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Community Hospitals Remain Competitive With Latest Enhancement To Siemens' MedSeries4 Clinical Suite

Fast, reliable web-based delivery of clinical data enable community hospital staff to remain focused on patient safety and enhancing efficiencies.

Chicago, April 5, 2009 – Siemens (www.siemens.com/healthcare) today announced enhancements to its MedSeries4 Clinical Suite enterprise-wide solution, which includes a new easy-to-use interface that allows clinicians to access vital clinical data in three clicks or less. This and other MedSeries 4 enhancements, including plans of care and medication management, will be showcased at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 2009 Annual Conference and Exhibition in Chicago.

MedSeries4, which is on display in the Siemens HIMSS booth (#2036), is the premier healthcare information system (HIS) designed to meet the unique needs of the community hospital. As an end-to-end solution, MedSeries4 helps physicians transform their care delivery process while achieving high-quality outcomes. Built on a proven, yet progressive platform, this innovative technology provides a low cost of ownership, high level of integration, and straightforward system operation that is a key to success.

The latest MedSeries4 Clinical Suite functionalities enable community hospital clinical teams to improve efficiency by strategically facilitating their drive towards computerized physician order entry (CPOE) and electronic health records (EHR), making patient data available via an easy to use integrated Web-based health information system. With just **3 clicks or less**, physicians can access any vital clinical data required, making MedSeries4 a state-of-the-art HIS designed with the busy physician in mind.

Staff at **St Joseph Hospital**, a 120-bed community hospital in Bangor, ME, which recently implemented MedSeries4 clinical functionality, admit they were quickly impressed by both its

simplicity and intuitive interface. Currently, more than 45 St. Joseph doctors are already using the solution.

“We are able to maintain it, it stays current, we can afford it, it just simply meets our needs as a small community hospital,” explained Karen Bowling, Chief Information Officer at St Joseph. “Our physicians were very pleased with the ease of use. Their training took about 10 minutes and they found that clinical information was easy to access”.

Siemens is also proud to introduce its latest MedSeries4 Clinical Suite plans of care solution, which is perfectly suited to help community hospitals tackle some of their toughest challenges, including increasing quality of care & patient safety, optimizing regulatory compliance, and managing costs. Its latest plans of care features are designed to help community healthcare providers provide more evidence-based “best practice” medicine across disciplines, along with implementing plans of care that can support both traditional nursing duties as well as assist interdisciplinary care teams with patient care management.

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, a 142-bed community hospital in Nacogdoches, TX, recently implemented MedSeries4 plans of care throughout its organization.

“Clinical Suite drives the nurses’ charting using plans of care,” said Beth Knight, Chief Nursing Officer at Nacogdoches. “We believe this really helps the organization to meet its Joint Commission requirements.”

Finally, enhancements to MedSeries4 Clinical Suite’s medication management capabilities are helping drive organizations closer to CPOE. By utilizing Siemens’ world-class Pharmacy and MAK solutions, Clinical Suite provides an online tool that helps facilitate a physician’s medication orders by providing an electronic Medication Administration Record (MAR) as well as a checking function to notify clinicians of potential adverse events including drug-to-drug interactions, drug-to-allergy interactions, and duplicate therapy entries.¹

Wise Regional Health System, a 156-bed community hospital in Decatur, TX, which used to rely on manual processes for medication orders before implementing MedSeries4 medication management has seen its compliance for home medication reconciliation increase from less than 50% to over 97% over a six month period time.

¹ This function is not intended to replace clinical or pharmacy judgment or responsibility.

“Nurses quickly adopted the process once they realized the medication forms transferred easily from account to account and it also reduced the time required for documentation,” said Jennifer Graham, Director of Clinical and Ancillary Applications at Wise Regional.

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