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**University Hospitals launches single sign on technology for clinicians**

*The health system is first in Northeast Ohio to offer CliniSync’s new statewide program*

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** – University Hospitals (UH) clinicians are the first in Northeast Ohio to have access to the Community Health Record through CliniSync’s single sign on technology, making access to critical information from other health care facilities more efficient and timely than ever before.

“A more complete picture of a person’s health allows our providers to create comprehensive plans that deliver safe, quality, effective care to our patients,” says Jeffrey Sunshine, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Information Officer, University Hospitals. “This new feature of UHCare’s electronic medical record is the big picture of our patient’s health across Ohio, instead of relying on paperwork or memory.”

Accessible directly through the UHCare Ambulatory electronic medical record, CliniSync connects UH providers to patient care information from more than 155 participating hospitals and nearly 5,000 clinicians throughout Ohio. One example of how providers plan to leverage the system is to track patient’s health when they are away at college.

“Having a comprehensive picture of a patient’s health provides a quicker, more efficient ability for physicians and clinicians to make decisions on a patient’s medical needs,” says Adam Rossbach, director of the CliniSync Health Information Exchange. “Having that comprehensive information as a screen within their electronic health record system without the need to log into a separate application makes it fast and effective.”

UH’s nearly five year partnership with [CliniSync](http://www.clinisync.org/) – Ohio’s statewide health information exchange (HIE) program – helps providers better serve patients who may receive care across the state. Key features of CliniSync’s HIE include lab results, radiology/imaging reports, pathology, patient history and care summaries all in real-time.

UH was recently recognized for adopting and maintaining advanced technology to enhance patient care and advance patient engagement. For the third straight year, UH was named a Most Wired Hospital by Hospitals & Health Networks, one of 461 hospitals and health systems nationwide and one of only 32 in Ohio to earn this distinction.

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**About University Hospitals**

Founded in 1866, University Hospitals serves the needs of patients through an integrated network of 18 hospitals, more than 40 outpatient health centers and 200 physician offices in 15 counties throughout northern Ohio. The system’s flagship academic medical center, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, located on a 35-acre campus in Cleveland’s University Circle, is affiliated with Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. The main campus also includes University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, ranked among the top children’s hospitals in the nation; University Hospitals MacDonald Women's Hospital, Ohio's only hospital for women; and University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center, part of the NCI-designated Case Comprehensive Cancer Center. UH is home to some of the most prestigious clinical and research programs in the nation, including cancer, pediatrics, women's health, orthopedics, radiology, neuroscience, cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, digestive health, transplantation and urology. UH Cleveland Medical Center is perennially among the highest performers in national ranking surveys, including “America’s Best Hospitals” from U.S. News & World Report. UH is also home to Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals – part of The Harrington Project for Discovery & Development. UH is the second largest employer in northern Ohio with 26,000 employees. For more information, go to UHhospitals.org

**About CliniSync**

CliniSync is Ohio’s statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE), managed by the nonprofit Ohio Health Information Partnership just outside of Columbus.  While some physicians, hospitals and healthcare professionals can exchange patient information regionally or within a health system, this exchange is statewide, allowing medical professionals in different regions to electronically share lab results, patient histories, summaries of care, encounters  and other information about a patient’s care.  Currently, 155 hospitals are contracted and 144 are live, and thousands of physicians and other providers have joined CliniSync.  Our vision is to improve electronic communication among those who touch a patient’s care so we can improve health care for all Ohioans.