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St. Clair Hospital Is Among Nation's 'Most Wired' Hospitals

MT. LEBANON, Pa. (July 10, 2017) — The American Hospital Association's (AHA) Health Forum has named **St. Clair Hospital** a "Most Wired" winner, based upon the results of the 19th Annual Health Care's Most Wired survey. Approximately 2,158 U.S. hospitals are represented in this year's survey.

The 2017 Most Wired survey and benchmarking study is a leading industry barometer measuring information technology (IT) use and adoption among hospitals nationwide.

St. Clair was judged on specific requirements in four focus areas: Infrastructure; Business and Administrative Management; Clinical Quality and Safety (inpatient/outpatient); and Clinical Integration.

"Most Wired" hospitals are transforming care delivery with knowledge gained from data and analytics. They are investing in analytics to support new delivery models and effective decision-making and training clinicians on how to use analytics to improve quality, provide access and control costs. Of the "Most Wired" hospitals:

- 82 percent analyze retrospective clinical and administrative data to identify areas for improving quality and reducing the cost of care.
- Three-quarters use sophisticated analytics, such as predictive modeling and data to improve decision-making.
- Nearly 70 percent interface electronic health record data with population health tools for care management.
- More than 70 percent are providing data analytic tools training to physicians and nurses.
- 45 percent initiate a patient pathway using health IT to follow a care plan.
- Nearly 40 percent deliver quality metrics to physicians at the point-of-care.
- 32 percent have tools for real-time patient identification and tracking for value-based care conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Joining St. Clair on this year's list are such notable institutions as Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; Stanford Health Care, Stanford, Calif.; Yale New Haven Health System, New Haven, Conn.; Northshore University Health System, Evansdale, Ill.; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, N.Y.; and Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, Va.

About St. Clair Hospital

St. Clair Hospital is an independent, acute care facility that provides advanced, high quality health care to more than 500,000 residents of southwestern Pennsylvania. With 525 physicians and more than 2,300 employees, St. Clair is the largest employer in Pittsburgh's South Hills. Providing virtually every health care service that residents might need throughout their lives, the Hospital combines advanced technologies with exceptional medical expertise to ensure that the community's health needs are met. For more information, please visit 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.