

IT Director Receives Award

On Tuesday, October 20th Stuart Butler, IT Director at Sweeny Community Hospital received the 2009 Rural Health IT Leadership Award from the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals. This award was based on his IT accomplishments, commitment to providing IT assistance to hospital staff and overall dedication to furthering the IT advancement of the hospital. Stuart has been instrumental in the implementation of the radiology department's Picture Archiving And Communications System (PACS). The PACS allows all images to be viewed digitally and allows physicians to see X-rays in their offices within minutes of the X-ray being taken. Stuart is also instrumental in the implementation of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) at the hospital. The EHR is critical to the compliance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provisions, which detail guidelines for payment based on meaningful use of information technology in healthcare institutions. Thanks to Stuart's contributions, Sweeny Community Hospital will be ready to meet the demands of healthcare IT advances head-on.

