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BOTHWELL EARNS NATIONAL HONOR FOURTH TIME *Health Center Recognized in America's Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals*

SEDALIA - Bothwell Regional Health Center has been recognized for the fourth time as one of the nation's Top100 Most Wired hospitals, according to the results of the 2013 Most Wired Survey released in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Network* magazine.



The Bothwell IT team recognized with the Most Wired 2013 award are, back row, from left: Jeff Neas, Thomas Martin, Eric Walton, Josh Appleman. Middle row, from left, are Bobby Simon, Tony Mitchell, Tia Demand, Veronica Hiller, Grace Sims. Front row, from left, are Susan Newsom, Jen Hesse, Jody Teague, Kathy Friedley and Tom Fairfax.

The Most Wired designation was earned through information submitted by Bothwell's IT Director Tom Fairfax, whose vision and philosophy of IT as a service department has led to Bothwell's multiple recognitions as a Most Wired hospital. Bothwell uses IT tools – such as integrated lab systems, radiology filmless picture archiving and communications systems (PACS), bedside medication verification (BMV) and computerized provider order entry (CPOE) – to improve patient safety and meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. These systems use technology to check drug interactions and drug allergies when medications are ordered, and help create a permanent digital record of health information for each patient.

“Bothwell has received national recognition for its commitment to using information technology systems to help ensure the safest and best possible patient care,” said President and CEO John Dawes. “We acknowledge the leadership of our IT department and the teamwork of our physicians, clinical and support staff. We are very proud of this achievement.”

“I'm very proud of my team, and the physicians and other department staff who have worked hard to reach this level of achievement,” said Fairfax.

The Most Wired list represents hospitals nationwide that scored the highest in a national survey. Bothwell was one of 10 hospitals recognized in Missouri. Other hospitals recognized include Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York; the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.; St. Luke's Health System, Kansas City; and University of Missouri Health Care, Columbia.

Bothwell Regional Health Center was recognized in 2010 and 2012 as one of the Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals in America, and in 2009 was named one of the nation's 25 Most Wired Hospitals in the category of Small & Rural Hospitals.

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