emrU newsletter, July 2013.

What is emrU?

emrU is an Epic electronic health record software environment created for use solely by the Health Sciences here at The University of Iowa. Our goals are to enhance existing classes, facilitate interprofessional education and provide students with a solid background in how to use an electronic medical record before they graduate – an essential skill for anyone in healthcare today.

This month: First patient, College of Pharmacy, overall project expansion

- A milestone was reached – our first curriculum-driven from-scratch patient was built in our training environment. While the final details of this patient need to be approved by the course instructor, it is a solid first step.
- This month we met with The College of Pharmacy to start to realize some of the interprofessional aspects of this exciting project. The meeting set the stage for collaboration between technical staff of this project and the clinicians & faculty of The College of Pharmacy.
- Behind-the-scenes work continues to ensure that the technical infrastructure will be in place on schedule, as well as will meet the technical demands and needs of the curriculum.

Current status:

We are finalizing the first patient and beginning the specification & build process for the second patient for one of the first classes of the new Carver College of Medicine curriculum.

Work continues on the specification and building of patients with imaging studies for a recurring two-week hands-on course for Clinical Radiology. Additionally we are working with Radiology on a long-term project to provide a large number of imaging studies in the emrU training environment for student & resident learning and evaluation.

emrU is slated to come online this fall, with behind-the-scenes access to patient cases this month, testing in August, and first classroom use scheduled for September 2013.

Newsletter pictures

Picture in this issue feature Heather Mullinnix, an end-user trainer and instructional designer in Health Care Information Systems. These photos were taken at HCIS' downtown training theatre, where third-year medical students were being trained in their first use of Epic before starting their rotations at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Find Us!

There is someone on the emrU Steering Committee near you! Go talk to them about what emrU offers and how it can help you with your next class.

Carver College of Medicine: Dave Asprey, Boyd Knosp, Amal Shibli-Rahhal.

College of Nursing: Ellen Cram, Maria Lofgren, Cristina Richards.

UI Department of Nursing: Janet Hosking, LouAnn Montgomery.

College of Pharmacy: Gary Milavetz.

Health Care Information Systems: Dr. Bolger, Mary Jo Duffy, Dr. Van Daele, Val Heffernan, Nick May, Kristy Walker.

Join Us!

Do you have a class that you think would benefit from a robust patient for every student in a safe Epic environment devoid of real patient data? Do you want new tools to evaluate student learning? Tell us! Propose a project, get in touch with the people listed above, or e-mail Nick May at nicholas-may@uiowa.edu for more information about what we can do for you!