

GBA, Wellogic Team Up for ASP

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GBA HealthNetwork Systems, Warwick, R.I., has integrated its practice management software with an electronic health records system from Wellogic, Cambridge, Mass. The beta site for the integrated software, which uses the application service provider computing model, is South Shore Urology, an eight-physician practice in South Weymouth, Mass. The practice had been using GBA's software and has added Wellogic's EHR.

"We wanted to help build an EHR system that would work for us," says Luke O'Connell, M.D., a partner in the group practice. The ASP model was appealing, he says, because the small practice lacked the resources to hire a full-time I.T. person and acquire a server. "We didn't want the burden of technology management."

GBA will distribute the combined applications to the group practice market, says Colin P. Barry, president and CEO. Wellogic, which recently introduced an EHR, is best known for its networking products, including those for regional health information organizations.

The companies made the announcement at the Medical Group Management Association Conference in Philadelphia October 28.

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