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Carson City Hospital (CCH) named a “2007 Most Wired Hospital”: *CCH is one of only seven in the state to receive designation*

CARSON CITY — **Carson City Hospital (CCH)** has been named to the nation’s “**MOST WIRED—SMALL AND RURAL**” category in the 2007 Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study released in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks Magazine*, which has been naming the 100 Most Wired hospitals and health systems since 1999.

“We’re especially proud to be receiving this award because hospitals investing in information technology (IT) are really investing in quality,” said Richard Terry, CCH’s Chief Information Officer, noting that this is the fifth time since 1999 that CCH has won the award. “Information systems and quality just go hand-in-hand.”

CCH President and CEO Bruce L. Traverse pointed out that the hospital’s Governor’s Award of Excellence For Improving Care in the Hospital and Emergency Department Settings has been awarded in the past in large part because of CCH’s top-of-the-line information technology.

The Most Wired Survey is conducted annually by *Hospitals & Health Networks Magazine*, which uses the results to name the 100 Most Wired hospitals and health systems. It focuses on how the nation’s hospitals use information technologies for quality, customer service, public health and safety, business processes and workforce issues.

“CCH is certainly embracing technology as one of the key tools for health-care quality improvement,” said Traverse, listing Carson’s many information technology advances such as electronic medical records (EMR) throughout the Carson Health Network, remote access for physicians, a wireless infrastructure for employees and patients, and a variety of security safeguards in place ranging from biometrics and digital signatures to off-site back-ups, firewalls and encryption.

Carson City Hospital is one of only seven hospitals in the state of Michigan to receive this “Most Wired” honor. The other hospitals include Battle Creek Health System, Crittenton Hospital Medical Center in Rochester, Detroit Medical Center, Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, and West Branch Regional Medical Center.

“The Most Wired hospitals are focused on quality,” says Alden Solovy, executive editor of *Hospital & Health Networks Magazine*. “The strategic use of IT to drive quality and performance is becoming more common.”

Hospitals & Health Networks conducted the 2007 survey in cooperation with Accenture, McKesson Corp. and the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives. The July *H&HN* cover story detailing results is available at www.hhnmag.com.

Carson City Hospital and its 10 family-practice affiliates make up the Carson Health Network, which is committed to improving the health and wellness of the community. Carson City Hospital is a 77-bed acute-care hospital affiliated with the Sparrow Health System. Located in central Michigan, the Carson Health Network serves the communities of Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia and Montcalm counties. Its affiliated physician offices are located in Ashley, Carson City, Greenville, Fowler, Ithaca, Lyons, Maple Rapids and Stanton. You can learn more online at www.carsoncityhospital.com.

About the Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study

Hospitals & Health Networks, the journal of the American Hospital Association, conducts the voluntary Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study annually and names the 100 Most Wired. Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. McKesson Corporation is the world's largest healthcare services, technology and automation company. CHIME was formed with the dual objective of serving the professional development needs of healthcare chief information officers and advocating the more effective use of information management within health care.



CAPTION INFORMATION:

The Information Systems team at Carson City Hospital and Carson Health Network are, front row, Judy Evitts, Linda North, Susan Hilgendorf and Josh Sorrell; back row, Ben Terry, Mitch Loudenberg, Richard Terry, Eric Brown and John Brown.