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Ukiah Valley Medical Center Launches New Clinical Information System

Ukiah Valley Medical Center (UVMC) unveiled the first phase of their new clinical information system, Project IntelliCare on Sunday, October 10, 2004.

The three-phase system will enhance hospital-wide communication and improve current record keeping methods by allowing patient records to be stored and retrieved electronically.

“Project IntelliCare is an efficient method of collecting vital information,” said Harold Becker, Regional Chief Information Officer for Adventist Health.

IntelliCare provides efficiency to patient care by reducing the number of times information is collected, lessening the chance of medical errors and increasing overall quality of care. Once patient information is gathered, it immediately becomes available to all appropriate caregivers. Orders are passed electronically between departments. Patient results, once completed, are quickly made available to doctors, nurses, and other caregivers.

“This is our first step in capturing patient clinical information electronically, which will someday allow patient caregivers access to information from virtually any location at any time,” says Mark E. LaRose, President/CEO.

Patient safety is enhanced by new tools through Project Intellicare that alert caregivers to medical history, allergies, medications being taken, and other medical information. Safety checks are built into the system to reduce the chance of complications from medication administration errors.

Another important byproduct of the system is security. “This system greatly enhances our ability to comply with the recent federal privacy regulations such as HIPAA,” says Becker.

“The vision of Project IntelliCare is to allow simple and secure access to medical information,” says Greg McGovern, Director of Technology for Adventist Health. “This means better bedside care, especially for rural-based hospitals.”

Ukiah Valley Medical Center is the seventh Adventist Health hospital to go live with Project IntelliCare. Adventist Health is investing \$75 million for all 20 Adventist Health hospitals in four western states to be converted to the new clinical information system.

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