

Lifespan and Care New England's New Epic Electronic Health Record Now Sharing Patient Data with CurrentCare for Better, More Coordinated Care

CurrentCare and Epic's interoperability improving quality, safety and efficiency of patient care statewide

PROVIDENCE, RI, APRIL 13, 2015—Lifespan, Care New England (CNE) and Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) announced today that Lifespan's and CNE's new Epic electronic health record (EHR) platforms have been integrated into CurrentCare for statewide clinical data sharing.

"This data sharing connectivity between CurrentCare and both Lifespan's Epic system ("LifeChart") and Care New England's system marks a major milestone in the quest for interoperability of EHRs with CurrentCare," said Laura Adams, President and CEO, RIQI. "Establishing a two-way flow of data between CurrentCare and the EHR systems at Lifespan and Care New England gives providers access to important information on consented patients, regardless of where it was collected, to effectively and efficiently care for their patients."

CurrentCare's "CCD (Continuity of Care Document) on Demand" service allows Lifespan and Care New England providers to query CurrentCare and obtain a patient's care summary document containing information from across the healthcare system. The service is available at Lifespan hospitals, 60 Lifespan ambulatory practices and 37 Care New England ambulatory practices throughout the state.

LifeChart is sending lab results and Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) data to CurrentCare and will soon be sending in CCDs and After Visit Summaries. Care New England is also sending in labs and ADTs, and their Epic system will also be sending in CCDs and After Visit Summaries.

"Lifespan's major investment in a single, enterprise-wide EHR (LifeChart) is a major milestone in our collective efforts to improve quality and control costs. As patients move through our healthcare system, timely access to information for all of their providers is essential to improving care coordination, avoiding unnecessary tests and treatment, and delivering a better patient experience," said Timothy J. Babineau, MD, President and CEO of Lifespan.

At CNE and Lifespan, the data-sharing agreement enables allergies, problems and medications to be extracted from the CurrentCare CCD and merged with the patient's data in the respective Epic EHR systems.

"The ability to access labs results, care summaries and other important patient information that has been collected from different points within the healthcare systems across Rhode Island and pull them all together in the patient's EHR file is incredibly valuable to the patients and our providers who care for them," said Dennis Keefe, President & CEO of Care New England.

CurrentCare allows patients to give their healthcare providers access to more complete, up-to-date health information including medication history, lab results, and hospital/emergency department admissions and discharges. There are now more than 450,000 individuals enrolled in CurrentCare and 1971 providers in over 350 practice sites using CurrentCare services to improve the coordination, quality and safety of the care these individuals receive.

CurrentCare's more than 80 unique data-sharing partners send patient information into CurrentCare from more than 250 different sources throughout the state. For consented patients, CurrentCare captures nearly 90 percent of all lab reports in the state, nearly 90 percent of all medication histories, and receives data from all hospitals in Rhode Island and Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in Connecticut. The Veterans Administration hospitals will also be connected to CurrentCare this year. CurrentCare also receives data from physician office practices and community health and mental health centers.

"When providers share patient data, Rhode Islanders see lower costs and a better quality of care," said US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, who founded RIQI during his time as Rhode Island Attorney General and is a strong advocate in Washington for health care delivery system reform. "Congratulations to RIQI, Lifespan, and Care New England on this major step forward for Rhode Island health care."

"CurrentCare is as an emerging standard of care in Rhode Island and an essential part of the shift to a more collaborative, connected, team-based model of care," said Adams. "With more than 45 percent of the state's population now enrolled in CurrentCare and thousands of new enrollments being received every month, CurrentCare is making an increasing amount of valuable patient information available to providers when they need it."

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