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Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, Saginaw, Michigan Earns 2019 CHIME HealthCare's Most Wired Recognition



The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) is pleased to announce the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, Saginaw, has earned the 2019 CHIME HealthCare's Most Wired recognition as a certified level 9 for Hospital and Ambulatory Care. The Most Wired program conducts an annual survey to assess how effectively healthcare organizations apply core and advanced technologies into their clinical and business programs to improve health and care in their communities. The published article can be found here: <https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/innovation/hot-initiatives-most-wired-organizations-innovation-and-telehealth>

“Healthcare organizations across the globe are continually striving to raise the standard of care, pushing themselves and their peers to do better,” said CHIME President and CEO Russ Branzell. “We designed Most Wired to identify and share those leading practices so everyone can benefit. It is an honor to be among those that perform at the highest levels, knowing that the excellence they achieve will impact patients for years to come.”

A total of 16,168 organizations were represented in the 2019 Most Wired program, which this year included three separate surveys: domestic, ambulatory and international. The surveys assessed the adoption, integration and impact of technologies in healthcare organizations at all stages of development, from early development to industry leading. Each participating organization received a customized

benchmarking report, an overall score and scores for individual levels in eight segments: infrastructure; security; business/disaster recovery; administrative/supply chain; analytics/data management; interoperability/population health; patient engagement; and clinical quality/safety. Participants can use the report and scores to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement.

["We at the Aleda E. Lutz VA, as well as our Healthcare Annex and Nine Community Based Outpatient Clinics, are very fortunate to have cutting-edge information technology to assist us in providing quality care to deserving Veterans, stated Dr. Barbara Bates, Medical Center Director. This is our eighth year receiving such recognition, thanks to the hard work of many of our VA staff, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs and others bringing forth many new technologies to the VA nationwide."]

This is the second year CHIME has conducted the survey and overseen the program. Last year CHIME made numerous improvements to the survey, governance and scoring methodology. This year CHIME added an ambulatory survey in addition to the domestic survey, expanded international outreach and incorporated an improved system which allows participating organizations to better benchmark their level of adoption and outcomes achieved. The system includes Most Wired certification at a level which reflects an organization's overall performance. CHIME also revised the customized benchmarking report for ease of use and will again publish a report based on Most Wired responses to identify industry trends in 2019.

About CHIME

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) is an executive organization dedicated to serving chief information officers (CIOs), chief medical information officers (CMIOs), chief nursing information officers (CNIOs), chief innovation officers (CIOs), Chief Digital Officers (CDOs) and other senior healthcare IT leaders. With more than 2,900 members in 56 countries and over 150 healthcare IT business partners and professional services firms, CHIME provides a highly interactive, trusted environment enabling senior professional and industry leaders to collaborate; exchange best practices; address professional development needs; and advocate the effective use of information management to improve the health and care in the communities they serve. For more information, please visit chimecentral.org.

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The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center. It provides care to over 36,700 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also

receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at www.saginaw.va.gov.

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