



Garmin and Allscripts Enter Strategic Relationship to Improve Patient Care

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Berkshire Medical Center Will Pilot Garmin vivofit® Wearable Devices and Garmin Index™ Smart Scale integrated With Allscripts FollowMyHealth® and Allscripts CareInMotion™

LAS VEGAS, March 02, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- To help clinicians better manage patient care, Garmin will join with Allscripts (NASDAQ:MDRX) to integrate its vivofit suite of wearable devices into the FollowMyHealth and CareInMotion platforms, designed to address specific population health management priorities. Berkshire Medical Center (Pittsfield, Mass.) will serve as the beta site for this 2016 initiative.

Berkshire Medical Center will identify a specific patient population to wear vivofit devices and use the Index Smart Scale. Through an integration with FollowMyHealth, Berkshire Medical will receive updated, real-time data about the patient between office and hospital visits, improving patient monitoring and facilitating informed decisions about patient care.

"This technology will give our care managers a clearer view into their patients' health status between visits," Bill Young, Berkshire Medical Center Chief Information Officer, said. "We expect to demonstrate improvements in patient engagement and monitoring for patients, as well as more efficient workflows for our providers."

Berkshire Medical Center is on the forefront of a growing trend. An [IDC Health Insights](#) report found that 70% of healthcare organizations worldwide will invest in a consumer-facing technology by 2018.

"For consumer-generated health data to be useful to providers, it must be integrated with clinical data," Martha Thorne, Allscripts Senior Vice President of Population Health, said. "Our strategic relationship with Garmin will effectively integrate the information for providers at Berkshire Medical Center."

Allscripts CareInMotion is a suite of population health management solutions that help healthcare organizations better provide patient-centered and value-based care. FollowMyHealth is a patient engagement platform that enables patients and their families to stay connected with physicians and become active members of their care team.

Garmin offers a broad range of products designed for use in health and wellness programs. These devices can integrate into wellness programs, providing motivation and recognition for the participants.

"The vivofit touts a one-year battery life and is water resistant to 50 meters, which enables the device to blend into daily life," Dawn Iddings, Garmin Vice President of Business Development, said. "We are focused on improving people's health by providing world-class devices and collaborating with partners such as Allscripts to drive healthy behavior and support lifelong habits."

About Allscripts

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