



## **NEWS ADVISORY**

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### **Connecticut Children's Medical Center Recognized for Use of Technology to Improve Patient Care- Named 2018 CHIME HealthCare's Most Wired Winner**

**Hartford, CT, Nov. 2, 2018** – Connecticut Children's Medical Center has been named to the Most Wired list of hospitals for the second consecutive year. Hospital winners are those who make it easier for patients and providers to interact, thus improving communication, safety and patient-provider relationships.

According to the survey, Most Wired hospitals are using smart phones, telehealth, and remote monitoring to create more ways for patients to access healthcare services, and to capture important patient health information.

"At Connecticut Children's departments and team members work together to ensure that our systems not only work efficiently but that they are used effectively, appropriately and safely in support of patient care" said Kelly Styles, Chief Information Officer at Connecticut Children's. "This award is a true reflection of our expertise and collaboration across the organization."

Connecticut Children's information services team is further refining use of technology to manage population health. Analytic tools help identify patients with chronic illness to promote preventive care and help patients manage their condition. Connecticut Children's was also the first hospital in the state to connect electronically to the state's prescription drug monitoring program, a key tool in an attempt to curb the opioid crisis.

Technology makes it easier for patients and providers to interact, and improves communication, safety and patient-provider relationships. New tools are helping patients and families be more actively involved in their care and maintaining their health.

Connecticut Children's continues to seek new ways to use technology to improve patient care and strengthen communication between providers in its clinically integrated network. Recent advancements include the use of a uniform electronic medical record at Connecticut Children's and in community physician offices. Providers can instantly access vital information in a secure environment to ensure the safest, most effective care for each patient.

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***About Connecticut Children's***

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is the only hospital in Connecticut dedicated exclusively to the care of children and is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best children's hospitals in the nation. With a medical staff of more than 1,000, Connecticut Children's provides comprehensive, world-class health care in more than 30 pediatric specialties and subspecialties. Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a not-for-profit organization, which serves as the primary pediatric teaching hospital for the UConn School of Medicine, has a teaching partnership with the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University and is a research partner of The Jackson Laboratory. Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health is a national leader in community-based prevention and wellness programs.