



Electronic Health Record Association Recognizes Industry Leaders on Adopting the EHR Developer Code of Conduct

CHICAGO (March 3, 2014) – At its all-member meeting on February 23 at the HIMSS14 conference in Orlando, FL, the EHR Association recognized seventeen health IT companies that have adopted the EHR Developer Code of Conduct. The Code was developed by the Association and introduced in June 2013.

Association Chair Mickey McGlynn (Siemens) told the recipients that, “By adopting the Code of Conduct, your organizations demonstrate leadership and your ongoing commitment to collaborate as trusted partners with customers and the industry.”

The seventeen companies honored include Allscripts, athenahealth, Cerner, CPSI, Epic, Foothold Technology, GE Health Care, Greenway Medical, MacPractice, MEDHOST, MEDITECH, Modernizing Medicine, NextGen, Practice Fusion, Siemens, SRSsoft, and Versasuite.

The EHR Association engaged many stakeholders in its work on the Code, including the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American College of Physicians (ACP), the American Hospital Association (AHA), the College of Health Information Management Executives (CHIME), the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA), the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), and the National Partnership for Women and Families (NPWF). McGlynn went on to say, “We worked hard to craft the Code as a set of pragmatic principles reflecting our continued commitment to safe healthcare delivery, continued innovation, and transparency.”

The Code of Conduct covers general business practices, patient safety, interoperability and data portability, clinical and billing documentation, privacy and security, and patient engagement. It was cited favorably in ONC’s July 2013 *Health Information Technology Patient Safety Action & Surveillance Plan*.

The Association will continue to promote the EHR Code of Conduct for all companies that develop EHRs, regardless of whether they are members. An educational webcast will be held in March for companies interested in learning more. Information on that event will be available at www.ehra.org or by contacting Angie Gorden at agorden@himss.org. Details about the Code can be found at <http://ehra.org/ASP/codeofconduct.asp>.

About the EHR Association

Established in 2004, the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association is comprised of more than 40 companies that supply the vast majority of operational EHRs to physicians’



practices and hospitals across the United States. The EHR Association operates on the premise that the rapid, widespread adoption of EHRs will help improve the quality of patient care as well as the productivity and sustainability of the healthcare system as a key enabler of healthcare transformation. The EHR Association and its members are committed to supporting safe healthcare delivery, fostering continued innovation, and operating with high integrity in the market for our users and their patients and families.

The EHR Association is a partner of the Health Information Systems Management Society (HIMSS). For more information, visit <http://www.himssEHR.org>.

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