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PRESS RELEASE

Steele Memorial Medical Center Partners with Providence Health Systems on a New Electronic Health Record System "EPIC"

Steele Memorial Medical Center (SMMC) has announced it is partnering with St. Patrick Hospital, a member of Providence Health & Services Western Montana (PH&SWM), to implement the Epic Electronic Health Record in 2014. The Epic Electronic Health Record is a seamless and integrated set of electronic applications that allows for convenient access to patient information and streamlines hospital procedures and tasks.

The secure electronic health record can be shared and accessed by other hospitals and providers using the Epic platform, providing better healthcare service. For example, if a patient is treated at Steele Memorial Medical Center and needs to be transferred to St. Patrick Hospital for a medical reason, the patient's medical records will be available electronically instantaneously, rather than having to seek out the record via paper file and fax. This access to shared information and the ability to access key medical information is crucial to the patient's potential life-saving treatment.

Jeff Hill, Steele Memorial Medical Center CEO stated, "SMMC's partnership with Providence Health and St. Patrick Hospital in the implementation of a seamless health record for our patients aligns with our vision of clinical and organizational excellence."

Epic is widely recognized as a leader in the health care information technology (IT) industry and is a world class information system that touches one out of three Americans. Its products regularly receive high ratings in independent industry surveys measuring customer satisfaction in product functionality. KLAS' 2009 Top 20 Best in KLAS Report rated Epic as the #1 overall software vendor based on 40 separate performance measures. It is estimated that more than 205,000 doctors nationwide are already using Epic's fully implemented EHR product and over 100 million Americans have a medical record on Epic.

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