Caradigm and Rush Health Announce New Health Information Exchange (HIE) for Rush Health Members Aims to Improve Quality of Care and Population Health

Unique data aggregation and analytics capabilities will be used to improve care coordination and provider performance.

Chicago, Illinois (PRWEB) January 14, 2014 -- Rush Health, a clinically integrated network of physicians and hospitals, is creating a private Health Information Exchange (HIE) for its member physicians and hospitals, using advanced population health software to improve care quality, care coordination and patient outcomes throughout its network, the organization announced today. To support this initiative, Rush Health has contracted with Caradigm (Bellevue, WA) for a variety of healthcare analytics and population health software.

“This is not about simply moving health information data from point A to point B,” said Brent J. Estes, president and CEO, Rush Health. “We will be able to identify populations of patients with chronic diseases like hypertension or diabetes, and know right away when patients are seen in an emergency room or admitted to a hospital. Using this information, we can better analyze trends and patterns to organize approaches to care and follow up that can reduce episodes of care, improve health and save patients and payers money.”

Using Caradigm’s software solutions, the Rush Health HIE will give Rush Health physician practices and hospitals access to near real-time clinical, operational and financial data aggregated from multiple technology systems used by Rush Health physicians and hospitals, as well as other providers in the market, including distinct Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems and Rush Health’s Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW).

Access to this, near real-time data will enable clinicians to make more informed decisions about the care of individual patients and to improve the coordination of care for patients with complex and chronic conditions as they transition from hospital to clinic to home.

The near real-time data asset also will serve as the foundation for a wide range of advanced analytics and reporting applications that support Rush Health’s quality, performance, accountable care and population health initiatives. For example, Rush Health will expand its provision of quality and performance measures to its 900 member physicians to enable community-wide quality reporting. Other applications will be used to guide risk-based contracting, accountable care operations, care management, utilization management, and the dissemination of evidence-based best practices.

Rush Health’s new Health Information Exchange will be used to share data with external organizations, including payers, National Registries and the MetroChicago Health Information Exchange.

“We believe that our physicians, other care givers and providers can make a measurable impact on health outcomes for our patients over time,” said Estes. “Few health exchanges have the ability to connect with so many providers including home care, physician practices, dialysis centers and others.”

“We’re excited to help Rush Health achieve its vision of becoming the regional network of choice,” said Steve Shihadeh, Senior Vice President of Sales and Customer Operations, Caradigm. “The data aggregation, analytics...
and care management capabilities of our population health portfolio will enable Rush Health to increase the value of healthcare delivered to the community.”

About Rush Health
Rush Health is a collaborative, member-based network of Chicago-area physicians and hospitals, working together to improve health through high quality, efficient health services covering the spectrum of patient care from wellness, prevention and health promotion to disease management and complex care management. Members include more than 1,000 providers, and Rush University Medical Center, Rush-Copley Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital.

For more information, please visit www.rush-health.com.

About Caradigm
Caradigm is a healthcare analytics and population health company dedicated to helping organizations improve care, reduce costs and manage risk. Caradigm analytics solutions provide insight into patients, populations and performance, enabling healthcare organizations to understand their clinical and financial risk and identify the actions needed to address it. Caradigm population health solutions enable teams to deliver the appropriate care to patients through effective coordination and patient engagement, helping to improve outcomes and financial results. The key to Caradigm analytics and population health solutions is a rich set of clinical, operational and financial data delivered to healthcare professionals within their workflows in near-real time. This data asset serves as the foundation for a growing number of innovative healthcare applications developed by Caradigm and industry partners, providing rapid incremental value to customers.

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