Welcome to Health-E-Care, an initiative to clinically transform how we deliver patient care in 2014. This initiative is nothing less than vital to our existence as physicians and as a community health care facility. The Electronic Health Record (EHR) project, begun in early 2012, is a huge undertaking that is being led by 12 physician champions. These champions oversee work groups in the various categories.

The work groups are the driving force that will design, review, create, test, lead, and train the basic functions of the EHR – including Order Sets, Communication, Training and Support, Metrics, Documentation, and Workflow and Devices.

The EHR Committee reports directly to the Medical Executive Committee and an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for operational governance. We appreciate your support and cooperation during this vital transformation in the way we practice medicine. This transformation will improve the quality and safety of care at Mission Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Angel Martinez III, EHR Champion
Clinical Informatics Medical Director

Mission Regional Medical Center is committed to implementing a fully functional and integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR) which optimizes the ability to deliver the best care and measurable outcomes to our patients.
What is Clinical Transformation?

In the simplest words, it is the new way to practice medicine. It is essential to the very survival of the medical industry.

Clinical Transformation is a comprehensive ongoing approach to care delivery excellence that delivers value by measurably improving quality, enhancing service, and reducing costs through the effective alignment of people, process, and technology.

By way of background, this new standard of care is the result of the Affordable Care and Recovery Act of 1999. The survival of Health Care mandates a new standard of care that includes a fully functional and integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR), which optimizes the ability to deliver the best care and measurable outcomes to patients. Mission Regional Medical Center’s Health E-Care initiative involves implementing advanced clinical systems to include computerized provider order management (CPOM), provider documentation, and provider decision support.

The EHR will become the central point for exchange of patient information. Eventually, the EHR will simultaneously improve quality, decrease costs and increase the satisfaction levels of patients, physicians and employees.

Health-E-Care is the name of our clinical information transformation effort. You will be seeing this logo used on all of the Communications that we will be providing to you.

For more information about Electronic Health Records, please contact: Robert Briseno, Clinical Informatics Project Manager at (956) 323-1392.

Meet the EHR Committee

The committee is made up of the Chairs & Vice-Chairs of the six work groups.

**EHR Champion, Dr. Angel Martinez III, Clinical Informatics Medical Director**

**Training and Support Work Group**
The purpose of this work group is to establish effective training and support strategies to ensure immediate and long term success of EHR at MRMC.

*Chair, Dr. Ruben Mohme; Vice-Chair, Dr. George Sachariah*

**Order Sets Work Group**
The purpose of this work group is the development and adoption of evidenced-based, standardized physician order sets and computerized physician order management (CPOM).

*Chair, Dr. Robert Mangoo; Vice-Chair, Dr. Gretchen Velasco*

**Metric and Benefits Work Group**
The Metrics workgroup will establish criteria to measure effectiveness of EHR in attaining identified benchmarks as they pertain to “Meaningful Use” and quality of care.

*Chair, Dr. Matthew Johnson; Vice-Chair, Dr. David Hernandez*

**Workflow and Devices Work Group**
The purpose of this work group is to assess and evaluate current workflow and recommend optimal workflow redesign and device deployment to support order management and documentation across the organization.

*Chair, Dr. Oscar Tijerina; Vice-Chair, Dr. Ivan Melendez*

**Communications Work Group**
The purpose of this work group is to develop effective communication strategies to facilitate a cultural transformation process that embraces adoption of EHR.

*Chair, Dr. Saan Simon; Vice-Chair, Dr. Angel Martinez III*

**Documentation Work Group**
The purpose of this work group is to establish clear, concise, complete and consistent documentation standards and streamline documentation through customized template and voice recognition processes.

*Chair, Dr. Jose Marina; Vice-Chair, Dr. Enrique Linan*

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