

“e-Vitalize Patient Care through Standardization”

This communiqué is directed to clinical leaders at the CE LHIN hospitals. The intent: to provide information on the current CE LHIN Hospital’s Health Information System– focusing on setting Standards– Clinical Applications, as well as an invitation to you and your colleagues to participate.

How can I get involved?

On **August 11, 2009**, you are invited to sessions that will bring Meditech 6.0, project support and clinicians together to:

- View the Meditech 6.0 Clinical Modules
- Provide information and education on the CE LHIN HIS Consolidation, Standards Project
- Gain needed feedback from clinicians on the process and direction for Phase II – clinical modules
- Help determine the right team members or nurse champions from your organization to participate in the standards teams.

What is the Project?

APPROVAL: The CEEC (CEOs of the CE LHIN Hospitals) have agreed to pursue a single Health Information System for all Hospitals in the CE LHIN; it was determined that Meditech 6.0 is the platform. This strategy will move the CE LHIN toward the provincial goal of a single (EHR) Electronic Health Record.

STANDARDS PROJECT: The first implementation of Meditech 6.0 will go “Live” at Ontario Shores (formerly Whitby Mental Health) in August 2010, with the intention of the other hospitals coming onto the system within the next 3-5 years. To ensure the key (non-changeable) components of the system are built according to the needs of all facilities and providers, each module will have a set of standard decisions developed through representation of all health service providers. The standards will be used by Ontario Shores to implement their system; and also will be used subsequently by other hospitals coming onboard with Meditech 6.0.

DEVELOPING STANDARDS: The HIS Consolidation Standards Project involves a team of experts for each module as representatives from each hospital. The teams determine the foundational pieces such as a common set of nomenclatures, definitions, and terminologies to support the implementation of the HIS (Meditech 6.0). The Phase II - Standard teams (clinical applications) will begin in August 2009 till August, 2010; (approx. 1 year).

Why is it important to me?

Phase II Meditech 6.0 is about clinical modules which your staff and physicians will eventually use and include:

- ITS: Imaging and Therapeutic Services (the system for Diagnostic Imaging)
- PCS: Patient Care System (the system for nursing and allied health documentation)
- BMV: Bedside Medication Verification (the system which enables real time electronic capture of medication administration at the bedside)
- PCM: Physician Care Management (the system that enables physicians to order tests, procedures and order sets, and document assessments and interventions)
- OM: Order Management (the system that facilitates electronic order transmission between department)
- EMR: Electronic Medical Records (the system that displays the clinical information to clinicians as a comprehensive medical record)

Clinician input and involvement is critical to ensure the system we create to reflect best practice.

The sessions will provide education and advance communication to the nursing community on this technology and help them prepare for what is coming.

Where is it? – Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences – Conference Place

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Agenda to follow shortly