**Meditech 6.0, LSS MPM**

A few months ago, we had a hospital-wide assessment of issues in Meditech and LSS, including a hospital-wide survey. These issues were addressed with Meditech and LSS, and cumulative changes (priority packs) currently being tested will go live on October 3, 2011. After that, Michelle Curry’s informatics team will respond to those who made suggestions or had questions on the survey. We will then restart our implementation of Advanced Clinicals, such as nursing module, order sets, Provation, and medication reconciliation. Also, with new priority pack improvements of our integrated outpatient electronic health record (EHR) Medical and Practice Management Suite (MPM), we will be resuming our rollout of MPM to independents early next year. Please see my separate FAQ (jFAQ 4.9 s.e. MPM), colored green for ‘Go!’

**Summary of IT Happenings**

**Meditech 6.0 Priority Pack 9**

Priority Packs (PPs) in the Meditech world are like incremental versions or patches. PP 7, 8, and 9, all going live in October, contain potentially thousands of changes and consumes considerable resources in their thorough testing. Many projects currently on hold will resume once these PPs are installed.

**EHR Interfaces**

One of the projects is interfaces of other EHRs to Meditech. If you are already using an EHR, an interface will permit direct flow of lab and radiology data from Meditech into your EHR, and potentially sending order from your EHR into Meditech. Let me know if you are interested in this capability!

**Provation**

Another project to be restarted is Order Sets. While we improved Meditech with PPs, we also took the opportunity to review the order set building process. We now have a contract with Provation, an easier-to-use Order Set building and maintenance tool from the makers of UpToDate. Please see side bar above.

**Other Upgrades**

To get ready for Meaningful Use, our Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) T SystemEV (TEV) is also getting an upgrade later this year. For those who access the hospital systems from off campus, the Citrix system will be upgraded to a newer version that will provide faster and more access to applications such as UpToDate, Outlook, and Meditech. Somewhat behind the scenes, there will also be server and storage upgrades to accommodate these new and upgraded systems. All in all, it makes a busy schedule for Information Systems in the upcoming months. Keep an eye on our Physician Portal on iShare for the most up-to-date developments!