



King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital Becomes First Middle East Acute Care Facility to Achieve HIMSS Analytics EMRAM Stage 7 Award

The HIMSS Analytics Stage 7 Award honors facilities operating in a paperless environment using best practices in implementing EMR

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA (May 06, 2016) – HIMSS Analytics is proud to announce that King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital (KKESH) has achieved Stage 7 of the Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM). This makes KKESH the first acute care organization to achieve Stage 7 in the Middle East.

HIMSS Analytics developed the EMR Adoption Model 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.

The final stage, Stage 7, represents an advanced patient record environment. The validation process to confirm a hospital has reached Stage 7 includes a site visit by an executive from HIMSS Analytics and former or current chief information officers and chief medical information officers or chief nursing informatics officers to ensure an unbiased evaluation of the Stage 7 environments.

Opened in 1983, KKESH is the largest ophthalmic tertiary referral center in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Responding to this Award, Dr. Abdul-Elah Al-Towerki, General Executive Director at King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital said, "We are honored to be recognized by HIMSS as first Stage 7 hospital in Middle East. Reaching such a world-class standard is a direct result of continuous support from the Kingdom's Ministry of Health, which enables us to provide quality tertiary ophthalmic care to our patients."

KKESH's paperless environment has led to cost-savings and directly impacts efficiency of staff members in emergency situations. John Daniels, Global Vice President, Healthcare Advisory Services Group, HIMSS Analytics said, "King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital is one of the most paperless hospitals I have visited around the world. They did not have any folders or charts on the wards to store paper because they were not creating any paper documentation. All clinical documentation is captured in the EMR by nurses, physicians and allied health professionals from the emergency room to the ward, during resuscitations, and in the operating room."

King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital will be recognized at the Ministry of Health and HIMSS Middle East Conference 2016 from October 12 – 13 2016, at the Four Seasons, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Visit www.himssmiddleeastconference.org for more information on this event.

Visit the [HIMSS Analytics](http://www.himssanalytics.com) website for more information on Stage 7 recognition.

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