Critical Success Factors for Digital Hospital Transformation

Queensland Clinical Senate

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Relevant Experience

Implemented Australia's first fully integrated digital hospital
St Stephens Hervey Bay – opened October 2014

 Chaired a review of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record for the Federal Government – December 2013

• Oversaw the closure of NEHTA and the opening of the new Australian Digital Health Agency – July 2016.

St Stephens Hospital, Hervey Bay

- Greenfield build, 100 bed private hospital 5 operating theatres
- Fully integrated digital health hospital, utilising 29 Cerner Millennium applications, including a closed loop electronic medication system
- All clinical and non-clinical services integrated through the Cerner Millennium EMR
- Only 5 clinical interfaces Medical Imaging, Pathology and Pharmacy.

St Stephens Hospital, Hervey Bay



Key Learnings from Early Visits to US Fully Digital Hospitals

Richard Royle & Neal Patterson October 2012



- Treat project as a change management piece, not an IT installation
- Develop a close working relationship with your IT vendor in our case Cerner
- Engage with your Doctors upfront and involve them in the detailed design of the system
- Employ project personnel with a thorough knowledge of full EMR implementation
- Focus strongly on staff education pre golive and educated IT support on the ground post go live

St. Stephens Hospital Hervey Bay – Digital components



St. Stephens Hospital Hervey Bay – Patient room



- Unit dose packaging



Paracetamol Cumulative Maximum Dose Alert



Clinical Transformation and Work Redesign Teams



Redesign UCH Team Composition



Guiding Principles for Work Redesign Teams

- We will do what is **best for the patient**
- Patient safety is our primary objective
- Design principles will be based on what is best for UCH as a whole, following 80/20 rule: 80% can be used at any UCH hospital, 20% can be facility specific
- Design will be clinician-driven and support standardization of clinical "best practices" and medical decision-making
- All design work will incorporate Australian National Standards, ISO, Hospital licensing, UCH Policies & Procedures, Guidelines and Best Practice
- Proactively identify, manage and resolve issues to maintain the project timeline, effectively utilize resources, and ensure design decisions are aligned with the Guiding Principle
- Design must be benefit driven and focused on improving performance of the organization for the long-term future

EMR elements that help clinicians

- One record, multiple users, multiple locations: no chasing around to access the record
- No more trying to read Doctors' handwriting
- Able to get reports quickly and not have to search for them amongst faxes
- When call Doctor in rooms or at home, they can access the record as we discuss the patient's condition, clarifying sometimes confusing discussions
- Will receive reminders when things are due, eg tasks, dressings
- Able to add orders and start processes without the Doctor physically present
- Easy documenting of care plans
- Clinical support tools and links with clinical alerts personalised for patients



EMR elements that help clinicians

- Easier investigation of incidents and discrepancies
- Can see exactly who did what when
- Able to easily find missing, misplaced, borrowed equipment and confused, wandering pts
- Able to place an order, request a service and not have to worry/remember to phone them
- Can easily find information from past encounters
- Single Sign On with "tap on, tap off" provides quick and easy access for clinicians to the EMR
- AnywhereRN allows nurses to remotely queue medication removal from ADC
- GP Notifications provides immediate discharge summary information to referring GPs, as well as to VMPs' rooms



Lessons Learned

- Strong and extensive clinical engagement
- Close working relationships with system vendors
- Treat it as change management, not IT implementation
- •Strong, high visibility executive and clinical leadership
- High capability project management

Lessons Learned (continued)

- Infrastructure delivered early
- Strong Board support
- Empowered, agile implementation team
- Train hard