

# A Connection to More Coordinated Care

The electronic medical record (EMR) has become a requirement for doing business in today's environment, especially amid health care reform. Yet the cost and task of implementing an EMR prevents many organizations from taking decisive action. Time is running short for physicians to take advantage of government payer incentives that start in 2011.

Pennant Health Alliance can help by offering options that make fully-integrated electronic medical records a reality. Through its deep experience and its vendor partnerships, the alliance can deliver best-practice implementation on both the inpatient and the outpatient side of the provider business.

For example, Trinity Health and University of Michigan Health Systems have long been recognized for knowledge and expertise in deploying inpatient EMR. And now Metro Health is leading the regional market in deploying integrated outpatient and physician office EMR.

Making these systems work together through a best-of-breed strategy is possible through a regional health information organization and/or through IT middleware that ensures seamless patient care and physician-to-physician communication.

But where to begin? Our team of experts can help independent providers determine the right EMR solution for their business and evaluate integration strategies with broader hospital or physician networks, ensuring connectivity with providers across West Michigan.

The Pennant Health Alliance service offering includes:

- Evaluation and implementation of computerized physician order entry and documentation
- Implementation and management of medication administration records and alert systems
- Integration with supply chain and revenue cycle systems
- Searchable databases for quality and operations improvement
- Integration strategies to connect with regional health information organization(s) and other provider networks

The benefit to providers is a cost-effective and integrated records management system that will improve clinical care coordination, patient safety, patient and physician satisfaction, and bottom-line financial results.