

To Boldly GO...

*Enterprise record goes
live at iPN practices*

For *Star Trek* fans, the Enterprise is an amazing vehicle that transports people into new territory and synthesizes data at light speed.

For medical practices in the north metro Integrated Physician Network (iPN), the enterprise record—part of the electronic health record that’s a universal feature for all iPN practices—does much the same.

This sharable, highly secure online documentation does the following:

- Tracks patient visits to multiple providers so each physician can gain a total picture of tests ordered, diagnoses rendered and medications prescribed.
- Provides enhanced security to protect patients’ private health information.
- Speeds up lab result reporting, prescription writing and more.
- Ensures a higher degree of patient safety through coordinated action, automated checklists and clinical decision support, as well as timely, personalized communications.

At the same time, the enterprise record—which recently went live at all iPN offices—separates patient information from practice-management data, so each physician’s office can maintain its operational independence.

“It’s been a long time coming,” says David Ehrenberger, M.D., a family medicine physician at iPN-member Broomfield Family Practice and chief medical officer at Avista Adventist Hospital. “But the preparatory work has been substantial.”

Ehrenberger continues, “What the patient will see with this sharing of the electronic health record is that their full team of physicians—primary care and specialists—is now on the same page. If they go to their cardiologist for a treadmill [test], for example, and then come to see me, I will have that specialist’s notes the instant they are




Medical Home

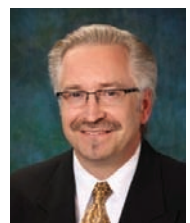
The secured sharing of an electronic health record is a foundational strength of iPN member practices, and also a major step in creating the “medical home,” something seen as the future of coordinated, cost-conscious healthcare.

The Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative, in which the iPN is actively involved, states the goal of the medical home is “to provide you with easy access to a personal healthcare team that knows who you are and what your history is. It is also dedicated to helping you navigate our complex healthcare system when you’re sick and, more importantly, work with you proactively to stay healthy!”

completed. I’ll be able to see what blood tests were ordered, what imaging was conducted and exactly what my colleague’s diagnoses and treatment plans are.

“For patients, this means not having to regurgitate all that information with each visit to each doctor.” It’s also a matter of safety, he adds, because medications prescribed by one doctor will not run counter to those ordered by another. 

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