



# Hospital Sisters Health System Uses New SMART® on FHIR® Technology Standard with Epic® and SeamlessMD to Streamline Care

*New FHIR Technology makes Patient Engagement, Care Management, and Artificial Intelligence accessible through modern, interoperable technologies*

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, USA, December 7, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) announced its first-ever integration using the new SMART® platform and HL7® FHIR® standard with Epic and [SeamlessMD](#) to deliver a unified experience for patient engagement. Starting with the Prairie Heart Institute at HSHS St. John's Hospital, the health system is using SeamlessMD within the EpicCare environment to deliver patient engagement, enable care management, and leverage artificial intelligence to improve patient outcomes.

Since 2017, Prairie Heart Institute has used SeamlessMD's platform to engage patients throughout their care, monitor patients to catch complications earlier and improve clinical outcomes through analytics and artificial intelligence. By delivering the right care, to the right patient, at the right time, Prairie Heart Institute has leveraged SeamlessMD to significantly [reduce length of stay and 30-day readmissions](#).

Now, HSHS and Prairie Heart Institute has built on this success by going live with a SeamlessMD integration with Epic using SMART® on FHIR®. By working with SeamlessMD, [available now in Epic's App Orchard program](#), HSHS was able to complete an integration with SeamlessMD much more quickly than traditional integration methods. This integration will allow HSHS providers to enroll, receive alerts and monitor patients on SeamlessMD without leaving the EHR, thereby streamlining provider workflows and allowing providers to address patient needs more quickly.

"SeamlessMD has been an instrumental partner in helping us connect with our patients," said Jeffrey Suzewits, chief medical information officer for the HSHS Central Illinois Division. "The integration of Epic® and SeamlessMD is an exciting milestone as we continue to innovate and better serve patients in our communities."

Kristin Doster, vice president of cardiovascular services at HSHS St. John's Hospital, adds, "Our patients are happier, less anxious, and feel far more connected to our care team throughout their journey. As an integrated solution, SeamlessMD works synergistically with our existing Epic infrastructure to streamline our workflow, leading to improved staff and patient satisfaction."

Joshua Liu, MD, SeamlessMD's CEO, agreed that patients and providers benefit greatly from this integration. "HSHS and Prairie Heart Institute continue to be international leaders and innovators in patient care. We are excited to further support HSHS and Prairie Heart Institute in their mission for excellence in patient care."

## About SeamlessMD

SeamlessMD is a technology platform that combines Patient Engagement, Care Management, and Artificial Intelligence to deliver optimal care - right care, right patient, right time. Health systems use SeamlessMD to deliver value-based models of care, including Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS®), Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH), prehabilitation, readmissions

prevention, bundled payments, and Patient Reported Outcome (PRO) data collection. Evidence from academic medical centers has shown SeamlessMD to reduce hospital length of stay, readmissions, and costs. Accessible via smartphone, tablet or computer, the SeamlessMD platform keeps patients on track from preparation through recovery with reminders, video-based education, progress tracking and PRO data collection. Providers can access real-time dashboards to measure compliance and outcomes, intervene sooner for patients at-risk and drive quality improvement across the organization. For more information, please visit: [www.seamless.md](http://www.seamless.md)

#### About HSHS St. John's Hospital

HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois is a regional medical center offering a comprehensive array of health care services to central and southern Illinois. Founded in 1875, St. John's is the flagship hospital of Hospital Sisters Health System and is home to the Prairie Heart Institute, St. John's Children's Hospital, St. John's Women's Services, St. John's Neurosciences Institute, St. John's Cancer Center, orthopedic services and AthletiCare. St. John's now has one of the most advanced surgery centers in the nation and a renovated patient tower with all private rooms. St. John's is designated as a level I trauma center, has its own college of nursing and is a teaching hospital for the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. For more information about St. John's Hospital, visit [www.st-johns.org](http://www.st-johns.org).

#### About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 local systems and physician practices in Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and Hospital Sisters of St. Francis is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit [www.hshs.org](http://www.hshs.org). For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit [www.hospitalsisters.org](http://www.hospitalsisters.org).

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