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Health information organization MedVirginia and Wellogic, a healthcare software company, will team up to launch a health information exchange to improve clinical care and support healthcare business transactions for providers in the Greater Richmond area.

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Healthcare providers will be able to use clinical applications from multiple vendors, including Wellogic's Consult program, which will all share the underlying data exchange provided by the Wellogic Platform for Healthcare.

The health information exchange (HIE) will have an e-prescribing capability that consolidates medication histories onto a single database, which MedVirginia says will help achieve its goal of reducing adverse drug events that can occur as a result of incorrect referencing.

The system will also integrate clinical results from the community's initial provider sponsor, Bon Secours Richmond Health System, along with local reference lab data and information from physician practices.

"With healthcare as fragmented as it is, a key step to improving patient safety and managing costs is to bring down the walls between provider organizations," said James Ratliff, chairman of MedVirginia's board of managers. "Physicians have been hindered by disjointed, cumbersome access to patient information, and MedVirginia is perfectly positioned to address this need through community-wide collaboration."

The MedVirginia health information exchange is expected to go live at the start of July this year.

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