



Indiana Health Information Exchange



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Union Hospital in Terre Haute and Clinton, Ind. Join Nation's Largest Health Information Exchange

Hospitals link to statewide network to improve patient care, reduce costs.

Terre Haute, Indiana (June 9, 2010) — The Indiana Network for Patient Care (INPC) is expanding to serve patients in Terre Haute and Clinton, Indiana. Union Hospital joins 60 hospitals serving more than 6 million patients throughout the state in a network that allows physicians to securely access necessary information to make decisions critical to patient care.

Launched in 1994 by the Regenstrief Institute, the INPC daily handles approximately 2.5 million secure transactions of clinically relevant data such as laboratory test results, medication and treatment histories, and other clinically important information in a standardized, electronic format. This information is critical to diagnoses, treatment and referral decisions and is now available to Union Hospital healthcare providers.

Union Hospital, a 380-bed community health-care facility with 2,400 employees, is the largest nonprofit healthcare provider between St. Louis, MO and Indianapolis, IN serving a broad range of patients from west central Indiana and east central Illinois. The INPC will fold Union Hospital into the nation's largest health information exchange in the nation, providing important clinical information in a standardized, electronic format.

The INPC is the foundational technology for the services offered by the Indiana Health Information Exchange. Today's announcement supports the growing partnership between Regenstrief and IHIE to bring the technologies, expertise and customer support activities of these two organizations to create a meaningful patient-centric health information exchange to clinicians in Indiana. This partnership provides communities, like those served by Union Hospitals with efficiency, quality and safety improvements that will help support even better patient care.

"We understand patients travel to receive treatment from various providers," said Kelly Mills, Union Hospital patient educator. "Joining this network enables us to access important medical information allowing our physicians to retrieve the most up-to-date and relevant patient data that is needed to effectively and efficiently treat our patients throughout the continuum of care – whether they've been treated by one of our physicians or by another participating healthcare provider."

The INPC supports IHIE's results delivery and quality improvement efforts, which includes participation from more than 60 hospitals and 15,000 physicians throughout Indiana. The information is aggregated in

real-time, so the network provides the most accurate, up-to-date information about a patient, regardless of previous treatment location.

“By joining this network, clinicians in these two communities will benefit from securely accessing data from across the participating organizations, which provides better information for better outcomes,” said Dr. J. Marc Overhage, President and CEO of the Indiana Health Information Exchange and Medical Informatics Director of the Regenstrief Institute. “This benefits patients by enabling their doctors to choose optimal therapies and avoid drug-drug interactions, among other life-saving and efficiency-generating efforts.”

About the Indiana Health Information Exchange

Indiana Health Information Exchange, Inc. (IHIE) is a non-profit corporation formed by the Regenstrief Institute, private hospitals, local and state health departments, BioCrossroads, the state's life sciences initiative, and other prominent organizations in Indiana. IHIE is the nation's largest and most respected health information exchange organization and one of the nation's only health information exchange organizations providing chronic disease and preventive health services (www.qualityhealthfirst.org). It is dedicated to supporting communities by providing services that enable the right medical information to get to the right provider at the right time to enhance patient care. To learn more, visit www.ihie.org.

About Regenstrief Institute, Inc.

The Regenstrief Institute, Inc., an internationally recognized informatics and healthcare research organization, is dedicated to the improvement of health through research that enhances the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. Established in Indianapolis by philanthropist Sam Regenstrief in 1969 on the campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine, the Institute is supported by the Regenstrief Foundation and closely affiliated with the I.U. School of Medicine and the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana. Regenstrief Institute research scientists form a highly respected cadre of health services researchers linked to one of the largest and most comprehensive medical informatics laboratories in the world. www.regenstrief.org.

About Union Hospital

Union Hospital is the provider of choice for Wabash Valley residents and consistently receives excellent marks for their care and technology. Union Hospital, Union Hospital Clinton, and their employed physicians offer a broad range of services that create a continuum of care-almost all of an individual's health care needs through their life can be treated at Union Hospital, or through its affiliated services. From intensive care for babies and services for older adults, from emergency services to educational programs and services to help prevent or deal more positively with problems, Union Hospital is here to help. Services of Union Hospital are available to everyone in the Wabash Valley, regardless of ability to pay. The area's largest not-for-profit medical center, the hospital is committed to providing uncompromising care to all.

Union Hospital was founded in 1892 as a 20-bed facility. Today, the 380-bed hospital is a regional referral center, serving patients in west-central Indiana and east-central Illinois. In addition, Union Hospital has a large staff of physicians, nurses, and other health care providers. The hospital is accredited by the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP).