

Indicia licensed in three hospitals

Three hospitals in Kansas are among half a dozen facilities that have licensed Indicia for Case Management since its launch last June. MCG (formerly Milliman Care Guidelines), a leading provider of clinical guidelines to payor and provider markets, developed the solution to help hospitals drive optimal outcomes and improve documentation of medical necessity.

"Indicia for Case Management will help our care coordination team promote quality outcomes for our patients," says Cathy Pimple, Chief Quality Officer at Emporia-based Newman Regional Health. "Our case managers are excited about having quick and easy access to MCG's evidence-based clinical guidelines."

Indicia for Case Management was designed with hospital case managers in mind, enabling them to track, document, and report on care management decisions throughout a patient's stay. The tool's reporting capability helps hospitals identify potential gaps in care, capture variances, and discover opportunities for targeted improvements.

"We have gone from an archaic paper-based system to a tool that allows us to run reports, track and trend, and give our physicians more accurate information about the admission criteria and expected length of stay relevant to each patient's case," says Vikki Mader, Health Information Management Director at Pratt Regional Medical Center. "We couldn't be more pleased."

Others agree that Indicia for Case Management has tremendous potential to drive care quality while protecting revenue. Klare Givens, Utilization

Review/EMR Provider Facilitator at Norton County Hospital says, "We look forward to the change Indicia for Case Management will bring, helping us give patients higher quality care while meeting criteria for medical necessity."

MCG leadership echo the growing enthusiasm around the company's newest provider-focused solution. "Indicia for Case Management provides case managers a rich evidence-based resource to guide clinical decision-making in the hospital," says Jon Shreve, President of MCG. "Well-documented decisions that drive optimal outcomes are the common goal of everyone involved in a patient's health journey."

About Newman Regional Health

Located in Emporia, Kansas, Newman Regional Health is a 53-bed general acute care hospital that includes an eight-bed acute rehabilitation care center and five physician office clinics. Newman provides a wide range of inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services, including a comprehensive breast care center, 24-hour STEMI center and cardiovascular catheterization lab, wound care clinic, hospice, urgent care clinic, and medical equipment stores. Newman operates on a not-for-profit basis and is owned by the people of Lyon County.

About Pratt Regional Medical Center

Pratt Regional Medical Center, located in Pratt, Kansas, is a not-for-profit facility owned by the citizens of Pratt County and managed by Pratt Regional Medical Center, Inc. A progressive medical center serving south central Kansas and the panhandle of Oklahoma, it

comprises a 69-bed acute care facility, 51-bed short- and long-term care facility, home health agency, rural health clinics, and specialty physician clinics.

About Norton County Hospital

Norton County hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital and rural health clinic providing medical services to the residents of Norton County and surrounding Kansas and Nebraska communities. One hundred and thirty dedicated and skilled employees complement a medical staff of three physicians and three mid-level practitioners in providing all levels of inpatient care and a broad range of outpatient ancillary services.

About MCG

MCG, formerly Milliman Care Guidelines and now part of the Hearst Health network, independently develops and produces evidence-based clinical guidelines and software used by more than 2,200 clients, including 1,200 hospitals and 8 of the 10 largest U.S. health plans. Updated annually by an experienced team of clinicians, the care guidelines support the care management of a majority of Americans. For more information, visit www.careguidelines.com.

The Hearst Health network also includes FDB (First Databank), Zynx Health, and Homecare Homebase. The mission of the Hearst Health network is to help guide the most important care moments by delivering vital information into the hands of everyone who touches a person's health journey. To learn more about the Hearst Health network, read the Hearst press release.

Stacking against time



At the Eisenhower Elementary School, kids gathered together for a fun night. On fun night they had many different games, including the cup speed stack. Pictured here are, Jacob Schellhamer and Cally Smith racing against one another in the speed stack for the fastest time.

-Photo courtesy Jessica Karnes

Kansas top geography students compete

The top geography students from across the state gathered at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum on Friday, April 4 in Abilene. They were vying for first-place honors at the Kansas Geographic Bee. This year's competition began in November with local contests in more than 200 Kansas schools. The 100 students selected to compete at the state level were required to pass a national qualifying exam. The Kansas winner will advance to the national competition, held at the historic National Theater in downtown Washington, D.C., on May 19 - 21. The top three national finalists will be awarded scholarships in the amounts of \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000. Students from Kansas have won the national level competition twice.

