

Orion Health Challenging Interoperability



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[Orion Health](#) says the company is in a unique position to help hospitals, governments and healthcare communities to comply with the Obama administration American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009. Orion Health provides clinical workflow and integration technology for e-health and helps integrate patient health data and histories that form the basis of an electronic health record (EHR).

The Obama administration's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 concentrates on making the EHR a norm across the hospitals and health centers in the United States. But the major challenge in implementing this policy is the lack of seamless exchange of data between various hospitals and institutes.

Orion Health claims that the company has enough experience with the framework, technology, solution and methods to overcome interoperability challenges. Offering a solution that can be stretched to meet the demands of current and future health IT requirements, the company can implement EHR solutions quickly and seamlessly.

Paul Viskovich, Orion Health North America and EMEA President, said: "These monolithic hospital systems can't share data with one another and as a result, health information is held hostage within that system, which is often specific to a single department within the hospital," Viskovich says. "Inefficiencies run from needing to enter data multiple times, backlogs of data entry increasing the length of time to obtain test results."

Orion Health is already taking part in various far reaching EHR programs, which include province-wide programs in Canada, Maine's Health Infonet covering 44 hospitals, and UCLA Medical Center. Also, the Canada Health Infoway has adopted the company's technology in its blueprint for pan-Canadian health data interoperability.

Recently, [Delegate Healthcare Solutions selected](#) Orion Health's Rhapsody Integration Engine to ensure its solution can be rapidly integrated with its customer's hospital information systems. Rhapsody Integration Engine will serve as the platform to ensure that Delegate's meal and food production planning tools can incorporate patient data such as prescribed diets, allergies, intolerances and medications that may be stored in disparate hospital systems.

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