



MEDHOST Brings Self Check In Kiosk To Emergency Departments

MEDHOST's ED PASS kiosk to speed patient check in and help screen for those at high risk

ADDISON, Texas – Oct. 21, 2008 – MEDHOST, provider of the leading Emergency Department Information System (EDIS), today announced that it has extended its product offering to include a patient self check in kiosk called Emergency Department Patient Access Self Service (ED PASS). Upon arrival patients can check in with the easy to use touch screen kiosk. After patients check in, their information instantly becomes visible in the MEDHOST EDIS which gives clinicians a real-time view of the waiting room and immediately alerts them to any high-risk patients. Northridge Hospital Medical Center, MEDHOST's first ED PASS Customer and Catholic Healthcare West's flagship hospital located in Northridge, Calif., is implementing three ED PASS kiosks to speed patient check in, assist nurses in managing triage and streamline patient registration.

“The MEDHOST EDIS has greatly benefited our ED, and we're excited that those benefits will now impact our waiting room. ED PASS fits into our workflow perfectly. Data can be entered by the patient as they arrive, which speeds processes, keeps nurses focused on caring for patients and gives us rich information about which patients might have ailments that require immediate attention,” said Dr. Stephen Jones, Medical Director of Emergency Services at Northridge Hospital Medical Center. “We also are gathering more accurate patient information and time stamps, which streamline registration, allow us to better manage the waiting room portion of the ED visit and provide patients with a better experience overall.”

Like MEDHOST EDIS, ED PASS features a touch screen interface for simple data entry. With the swipe of a driver's license, patient demographics are immediately captured, and details such as reason for visit, location and intensity of pain or injury, and complaint specific risk factors empower clinicians with rich information about patient background and acuity. Intuitive desktop alerts notify clinicians when a high-risk patient checks in so care can begin without delay.

“The waiting room is an important part of the ED visit and it's critical that clinicians not only have visibility into patient conditions but also be able to identify those at high risk and in need of immediate attention. MEDHOST has automated this process with the release of ED PASS and we're excited to kick things off at Northridge Hospital Medical Center,” said Craig Herrod, president and CEO of MEDHOST. “ED PASS was designed to extend the integrated patient safety and process improvement features of MEDHOST EDIS to the waiting room. Now patients can be tracked from the moment they arrive which gives ED clinicians a complete and real-time view of the department.”

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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.

MEDHOST will demonstrate ED PASS and the latest release of its EDIS, Version 4.2, at ACEP Scientific Assembly Oct. 27-30 in booth #363. Also, physician Customers will present their experiences with MEDHOST daily at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Topics include:

- When disaster strikes: The importance of usability within your EDIS when it really matters
- The real benefits of EDIS implementation and how to achieve them
- How your EDIS can impact your success in practice

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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