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**UVA Health System to Integrate Electronic Medical Record System with
Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)**

RICHMOND-- In order to improve patient safety in the battle against prescription drug and opioid abuse, the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville this month becomes the first large medical system in Virginia under a public-private grant to initiate use of the [NarxCare Appriss](#) digital bridge. NarxCare is used by prescribers and pharmacists within their work flow to expedite access to the Commonwealth's [Prescription Monitoring Program \(PMP\)](#).

Previously, prescribers and pharmacists had to use a separate login process to access PMP information taking valuable provider time away from patient care. Integration minimizes workflow disruption by providing seamless access to critical prescription history data, information and advanced analytics for timely clinical decision-making to eligible prescribers and pharmacists in Virginia.

"NarxCare rapidly displays vital information necessary to care for patients," said Mohan Nadkarni, MD, chief of the Division of General Medicine, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care at UVA Health System. "Information on dosing and risk factors can help identify patients at highest risk for poor outcomes."

"UVA Health System is to be commended for its leadership adding NarxCare into its electronic medical records systems to make PMP information more accessible," says PMP Director, Ralph Orr. "The example set by UVA Health System demonstrates integration can successfully be incorporated into the smallest and the largest of electronic medical records systems. "

Additional information regarding the NarxCare public-private partnership is [available online](#).

UVA Health System is an academic health system that includes a 612-bed hospital, the UVA School of Medicine, a level I trauma center, nationally recognized cancer and heart centers and primary and specialty clinics throughout Central Virginia. In fiscal year 2017, UVA Health System admitted more than 29,000 patients to UVA Medical Center, had more than 62,000 visits to its Emergency Department and more than 883,000 visits to its outpatient clinics.

Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) is a 24/7 database containing information on dispensed narcotics and other controlled substances as well as drugs of concern. The primary purpose of the PMP is to promote safe prescribing and dispensing practices for covered substances by providing timely and essential information to healthcare providers. Law enforcement and health profession licensing boards use the PMP to support investigations related to doctor shopping, diversion, and inappropriate prescribing and dispensing.

The mission of the Virginia Department of Health Professions is to ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information.

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