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Announcing:



**Electronic Chart System Unveiled by
Area's Top Health Care Officials**

Florida Hospital and Orlando Health partner for national pilot program

Orlando, Fla. (December 9, 2009) — Patient lives will be saved and hospital costs reduced, thanks to a new system unveiled today by the Central Florida Regional Health Information Organization (CFRHIO).

Becky J. Cherney, CEO of the Florida Health Care Coalition and CFRHIO chairman provided a preview of the national pilot health care information system to community healthcare leaders. “This new system ensures a continuum of care for our patients at emergency room systems throughout Central Florida. It will save time and it will save money. But, most importantly, it will save lives.”

The system provides emergency room physicians with immediate access to their patient charts, regardless of whether they were last seen at a Florida Hospital or Orlando Health ER. The system's brand name, CHARTS, was also announced: Connecting Health and Records Technology System. The system is part of a national endeavor to make critical patient care information more easily accessible.

According to Cherney, patient confidentiality is assured. “This information link will protect patient privacy while increasing efficiency and assuring quality care.”

“We’ll know instantly if the patient has medication allergies, what tests have already been performed and any recent history that could impact quality of care,” Cherney said. “We are only tapping the potential use of this concept which is being embraced by emergency room physicians nationwide.”

CHARTS will be available in emergency rooms throughout Central Florida in early 2010.

About CFRHIO

The CFRHIO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It is a comprehensive knowledge-based network of interoperable systems of clinical, public health and personal health information that improves health and health care decision-making by making health information available when and where it is needed. For more information about the CFRHIO, visit <http://www.flhcc.com/rhio.cfm>.

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