**Abbeville General Earns 2021 CHIME Digital Health Most Wired Recognition**

**ANN ARBOR, MI, October 7, 2021** – The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) is pleased to announce that **Abbeville General** has earned 2021 CHIME Digital Health Most Wired recognition as a certified level 7. The CHIME Digital Health Most Wired program conducts an annual survey to assess how effectively healthcare organizations apply core and advanced technologies into their clinical and business programs to improve health and care in their communities.

“Digital transformation in healthcare has accelerated to an unprecedented level since 2020, and the next few years will bring a wave of innovation that empowers healthcare consumers and will astound the industry,” said CHIME President and CEO Russell P. Branzell. “The Digital Health Most Wired program recognizes the outstanding digital leaders who have paved the way for this imminent revolution in healthcare. Their trailblazing commitment to rapid transformation has set an example for the entire industry in how to pursue a leadership vision with determination, brilliant planning and courage to overcome all challenges.”

Chuck Guidry, BSN, MBA, Chief Information Officer at Abbeville General comments, “Healthcare organizations are continually striving to raise the standard of care through technology.  We are proud of our level 7 status and the validation acquired by such a prestigious organization as College of Healthcare Information Management Executive (CHIME).   Now, we turn our attention to maximizing our momentum in our advances and push the boundaries of becoming a level 10.  Our ultimate goal is to incorporate our infrastructure into safe and quality care for all who visits our doorstep.  It is an honor to be among those that perform at the highest levels and knowing our efforts will impact our patients for many years to come.  Our best efforts are on-going.”

A total of 36,674 organizations were represented in the 2021 Digital Health Most Wired program, which includes four separate surveys: acute, ambulatory, long-term care and international acute. The surveys assessed the adoption, integration and impact of technologies in healthcare organizations at all stages of development, from early development to industry leading.

Each participating organization received a customized benchmarking report, an overall score and scores for individual levels in eight segments: infrastructure; security; business/disaster recovery; administrative/supply chain; analytics/data management; interoperability/population health; patient engagement; and clinical quality/safety. Participants can use the report and scores to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement. Participants also received certification based on their overall performance, with level 10 being the highest.

This is the fourth year that CHIME has conducted the survey and overseen the program. In each successive year, CHIME has expanded the survey to capture more types of organizations that serve patients across the continuum of care. CHIME also continues to promote the program internationally to provide a global overview of digital health advancements.

As in past years, CHIME will publish an industry trends report based on Digital Health Most Wired responses from U.S. participants. The 2021 National Trends Report is scheduled to be released in October during CHIME21 in San Diego.

For more information about the CHIME Digital Health Most Wired program, please go [here](https://chimecentral.org/chime-most-wired-2/).

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