

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF ELECTRONIC PATIENT MANAGEMENT

January 22, 1999-January 22, 2004



In 1998, SETMA purchased the NextGen Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. On January 22, 1999, the first patient was seen at SETMA with the EMR. On Friday, January 25, 1999, all patients were seen with electronic documentation of their visit. In the intervening five years, SETMA has:

1. Integrated our reference laboratory with NextGen
2. Begun utilizing the EMR in our Physical Therapy department
3. Begun utilizing the EMR to improve the quality of care given to our patients who are residents of nursing homes
4. Due to the EMR, expanded our services to two locations, soon to be three.
5. Gained access to our EMR at both Memorial Hermann Baptist and Christus St. Elizabeth, making our patients' records available in the emergency room and making it possible for all history, physical examinations and discharge summaries to be completed in our EMR. This makes sure that our patients have excellent continuity of care and virtually eliminates medication and diagnostic errors.

In these five years, SETMA has been named:

1. Microsoft Clinic of the Year for 2003
2. Physician Practice Southwest Regional Clinic of the Year 2003
3. One of 50 exemplary practices by the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation

SETMA's electronic patient records and electronic patient management has been featured:

1. In numerous national publications
2. At the national Toward Electronic Patient Records (TEPR) conference four years in a row
3. At the American Academy of Family Practice annual meeting in 2002

In addition, SETMA has hosted almost 100 clinics from around the nation who wanted to see SETMA's EMR, including Maimondes from Brooklyn, New York, Cedar Sinai from Los Angeles, California and the World Bank Health Clinic from Washington, D.C., among many others.

Through NextGen tools and electronic patient management, SETMA has developed disease state management tools for:

1. Diabetes
2. Weight Management
3. Cholesterol Management
4. Coumadin Control
5. Pneumonia
6. Diabetic Ketoacidosis
7. Congestive Heart Failure
8. Seizure treatment
9. Myocardial Infarction
10. Etc.

In 1999, utilizing NextGen, we believed in five years we would be paperless. With the implementation of a scanning program for all documents which come from outside of SETMA - reports, consults, etc. - SETMA has become paperless in its patient care. Looking back, we have come a long way. We believe our investment in electronic patient records has paid off in improved care for our patients. Today, we celebrate what we have accomplished, as we press forward to improve on what we are now doing. SETMA's gift to Southeast Texas is a modern, state-of-the-art clinic which has continued to pursue the motto: Healthcare where your health is the only care.

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