

Electronic Health Records Take Center Stage in Oklahoma and Texas



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(Norman, OK) – Millions of dollars are available for Oklahoma and Texas to help doctors and hospitals “go electronic” with their patients’ healthcare records. That has created more awareness about Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and Healthcare Information Technology among healthcare professionals and their patients. OnlineMedsource serves as an information resource for those professionals and the public.

For example, OnlineMedsource President and CEO Agi Lurtz was the featured speaker at the Permian Basin Healthcare Network Luncheon in Odessa, Texas on May 12th. Those who attended the luncheon were informed of what kind of standards the federal government will require of them concerning the adoption EHRs and the incentives which will be made available later this year.

Lurtz also was a panelist this week at the Practice Management Institute’s Conference in San Antonio on May 20th. This discussion centered on issues surrounding EHRs, such as privacy and security, how to implement a system without disrupting the medical practice and, of course, the incentives being offered by the federal government.

In Oklahoma, OnlineMedsource will have a representative attending the Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board on May 26th at 3pm. According to the Board’s Agenda, updates will be provided on how federal stimulus funds are being used to develop a Healthcare Information Technology Infrastructure which will enable doctors who use EHRs to better coordinate care for their patients. During the same meeting, the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority will outline key provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Healthcare Reform Law) which will affect the development and deployment of Healthcare Information Technology in Oklahoma.

OnlineMedsource will be available to the media to discuss any and all of these issues. Please call Jason Doyle Oden to set up interviews or to receive background information which will help develop your story.