

Charleston Area Medical Center's "CAMC Link *Personal*"

Charleston Area Medical Center, Inc. (CAMC), Charleston W.Va., is proud to announce the general availability of its "CAMC Link *Personal*" for the Palm OS platform. The new product enables point-of-care access to vital information that can save time for physicians and improve patient care. The product uses technologies developed by Siemens Medical Solutions and Clarinet Systems, Inc.

CAMC Link *Personal* incorporates the latest technology enabling the CAMC community to retrieve critical patient information using a personal digital assistant (PDA).

A primary component of CAMC Link *Personal* is PDAccess™ Clinical Summary, an information solution developed by Siemens Medical, that delivers vital data from the electronic patient chart to the point of care on a PDA. It includes the clinician-specified list along with each patient's clinical summary for the previous 24 hours including allergies, height/weight, orders (current and approaching expiration), as well as lab, radiology, and microbiology results. In addition, enterprise-wide patient information can be retrieved using the same system. Upon entering a facility, a physician can easily download his census to put all pertinent patient information in the palm of his hand for rounding.

Designated download stations are located throughout CAMC Hospital Systems enabling access nearly anywhere throughout the organization. At each of the facilities' Physician and Resident Lounges, a "toaster" is set up containing the Clarinet Systems Infrared [IR] Ethernet Devices, allowing up to eight providers to perform synchronization at the same time. An additional system resides in the Intensive Care Unit for access there.

Technical requirements to consider for existing and future purchases of Personal Digital Assistants are that the Palm OS must be 3.5 or greater, with 4M of available memory, and "IR to PC/Handheld" network connection capability. A color display is also recommended to see Lab High/Low values indicated in red. In addition, we recommend purchasing additional memory to avoid conflicts with other handheld applications. Siemens products also support the Pocket PC platform; CAMC will support this platform during the next phase.

CAMC Link *Personal* allows providers to make management decisions at the bedside and can save approximately 30-60 minutes per physician during rounds. Software installation is simple, and it takes only about 30 minutes to learn to use the application.