Dr. Gurunath Reddy Continues to Educate Physicians on the Importance of EHRs

Local physician stresses: electronic health records are one of the greatest assets in navigating an ever-changing health system.

HOUSTON (PRWEB) November 16, 2017 -- Dr. Gurunath Reddy has been an advocate of electronic health record (EHR) systems for a long time. As the health care landscape continues to shift, so too does this award-winning doctor continue to educate his colleagues on the benefits of abandoning paper health records.

Some patients must visit multiple specialists to achieve wellness. EHRs allow various practices to seamlessly exchange clinical data. This allows physicians to improve their quality of care by increasing communication across the multiple sites and specialties. Legislators favor the use of EHR technology as well, providing many incentives to the physicians who choose to embrace this technology.

EHR systems have been available for nearly two decades, but some physicians continue to rely on paper records. The cost of implementation serves as one barrier to adopting this technology. Uncertainty as to whether the EHR will truly serve the practice’s needs serves as another barrier. Reddy points out web-based EHRs can serve as a cost-effective alternative to a full installation, but stresses that physicians should prioritize functionality over price.

“EHRs are especially important in our volatile industry, because they allow physicians to demonstrate their quality of care to government agencies and insurance providers,” says Reddy. “Implementing one can help ensure a medical practice survives no matter what our nation’s leaders choose to do about the future of health care in the United States.”

Other advantages of these systems include reduction of expenses, more accurate billing and coding and the ability to access real-time patient information at multiple locations. Further with the Governments mandated quality indicators and other reporting parameters in the coming years EMR/ EHR will become all the more important in data collecting for such reporting.

Reddy has been touting the benefits of those systems for over 17 years.
“I am passionate about advocating for any method which has proven itself to be an effective tool in the quest to achieve the best possible patient outcomes”, he says.

ABOUT DR. GURU N. REDDY
Dr. Gurunath Reddy, MD, FACP, FACG, FASGE, AGAF is widely recognized for his endoscopic experience, clinical acumen, and his teaching. He has spearheaded policy and quality improvement efforts throughout the industry. He has been recognized as one of Houston’s top doctors by H Texas Magazine from 2006-2017, and by Houstonian Magazine from 2013-2017. The Consumer’s Research Council named him one of America’s Top Doctors in 2006.

Reddy has served as Chair of Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, Continuing Medical Education, Endoscopy, and Medical Staff By Laws. The Houston Northwest Medical Center elected him as Chief of Staff, as did Northeast Medical Center Memorial Hermann North East. He also served on the boards of both hospitals.
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