



## **Harrington Memorial Hospital Chooses MEDHOST To Improve Emergency Department Operations and Patient Care**

**Hospital to integrate MEDHOST with its MEDITECH HIS, creating true electronic patient records  
and ensuring real-time access to critical patient information**

**ADDISON, Texas – May 27, 2008** – MEDHOST, provider of the leading Emergency Department Information System (EDIS), today announced that Harrington Memorial Hospital selected its full suite software and will go live in early October. The hospital chose MEDHOST as part of its ED expansion and strategic plan to improve workflow and speed the delivery of patient care with an easy to use electronic documentation and management system that seamlessly interfaces with its existing MEDITECH Hospital Information System (HIS).

As more people in the Southbridge, Mass., area seek quality emergency care, Harrington Memorial Hospital's ED is busier than ever. Due to this growth the ED is undergoing an expansion and adding robust technologies such as MEDHOST because it is designed to support busy ED clinicians and help them deliver timely and unmatched care.

“MEDHOST's easy to use solution has a track record of helping emergency departments like ours improve patient throughput and easily transition to electronic documentation. With its proven history of integration with MEDITECH, we saw MEDHOST as a natural fit for our ED,” said Peg Skowron, chief nursing officer and vice president of nursing services for Harrington Memorial Hospital. “MEDHOST is very proactive in helping hospitals comply with regulatory changes and Joint Commission requirements. This is very important to Harrington for delivery of safe and quality patient care.”

MEDHOST's tracking module provides visual real time alerts that enhance communication between clinicians, improve workflow and ultimately lower patient wait times. MEDHOST is designed with patient safety in mind, and built in alerts notify clinicians of possible allergic reactions, abnormal vital signs and overdue patient assessments.

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Skowron adds, “As we shift to electronic documentation we wanted to avoid purchasing a system with multiple screens and excessive scrolling or typing. MEDHOST’s touch screen design makes documentation fast and easy yet more accurate. The system’s ToolKit feature will give us the ability to customize the system in real time on site. MEDHOST is truly adaptable to our dynamic environment.”

“Harrington Memorial Hospital is dedicated to ensuring that its patients receive the best care even while the ED grows significantly. To achieve this goal the hospital is discontinuing manual processes to make its ED more efficient,” said Craig Herrod, president and CEO of MEDHOST. “Harrington is among many EDs which are providing more streamlined and effective care through innovation and technology advances. We are proud to welcome them and are committed to supporting Harrington in their goals.”

MEDHOST currently serves more than 160 facilities, including the Baylor Healthcare System in Texas, Catholic Healthcare West in California, Catholic Health System in New York and Tenet Healthcare Corporation.

MEDHOST is the preferred EDIS provider of VHA Inc., a national cooperative serving more than 2,400 not-for-profit healthcare organizations. MEDHOST easily integrates with leading hospital information systems, including MEDITECH, Cerner, Siemens and McKesson.

### **About MEDHOST, Inc.**

MEDHOST is a software solutions company that provides highly visual, easy-to-use [process management](#) technology for the healthcare industry. The MEDHOST product suite has been adopted by leading institutions throughout the United States and has proven to dramatically improve emergency department processes and financial performance. It is MEDHOST’s mission to ensure [Customer satisfaction](#) by providing the highest levels of quality, performance and service, as evidenced by top KLAS rankings year after year. Products include real-time [Patient Tracking](#), [Nurse Charting](#), [Physician Documentation](#), [Order Entry](#) and [comprehensive reporting](#). MEDHOST is headquartered in Addison, Texas.

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