



Use Case

Bellin Health Care Systems Leverages Summit Interface Engine to Facilitate Transition to New Epic EHR System

Client

Bellin Health Systems

Green Bay, WI

Challenge

When working with a Meditech EHR, Bellin Health had a strong relationship with Summit Healthcare. Historically, Summit Healthcare has worked exclusively within the Meditech community. However, Summit Healthcare recently expanded its vendor footprint and is now able to support integration within a variety of EHR systems, including Epic. This made the first step of the transition easier, as Bellin Health could rest easily knowing that it could maintain its partnership with Summit Healthcare.

Once the relationship with Summit Healthcare was cemented, the challenge of transitioning to a completely new EHR solution became the primary task. To accomplish this, all of the data kept within the old EHR system had to be migrated to the new Epic solution. Furthermore, integration systems needed to be established to ensure any still-active Meditech interfaces could work in conjunction with the new Epic systems.

Solution

By maintaining its partnership with Summit Healthcare, Bellin Health was able to continue working with an integration solutions provider that was aware of its specific needs and able to streamline the entire migration process. To deal with the challenges that come with transitioning to a new EHR, Bellin Health utilized the Summit interface engine. At its core, Summit's integration platform provides the foundation necessary for healthcare system integration. This makes it an integral tool in establishing data sharing within organizations running a diverse range of care departments, which is key for Bellin Health because it offers such a variety of care specialties.

The solution also includes a variety of secondary technological tools that make it easy to use and allow for streamlined operations. The unique toolset available in Summit's engine was an ideal match for the healthcare provider's needs. The full workflow automation functionality in the engine makes it much easier to establish new interfaces and to identify and correct defects within the EHR.

Results

Bellin Health was able to complete the migration process through a 12-month transition from Meditech to Epic, supported by Summit's interface engine platform. The system is running **51 interfaces, connecting to 17 different systems and handling approximately 40,000 messages** on a daily basis. New interfaces are being added on a quarterly basis.

By maintaining its relationship with Summit Healthcare through the difficult transition to an Epic EHR, Bellin Health was able to streamline and simplify the entire migration and establish a solid foundation for integration projects in the future. The new EHR system and interoperability platform have not only streamlined operations, but also established the foundation necessary to work toward future integration initiatives. All of this was made possible through the continued relationship with Summit Healthcare throughout the entire migration process.

"In a hospital with a footprint the size of Bellin, it is not feasible to transition all service lines to Epic in a "big bang" approach to implementation. Alternatively, Bellin has taken an incremental approach, learning from our initial ambulatory Epic implementations, and applying those lessons to our recent acute implementation. Moving forward, our Lab and Oncology Departments will be leveraging their legacy EMR systems with specific interfaces to Epic as defined by our workflows. The Summit engine is serving a crucial component in this intermediate architecture."

- **Todd Nissen**, Team Leader of Enterprise Applications, Bellin Health Care Systems

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