for them across our entire hospital system.”

About AnMed Health
AnMed Health is a five-hospital, 695-bed not-for-profit health system serving the South Carolina Upstate and northeast Georgia. The AnMed Health System includes 50 practices and more than 400 physicians. The system is anchored by AnMed Health Medical Center, a 461-bed acute care hospital that carries the prestigious Magnet® hospital designation. Facilities include AnMed Health Women’s and Children’s Hospital, AnMed Health Rehabilitation Hospital, Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens, and Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton, Ga. A charter member of the Levine Cancer Institute, AnMed Health also has an affiliation with Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte, N.C.

About the American Hospital Association
The American Hospital Association (AHA) is the national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities. Nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 43,000 individual members come together to form the AHA. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, please visit www.aha.org.

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