Siemens Soarian® Platform Elevates Toronto’s St. Michael’s Hospital to Stage 6 of HIMSS Analytics EMR Adoption Model

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Enterprise wide rollout of revolutionary, patient-centric workflow platform has been completed as of June 2011.

Siemens Healthcare and St. Michael’s Hospital have announced they are in the final phase of implementing Soarian®-Clinicals with Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) capabilities, Siemens Pharmacy and Medication Management Check™ for the general inpatient wards. The completion of the rollout solidifies the Ontario hospital’s position in the top 0.2% of Canadian hospitals studied according to the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Analytics Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Adoption Model. This achievement makes St. Michael’s one of only three Stage 6 designated facilities in Canada according to HIMSS Analytics.

The HIMSS Analytics EMR Adoption Model was devised to track EMR adoption progress at hospitals and health systems, and aims hospitals in their use of advanced IT capabilities and their implementation of a fully electronic health record. St. Michael’s has successfully leveraged Siemens health IT solutions to reach the prestigious Stage 6 designation. With Siemens Soarian Clinicals, the hospital’s caregivers benefit from a more complete view of patient information.

They now have available:
• Fully electronic Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) capabilities including clinical decision support
• Medication bar code technology including medication administration
• Clinical documentation and flow sheets
• Diagnostic test results and reports

St. Michael’s is a 535-bed academic health sciences centre in Toronto, Ontario, and is the designated adult trauma centre for the city’s downtown core and a major referral centre for the province. St. Michael’s was a Canadian pilot for Soarian Clinicals implementation.

The hospital selected the Respiratory ward as its initial pilot unit in March 2010 since the patients in this unit receive some of the most complex medication regimens. Since that time, eight additional units have successfully introduced CPOE into daily practice, with three more targeted for go live by the end of June. St. Michael’s has used the Soarian Clinicals solution, with its workflow engine, to help drive operational efficiency and distinguish itself as one of the only hospitals in the country to achieve Stage 6 on the HIMSS Analytics EMR Adoption Model.

Since launching Soarian Clinicals, St. Michael’s has achieved significant success in enhancing patient care delivery, increasing efficiencies, and meeting patient safety initiatives. For example, the pharmacy and medication management capabilities have introduced innovative tools to help achieve a full range of medication safety requirements – from helping clinicians to identify patients at risk for medication-related complications to safeguarding medication administration to supporting the workflow needs of the complete care team.

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