King Khalid University Hospital & King Abdul-Aziz University Hospital – Part of King Saud University Medical City – Achieve HIMSS Analytics EMRAM^{SM} Stage 6

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA (4 May, 2017) – HIMSS Analytics® announced today that the two major hospitals within King Saud University Medical City (KSUMC) have achieved the HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM^{SM}) Stage 6, an international benchmark for the use of advanced IT to improve patient care. The two hospitals are King Khalid University Hospital and King Abdul-Aziz University Hospital.

HIMSS Analytics developed the EMRAM^{SM} in 2005 as a methodology for evaluating the progress and impact of electronic medical record systems for hospitals in the HIMSS Analytics Database. There are eight stages (0 – 7) that measure a hospital's implementation and utilization of information technology applications. Tracking their progress in completing eight stages (0 – 7), hospitals can review the implementation and utilization of information technology applications with the intent of reaching Stage 7, which represents an advanced electronic patient record environment.

Including King Khalid University Hospital and King Abdul-Aziz University Hospital, there are currently only nine EMRAM Stage 6 hospitals in Saudi Arabia. With this achievement, KSUMC has catapulted itself to the top of leading healthcare facilities in Saudi and the GCC.

"Since implementing the system, the hospital has operated in a paperless manner. That has not only been cost-effective, but it's been, from a documentation perspective, perfect in terms of our ability to provide accurate detailing on diagnosis and provide a more succinct process for exchange of details between the practitioners," said Ms. Khawla AlHarbi, Director of Corporate Department of Information Technology, KSUMC. She added, "Patient safety is of paramount importance to us in the healthcare sector, and this system alerts us when we are under pressure, thereby safeguarding the patient safety. Achieving HIMSS Stage 6 is a major step toward realizing our vision of giving the best patient care and service to the community."

Speaking of plans ahead, Dr. Abdulrahman AlMuammar, CEO, KSUMC said, "Our challenge is to maintain our success and development, while striving to achieve Stage 7 certification in the near future and utilize EMR to the maximum to improve healthcare in general and implement health informatics concept in care provision, education and research."

"The King Khalid University Hospital and the King Abdulaziz University Hospital are making great progress working towards a virtually paperless electronic medical record environment. The nurses and physicians in the hospitals are capturing patient care information that feeds their clinical decision support system that helps prevent medical errors and improves the quality of care they are providing to their patients," said John H. Daniels, Global Vice President, Healthcare Advisory Services Group, HIMSS Analytics.

King Khalid University Hospital and King Abdul-Aziz University Hospital were recognized at the [Vision 2030: eHealth & Beyond Conference and Exhibition](#), 10 – 11 April at Four Seasons Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
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About King Saud University Medical City (KSUMC)
King Saud University Medical City (KSUMC) is a tertiary care, teaching facility that houses three main hospitals and six Centers of Excellence (CoE) with decades of experience in multi-facility and multi-disciplinary administration. The world-class health care complex includes more than 1,300 full-time physicians, 853 residents & fellows and approximately 2,072 allied health personnel who collectively provide care to more than 1,229,628 outpatients, admit 45,966 patients and perform around 14,231 procedures every year. The medical city's physicians comprise of renowned experts in various clinical disciplines, who are complemented by a competent team of allied health, administrative and support service staff. The medical city aims to transform integrated healthcare management through the collective promotion of education & training, care provision and research on all fronts.

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