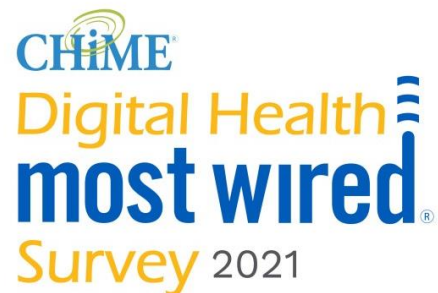


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Catholic Health Earns 2021 CHIME Digital Health Most Wired Recognition Hospitals, Ambulatory & Long-Term Care All Certified at Level Seven

Catholic Health has earned Level 7 Recognition for its acute care, ambulatory and long-term care services in the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives' (CHIME) 2021 Digital Health Most Wired Survey. Catholic Health is the only healthcare organization in Western New York to earn these certifications.



For its certification program, CHIME conducts annual surveys to assess how effectively healthcare organizations apply core and advanced technologies in their clinical and business practices to improve healthcare in their communities.

“Our decision four years ago to implement Epic, the world’s leading electronic health record, is helping us realize our commitment to transform healthcare delivery in Western New York while improving the health of the communities we serve,” said Dr. Michael Galang, Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer for Catholic Health, “Epic’s superior tools put real-time patient information at our caregiver’s fingertips and provides a data-rich environment for greater clinical insight. Our patients are also better able to manage their health and access healthcare through Epic’s industry-leading MyChart patient portal.”

The 2021 Digital Health Most Wired program includes four separate surveys: acute, ambulatory, long-term care and international acute. The surveys assessed the adoption, integration and impact of technologies in healthcare organizations at all stages of development, from early development to industry leading.

“Digital transformation in healthcare has accelerated to an unprecedented level since 2020, and the next few years will bring a wave of innovation that empowers healthcare consumers and will astound the industry,” said CHIME President and CEO Russell P. Branzell. “The Digital Health Most Wired program recognizes the outstanding digital leaders who have paved the way for this imminent revolution in healthcare. Their trailblazing commitment to rapid transformation has set an example for the entire industry in how to pursue a leadership vision with determination, brilliant planning and courage to overcome all challenges.”



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