



Personal MD Goes Paperless

Personal MD takes a giant leap to stay ahead of the curve.

MCKINNEY, Texas (January 7, 2009) -- Personal MD, a medical services company that specializes in delivering lower-cost medical care to businesses and the self-employed has recently converted to a paperless office. Beginning January 1, 2009 all medical records created by the clinic will be digital. Old records generated prior to 2009 will be scanned in and added as TIFF (picture) files and stored in the patient's electronic file.

After 4 years of research and experimentation, Personal MD chose to go with eClinicalWorks practice management and electronic medical records system.

Eclinicalworks is one of the most commonly used electronic medical records system in the United States. It is estimated by the Center of Health Information Technology that less than 15% of medical offices currently use an electronic system for both practice management and documentation of patient records.

“We are excited about stay ahead of the curve by going digital...” explained Nelson X. Simmons, M.D., the founder of Personal MD. “We feel it will allow us to take better care of our patients, make us more efficient, and provide an easier way for us to communicate with other offices and hospitals.” he added.

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The project is being funded in part by Texas Health Resource, Inc. who is absorbing 25% of the implementation and maintenance cost for staff doctors who convert to one of three products chosen by THR.

Personal MD has also opted to use an electronic prescription product supported by Allscripts, Inc. allowing doctors to communicate directly with pharmacies from the exam room. “This technology saves the patient time by directly sending prescriptions to their pharmacy while the doctor is still in the room,” explains Becky Caruso, office manager for Personal MD in McKinney. Mrs. Caruso also states “With this type of system, there is less chance of making prescription errors due to legibility issues or prescribing medications that may interact with one another.”

President Obama has recently passed legislature that encourages all medical providers and hospitals in the United States to convert to an electronic medical system with e-prescriptions by 2014.

Additional information can be found at www.personalmdonline.com.