For the state-level competi-

tion, five simultaneous preliminary rounds will take place between 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. at various locations at the Eisenhower Presidential Library campus and the Greyhound Hall of Fame. The championship round was scheduled for 3:20 to 5 p.m. in the Library Building Courtyard. Members of the Kansas Geographic Alliance and Gamma Theta Upsilon, the K-State Geography honorary society, assisted the National Geographic Society in running the competition.

The National Geographic is celebrating this 26th Anniversary year of the Geographic Bee, which is an educational program instituted by the National Geographic Society in 1989 to address a lack of geographic knowledge among young Americans. Students in

grades 4 through 8 are eligible to participate. This year's sponsors of the state-level competitions are Google and Plum Creek. The purpose of the contest is to spark student interest in geography and encourage teachers to include geography in the classroom curriculum. The Geographic Bee program brings public awareness to the importance of learning about geography.

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STUDENT NEWS

3rd 9 weeks Honor Roll 2013-2014

Highest Honor 4.00

- 9th Grade
- Brian Clavijo
- Caitlyn Cox
- Wilson Ellis
- Josephine Otter
- Jena Risewick
- 10th grade
- Casey Ambrosier
- Philip Boutwell
- Hailey Branek
- Weston Erbert
- Lauren Mordecai
- Raenee Patterson
- Valery Rostek
- 11th grade
- Stephen Cummings
- Morgan Farber
- Chance Uehlin
- 12th grade
- Bailey Ambrosier
- Darcy Bainter
- Leif Carlson
- Katelyn Engelbert
- Ashley Hildebrand
- Cody O'Hare
- Cole Renner
- Johnnye Ruder
- Jared Shelton
- Landon Slipke
- Honor I 3.50-3.99
- 9th grade
- Christine Figurski
- Koby McEwen
- Miah Melvin
- Baylee Miller
- Layton Miller
- Kira Robertson
- Kade Unterseher
- Harrison Woodyard
- Trenton Wright
- 10th grade
- Carmen Ball
- Andrew Bashford
- Kyle Bell
- James Berry
- Audrie Burge
- Cayanna Campbell
- Evan Chambers
- Alma Clavijo

- Taylor Dicks
- Briannah Fessler
- Brendon Frack
- Kirstin Georgeson
- Michael Kasson
- Gavin Lively
- Molly Maddy
- Shelby Mulford
- Nickala O'Hare
- Kylie Perez
- Nicholas Peterson
- Quinton Porter
- Ryan Thrailkill
- Lexi Voss
- 11th grade
- Lindsay Addington
- Neysa Carlson
- Kenzie Esslinger
- Wyatt Harting
- Deon Lyle
- Derek Rowh
- Charles Whitney
- 12th grade
- Gabriel Bird
- Travis Cressler
- Shauna Gibson
- Alec Hager
- Austin Hager
- Marisa Maddy
- Hannah Pollock
- Drew Schrum
- Honors II 3.00-3.49
- 9th grade
- Joshua Acheson
- Alexandria Aldridge
- Trae Braun
- Jacob Green
- Caleb Gregerson
- Tyus Henson
- Mitchell Hickman
- Macayla Kent
- Kennedy Leibbrandt
- Landon Porter
- Julian Snyder
- Taylor Wahlmeier
- 10th grade
- Adriana Ankenman
- Hanna Brooks
- Trei Burns
- Mariah Dawley
- Jordan Dole
- Sylvia Estes

- Theresa Gallegos
- Sabrina Gibson
- Alexus Hartwell
- Camerson Heikes
- Dawn Herring
- Skyler Johnson
- Rachel Jones
- James King
- Zachary Morris
- Morgan Olliff
- Alec Otter
- Dalton Pfannenstiel
- Peyton Renner
- Kristin Stewart
- 11th grade
- Erin Archer
- Kaitlyn Bohl
- Derick Campbell
- Conor Cox
- Sheridan Dillehay
- Grant Gordon
- Connor Griffey
- Sierra Griffith
- Nicholas Koch
- Kendall Miller
- Molly Scott
- David Smith
- Jesika Smith
- Kobie Unterseher
- 12th Grade
- Branson Addington
- Megan Arehart
- Zachary Bird
- Christopher Chambers
- Tanner Furbush
- Kolton Harting
- Jonathon Meyer
- Marc Miller
- Garret Otter
- Christopher Richard
- Ethan Ross
- Abbie Smith
- Danielle Wagoner

CORRECTION

Due to reporter error, the numbers in the April 4 Telegram Election results story it incorrectly stated the there were 163 yes votes and 212 no votes in Decatur and Graham Counties. In reality there were three yes votes and seven no votes in Graham County and only one no vote in Decatur county.

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 877-3361 to report errors.

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