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CHC Receives 2014 Gallup Great Workplace Award

Commonwealth Health Corporation (CHC), parent company of The Medical Center, has received the 2014 Gallup Great Workplace Award which recognizes the best-performing workforces in the world. CHC is one of 36 organizations to receive the prestigious Gallup award this year.

"Employee engagement is one of CHC's core strategic goals. It is not a one-time initiative but a culture that is woven throughout all aspects of our corporation," said Connie Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth Health Corporation. "We at CHC recognize that a highly engaged workplace means a better place for our employees to work and a better place for our patients to receive quality care."

CHC began utilizing the consulting services of Gallup in 2008 and since that time has experienced significant gains in employee engagement. Results from a 2013 employee engagement survey of CHC's employees, combined with a demonstrated link between engagement and business outcomes, qualified CHC to apply for the award.

Applicants' results are compared across a workplace research database composed of millions of work teams in more than 100 countries. A panel of workplace experts assesses each application and selects the winners.

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The Medical Center Is First Hospital in Kentucky to Implant Miniature Heart Monitoring Device



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The Medical Center is the first hospital in Kentucky and the second in the United States to implant a miniature insertable cardiac monitor. It is called the Medtronic Reveal LINQ Insertable Cardiac Monitor (ICM), and is the smallest implantable cardiac monitoring device available in the world today.

Interventional Cardiologist Sandeep Chhabra, M.D. was the first physician to implant the device in a patient at The Medical Center. Dr. Chhabra says The Medical Center is at the forefront of medical technology by adopting this new state-of-the-art procedure.

"This new smaller device continuously monitors the heart so that doctors have a reliable picture of the patient's heart activity," said Dr. Chhabra. "Using this information, it allows the physician to accurately diagnose and monitor each patient."

The tiny monitor is approximately one-third the size of a AAA battery, making it more than 80 percent smaller than other insertable monitors. While significantly smaller, the device is part of a powerful system that allows physicians to continuously and wirelessly monitor a patient's heart for up to three years, with 20 percent more data memory than previous ICMs. It can be monitored from nearly any location in the world.

The system provides remote monitoring through the Carelink® Network. Physicians can request notification to alert them if their patients have had a cardiac event. The new small monitoring device is used in patients who experience dizziness, palpitation, fainting and chest pain that may indicate a cardiac arrhythmia, and for patients with increased risk for cardiac arrhythmia.

The smaller device has many benefits including ease of placement into the chest. Because it is smaller, it is much more comfortable to the patient. The ICM is placed just beneath the skin through a small incision in the left side of the chest, and is often invisible to the eye. It also allows patients to undergo magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) if needed. Using this minimally invasive procedure, it simplifies the experience for both physicians and their patients.

