

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital

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Northern Michigan Regional Hospital named Most Wired

Petoskey, Mich. – Oct 16, 2009 – Northern Michigan Regional Hospital has been named to the nation's Most Wired list of healthcare organizations (hospital and healthcare systems), according to the results of the 2009 Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study released by Hospitals & Health Networks magazine.

"This is a remarkable achievement made possible by careful planning and dedicated implementation teams," said Tom Mroczkowski, President and CEO of Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. "We are very pleased with the quality and patient safety enhancements provided through this technology," Mroczkowski also mentioned.

The survey showed that Northern Michigan Regional Hospital excelled by applying technology to the many facets of healthcare, including safety and quality, by reducing errors in prescribing and ordering medications, and providing doctors with rapid access to test results and other components of patient electronic medical records.

Some of the major technology initiatives Northern Michigan Regional Hospital has completed in the past year include:

- Electronic Health Record
- Bar Coded Medications
- Patient Care Technology
- Features and functions on the Web
- Secure internal communications between care providers and colleagues

"I am extremely proud of our IT team's ongoing commitment to provide effective and secure communications at all levels of our health system," said Mark Gray, Chief Information Officer at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is a 243-bed, regional referral center located in Petoskey, serving residents in 22 counties across northern lower

Michigan and the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula. A medical staff of nearly 200 physicians represents nearly all medical and surgical specialties, enabling full-service care with an emphasis on heart, cancer, orthopaedics and neuroscience services. Additional information can be found at northernhealth.org.