Hospital Unimed Recife III

is recognised as the first EMRAM Stage 7 hospital in Latin America

Hospital Unimed Recife III, in Brazil, has received the HIMSS Analytics EMRAM Stage 7 recognition. The aim of the Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM) is to guide healthcare providers on their path to digitisation. This Brazilian hospital has been working solidly with the aim to eliminate paper, which has ultimately brought them to achieving a paperless EMR environment.

Hospital Unimed Recife III, which has 202 beds, has become the first HIMSS Analytics EMRAM Stage 7 hospital awarded in Latin America.

According to John Daniels, Global Vice President, HIMSS Analytics: "HIMSS Analytics is pleased to announce the first successful EMRAM Stage 7 hospital validation not only in Brazil, but in the whole of Latin America. The Hospital Unimed Recife III team have clearly demonstrated that Stage 7 is achievable in this region. Hospital Unimed Recife III has met the same rigorous EMRAM Stage 7 criteria which all fellow paperless hospitals around the world have met. With less than 260 hospitals having achieved Stage 7 globally, we are now glad to see Brazil and Latin America represented on the Stage 7 map".

This EMRAM Stage 7 recognition represents a milestone achievement for healthcare IT in Latin America. It is a firm indicator that healthcare providers in Latin America are recognising Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model as a key to improving clinical outcomes, enhancing operational efficiency and reducing operational costs.

Dr. Fernando Cruz, Medical Director of Hospital Unimed Recife III, said: "We are very proud of this achievement. Three factors played a major role in this successful accomplishment: the support and the faith in our cause of Dra. Maria de Lourdes C. Araujo (Unimed Recife President), the executive committee of the HMO (Unimed) and MV (EMR provider). Also, the strong commitment of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, IT professionals, and all the employees of this great team. Ultimately, the benefits we have seen having obtained a Stage 7 level have been very rewarding, in particular with regards to the close relationship among better quality care, patient safety and cost saving".

Hospital Unimed Recife III will officially be awarded and recognised during Hospitalar on 16-19 May 2017.

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About HIMSS Analytics in Latin America

Based on individual needs of healthcare providers, governments, software providers or consultancies, HIMSS Analytics offers tailor-made advisory services tied to the digitisation of health and care delivery in collecting and analysing data to turn them into actionable results. HIMSS Analytics services include benchmarking, maturity model assessments, market research and advisory services.

HIMSS Analytics has created the EMR Adoption Model (EMRAM), an 8-stage model that allows hospitals to track their progress you to track your progress towards a paperless environment. EMRAM identifies the level of electronic medical record (EMR) capabilities in hospitals, ranging from limited ancillary department systems through a paperless EMR environment. Currently, Latin America has fourteen certified Stage 6 hospitals, eleven of which are in Brazil, two in Argentina, and one in Chile.