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## **BOTHWELL EARNS NATIONAL HONOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR** *Bothwell recognized in America's Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals*

SEDALIA - Bothwell Regional Health Center has been recognized for the second consecutive year as one of the nation's Most Wired hospitals, according to the results of the 2010 Most Wired Survey released in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine.

Bothwell Regional Health Center was recognized this year as one of the Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals in America, which also included such esteemed health-care organizations as Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York; Methodist Hospital System in Houston, TX; and St. Luke's Health System in Kansas City, MO.

"Bothwell has received national recognition for being ahead of the curve in the information technology systems we use to help ensure the safest and best possible patient care," said IT Director Tom Fairfax. "We are proud of this achievement and gratefully acknowledge the commitment of time and expertise our physicians and all the staff involved have made in helping us improve the quality and safety of patient care."

Electronic health records help ensure safer patient care and improve health-care providers' access to patient history. Maintaining health records of patients electronically has been a central component of health-care reform. Hospitals and health-care providers will be required to phase in the use of electronic health records during the next several years.

The Most Wired list represents hospitals nationwide that scored the highest in a national survey. Bothwell was one of five hospitals recognized in Missouri.

This national recognition was earned through information submitted by Fairfax and was based on the progressive way Bothwell is implementing electronic health records. Some of the recent additions to Bothwell's system include electronic orders and documentation for health-care providers at Bothwell OB/GYN Associates, Bothwell Health Center-Truman Lake, Cole Camp Clinic and the Emergency Department.

In 2009, Bothwell Regional Health Center was named one of the nation's 25 Most Wired Hospitals in America in the category of Small & Rural Hospitals for its computerized health-care information technology.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 180-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at [www.brhc.org](http://www.brhc.org).

The American Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and 38,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

*Hospitals & Health Networks*, the journal of the AHA, conducts the voluntary Most Wired Survey annually which uses the results to name Most Wired hospitals and health systems. It is based on organizations' level of achievement in four focus areas: business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety, care continuum and infrastructure.