

Mount Sinai Hospital signs contract with Nightingale



MARKHAM, ON, May 16 /CNW/ - The delivery of patient care at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital (MSH) is expected to be enhanced following today's announcement of an agreement between the Hospital and Nightingale Informatix Corporation.

MSH will license Nightingale's Enterprise Practice Management and Electronic Medical Record tools for their Ambulatory Record Management System (ARMS) project, which is expected to include at least 500 physicians and residents operating out of 130 ambulatory clinics, a move that will allow medical professionals to automate their clinics and integrate patients' clinical information currently collected by the hospital systems.

" We are taking a leadership role in accelerating the adoption of technology among healthcare providers on an integrated patient centric model," said Dr. Lynn Nagle, Senior Vice President, Technology and Knowledge Management of MSH. "Our clinical and information technology staffs have been working together on an organization-wide initiative to provide innovative ways to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of health care services to patients across all Ambulatory Care services. This project represents the foundation for the creation of the integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR) across the entire MSH organization. It accelerates our plan to create a central patient repository and a platform to seamlessly connect all stakeholders providing real-time access to critical information to all care providers and enabling patients to review their medical records and communicate with their physicians. Our selection committee undertook a rigorous due diligence process and selected the Nightingale System as the best fit for the needs of our clinics."

Dr. Nagle continued: "The organization-wide implementation of an EHR is a key enabling strategy for the enhancement of care delivery across MSH. The Nightingale System, delivered over an application service provider (ASP) platform, will enable physicians to develop best practice and customized clinical templates and treatment profiles which will allow them to standardize the clinical data capture in a patient centric model, and provide caregivers throughout MSH with access to central patient information via a secure internet connection, anywhere, anytime."

" This major initiative by the premiere teaching hospital in Canada will set the standard for clinical office automation and the integration of clinical information in a "patient centric" model," said Sam Chebib, the Chief Executive Officer of Nightingale. "The ARMS project is validation that our Enterprise ASP clinical system can be the cornerstone of physician office automation in a large organization where multi-disciplinary care providers are sharing and contributing clinical input to a unique patient record."

MSH conducted a formal review process for the ARMS project before deciding to proceed with the Nightingale System. The Nightingale System is an ASP solution that is delivered through a secure web-connection and two-factor authentication capable of managing multiple physical locations in real time. The Nightingale System will be integrated with the existing systems of MSH to exchange information for diagnostic imaging, laboratory results, pharmacy, scheduling and ADT. The Nightingale System will allow MSH to provide an integrated EHR solution on a central platform, while eliminating the burdens associated with conventional EHR solutions.