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CENTRASTATE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM INTRODUCES MEDSTRACKER® TO ENHANCE PATIENT MEDICATION SAFETY

**Hospital implements Design Clinicals' software, sees drastically reduced
medication reconciliation times**

FREEHOLD, NJ – CentraState Healthcare System, a not-for-profit health organization in Central New Jersey, contracted with Design Clinicals, Inc. to implement MedsTracker for patient medication management in its 282-bed acute-care medical center. Since go-live December 7, 2009, CentraState has shaved the formerly laborious process of medication reconciliation to under three minutes, with a current median discharge reconciliation time of just one minute 38 seconds.

“We were confident implementing MedsTracker would save time as well as increase medication safety,” said Indranil (Neal) Ganguly, Vice President & Chief Information Officer for CentraState. “The results are even better than we had anticipated.”

MedsTracker captures a detailed medication history for each patient and provides alerts for potential allergy or drug interactions with any changes to the medication regimen.

Patients receive printed lists of their medications with detailed information to help

improve understanding and compliance. MedsTracker has been shown to reduce medication errors and can save critical time for first responders in emergency situations.

“We take medication safety very seriously and are committed to providing the highest standards for error prevention and ease of compliance for our patients,” said Dr. Benjamin Weinstein, Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer. “MedsTracker improves the speed and accuracy of the medication reconciliation process for our care providers, enabling them to spend more time at the bedside.”

Implementation of MedsTracker puts CentraState Healthcare System well ahead of the mandated medication reconciliation requirement stated in The Joint Commission’s National Patient Safety Goals. Hospitals and healthcare systems around the nation continue to struggle with the complex issue of medication reconciliation as they move from paper to electronic systems.

“MedsTracker also enhances our patient education efforts in the hospital and reduces redundant paperwork,” added Linda Geisler, Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer. “It saves our nurses time, while giving them a tool to help patients understand their medications and make it more likely that, once home, they will continue to take them as prescribed.”

MedsTracker integrates with existing hospital and clinic systems and servers. The software provides electronically generated safety checks and comprehensive medication lists. It can automatically fax a prescription to a patient’s pharmacy of

choice, and eliminates errors due to illegible handwriting. It helps ensure the highest standards of patient medication safety while being user-friendly for physicians and registered nurses.

“Our goal is to have the systems in place to ensure our patients the best possible protection against medication errors, dangerous drug-drug interactions or allergic reactions,” said Ganguly. “MedsTracker accomplishes this, while improving both the clinician and patient experience with medication reconciliation.”

About CentraState Healthcare System

CentraState Healthcare System is a not-for-profit health organization that includes an acute-care medical center and an ambulatory campus housing a range of outpatient health and wellness services, three senior living communities, and a family medicine center. The hospital, with a family medicine residency program affiliated with the New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, has 450 board-certified physicians and was awarded Magnet status, the highest level quality credentialing honor of the American Nurses Association.

About Design Clinicals

Design Clinicals, Inc. is a healthcare information technology company dedicated to providing leading-edge tools to improve the delivery of patient care. Design Clinicals' premier product, MedsTracker electronic medication reconciliation software, was awarded exclusive endorsement from the American Hospital Association. Founded in 2005 by practicing physicians and hospital IT professionals, Design Clinicals offers

innovative, intuitive software solutions that enhance communications, improve workflow, increase patient safety and ensure regulatory compliance. Products are highly adaptive, able to integrate with virtually any hospital information system, with superior clinician adoption rates. For more information, visit www.DesignClinicals.com.

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