

Cook Children's Launches New Electronic Health Record System

Fort Worth, TX – Cook Children's Health Care System recently became the latest healthcare organization to go live on Epic. After 18 months of preparation, Cook Children's officially rolled out the new electronic health record system on March 1. This new software is transforming the way Cook Children's delivers care to patients not only at the flagship medical center in Fort Worth, Texas, but more than 60 pediatric medical offices and specialty clinics throughout the state.

"We're excited that Epic gives our medical staff better access to our patients' health information as well as improves communication between our providers," said Scott Leddy, Chief Medical Information Officer at Cook Children's. "We are truly transforming how we deliver care while improving patient experience and engagement."

Epic's rollout at Cook Children's includes several components affecting patient families, medical staff and referring physicians. A new and improved patient portal, known as MyChart, will allow families to receive summaries of their child's visits, test results, immunization records as well as communicate directly with their child's care team. For Cook Children's staff, Epic has created a one-stop-shop for electronic medical records which were previously spread across many different systems. Referring physicians are now able to access and share patient information on one secure, collaborative platform, simplifying the administration side of patient care.

The transition to Epic is also an appropriate precursor to March 21, when Cook Children's Health Care System celebrates its 100th birthday.

"Epic is the future of Cook Children's and our centennial year is the perfect time to roll it out," said Theresa Meadows, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Cook Children's. "Our information services team worked tirelessly for more than a year to make this monumental transition a success. We couldn't be more proud of their hard work and dedication to the patients and families we serve."

About Cook Children's

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community. For more information, visit cookchildrens.org.

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