

EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL

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EOGH PROVIDES FREE WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS TO PATIENTS & VISITORS

East Orange, N.J., August 20, 2010 – Patients and visitors at East Orange General Hospital can now use their wireless-equipped laptop computers and other wireless devices to access the internet around the hospital campus. Both patients and visitors can now stay connected with family and friends during their hospitalization. And the wireless network, provided by Ruckus Wireless™, allows guests to surf the web, check e-mails, and chat with friends and family on their personal computers.

Recently launched, the wireless network is separate from the Hospital's computer network to ensure privacy and security. There is no cost for patients and visitors to access the wireless network.

"Our patient population has become more computer literate," says Kevin Slavin, President and CEO, East Orange General Hospital. "We know that many people today use the Internet to access information about health and wellness, something that may increase during a hospital stay."

Slavin says there is a national trend to add wireless networks at hospitals for patient and visitor use. "This is typically a service that you find at much larger hospitals in urban settings but as East Orange General Hospital continues to strive to be progressive and offer service excellence, we are pleased to offer this to our patients and their families."

With this new service, patients and their families can stay productive and entertain themselves during their stay.

"We expect this to be a popular service and a good way to enhance the overall patient experience," said Tom Ciccarelli, Chief Information Officer at East Orange General Hospital. "We are thrilled to offer this benefit to help patients feel less isolated and more connected," said Ciccarelli.

Ciccarelli emphasized that the public wireless network has the highest security standard and does not allow access to the Hospital's separate and secure network. "In no way will guest users be able to access the hospital data network, hospital information systems or confidential patient information. This is a completely different system to prevent and access into patient records and other sensitive files."

For more information, please call (973) 672-8400 or visit us at our website www.evh.org.

About East Orange General Hospital

East Orange General Hospital is the largest private employer in East Orange, and remains as the only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital in Essex County. The hospital is the leader in

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Behavioral Health Services and provides a comprehensive array of primary care and specialty services including Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services. Serving the community for over a century, the hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. For more information on East Orange General Hospital, please visit: <http://www.evh.org>.

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