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Adena wins national telemedicine recognition

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Adena Health System was recognized as a laureate by the Computerworld Honors Program for its case study Telemedicine Brings Critical-Care Specialists to Newborns in Rural Ohio at the program's medal ceremony on June 2 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. Attending on behalf of Adena was Marcus Bost, chief information officer.

Pictured with the telemedicine equipment at Adena Regional Medical Center's nursery that won an award from Computerworld on June 2 in Washington, D.C. are: (l-r) Cindy Robinson, RN, maternity services charge nurse; John Fortney, M.D., medical director and pediatrician at Adena; Susan Rowe, BSN, RN, service line director of Adena's Women's and Children's Services; and Jackie Stansberry, BSN, RN, director of Adena's Women's and Children's Services.

Adena's case study explained the telemedicine feature that premiered at Adena Health System in 2006. Working with Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Adena launched the telemedicine initiative to virtually link the two hospitals together through a secure connection and high-definition video conferencing system enabled by the Ohio Supercomputer Center. As a result, specialists in Columbus can now evaluate newborns, share tests and imaging films, and consult with local Adena doctors as if they were standing in the same room. The end result is the opportunity for specialists in Columbus to make more accurate diagnoses, fully participate in treatment, and preserve space at Children's Hospital for only the most critical cases.

For families in Chillicothe and surrounding communities, it means more advanced care closer to home and less need for newborns to be transferred. In just its first year of operation, the project helped cut the number of patients transferred from Adena to Nationwide Children's Hospital in half.

"We are very excited to have received this special recognition from Computerworld," Bost said. "There are many benefits and advantages the telemedicine project has brought to our facility, but I think the most important one is that we are now able to provide a higher level of care for our patients who need help the most."

In addition to Adena, around 200 organizations and businesses received laureates at the ceremony in Washington, D.C., including Duke University Health System, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Lockheed Martin, Mayo Clinic, U.S. Department of Justice, United States Army Corps of Engineers Readiness Support Center, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Warner Brothers Motion Picture Imaging.

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