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Lee Health Earns Top Marks for High-Tech Implementation

Hospitals, Lee Physician Group use Technology to Partner with Patients on Health

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Nov. 20, 2018) --- Lee Health is among the best health care systems in the country when it comes to implementing the latest in patient care technology, according to a pair of recent national recognitions.

All four Lee Health adult acute care hospitals are among the 2018 “Most Wired,” according to the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) annual survey. For the fifth straight year, Lee Health is one of only 254 health systems in the United States named “Most Wired.”

Also, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) evaluated LPG offices and determined it is among the elite group of health care systems achieving Stage 7 of the HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Record Adoption Mode. HIMSS Stage 7 is the highest possible level and, as of the end of 2017, only 6.4% of health care systems achieved this status.

“These two recognitions show Lee Health’s dedication to aggressively implementing the most cutting-edge electronic medical records system and other health-oriented technology to improve the safety and care of our patients,” said Larry Antonucci, Lee Health President and CEO. “We are pleased our health system has been able to integrate industry-leading capabilities in the area of health information technology for the benefit of our community and are grateful that our accomplishments in this area are being acknowledged.”

“Most Wired”

The purpose of CHIME HealthCare’s Most Wired program is to elevate the health and healthcare of communities around the world through the optimal use of information technology. The annual survey is designed to identify and recognize health care organizations that exemplify best practices through their adoption, implementation and use of technology.

In its first year overseeing the program, CHIME revised and streamlined the survey to make sure questions reflect leading practices and successful, innovative uses of technology. These include foundational technologies such as organization-wide technical integration and security as well as cohesive strategies for implementing population health, value-based care and patient engagement programs.

HIMSS Stage 7

HIMSS is a global, not-for-profit organization focused on better health through information and technology. HIMSS leads efforts to optimize health engagements and care outcomes using information and technology.

The HIMSS model incorporates methodology and algorithms to automatically score hospitals around the world relative to their electronic medical records (EMR) capabilities. This eight-stage (0-7) model measures the adoption and utilization of EMR functions.

LPG's HIMSS survey included site visits to Family Practice at Clayton Court, Pediatrics at Page Field, Allergy at Page Field, and Convenient Care and Infectious Disease at Metro Parkway.

Achieving Stage 7 means LPG is using technology and data to improve the quality of patient care, safety and reliability, and earns the group national recognition.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.