



HYGEIA NEWS

Hygeia is Two-Time Winner of Prestigious Technology Award



Hygeia has received another prestigious CIO 100 award from *CIO* magazine. The annual award program recognizes 100 organizations around the world that exemplify the highest level of operational and strategic excellence in information technology (IT). According to Abbie Lundberg, Editor in Chief of *CIO* magazine, "This year's winners are particularly remarkable for their ability to translate IT innovation into business value and solid ROI."

Over the eighteen-year history of the award, only 1000+ recipients worldwide have been granted this award. Hygeia, which won a CIO 100 in 2004, joins an elite group of honorees that have received this award two or more times.

"For the 2006 award, we were recognized for our ability to rapidly create new technology applications because of a modular development strategy," explained Rod Hamilton, Hygeia's Chief Information Officer. "One of the specific products that helped us win the award was an early warning notification system for high dollar claims that we built for a client with an extremely short turn around time by easily combining previously designed modules with new components."

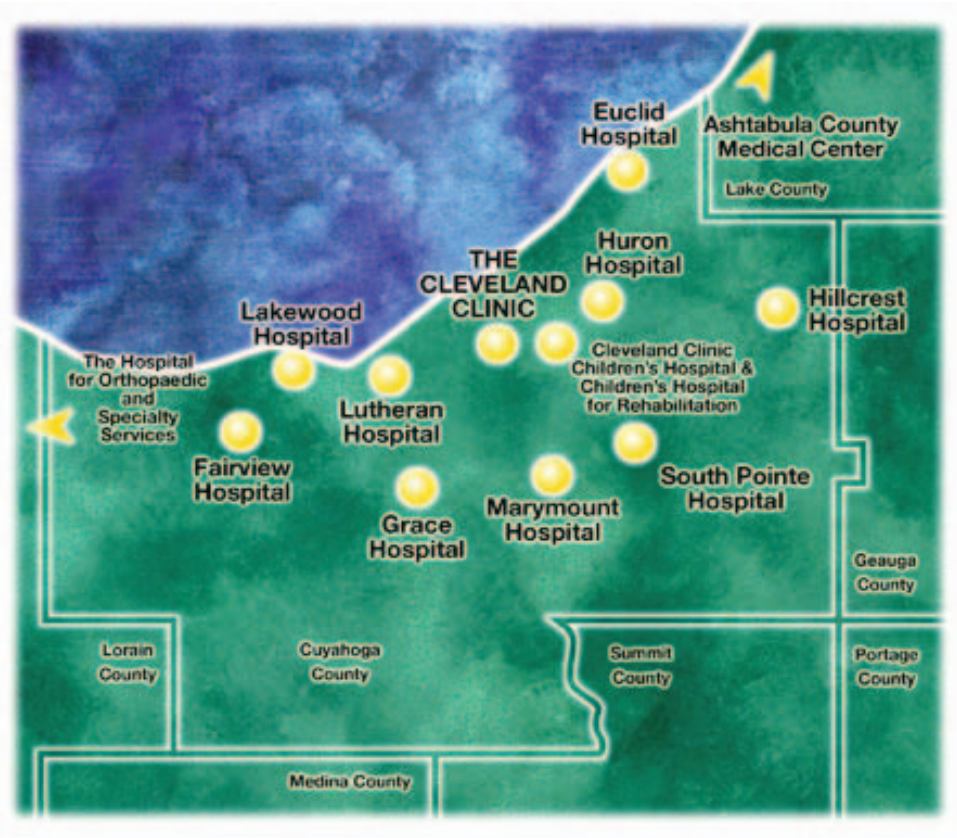
Other recipients of the CIO award include Dell, FedEx, Intel, Royal Bank of Canada and Marriott International. Within the healthcare category, winners include AIG, ING Group, Baptist Health, Pfizer and AFLAC.

Published in more than 15 countries, including Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany and Japan, *CIO* magazine has provided technology and business leaders with analysis and insight on information technology trends and a keen understanding of IT's role in achieving business goals since 1987.



Effective April 1, 2006, Hygeia has added all facilities and physicians in the Cleveland Clinic Health System, located in Northeast Ohio, to its PPO network.

Cleveland Clinic was the third ranked hospital in the nation, and 11 of the facility's specialties ranked among Top 10 in the country in recently released ratings of the nation's best hospitals by *U.S. News and World Report*. Cleveland Clinic also has a full service international department dedicated to assisting foreign patients.



● ● ● CLEVELAND CLINIC IN THE NEWS

The Cleveland Clinic hospital system also plans to open a health and wellness centre in Toronto, about a five-hour drive from Cleveland, that will offer services such as fitness assessments and stress management.

The clinic in Ohio already draws about 600 Canadian patients a year, said Dr. David Bronson, who will become Chairman of the Board of Cleveland Clinic Canada.

The clinic competes for Canadian patients with Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic, Bronson said.

The centre is scheduled to open in an existing building by late summer. It will offer services in the areas of corporate health and wellness, prevention and lifestyle counseling, and referrals of patients to Cleveland, said Jeffrey Ruby, chief operating officer of Cleveland Clinic Canada. Patients will have to pay out-of-pocket for many of the services.

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