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UBMC Receives HIMSS Stage 6 Designation

Leading the Way with Technology Solutions

October 8, 2013: Uintah Basin Medical Center has achieved Stage 6 designation of the HIMSS Analytics Hospital Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Adoption Model. This distinction honors the organization's accomplishments to implement technology solutions that have the ability to improve patient safety and quality of care.

HIMSS Analytics provides the highest quality data and analytical expertise to support improved decision making for the healthcare industry. HIMSS provides the right insight to tap robust, data-driven solutions to help address and optimize IT strategies and implementation.

On April 1, 2012, Uintah Basin Medical Center partnered with Cerner Corporation and launched a new, secure electronic medical record (EMR) system. The new EMR system eliminates the need for paper patient health records and acts as a single source of reference for a patient's health information. The new technology enhances our provider's ability to provide superior care and improve patient safety. Other benefits 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.

Preston Marx, UBMC Vice President of IT, states "Our industry is being asked to move into the electronic world. Uintah Basin Healthcare decided that rather than hide from the change, we would embrace it. The ultimate goal is to improve patient care through technology by providing clinicians the information they need, when they need it. Countless hours have been spent over the past two years to make this award a reality. We certainly feel blessed by our success thus far; yet remain cognizant of the work still ahead."

According to HIMSS Analytics, only 10.2% of hospitals in the United States carry a Stage 6 designation. Uintah Basin Medical Center is a great example of how a vision can become reality in the world of healthcare information technology. It definitely takes executive commitment, support and a great team of healthcare professionals to achieve this advanced level.

We believe many more hospitals will follow in adopting an EMR solution in the near future. In fact, Intermountain Healthcare recently announced plans to implement Cerner's EMR across its 22 hospitals and 185 clinics.

Brad LeBaron, CEO of UBMC, explains that "Uintah Basin Healthcare is a proven leader introducing our EMR with Cerner 18 months ago. We realize that the complexity of both the clinical and business sides of healthcare require successful organizations to implement robust information systems. We will continue to strive for leading edge technologies to improve the care for those who place their trust with us."

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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.

