

HIMSS Stage 7 Awarded to Radboud University Medical Center



Radboud University Medical Center is the first hospital in the Netherlands and the third in Europe to receive a Stage 7 Award by HIMSS Analytics Europe. The award recognises hospitals operating in a paperless environment and representing best practices in accordance with the European EMR Adoption Model (EMRAM). The other two Stage 7 hospitals in Europe are the University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf in Germany and the Hospital de Dénia-Marina Salud in Spain.

Hospitals which achieve Stage 7 status have shown that they support the sharing and utilisation of patient data for improving patient safety, care quality and process performance. The EMRAM model evaluates progress and the impact of EMR systems in hospitals, tracking performance along eight stages (0 to 7). Stage 7 is the highest, representing superior adaptation of electronic medical record systems.

“Radboudumc is only the third hospital in Europe to achieve the prestigious HIMSS EMRAM Stage 7 Award and the first within two years during which many European hospitals –more than 1100 in Europe, 62 of which in The Netherlands— participated in the EMRAM evaluation. I am very happy that HIMSS has identified another best practice example in Europe, which I am sure will stimulate many other hospitals on their journey towards improving healthcare delivery by the use of hospital IT solutions,” said Uwe Buddrus, Senior Consultant at HIMSS Analytics Europe, which is a subsidiary of HIMSS Europe.

The 953-bed Radboud UMC, located in Nijmegen, is not alone in achieving a high stage of the EMRAM within the Netherlands, which is one of the leading European countries in eHealth. Including Radboud UMC, there are 10 more Dutch hospitals which have been awarded Stage 6 status. More than 50 hospitals have been categorised as Stage 6 across Europe.

“Radboudumc is also the first fully approved member of the HIMSS Stage 6 & 7 Club, and expected to take a leading role in providing continuous evidence of the benefits of IT. Among the many highlights of Radboudumc’s achievements since its last evaluation and recognition as Stage 6, I’d like to emphasise their approach towards medication safety, as well as Clinical Decision Support,” Buddrus added.

Radboud UMC was founded in 1951. It has almost 10,000 employees and more than 3,000 students, according to its website.

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