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Banner Gateway and Banner Estrella the only hospitals in Arizona to Earn U.S. News & World Report's 'Most Connected' Rankings

Gilbert, Ariz. – Banner Gateway Medical Center in Gilbert and Banner Estrella Medical Center in West Phoenix were the only facilities in Arizona identified in *U.S. News & World Report's* [Most Connected](#) rankings.

This ranking recognizes 118 hospitals out of about 5,000 hospitals nationwide for demonstrating both standards of solid medicine and early adoption of information technology. Banner Gateway and Banner Estrella were the first two Banner facilities to go live with both Electronic Medical Record and Computer Physician Order Entry simultaneously.

Every hospital included in the list is also distinguished by having captured a national ranking in the 2011-12 U.S. News [Best Hospitals](#) and/or [Best Children's Hospitals](#) rankings or by having earned the designation of "high-performing" in one or more medical specialties. In addition, they are leaders in moving to all electronic medical records, according to HIMSS Analytics, a division of the nonprofit Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society that analyzes use of health information technology.

Request for Interviews: Pam Nenaber, CEO of Banner Gateway, and Rob Gould, CEO of Banner Estrella, are available for interviews regarding technology and its impact on patient care.

About Banner Gateway

Banner Gateway Medical Center has 176 all-private rooms, nine operating suites and a 37-bed Emergency Department. All 79 medical/surgical beds are equipped with iCare technology. In addition, the hospital's 24 Intensive Care beds are monitored via similar technology that provides remote monitoring by intensive care physicians and nurses.

About Banner Estrella

Banner Estrella Medical Center has 214 all-private rooms, 13 operating suites and is the second busiest Emergency Department in the state, seeing upwards of 99,000 patients per year. It's high-tech, high-touch environment was the first new facility Banner Health built, opening in 2005. In addition to its advanced patient care technology which brings together 67 different systems, Banner Estrella offers its patients advanced technology in-room, including Internet access, premium movies and HD television

About Banner Health

Banner Health is one of the largest, nonprofit health care systems in the country, and was recently ranked as one of the ten top healthcare systems in the nation by Reuters Thompson. The system owns or manages 23 acute-care hospitals, long-term care centers and an array of other services including family clinics, home care services, a nursing registry and home medical equipment services in seven states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming. To learn more about Banner Health, go to www.BannerHealth.com