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## System portal to let doctors access data

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(LANSING, MI) -- Sparrow Health Sys-tem is moving to an enterprisewide portal solution to give clinicians real-time access to medical information.

The Lansing, Mich.-based system, which operates four hospitals, 20 group practices and other services, serves a population of more than one million in central Michigan.

The hospital said the application, from Wellogic, a Cambridge, Mass.-based software company, eventually will be used by several thousand users, including physicians, hospitalists, nurses and other allied staff.

The Wellogic solution will enable Sparrow clinicians to extract information from several disparate systems in real time.

"Anticipated benefits of the new system include improved safety, security and quality of patient care," said Barry Schoenbart, MD, director of clinical informatics for Sparrow Health.

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The health system said it expects to benefit by being able to make faster clinical decisions and use standardized treatment protocols, which it hopes will translate to shorter lengths of stay.

The portal approach also will en-able the system to retain existing applications and not force wholesale replacements, executives said.


"This project has changed our entire acute care medical records strategic plan," Schoenbart said. "Sparrow now does not have to buy what would have cost \$15 million."




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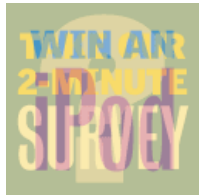
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