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Alegent Health Mercy Medical Center Goes Live with ControlOR

Omaha, NE (March, 2010) Mercy Medical Center in Council Bluffs is the first in the state of Iowa to usher in a new level of operating room integration. Mercy Medical Center went live with ControlOR, a software based integration system on March 15, 2010.

The ControlOR software is currently being utilized in two of Mercy's operating rooms that have been newly remodeled, and will be integrated into three more rooms that are also currently under remodeling construction.

Developed and installed by Banyan Medical Systems, ControlOR allows the integration of multiple sources of patient data such as video sources, IT applications, room controls and collaboration tools into a single interface point. The advantage of this type of integration is that surgeons and OR staff have quick and easy access to and interaction with critical pieces of patient data while in a surgical case. A key benefit to surgeons is that they can make the most informed decisions for their patients and patients in turn, get the best possible care.

Although other competitive integration systems exist, these solutions have typically been run by video switching and hardware. Those types of integration systems require use of multiple dedicated PCs, become expensive with hardware costs, and are limited as to the type and how many data sources can be integrated. With Banyan's ControlOR being software based, it is flexible and scalable to meet Mercy's growing technology needs.

Banyan Medical Systems also partnered with Mercy Medical Center to incorporate a timeout checklist into ControlOR. The timeout checklist is a safety measure utilized in the operating room to make sure every staff member in the room verifies and understands the details of that particular surgical case. Once staff logs into the ControlOR system to prepare for a case, the first thing that appears is the timeout checklist. This is a key piece in an overall strategy by Mercy to help ensure patient safety.

"Banyan's creative approach helps the Operating Room team focus less on the equipment and more on the patient," says Lynn Crowley, Director of Surgical Services at Medical Center.

About

Banyan Medical Systems, Inc. is a leading-edge medical software development and integration company dedicated to creating solutions that transform healthcare professionals' ability to access and interact with patient information. Banyan's products are designed to leverage current technology investments and improve efficiencies through a scalable and flexible, dashboard-like solutions that

provide physicians and other medical professionals' ubiquitous access to pertinent medical applications needed for a comprehensive patient view.

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