

CarePICS releases a "platform agnostic" remote clinical imagery system to facilitate patient encounters

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RALEIGH, N.C. -- In everyday medical practice clinicians utilize tools such as a stethoscope, a blood pressure cuff or a thermometer to assess the physical well being of their patient. This data is readily shared between care givers when collaborating on the best regimen of treatment. Here at CarePICS we believe that we have created a tool that will join the ranks of these basic clinical tools routinely used for care.

Introducing CarePICS® Remote Clinical Imagery System that allows the secure transmission of voice, text, and images for virtual treatment sessions between clinicians. The intuitive acronym (PICS) denotes application functionality for Photo, Invite, Chart, and Store. Iterations of the tool will soon be available for iOS and Droid smart phone devices and tablets. Enterprise management of data is a secure cloud based architecture via web portal.

PHOTO...Images obtained using a device's camera are retained during the CarePICS® Virtual Treatment Session between clinical participants. No imagery remains on the user's device after a session but may be archived on a secure server.

INVITE...Clinicians may invite a consulting entity such as a physician or clinical specialist into a CarePICS® session via a configurable contact list by push notifications. A patent pending alternative "call all" feature (CarePOD) invites all members of a pre-configured clinical contact group to a session thus enabling the possibility a first-to-respond/first-to-treat real time engagement model.

CHART...Clinical data pertinent to the treatment process can be entered and displayed during the session. Utilizing voice recognition technology hands-free chart or note entry is possible. An interface with existing EMR systems is configurable to meet Network Partner requirements.

STORE...CarePICS® makes latent posting of data possible for viewing via email notifications to clinical partners not available for an immediate consultation. Archiving of session data is provided on a secure server to meet requirements associated with various payor requirements. The underlying system architecture spans across all health care record systems with a HL 7 interface for all data retention and storage.

Industry estimates put the number electronic medical records vendors in all care settings at close to 1000 companies. These entities offer a myriad of solutions with all vying for that industry standard watch phrase "meaningful utilization". Common concern among most experienced clinicians is the majority of these systems are complex and time consuming reducing valuable patient encounter time that is spent entering data rather performing diagnostic and therapeutic care.

Company president, Terry Williams was quoted at the time of press release, "CarePICS is striving to put the clinician/patient encounter at the forefront of care. We support a real time collaborative approach by any and all members of a clinical team on a compliant and intuitive platform utilizing voice, textual and imagery data sets. In medicine latency of care whether caused by time or distance means added cost and often negative outcomes. We strongly endorse the compliant use of clinician to clinician sharing of data and imagery systems with time honored methodology of evidence based medicine protocols."

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