

### EMH SELECTS SIEMENS SOARIAN FOR NEW, MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CLINICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

**ELYRIA, Ohio, May 14, 2008** – EMH Regional Healthcare System has signed a contract with Siemens Healthcare ([www.siemens.com/healthcare](http://www.siemens.com/healthcare)) to implement the Soarian<sup>®</sup> Hospital Information System throughout all of its facilities. This multi-million dollar technology project will put essential patient information at the fingertips of physicians, nurses, technicians and other personnel, as well as create efficiencies in patient care processes on all EMH campuses.

Soarian will link together all of EMH's existing computer applications to provide a complete electronic patient record that is updated throughout a patient's stay. The record will consist of up-to-the-minute data, including lab, cardiology and radiology test results; medication administration; vital signs; documentation from all clinical disciplines involved in the patient's care; as well as dietary and discharge information. The system will also provide physicians a secure web "portal" that will enable them to view all of their patients' information from any location inside or outside of the hospital.

"EMH and its board of directors have made a significant investment in the future of the healthcare system by selecting and implementing this technology," said Ed Duryee, Vice President and Chief Information Officer at EMH. "As our organization continues to grow and provide additional services to our patients, this clinical information system will allow our technology to grow along with us."

Traditional paper charts and other documents will be replaced by electronic records. Patients will benefit from faster test results, improved communication between their caregivers, and more accurate, timely care.

The implementation of the new clinical information system will take place in two phases, the first expected to go live in the third quarter of 2009. Phase two will be

implemented early in 2010 and will include financial applications, such as insurance and billing, as well as patient registration, scheduling, and document management.

### **About Siemens Healthcare**

**Siemens Healthcare** is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry. The company is a renowned medical solutions provider with core competence and innovative strength in diagnostic and therapeutic technologies as well as in knowledge engineering, including information technology and system integration. With its laboratory diagnostics acquisitions, Siemens Healthcare is the first fully integrated diagnostics company, bringing together imaging and lab diagnostics, therapy, and healthcare information technology solutions, supplemented by consulting and support services. Siemens Healthcare delivers solutions across the entire continuum of care – from prevention and early detection, to diagnosis, therapy and care. The company employs more than 49,000 people worldwide and operates in 130 countries. In the fiscal year 2007 (Sept. 30), Siemens Healthcare reported sales of €9.85 billion, orders of €10.27 billion, and group profit of €1.32 billion. Further information can be found by visiting [www.siemens.com/healthcare](http://www.siemens.com/healthcare).

### **About EMH Regional Healthcare System**

**EMH Regional Healthcare System's** mission is to improve the health of our community through safe, high-quality and cost-effective care. To fulfill this mission, EMH Regional Medical Center, Amherst Hospital, The EMH Center for Health & Fitness in Avon, and a multi-disciplinary medical staff provide services to meet the needs of the community. EMH Regional Medical Center was founded in 1908 as a community hospital and has evolved into one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals. For more information, visit [www.emh-healthcare.org](http://www.emh-healthcare.org).