



St. Clair Hospital

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MT. LEBANON, Pa. (June 18, 2010) — The TerraPharma Project has bestowed its 2010 Way-Paver for Barcode Point-of-Care Award to Richard J. Schaeffer, vice president and chief information officer, at St. Clair Hospital.

The Way-Paver Award is given to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of individuals who have helped clear the path and accelerate the widespread adoption of barcode point-of-care systems in North American hospitals.

Schaeffer helped St. Clair become the first hospital in the United States to utilize barcode-driven drug-dispensing robotics, a process that greatly enhanced patient safety. He and his team also created and implemented the VeriScan system, which is used to ensure that patients receive the right medications, in the right amounts, at bedside. Moreover, Schaeffer has been at the forefront of national efforts to improve barcode point-of-care systems involving IV solutions and smart infusion pumps.

Schaeffer accepted the 2010 Way-Paver for Barcode Point-of-Care Award at The unSUMMIT for Bedside Barcoding in Atlanta on May 6.

It was under Schaeffer's leadership that St. Clair became one of the first six hospitals in the country to earn Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Analytics Stage 6 Hospitals designation for achievements in Electronic Medical Records (EMR) adoption.

HIMSS recently invited Schaeffer to present at HIMSS-AsiaPAC in Beijing, China. He also served as a U.S. key opinion leader on medication safety at programs in Hong Kong and the Philippines during the week-long trip.

“St. Clair Hospital is gaining global recognition for the work we are doing here with technology, patient safety and quality,” Schaeffer said. “In fact, a member of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority wanted me to know that St. Clair’s trailblazing efforts are now helping hospitals all over the world.”

Schaeffer resides in Peters Township.

About St. Clair Hospital

St. Clair Hospital is an independent, acute care facility that provides advanced, high quality health care to more than 400,000 residents of southwestern Pennsylvania. With 525 physicians and more than 2,000 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.