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## **AnMed Health named among the nation's "Most Wired" for the third consecutive year**

*(Anderson, S.C. – July 10, 2012)* – AnMed Health has been recognized as one of the nation's Most Wired hospitals and health systems, according to the 2012 Most Wired Survey. The survey results were released today in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine.

According to the survey, the nation's Most Wired hospitals are leveraging the adoption and use of health information technology to improve performance in a number of areas. As a field, hospitals are focused on expanding and adopting information technology that protects patient data, and optimizes patient flow and communications.

Among the key findings this year:

- 93 percent of Most Wired hospitals employ intrusion detection systems to protect patient privacy and security of patient data, in comparison to 77 percent of the total responders.
- 74 percent of Most Wired hospitals and 57 percent of all surveyed hospitals use automated patient flow systems.
- 90 percent of Most Wired hospitals and 73 percent of all surveyed use performance improvement scorecards to help reduce inefficiencies.
- 100 percent of Most Wired hospitals check drug interactions and drug allergies when medications are ordered as a major step in reducing medication errors

“As shown by these survey results, hospitals continue to demonstrate how IT not only can be used to improve patient care and safety but it is also a means to improve efficiency,” says Rich Umbdenstock, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association. “Hospitals receiving Most Wired recognition are truly representative of our nation's hospitals and systems – rural and urban, small and large, teaching and non-teaching, and critical access hospitals geographically dispersed.”

At AnMed Health, information technology is an integral part of providing care. Patient medical records have been electronic since 2000, and AnMed Health was the first in the state to implement PACS, a picture archiving and communication system that gives doctors and clinicians instant and remote access to radiology images. Today, physicians routinely use a computer-based portal to review monitor data, nursing documentation and diagnostic test results.

AnMed Health is in the process of bringing electronic health records to every owned doctor's office. And in the hospital, handwritten orders are already a thing of the past. Physicians 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 Horizon Enterprise Visibility allows caregivers to know what's happening with every patient by glancing at a flat screen TV.

“We invest in information technology as a core part of our mission,” said Bill Manson, president and chief operating officer of AnMed Health. “Every day, doctors make hundreds of care decisions based on data – from vital signs to lab results to medication interactions. By using technology, we can help doctors get accurate information faster, which translates into a safer, more satisfying experience for our patients. It's an excellent example of how we can optimize the health of our patients by passionately blending the art of caring with the science of medicine. ”

Health Care's Most Wired Survey, conducted between Jan. 15 and March 15, asked hospitals and health systems nationwide to answer questions about their information technology initiatives. Respondents completed 662 surveys, representing 1,570 hospitals, or roughly 27 percent of all U.S. hospitals.

The July *H&HN* cover story detailing results is available at [www.hhnmag.com](http://www.hhnmag.com).

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**About the Most Wired Survey**

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