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John Drury, MD, of The Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, Conn., uses computer technology when treating patients.

New Haven Receives EHR Software Grant

The Center for Community Health Leadership, an initiative sponsored by Misys Healthcare Systems, recently announced that it has selected the greater New Haven, Conn., area for a grant of healthcare software valued at \$3 million.

New Haven will be the first community to receive grants of electronic health record (EHR) software to establish a communitywide network of connected medical organizations. The grants, in the form of EHR software, are available to healthcare professionals in New Haven and surrounding towns interested in participating in the initiative. The Hospital of Saint Raphael, a large teaching hospital in New Haven, played a major role in championing the application process for the grant and will be an active leader in advancing this initiative.

"The goal of this grant program is to provide local healthcare organizations with the resources and expertise they need to make communitywide data sharing a reality," says Leigh C. Burchell, director of the Center for Community Health Leadership. "With this grant, we will provide healthcare professionals in southern Connecticut with education, technology, and resources so that they can successfully achieve their goals of enhancing the patient experience, reducing the potential for medical errors, and improving business efficiencies."

"Through this grant, New Haven's physicians and nurses across all healthcare settings will have the latest electronic record technology at their fingertips, helping us deliver the best care possible in the most efficient way to the patients we serve," says John Drury, MD, chief medical information officer for the Hospital of Saint Raphael (pictured above).

The Center for Community Health Leadership selected New Haven as the center's first grant recipient because of the area's reputation for healthcare excellence, the strong commitment to data sharing exhibited by the area's physicians and nurses, and their interest in electronically connecting all settings of care—hospital, physician offices, home care agencies, and long-term care.