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Specialty information for physicians who treat children and expectant mothers.



Valley Children's Launching New Electronic Medical Record System April 25

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The ability for all providers involved in the care of our children to communicate is essential to ensure safe and high-quality patient-centered care. Streamlined communication keeps all of us on the same page about patient's tests, diagnosis, progress and overall increases day-to-day operating efficiency.

In an effort to provide the best tools for our healthcare professionals and partners to communicate and collaborate on the care of our patients, **Valley Children's will be launching Epic, an EMR software holding more than half the country's patient records, on April 25, 2020.**

We are excited to make this transition to the Epic platform for the ease of access to patient information that it will provide you and all of the healthcare professionals involved in the care of our patients. Transitioning to Epic will also allow patient information to live in one platform instead of the current multiple electronic medical record systems being used.

Many of you interface with Valley Children's current electronic record systems, including Athena and Meditech. Once Valley Children's makes the shift to Epic, physicians and their staff will be able to access patient information through our new provider portal, Valley Children's CareLink. **Athena and Meditech access will no longer be available.**

What is CareLink?

CareLink is a web-based portal where physicians will be able to access their patient information, easily make patient referrals, verify that the referral has been received, see patient scheduled appointments, follow the progress of care for referred patients, help to ensure coordinated care and much more. Epic will allow us to seamlessly bridge communication between your practice and our specialists, providing constant, real-time sharing of information to help with the care of your patient.



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What are your next steps?

If you currently have remote access:

In order to continue to access your patients' records after April 25, you will need to have an established Valley Children's CareLink account. The first step is to sign and return a new site agreement as soon as possible. You can find this agreement as well as answers to frequently asked questions on our website at valleychildrens.org/carelink. As soon as we receive your signed agreement, we will follow up with you to ensure an easy and smooth transition for your care team.

If you would like remote access:

Remote access allows you to easily access information on your patients directly from your computer or phone. To request access, please contact your business liaison:

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Please visit valleychildrens.org/carelink for more information on our new EMR. Questions can also be sent to CareLink@valleychildrens.org.

Medical Staff News

The following pediatric specialists recently joined Valley Children's:

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Anirudh Saronwala, MD

Neonatology (Kaweah Delta)

Katrina Ibonia, MD

OB Hospitalist

Amie Holmes, MD