The Integrated Medication Reconciliation Solution that Drives Adoption and Efficiency

In Search of a Better Process
For years, hospitals, clinicians and patients have struggled to find efficient and effective ways to manage medications at each transition in care – starting with admission, to transfer, and ultimately discharge – and with good reason. Medication reconciliation is one of the most challenging yet critical processes that take place in the hospital setting, with 50 percent of all medication errors occurring during one of these transfers in care.

The negative impact and high cost of ineffective medication reconciliation is why the Joint Commission includes it among its National Patient Safety Goals, and why CMS requires compliance to demonstrate Meaningful Use (MU). Yet it’s one of the most frequently deferred MU objectives, because there has been no effective solution available that physicians will use – until now.

PatientKeeper® Medication Reconciliation™ is the integrated solution for physicians – designed to support their workflow by allowing them to efficiently manage their patients’ medications from within a single system.

Integrated Workflow is the Key Component
There are many reasons for the lack of success with medication reconciliation to date. It is a highly complex, multidisciplinary process that relies on information that is often missing, vague or difficult to access. For physicians in particular, the process has suffered from a lack of integration with their existing workflow, resulting in reduced efficiency and redundant work. Medication reconciliation traditionally has required physicians to access, document, and reconcile medications from within multiple systems and workflows.

PatientKeeper Medication Reconciliation makes it easy for physicians and other clinicians to electronically track and transition patient medications from home to hospital at time of admission, and back to the home at time of discharge. PatientKeeper Medication Reconciliation is offered either as a stand-alone application or integrated with PatientKeeper CPOE™.

Key Features:
- **Integration with CPOE.** Physicians can reconcile home medications and place admission orders (including using order sets) for continued meds as part of one, integrated process. They can also reconcile discharge medications while entering discharge orders, both from within a single screen.
- **Clinical alerts and interaction checking.** Supports drug-drug, drug-allergy and duplicate therapy checking.
• Readily identify home vs. hospital and continued vs. discontinued meds. PatientKeeper Medication Reconciliation makes it easy and efficient for physicians to distinguish between medications that came with the patient from home from those that have been prescribed upon admission. The system also automatically matches home and hospital medications, including brand/generic and therapeutic class matching, and allows the physician to easily continue the home or hospital therapy with a single click – no more “manual reconciliation” and matching.

• Maintains established nursing workflow. Nursing plays a significant role in the reconciliation process, including often establishing a comprehensive list of home meds. PatientKeeper Medication Reconciliation doesn’t replace this process or, worse, require the physician to repeat this process from within yet another system. Rather, the system interfaces with existing nursing documentation systems to pull home medications for review and edit by the physician.

• Execute multiple orders in a single step. Modifying an existing order automatically generates a DC of the existing order and a new order reflecting the change.

• Clearly organizes discharge meds for patients. Physicians can view and print in a format that clearly organizes discharge meds into “Meds to Take at Home” (flagging any new/changed therapies) and “Meds to Stop Taking at Home.” The system can generate printed or electronic prescriptions for filling home medications.

About PatientKeeper
PatientKeeper® Inc., the leading provider of physician healthcare information systems, enables physicians and hospitals to focus on their patients, not technology, by providing highly intuitive software that streamlines physician workflow to improve productivity and patient care. PatientKeeper’s CPOE, physician documentation, HIE and other applications run on desktop and laptop computers and popular handheld devices and tablets. PatientKeeper integrates easily with hospitals’ existing IT infrastructure to create the most cost-effective solution for driving physician Meaningful Use. PatientKeeper has more than 40,000 active physician users today.