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Care Communications, Inc. Releases White Paper Examining Effective Ways to Incorporate Medical Record Data into Large Scale Research Projects

By following best practices, research organizations can more easily incorporate real world data for competitive advantage

ORLANDO, May 18, 2009 – Care Communications, Inc., a nationally recognized leader in the health information management (HIM) industry, today at the 14th Annual International Meeting of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR), announced the availability of a new white paper. The paper, entitled “Medical Record Data Abstraction... Simplified,” provides an overview of how medical record data can be more effectively integrated into research studies by adjusting processes for procuring records, ensuring objectivity, building teams and more.

“Researchers who might prefer using actual [medical record data abstraction](#) for their research projects have at times avoided it due to concerns with potential project delays, record procurement challenges, or costs,” explains author, Denise Moline, RHIA, Care Communications’ clinical research manager. “However, they also realize that incorporating medical records into large scale research studies provides real-world data and often paints a more realistic picture than administrative or claims data. By streamlining processes, building abstraction teams and rethinking outdated assumptions, health care research organizations can now utilize medical record data abstraction to ensure studies produce more objective data and better overall research quality.”

The paper emphasizes the importance of using “real-world” data in medical research studies and offers insights into how organizations can enhance their studies with data from actual medical records. The report also investigates effective study design and planning, the importance of maintaining an accurate valid case rate, steps to building a successful abstraction team, and more.

“[Medical Record Data Abstraction... Simplified](#)” is available for complimentary download on the Care Communications Web site.

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