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**NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL Named 2009 Most Wired Hospital  
Economy Forces Most Wired Hospitals to Look Closely at IT Spending  
Clinical IT Still a Priority**

CHICAGO—July 7, 2009—NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL has been named to the nation's **MOST WIRED—SMALL AND RURAL** according to the results of the 2009 Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study released today in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine. Marking its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study continues to lead the field in analyses and benchmarking of healthcare IT.

“We are honored to once again be named as one of the most wired hospitals in the nation. This makes three of the last four years that we have been on the list and our staff deserves all the credit for this achievement. We have always believed that effectively utilizing information technology allows us to provide higher quality, safer care for our patients, as well as do a better job of managing our business,” said Marty Fattig, CEO of Nemaha County Hospital.

“As the health reform debate continues, it's clear that IT will play an even more important role in the health system of tomorrow,” says Rich Umbdenstock, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association (AHA). “Most Wired hospitals help illustrate IT in action—improving efficiency, quality and safety of care while helping to control costs.”

“Our investment in IT is driven by our commitment to quality and patient safety” says Stacy Taylor, CFO of Nemaha County Hospital.

Hospitals also continue to invest in IT that supports quality and safety initiatives. Investment in electronic medication management is considered one of the fundamentals of using IT to improve care. The 2009 Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study

shows an overall increase in both provider order entry of medications and electronic bedside matching at the time medications are administered.

“Hospitals clearly recognize that in spite of smaller budgets they still need to invest in IT and position themselves for the future,” says Sunny Sanyal, president of McKesson Provider Technologies. “We’re seeing hospitals reprioritize. For example, instead of continuing with plans to build a new data center extension, a hospital now may choose to redirect funds to other technologies.”

Of the organizations completing the survey this year, 38 hospitals and health systems—6.8 percent of the sample—have effectively deployed information technology at both ends of the medication administration process. This compares with 23 hospitals and health systems in 2008, or 4.1 percent of the sample.

At the typical hospital responding to the survey, 26 percent of medications are entered electronically by physicians, compared with 19 percent in 2008. The typical respondent has 40 percent of medications matched at the bedside, compared with 30 percent in 2008.

The Most Wired Survey is conducted annually by *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine, the journal of the AHA, 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.

*Hospitals & Health Networks* conducted the 2009 survey in cooperation with McKesson Corp. and the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives. The July *H&HN* cover story detailing results is available at [www.hhnmag.com](http://www.hhnmag.com).

### **About the Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study**

*Hospitals & Health Networks*, the journal of the AHA, conducts the voluntary Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study annually and names the 100 Most Wired.

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