# emrU newsletter, June 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.

## An exciting month for emrU:

- A Carver College of Medicine kickoff meeting generated a lot of great ideas and excitement (see below for contact people!).
  - This meeting introduced course & strand directors in the new curriculum to the existence of emrU, what it can do for them and how to get in contact with us to bring an Epic EMR to their next class!
- After meeting with instructors on an individual basis, we have started building our first patients based on existing Case Based Learning (CBL) content.
- We have also done a lot of behind-the-scenes work to re-task and re-name the Epic Playground PLY1 environment for emrU, prepare infrastructure for student access & account creation and put educational resources in place for learners to succeed with emrU.

## Current status:

We are reaching out to & building a patient for the initial classes of the new Carver College of Medicine curriculum. We are also building patients for a two-week hands-on course for Clinical Radiology.

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

## 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, Gerry Wickham.

**College of Nursing**: Ellen Cram, Janet Hosking, Maria Lofgren, LouAnn Montgomery, Cristina Richards.

**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!