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UAMS Medical Center Named ‘Most Wired’ Hospital for 2018

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Medical Center recently won the Most Wired Award for the fourth year in a row from the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME).

“Being recognized as one of 2018’s Most Wired recipients is an honor as well as a testimony to the great work of the teams — comprised of informational technology (IT), informatics, instructional designers and operational leads,” said Rhonda Jorden, UAMS chief information officer. “I’d like to thank the teams as well as the IT governance members. Their work and leadership made this award possible. While we still have more to do, we’ve really made huge strides this past year.”

Jorden said that among the notable achievements of the teams in the last year were:

- Enhancing the electronic health records for patients; patient care teams; access, health information management and revenue cycle teams; and accountable care organization and referring partners
- Enhancing UAMS’ cybersecurity posture
- Upgrading the university’s underlying information technology infrastructure and enterprise resource planning systems to align with UAMS’ operational needs.

“Most Wired recognizes the ongoing efforts of our teams to turn data into information and improve the delivery of health care for Arkansans at UAMS,” said Joseph Sanford, M.D., UAMS interim chief medical information officer. “These systems are enormously complex and it’s only with highly integrated teams from both technical and clinical backgrounds that they can be most effective.”

HealthCare’s Most Wired, now in its 20th year, highlights strengths and gaps in the industry. The goal is to identify best practices and promote the strategic use of health care IT to elevate the health and care of communities around the world.

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CHIME is an executive organization dedicated to serving chief information officers, chief medical information officers, chief nursing information officers and other senior health care IT leaders. It has more than 2,700 members in 51 countries and more than 150 health care IT business partners and professional services firms.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; northwest Arkansas regional campus; statewide network of regional centers; and six institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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