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EDIMS Emergency Department EMR Plays Vital Role In Helping New Jersey Hospitals Achieve Top State-Wide Ranking

EDIMS' hospital clients rank superior in cardiac patient-care measures in the New Jersey 2009 Hospital Performance Report

Livingston, N.J., December 1, 2009 - EDIMS LLC, a leading provider of interoperable emergency department (ED) information management systems for hospitals, announced today that its full-suite electronic medical record (EMR) New Jersey hospital clients received top rankings in the sixth annual report on hospital quality, the New Jersey 2009 Hospital Performance Report published by the Department of Health and Senior Services. Additionally, the three hospitals, Clara Maass Medical Center, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Saint Barnabas Medical Center, were ranked in the top 10 percent of all NJ hospitals for heart attack treatment and heart failure treatment.

The report ranks all 72 New Jersey general acute care hospitals in four areas: heart attack treatment, heart failure treatment, pneumonia treatment and surgical care improvement. Clara Maass Medical Center was one of only 2 hospitals to achieve a 100% score for pneumonia treatment, while both Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Saint Barnabas Medical Center were in the 10 percent for surgical care.

John Fontanetta, M.D., FACAP, chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, N.J., attributes a large part of his emergency department's cardiac success to the EDIMS EMR. One example of cardiac care improvement since the adoption of EDIMS is with a key treatment for heart attack patients, percutaneous coronary interventions (PCIs), that must be performed within 90-minutes of presentation.

According to Dr. Fontanetta, "When we began doing emergency PCIs four years ago, it took, on-average, 140 minutes. Once we adopted the full EDIMS EMR suite, our average time significantly improved. Today a balloon-and a stent, if appropriate-is inserted into the patient's artery in an average of 55 minutes and sometimes as little as 40 minutes. There are so many steps involved in this process that meeting the 90-minute standard is essentially impossible without an EMR."

Clara Maass is one of only four N.J. hospitals to achieve 100 percent for PCI compliance. Clara Maass was number one in the state for cardiac care. "We are thrilled that our New Jersey clients were recognized as top hospitals in the state," said Shane Hade, CEO of EDIMS. "Considering that a large percentage of all cardiac care takes place in the emergency department, the report's results are a true reflection of how EDIMS plays an essential role in achieving high quality, efficient patient care."

EDIMS' intuitive nursing and physician documentation systems are designed to follow clinicians' workflow while providing advanced clinical decision support to improve care. These platforms, coupled with automated order entry, dramatically improve the accurate capture of the care provided, which in turn improves compliance, reduces denials, and reduces the time and effort involved in billing.



About EDIMS LLC

For over 20 years, EDIMS LLC has been delivering enhanced ED operations through its interoperable ED information management systems. Its electronic health record (EHR) solutions, designed to support clinicians' workflow and provide clinical decision support, are being used at 40 hospitals and long-term care facilities nationwide. EDIMS ability to provide comprehensive order entry, real-time charge capture, and to fully document ED patient encounters helps EDs improve reimbursement and enhance patient care while reducing the amount of time and effort involved in documentation and billing. For more information, visit EDIMS.net.