

Collaborating in Community Healthcare

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The statistics are astonishing. The US spent nearly \$3.4 trillion on healthcare in 2016 – more than \$10,000 per person. By 2025, healthcare spend will account for almost 20% of our GDP. This is simply not sustainable.

Pushed to the limit

Community health centers are leading the transformation to value-based care. They serve our most vulnerable populations with patient-centered preventive care and services – all delivered at the lowest possible cost. As I talk with healthcare providers and administrators at community health centers, I hear an unwavering commitment to their mission, but they're struggling to keep up. Funding is a perennial problem, yet their patient population is growing rapidly.

From 2008 to 2015 alone, community health centers increased the total number of patients served by 42% (more than 7.2 million additional patients).

Additionally, the community health centers' IT systems are not designed for the massive volumes of data needed today nor the clinical workflows that extend the continuum of care beyond the practice walls. The result is often time-consuming and cumbersome documentation and reporting. For example, a recent Deloitte survey illustrates their frustration: 7 in 10 physicians said electronic health records reduce their productivity.

It's no wonder. Most EHR/EMR solutions are designed to digitize a paper process, but what is really needed today is intelligent insight powered by a wing-to-wing solution that focuses on the care team workflow.

A single, simple solution

Until now, there hasn't been a single solution that addresses the unique needs of community health centers. At NACHC-CHI, GE Healthcare made an exciting announcement that we are changing the paradigm. Through close collaboration with leading community health centers, **we are reimagining how technology can improve community healthcare.**

With that we are proud to introduce **GE Healthcare's Community Health Solution**, which is bringing together population health, care delivery, financial management, analytics and connectivity into a single solution to drive a tremendous patient experience and clinical outcomes. This flexible solution will enable providers to deliver **informed care** more efficiently while thoroughly documenting with **remarkable speed**. Ultimately it will deliver a completely connected cloud ecosystem that leverages data intelligence to identify actionable, patient-specific insights.

To facilitate this collaborative design and development approach, GE Healthcare has recently invested in a new innovation center in Seattle, Washington focused on Ambulatory Workflow, Analytics and Collaboration. This innovation center allows us to bring together the best of modern software technology with our clients' deep clinical, workflow and financial expertise to reimagine community healthcare.

Community health centers are blazing the trail in value-based care and GE Healthcare is investing in their success. Reach out to your GE representative (<http://landing1.gehealthcare.com/centricity-community-health-solution-contact-us.html>) or visit our website (<http://www.gehealthcare.com/chs>) to learn more about the new GE Healthcare Community Health Solution.

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