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USWR and IntellicureEHR Enable First Learning Healthcare System for Wound Care

Institute of Medicine Can Look to USWR and IntellicureEHR for Learning Healthcare System Model

The Woodlands, TX—June 30, 2017: For two months in a row, the U.S. Wound Registry (USWR) and Intellicure, Inc. have had ground breaking papers published in Wound Repair and Regeneration, the field's top journal. The U.S. government had a "big idea" when it passed laws requiring hospitals and doctors to adopt Electronic Health Records (EHR).

The big idea was to ultimately create something called a "Learning Healthcare System" in which the experience of every patient could help the medical community better understand diseases and the effectiveness of treatments. Information on routine clinical care would go into the EHR in a standardized way, creating a database that could be used for comparative effectiveness research (CER), the results of which would be crafted into "clinical decision support" tools embedded within the EHR to guide future care. Despite the billions of dollars invested in EHRs, very few Learning Healthcare Systems have been described. Last month, the USWR and Intellicure described how they created a Learning Healthcare System focused on wound care:

A New Approach to Clinical Research: Integrating Clinical Care, Quality Reporting, and Research Using a Wound Care Network-Based Learning Healthcare System

Two weeks ago, another paper was published that sets the standards for using registry data to perform clinical research:

Harnessing electronic healthcare data for wound care research: Standards for reporting observational registry data obtained directly from electronic health records

The paper summarizes a decade of work identifying and finding ways to minimize the various sources of bias which occur in real world data, getting the USWR ready so that its data can be used by federal agencies. More than a decade ago, Intellicure set a goal of making wound care research more practical, less expensive, and more relevant to real patients - and as a result, making wound care treatments less expensive.

The Executive Director of the USWR, Caroline Fife, MD said, “Prospective clinical trials have agreed upon standards, although that wasn’t always the case. Currently, there are no standards for retrospective studies using “real world” patient data. This paper proposes the ‘ABC’s’ (analysis of bias criteria) for the use of registry data, with the goal of allowing every patient’s experience to expand our understanding of what works best.”

The U.S. Wound Registry (USWR) is the primary data repository and reporting entity developed by the Chronic Disease Family of Registries and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

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 Established in 2005 in response to the ongoing need for clinicians to aggregate data about their patients to support public policy, the USWR is an approved Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for CMS’ Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). The USWR operates nine (9) registries serving underrepresented patient populations of which the U.S. Podiatry Registry (USPR) is but one. For more information about the USWR please visit: www.USWoundRegistry.com

Intellicure, Inc. is a privately held healthcare technology company located in The Woodlands, Texas. It was established in 2000 by clinicians for clinicians to provide them EHR-based solutions that improve operational efficiency, ensure accurate coding and billing, facilitate clinical research, and monitor and manage quality performance for the delivery of evidenced based care amid healthcare payment reform. To learn more about the company, please visit http://www.intellicure.com

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