

Memorial Health Care System

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Memorial Recognized by Kimberly Clark Health Care in Fight Against Healthcare Associated Infections

*Memorial awarded educational grant to further infection prevention and
educational efforts*

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Memorial Health Care System today announced that they are the recipient of a \$1,500 Healthcare Associated Infections Watchdog Award educational grant.

The HAI Award is sponsored by Kimberly-Clark Health Care and were created to recognize the efforts of dedicated healthcare professionals to help prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs). The online awards program also facilitates the sharing of best practices among clinicians, and Kimberly-Clark Health Care will provide Memorial with a grant to further its staff educational efforts.

“It’s wonderful to see our work to prevent Healthcare Associated Infections recognized by a leader like Kimberly-Clark Health Care. We plan to put our educational grant to use as part of our ongoing commitment to quality care and infection prevention,” said Dr. Mark Anderson, infectious disease specialist and vice-chief medical officer at Memorial. “We’re excited to share our best practices as well as learn from other members of the HAI Watchdog Community to enhance our infection prevention and educational efforts. We look forward to sharing our best practices in next year’s HAI Watchdog Awards and encourage other healthcare organizations to participate.”

Memorial's won the award for it's month-long educational campaign titled “It ain't no Jive, Hand Hygiene Saves Lives.” The campaign included a 1950s ‘Happy Days’ theme and poster design contest depicting proper handwashing technique and why hand hygiene is important.

To view Memorial's entry and to learn more about the HAI Watchdog Awards, visit <http://haiwatchdog.com>. Then join the HAI Watchdog Community and check out the HAI Watchdog Awards section.

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Memorial Health Care System is a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to the healing ministry of the Church. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and strengthened as part of Catholic Health Initiatives, it offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedic and rehabilitation services. Memorial is a regional referral center of choice with 4,000 associates and more than 700 affiliated physicians providing health care throughout Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. Memorial Health Care System is recognized as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry's leading source of information on hospital quality. To learn more, visit www.memorial.org.