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## A. JOHN BLAIR, III, M.D. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



### Electronic Health Records Update

MedAllies Introduces - eClinicalWorks™ EMR/EPM Solution for Physician Practices!

Practices can attend On-Line Webinars

MedAllies is pleased to announce it has finalized a partnership agreement with top industry rated eClinicalWorks of Westborough, Mass. MedAllies chose eClinicalWorks because of its award-winning, Web-based technology and the versatility and reliability of its unified EMR/PM solution.

eClinicalWorks is CCHIT 2007 certified and has a well-designed user interface. It is intelligently structured, with integration of practice management, electronic medical records, and ePrescribing modules under one electronic health record interface. Documentation produced by the eCW system is clear, well organized, and attractively templated, resulting in professional looking letters and clear electronic prescriptions.

It is no wonder that with a 2006 "Best in KLAS" award and its many features, a steady stream of healthcare organizations are signing up to implement eClinicalWorks' Unified EMR/PM Solution.

- The Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative is a \$50-million EHR project connecting three Massachusetts communities. eClinicalWorks proved to be the overwhelming favorite among doctors participating in this project - with 170 out of 180 doctor's offices selecting eClinicalWorks.
- The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene selected eClinicalWorks to participate in its Primary Care Information Project, implementing eCW with 1,300 physicians meeting pre-determined criteria set by the project. New York City is known for being on the forefront of innovative initiatives, ensuring that this project and eClinicalWorks will be watched nationally.

Because of the Taconic Health Information Network and Community Regional Health Information Organization (THINC RHIO) and the New York State HEAL I grant, MedAllies can offer this product to practices in the Hudson River Valley at an affordable price. MedAllies has extensive experience with medical technology and systems integration

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and can provide its customers with the local service, training, and support needed as they begin the transition from paper to electronic medical records. MedAllies and eClinicalWorks, working together, are making connectivity and continuity of care a reality in the Hudson River Valley.

WebEx demonstrations of the eClinicalWorks Unified EMR/PM Solution are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 18 and Wednesday, Sept. 26. A Practice Management webinar will be conducted from noon – 1 p.m. and a clinical overview for physicians will be presented at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Call Don Quackenbush, MedAllies' director of Sales, to obtain log-in information or to schedule an on-site demonstration at your practice. Don can be reached at **845/896-0191, ext. 3018**.

### **National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)**

The Taconic IPA currently has 404 physicians that have become recognized through the NCQA Physician Recognition Program.

We congratulate the following physicians who have achieved NCQA recognition since the last issue of the *Taconic Talk*, through Physician Practice Connections (PPC) a component of NCQA's Physician Recognition Program:

Hudson River HealthCare, Inc.

11 locations

31 physicians

Physician Practice Connections (PPC) recognizes physician practices that use information systematically to enhance the quality of patient care. Meeting PPC standards means that practices have connections—to patients, to information, to other practitioners and to evidence.

The Taconic IPA representatives are actively working with practices in an effort to become recognized through the NCQA Physician Recognition Program. Patients seeking information on NCQA-recognized physicians are able to search on the NCQA Web site (<http://recognition.ncqa.org/index.aspx>).

Taconic IPA continues to cover all NCQA charges to physicians and the IPA representatives are assisting practices in submitting materials. Any offices interested in participating in the NCQA recognition program should call Jennie Youmans at **845/897-6363**.





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