

## Security Forces Hospital Dammam Becomes the First Hospital in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Region to Achieve HIMSS Analytics EMRAM<sup>SM</sup> Stage 6

DAMMAM, SAUDI ARABIA (April 5, 2017) – HIMSS Analytics® announced today that Security Forces Hospital Dammam has achieved the HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM<sup>SM</sup>) Stage 6, an international benchmark for the use of advanced IT to improve patient care.

HIMSS Analytics developed the EMRAM<sup>SM</sup> 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.

Security Forces Hospital Program in Dammam is the first hospital in Saudi Arabia's Eastern region and the first hospital under the Medical Services Directorate in Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Interior to achieve HIMSS Analytics EMRAM Stage 6. Across the Kingdom, its accomplishment makes it one of fewer than 10 hospitals to achieve this level of digital maturity.

"We in the Ministry of Interior[IMKI], represented by the Medical Services Directorate, are committed to provide the best care services to our patients by continuously improving patient care, ensuring safe environments and adopting globally recognized standards and best practices to improve the quality of services. We are proud to achieve HIMSS Analytics Stage 6 of the Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM), and to be among a distinguished group of world-class healthcare facilities that have successfully deployed high levels of health IT to improve the quality of care and patient safety," said Brigadier Dr. Ali Aldosri, General Director, Security Forces Hospital Dammam Program.

"One of our main goals in the Security Forces Hospital Program in Dammam is to utilize IT capabilities in an efficient way to achieve the hospital's mission to provide optimum healthcare services to our patients, said Abdulaziz Alenazi, ITC Director, Security Forces Hospital Dammam Program. "Applying HIMSS Analytics Stage 6 requirements in practice is definitely improving the healthcare services provided, reducing the possibility of error and helping the care providers to make better decisions while providing health services to their patients."

"Security Forces Hospital Program – Dammam is an impressive organization. Not only is the hospital rapidly advancing its EMR capabilities, it is implementing innovative information technologies to further enhance its patient services. From glucose point-of-care testing device integration to the EMR to using RFID technology to prevent infant abductions, SFHP-D has demonstrated its belief in the value of advanced EMR adoption," added John H. Daniels, Global Vice President, Healthcare Advisory Services Group, HIMSS Analytics.

Security Forces Hospital Dammam will be recognized at the <u>Vision 2030: eHealth & Beyond Conference and Exhibition</u>, 10 – 11 April at Four Seasons Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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## **About Security Forces Hospital Dammam**

Security Forces Hospital Dammam is a 189-bed facility with a vision to be a comprehensive health care model that will be followed regionally and achieve leadership in health care service. SFHD is a health care service delivery organization for Ministry of Interior staff and their dependents. The hospital provides patient care with the highest standards along with quality and education. SFHD is a hospital for patients who seek quality and a safe treatment environment and for employees who seek an inspiring continuous learning work environment. The hospital's core values are: Safety & Effectiveness, Compassion & Equality, Humanity & High Quality and Development & Community Service.

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