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## UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE

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## UBMC Launches New Electronic Health Record System

**March 23, 2012:** Uintah Basin Medical Center has partnered with Cerner Corporation to bring a new state-of-the-art healthcare information technology solution to the hospital. UBMC has been collaborating with Cerner to design and implement a new, secure electronic health record (EHR) system. The system will launch April 1, 2012.

The new EHR system eliminates the need for paper patient health records and acts as a single source of reference for a patient's health information. This new technology will further enhance UBMC's caregivers' ability to provide superior care and improve patient safety. Other benefits of the new system include ensured medication safety, reduced medical errors, reduced transcription errors and improved access to information. The overall goal is to provide the highest level of quality care possible.

The investment of the new EHR will bring advanced healthcare technology to the community. As part of the new system, patients will be able to access parts of their medical records from the comfort of their homes. The hospital plans to implement patient portals that will enable patients to schedule appointments, access lab results, e-mail with their clinician, and view past discharge instructions from their home PC. This plan will encourage patients to take an active role in their health.

Brad LeBaron, CEO of UBMC, explains that "The complexity of both the clinical and business sides of healthcare require successful organizations to implement robust information systems. Uintah Basin Healthcare's partnership with Cerner will bring us toward the leading edge of information systems technologies allowing us to use these technologies to improve care for those who place their trust in us."

Preston Marx, VP for Information Technology, stated "This change is all about our patients. Thousands of hours have been spent in preparation for our conversion to Cerner. We want your family to rely on Uintah Basin Healthcare for all of your healthcare needs and Cerner helps us meet that responsibility. Your UBH physicians will be viewing the same information whether you are in the clinic, Emergency Department or surgery. This coordination of care will streamline our processes and ultimately improve the patient experience."

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.