



eHealth Collaborative Newsletter

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Treatment Group Kickoff Meeting
in Pierre

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eHealth Collaborative Special
Meeting in Pierre

September 16 & 17 2009

eHealth Collaborative Fall Meeting
at the AmericInn in Chamberlain

October, 2009

3rd Annual SD Health Information
Technology Summit

eHealth Collaborative Update

The South Dakota eHealth Collaborative met in Pierre on May 15 and heard reports from the FCC Broadband Ad-Hoc Workgroup and the Technical Advisory Ad-Hoc Workgroup as well as the an update on the progress of the Center for the Advancement of Health Information Technology (CAHIT). Meeting information can be found on the Collaborative's website <http://www.eHealth.dsu.edu>.

The Collaborative also welcomes a newly member this month, Lynn Beck, who will serve as the consumer representative. Lynn will be a member of the Education and Outreach Advisory Committee.

Research firm lists top technologies impacting hospital c-suite executives

by Molly Merrill - May 05, 2009 ([HC IT News](#))

The ECRI Institute, a nonprofit research firm based in Plymouth Meeting, Penn., has released its top 10 list of health technologies for hospital c-suite executives for 2009.

ECRI compiled the list taking into account the convergence of critical economic, patient safety, reimbursement, and regulatory pressures that hospitals face today.

"Prioritizing is a tough but essential job for executives who face a squeeze on their capital budgets, insistent demand from clinicians concerned with patient care and personal income and the well-being and strategic directions of their institutions," said Jeffrey C. Lerner, president and CEO of the ECRI Institute. "This difficult-to-compile ranking of 10 critical technologies will help them to pay close attention to technologies and issues that have a significant impact."

The top 10 technologies are:

1. Electronic Medical Records.
2. Ultrahigh-field strength (3.0 T) and MRI and premium-slice CT.
3. Physician preference items (PPI) implantable items, including cardiac stents, pacemakers, orthopedic implants and orthobiologics.
4. Robotic assisted systems for surgeries and endovascular catheterization.
5. Radiation oncology (proton therapy systems).
6. Radio-frequency identification technology.
7. Alarm integration technologies.
8. Hybrid operating rooms.
9. Therapeutic hypothermia (TH).
10. Rapid tests for deadly infections.

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South Dakota hospital systems adopt e-prescribing solutions

by Kelly Hildebrandt - May 06, 2009 ([Argus Leader](#))

Sioux Falls' two largest hospitals are early adopters of an electronic prescription effort that is simplifying how patient medications are filled

Sanford Health, which last November unveiled its docZ electronic health record system, has about half of its physicians using the program that allows the pharmacy to receive a prescription from a physician via computer rather than on paper. Doctors are submitting more than 9,000 e-prescriptions a week, or almost 40,000 a month.

Avera Health is in the middle of a pilot run of its Doctor First program. Physicians at

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- Florida Health Information Network
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Michigan

- Michigan Health Information Network
- Michigan Health Information Network Resource Center
- Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange
- Southeast Michigan Health Information Exchange
- Michigan Department of Information Technology

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- NJ Health Information Privacy and Security Collaboration (NJ-HISPC)
- New Jersey Health Information Technology Commission

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a variety of Avera clinics throughout the state, including several at Avera McGreevy in Sioux Falls, are using the program, said Dr. Herb Saloum, Avera's medical director of e-pharmacy.

Avera hopes to be out of the pilot phase with its program by this fall. Once the system's electronic medical records program is running at its centers, the programs will be integrated, Saloum said.

Doctors get an incentive for using an e-prescription system during the next several years from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, though that incentive eventually will become a penalty for those doctors who haven't made the move, said Dr. Dan Heinemann, chief medical officer for Sanford Health. Saloum expects that private insurers also eventually will create penalties for not have electronic programs.

Bill Ladwig, vice president of professional services and a pharmacist for Lewis Drug, said Sioux Falls seems to be ahead of the nation when it comes to electronic prescriptions.

"We're way ahead of the curve," Ladwig said. "Nationally, this isn't being utilized to a large extent. It just happens to be utilized here in our area."

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