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Auburn Memorial Hospital Installs Computerized Electronic Medical Record System

AUBURN, NY - Auburn Memorial Hospital (AMH) is advancing the technological state of its Emergency Department by installing a computerized electronic medical record system that will greatly enhance patient care. Empower ED™ was designed by Chicago-based IT vendor Empower Systems® to electronically capture all patient information and store it within that patient's chart. Empower ED™ went live on August 1, 2010

Using Empower ED™, doctors and nurses can access patient information at any time rather than having to search for a paper chart. A patient's visit to the ED is electronically tracked, which speeds up triage and registration, and reduces not only paperwork but also the amount of time patients spend in the waiting room. The system also mandates risk management in the form of automatic prompts, which remind doctors and nurses of drug allergies or potential drug-to-drug interactions – helping ensure that the maximum standard in patient safety is always achieved. This is in synch with AMH's mission to consistently meet and exceed the needs of the neighbors they serve.

Less than a third of the nation's hospital emergency and outpatient departments use electronic medical records, according to a report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This puts AMH ahead of the game by bringing already state-of-the-art patient care to the next level, improving safety, increasing patient satisfaction, and reducing patient wait times through the technology of Empower ED™.