BIOVIGIL is proud to partner with Lutheran Medical Center for setting a bold new standard of care for hand hygiene compliance and patient safety and engagement.  We congratulate the Lutheran Medical Team on winning the Fierce Innovation Award which echoes their commitment to patient safety and innovation.  Lutheran story below:



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### Lutheran Medical Center Named National *Fierce Innovation* Award Winner

WHEAT RIDGE, CO (Aug. 29, 2017) – Lutheran Medical Center has been named a winner in this year's Fierce Innovation Awards: Healthcare Edition 2017, an awards program from the publisher of Fierce Healthcare. Lutheran was recognized in the category of Data Analytics/Business Intelligence.

Lutheran was selected for use of its innovative, industry-leading product, Biovigil, a hand-hygiene monitoring system that was implemented in 2016. Biovigil has increased patient, employee and visitor safety at Lutheran by supporting its work on reducing hospital-related infection rates.

"Lutheran is on a path to transform healthcare," said Grant Wicklund, President and CEO. "Biovigil is one of the tools we have adopted that will help us to create a successful future and bring the highest standards of care to our patients. Our vision is being realized through our new Innovation Center and the highly talented and creative people that work here. We are greatly honored to receive this national recognition for doing the right things for our patients."

Since implementing Biovigil, infection prevention specialists have recorded more than 6.5 million observations for entry and exit of patient rooms with clean hands. The badge worn by healthcare workers shows a green, yellow or red light depending on whether the staff member has washed hands appropriately.

"We knew everyone was good at it, and now we have the technology to prove it," said Jessica Strauch, infection prevention specialist at Lutheran. "The best part is that the badge makes it easy for patients and their families to know they are being treated by someone with clean hands as well."

Along with other interventions, Biovigil has played a role in reducing the number of cases of C.diff in the hospital, as well as a marked reduction in staff sick days in the Emergency Department, one of the first areas to adopt the technology.

"We've always been focused on keeping germs from our patients and our employees, and now we can prove we are doing it," Strauch added.

Winners were named in the Fierce Innovation Award report in five distinct categories designed to highlight products and services that have the potential to make the greatest impact on savings, healthcare delivery and patient engagement.

The full list of Fierce Innovation Award winners and the Innovation report are both available at:http://bit.ly/2wfI3Fb.

### *About Lutheran Medical Center*
Lutheran Medical Center is a community-based, 338-bed acute-care hospital located in Wheat Ridge, CO. Local and national ratings organizations regularly recognize Lutheran for clinical excellence, patient safety and patient experience.

Lutheran's premier services include a five-star birthing center, Heart and Neurovascular Center, robotic surgery, Primary Stroke Center, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Orthopedics, a Level III Trauma Center and emergency services including the first Senior Emergency Room in Colorado. Senior-focused services also include Senior Behavioral Health and a Senior Surgery Center. Lutheran operations include West Pines, Lutheran Hospice and Bridges Health and Wellness. To learn more, visit www.lutheranmedicalcenter.org.

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