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**St. Francis, iSALUS Healthcare partner to improve discharge process  
for heart patients**

INDIANAPOLIS – St. Francis Heart Center and iSALUS Healthcare™ have successfully partnered on a unique Discharge Module that helps nurses and doctors more easily coordinate medicines and other discharge needs for cardiac patients leaving the hospital, reducing paperwork time, providing patient education and improving recovery time.

The Web-based Discharge Module allows physicians and nurses to review medicines the patient was taking before entering the hospital, did take while in the hospital and will need after leaving the hospital. Traditionally, this process is time-intensive and involves health care professionals either reviewing documents in a paper chart or logging into multiple software programs to create discharge medication, education and recovery plans for each patient.

This first-of-its kind service provides all of the information in one software program as a service application. Since it is also Web-based, health-care professionals caring for the patient can securely access the information from any computer with Internet access instead of only those that may be connected to a specific computer network.

It also allows the specialists who treated the patient in the hospital to electronically share this information via a secured Internet connection with the patient's primary care physician instead of sending it by mail, fax or with the patient.

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“We’re excited about this new service iSALUS developed for us because it allows our nurses to spend more time with the patient instead of on paperwork,” said Michael Hertel, executive director, St. Francis Heart Center. “It also allows the attending physicians to securely review the medication and other discharge plans from almost anywhere they might be – which in some cases means patients may be able to go home sooner.”

While more physician practices, clinics and hospitals are adopting electronic medical records, this is the first solution to bridge the gap between inpatient and office-based medical record information systems using the Web. Most hospitals and physicians have separate systems that require login into multiple software tools.

“This is a bold model that could help transform the way a patient’s care is coordinated in and out of the hospital,” said Mark Day, CEO, iSALUS Healthcare. “The leaders at St. Francis and their physician colleagues are truly visionary because they saw an opportunity to improve the discharge process for cardiac patients. This is just one of many places in the health care system where different healthcare professionals need secure access to a patient’s information. This service bridges a gap between hospital systems and electronic medical records in physician offices and we look forward to making this available to other hospital systems across the country.”

#### **About St. Francis**

St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers has three main facilities in Beech Grove, Indianapolis and Mooresville. St. Francis Hospital is part of a network of 13 growing hospital campuses in Indiana and Illinois owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc., one of the largest health-care systems in Indiana.

#### **About iSALUS Healthcare**

Based in Indianapolis, Indiana, iSALUS Healthcare™ created OfficeEMR™, a Web-based, CCHIT Certified<sup>SM</sup>, integrated Electronic Medical Records (EMR), scheduling, billing and collections solution for physician practices and other healthcare organizations. Founded in 2000, iSALUS Healthcare has developed sophisticated techniques to deploy OfficeEMR via the Internet in the SaaS (Software as a Service) model.

The solution is simple to start using, is able to be securely accessed from anywhere via the Internet, and is one of the most affordable solutions on the market today. It helps healthcare professionals focus on providing optimal patient care experiences while improving operations and financial performance. iSALUS Healthcare customers represent almost twenty medical specialties and multiple types of clinical settings, and use the solution around the world.

For more information, go to [www.isalushealthcare.com](http://www.isalushealthcare.com) or call toll free 1-888-280-6678.

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