

CareHere's Electronic Medication System Proves 100 Percent Effective in Response to Recall

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 16 /PRNewswire/ -- When the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a recall of a widely used heart medication last month, CareHere's proprietary medication tracking system allowed the company to instantly generate a list of all patients taking the medication. Fortunately, 100 percent of the patients were reached, all recalled medication was recovered per FDA guidelines, and all patients were examined by CareHere's medical staff for potential adverse effects.

The medication was recalled because of an error in weight calibrations that led to the production of pills containing more, or possibly less, of the active drug than the appropriate dose. Patients taking the recalled medication were at risk for complications ranging from nausea and vomiting to cardiac arrhythmias and death.

"While we often speak of the significant improvements in employee wellness and the measurable savings our clinics bring to employers, the capability of this system has proven to be priceless in response to this unforeseen situation," said Ernest Clevenger, president of CareHere. "I believe it may have saved lives."

CareHere helps mid-size employers nationwide establish onsite medical clinics that offer primary medical care, occupational health services and full laboratory to employees and their dependents. CareHere operates more than 90 clinics in 17 states, serving approximately 75,000 patients.

About 75 of these clinics are equipped with an on-site pharmacy, dispensing hundreds of medications to patients at no charge. All 90 clinics integrated the medication tracking program into the electronic medical records system last February.

CareHere's tracking system offers three types of functionality. The first uses a barcode scanning mechanism, allowing clinics with on-site pharmacies to track all dispensed medications. The second function allows clinics to generate and store electronic prescriptions that patients fill at off-site pharmacies. The third function stores a list of all current medications and those previously prescribed by CareHere and other physicians.

The system analyzes all current and past medications, allowing CareHere physicians and providers to immediately identify potential errors and prevent dangerous drug interactions, dosage errors and allergic reactions.

In addition to providing primary care services, CareHere strongly emphasizes preventive medical care with a variety of wellness programs that have produced positive results in clinics nationwide.

For more information about CareHere, visit www.CareHere.com or call 1-877-423-1330.

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