

Physician News

McKesson's Practice Partner Solution Earns RxHub Certification

Customers Benefit from Improved Patient Safety, Streamlined Processes and Overall Cost Savings

ATLANTA, May 16, 2008 – McKesson's Practice Partner® Patient Records, an electronic health record (EHR), has achieved certification from the RxHub® National Patient Health Information Network™, a national network providing secure access to prescription eligibility, formulary and medication fill history for more than 200 million people with prescription coverage in the United States.

Practice Partner is an award-winning, market-leading integrated electronic health record and practice management solution serving over 7000 providers nationwide. With this certification, McKesson's Practice Partner now provides physicians with prescription eligibility, formulary and medication fill history information at the point of care. The Practice Partner ePrescribing Module, through its connectivity to the RxHub and SureScripts networks, enables users to access this information in real time and the securely transmit prescriptions electronically to patients' pharmacies.

"Electronic prescribing is a vital component of ensuring safety, quality and efficiency across the care continuum," said Andy Ury, M.D., vice president and general manager of McKesson's Practice Partner business unit. "By connecting prescribers, mail order pharmacies and payers over an electronic information exchange network, we're providing physicians with a comprehensive view of patients' medication histories and benefit information. This saves time and reduces the amount of costly errors and information gaps that can jeopardize patient safety."

Through the RxHub National Patient Health Information Network, physicians using McKesson's Practice Partner Patient Records can access patient and formulary information that helps them determine the most cost effective medication to prescribe. The prescription can then be securely communicated to pharmacists in either retail or mail order settings through Practice Partner's e-prescribing module. Patients also benefit from the convenience by having prescriptions filled easily and through savings that come when prescribers can optimize patients' prescription drug benefits.

"RxHub is extremely pleased to have Practice Partner as a valued partner in demonstrating and enhancing the value of electronic connectivity and interoperability to achieve safer outcomes for patients," said Doug Johnson, Vice President, Business Development, RxHub. "By providing certified ePrescribing Application partners like Practice Partner with real-time patient demographic information including pharmacy benefit and therapeutic formulary information at the point of care, we're offering a wide range of ePrescribing decision support information at the point of care."

The Practice Partner ePrescribing Module is a complete electronic prescription solution that allows providers to offer an optimal level of patient safety, service and efficiency. It encompasses the electronic transmission of prescriptions and refill requests and access to prescription benefit eligibility, formulary and coverage, and medication fill history information at the point of care.

In addition to connect to the RxHub network, Practice Partner's ePrescribing Module solution also connects to the SureScripts® Electronic Prescribing Network. The SureScripts Electronic Prescribing Network allows the secure transmission of prescription data in an electronic format between the computers at the pharmacy and computers at the physician practice. An open network that enables patients to fill prescriptions at their pharmacy of choice, it ensures that sending a new prescription from Practice Partner to a connected pharmacy is simple and only takes a few steps.

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