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MGH&FC RECEIVES ‘MOST WIRED’ HOSPITAL AWARD FOR EIGHTH YEAR

SHELTON, Wash. – It is beginning to be a habit. For the eighth consecutive year, Mason General Hospital & Family of Clinics has received the prestigious, “Most Wired” Hospital award, this year competing with more than 2,000 hospitals surveyed across the nation in information systems capability. The *Hospitals & Health Networks (H&HN)* Most Wired Survey identified MGH&FC as one of the top hospitals in the country that were given this designation. The Most Wired Survey is conducted annually and publishes its findings and the names of the nation’s Most Wired hospitals and health systems in H&HN magazine, a publication of the Journal of the American Hospital Association.

MGH&FC first received the “Most Wired”- Rural Hospital award in 2008 and 2009, and then in 2010 it was reclassified to be included in not just rural, but all hospitals, nationwide. Every year since then – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and now 2015 – MGH&FC has received the Most Wired Hospital award for information technology (IT) that implements systems to ensure quality and improve efficiency in the delivery of patient care.

The Most Wired Hospital award is based on four categories: infrastructure, business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety, and clinical integration. It also focuses on how hospitals use information technologies for quality of care, customer service, public health and safety, business processes, and workforce issues. Most Wired hospitals have better drug formulary checks and drug interaction alerts than hospitals in general, and are better prepared for security breaches, employing more tools to protect patient data. They monitor their IT performance more closely, and monitor their health system’s overall performance more thoroughly, as well as engaging more patients online in social media sites.

“Maintaining a leadership position in health care technology is not easy. We are fortunate to have a culture of resiliency and adaptability to change allowing us to

leverage technology to evolve our workflows. This award in technology is really an acknowledgement to our exceptional people,” said Eric Moll, MGH&FC’s CEO.

MGH&FC is approved by the Joint Commission, and is a licensed and accredited acute care hospital with a level four emergency trauma designation. There are more than 100 physicians on staff in 19 specialties. For more information go to www.MasonGeneral.com.