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VUMC COMPLETES EPICLEAP

After two years of planning and preparation through EpicLeap, thousands of individuals from across all areas of Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) came together in the early morning hours of Nov. 2 to “Go Live” and launch eStar, the new computer system that will support the health system’s electronic health records, workflows for inpatient and outpatient care delivery, test ordering, billing and other hospital and clinic operations. Along the way, EpicLeap has already involved 18,000 employees who work in the Medical Center’s health system.

“I could not be more proud of how we came together. Key individuals from across the organization did whatever was asked to keep the activation process on track,” said Neal Patel, MD, Chief Health Information Officer. “There are so many individuals who have worked tirelessly to make this happen.”

The new eStar platform will also engage and benefit VUMC’s patients through increased functionality of My Health at Vanderbilt, a single bill for services and more robust online appointment scheduling.

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We are Epic! Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) completed its EpicLeap on Nov. 2, following more than two years of effort to replace our clinical systems.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this possible — and it really was everyone. Making a switch of this magnitude required all hands on deck and I never doubted that our remarkable nursing team was up to the task. This is probably the largest change that any of us will ever see at Vanderbilt, and you are a part of that history.

This issue is dedicated to celebrating this Epic accomplishment through the thoughts and pictures of nurses across the Medical Center. Epic is a powerful tool that has the capability of reducing documentation time and improving care for our patients and families. However, it is just a computer application. It requires the efforts of our people to truly work, and that is you!

Enjoy this issue,

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“Our Epic journey resulted in a great success, one that belongs to every Vanderbilt nurse. My heartfelt thanks to everyone.” — **Marilyn Dubree, MSN, RN, NE-BC, executive chief nursing officer, Vanderbilt University Medical Center**

“I am thrilled with the opportunities eStar offers nurses to more easily do what they love: take exceptional care of patients.” — **Robin Steaban, MSN, RN, chief administrative officer, chief nursing officer, Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital and Clinics**

“It has been such an honor to work with our faculty and staff each day to troubleshoot issues, brainstorm new solutions, and watch resolution come alive.” — **Kathie Krause, MSN, RN, chief nursing officer, Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt**

“This has been a major undertaking, but our intensive preparation along with the excellent work of our committed leaders, nurses, providers and staff are making our Go Live a success.” — **Jennifer Barut, Ph.D. (c), RN, chief nursing officer, Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital and Vanderbilt Behavioral Health**

“As we continue to transition, it amazing to see our staff continue to work together, share new Epic findings, and provide top-notch care to our patients.” — **Lindsey Netzel, BSN, RN, CCRN, nursing education specialist, Medical Intensive Care Unit, Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital**

“The energy and commitment from hundreds of nurses and other team members to master new skills and make the ‘tweaks’ to the system and to workflows is impressive.” — **Karen Hughart, MSN, RN, senior director, Nursing Informatics**

“I have no doubt that transitioning to eStar will make our patient care even better because we are Vanderbilt and Vanderbilt always strives to provide the best care for our patients.” — **Wagma Dorani, BSN, RN-BC, clinical staff leader, Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital**

“Epic gives us more thorough documentation and allows multiple systems to seamlessly communicate and work together. It represents a positive change that will result in higher quality patient care and increased patient safety.” — **Kayln Wolfe, BSN, RN, CCRN, relief staff leader HR/PACU, Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt**

“It’s often in times of significant change, we are reminded how better we are together. The choice to reflect our best, especially during stressful times, emphasizes our commitment to always strive to be professional while providing safe, excellent care.” — **Karla Keeton, RN, clinical staff leader, 8 North, Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital**

“As a nurse, the transition to Epic means smoother and more efficient charting, better interdisciplinary communication and most importantly, improved patient care in the delivery of nursing services to patients.” — **Megan Isberg, RN, clinical staff leader, Team C, Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital**



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