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## **St. Clair Hospital Receives Prestigious Innovator Award for Its Cost Transparency Tool, *Patient Estimates***

*Mt. Lebanon-based Medical Center Also Takes 'Most Wired'  
Designation for Fifth Year In a Row*

MT. LEBANON, Pa. (July 7, 2016) – St. Clair Hospital's *Patient Estimates* tool, the only one of its kind in the greater Pittsburgh region, has garnered the Mt. Lebanon-based medical center Hospitals & Health Networks (H&HN) magazine's prestigious Innovator Award for its co-development of the cost transparency software. *Patient Estimates*, which was made available to the public earlier this year at [www.stclair.org](http://www.stclair.org), gives patients the ability to learn, in advance, what their estimated out-of-pocket costs will be for services at St. Clair or the Hospital's Outpatient centers. *Patient Estimates* is highly accurate and based on information provided by each patient's health benefit plan.

Simultaneously, H&HN magazine, a publication of the American Hospital Association, announced St. Clair has been named among the 2016 *Most Wired Hospitals and Health Systems* in the United States, marking the fifth consecutive year St. Clair has been deemed *Most Wired*.

St. Clair is one of only 21 hospitals and health systems in Pennsylvania that received the *Most Wired* designation. Joining St. Clair on this year's list of *Most Wired* winners are such notable Pennsylvania institutions as University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia; and Geisinger Health System, Danville.

Other 2016 *Most Wired* winners from around the nation include Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (one of the Harvard teaching hospitals), Boston; Cedars-Sinai Health System, Los Angeles; Yale New Haven Health System, New Haven; and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York City.

The annual AHA *Most Wired* survey is an industry benchmark study that stratifies U.S. hospitals based on their progress in the adoption, implementation and use of information technology in the key areas of clinical, financial and operational performance. The survey of 680 participants, representing an estimated 2,146 hospitals nationwide, examines how organizations are leveraging information technology (IT) to improve performance for value-based health care in the areas of infrastructure, business and administrative management; quality and safety; and clinical integration. Detailed results of the survey and study are available in the July issue of H&HN.

“Receiving the Innovator Award, and once again being named a *Most Wired* hospital, are tributes to the dedicated men and women of St. Clair Hospital who strive every day to provide the finest care and service to our patients and the community,” said Richard J. Schaeffer, Chief Information Officer, St. Clair Hospital. “Technology is improving the efficiency of care delivery and creating a new dynamic in patient interactions.”

Schaeffer cited the Hospital's Chief Medical Information Officer, Dr. Louis A. Civitarese, for his leadership role in making St. Clair a multi-year winner of *Most Wired*.

## **About St. Clair Hospital**

St. Clair Hospital is an independent, nationally recognized acute care medical center with 2,300 employees and 550 physicians serving residents of western Pennsylvania. With 328 beds and five satellite locations, St. Clair offers advanced high-quality care in multiple specialties, including heart, oncology, orthopedics, mental health, women and children services, stroke care and more. For more information, please visit [www.stclair.org](http://www.stclair.org).

## **About the American Hospital Association**

The AHA 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 include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).