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## WoHIT 2014: HIMSS Europe Stage 6 Awards Presented to Four New Hospitals



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Three Dutch centers and a Spanish one, recognised for operating in a paperless environment and representing best practices in implementation of the EMR

HIMSS Europe awarded yesterday four new hospitals in Europe with Stage 6 Award during the World of Health IT Conference and Exhibition (WoHIT) that is taking place in Nice, France, from the 2nd to the 4th of this month.

The recognitions have gone to The Netherlands, with three new centres awarded, and Spain with one. With these new announcements, both countries consolidate their leading position in the rank of paperless hospitals.

The awarded hospitals in the Netherlands are the Ziekenhuisgroep Twente, with 1,085 beds, and the Radboud University Medical Center and the Maasstad Ziekenhuis with more than 950 beds each. In Spain the recognition is for Hospital Universitari i Politècnic La Fe in Valencia with more than 1,000 beds.

Spain leads the list of countries by the number of awarded hospitals with a total of thirteen Stage 6 and one Stage 7. In The Netherlands these newly awarded hospitals join four hospitals previously recognised, making now a total of seven Stage 6. At present in Europe there are 40 Stage 6 hospitals and 2 Stage 7.

The European EMR Adoption Model (EMRAM) has been adapted to meet the unique needs of European Healthcare Institutions as a methodology for evaluating the progress and impact of electronic medical record systems in hospitals. Tracking their progress in completing eight stages (0-7), hospitals can review the implementation and utilisation of information technology applications with the intent of reaching Stage 7, which represents a superior electronic patient record environment.

Stage 6 & 7 hospitals provide best practices that other healthcare organisations can study as they strive to use EMR applications to improve patient safety, clinical outcomes and patient care delivery efficiency.

Rainer Herzog, Managing Director, HIMSS Europe, commented in his welcome speech at the ceremony: "We are happy to see that we have an increasing number of hospitals in Europe achieving Stage 6 & 7. EMRAM was designed to help hospitals move forward to beneficial implementation of IT. The awards that we are giving tonight are a proof that our work is bearing fruit".

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