



Park Nicollet

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

**GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE GIVEAWAY
AIMS TO GET DOCTORS 'ONLINE'
FASTER WITH MEDICAL RECORDS**

Park Nicollet first in Twin Cities with electronic medical records; expert available to talk about benefits

- WHAT:** In an effort to reduce medical errors and save patient lives, Medicare will make the unprecedented move to give away software to doctors to computerize their patients' medical records. Park Nicollet Health Services is the first Twin Cities health care provider to fully digitize and integrate their medical records.
- WHO:** David Abelson, Vice President, Strategic Improvement
- WHEN:** TODAY
- WHERE:** Methodist Hospital
St. Louis Park
- DETAILS:** Park Nicollet, which fully digitized their patient medical records in July 2004, is the Twin Cities' leader in digital medical records. More than two million patient records are digitized. Unlike other systems' digital records, Park Nicollet's records are fully integrated across hospital, clinics and home care.
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FACT SHEET

- Digital records give doctors and other providers instant access to a patient's information
- Park Nicollet was the first in the Twin Cities to fully implement the transition to digital records
- Park Nicollet spent 3 years and \$60 million during its transition to digital medical records
- At the time of the transition from paper records, Park Nicollet's digital medical records contained information on some 2,183,000 patients including:
 - 16,977,000 transcriptions
 - 62,287,000 lab results
 - 944,000 medications entered between January and July 2004.
- 1,700 individuals can access the digital system
- Over 10,000 staff received training on digital medical records with 38,800 training hours
- The project was launched in fall of 2004
- Park Nicollet's digital medical records are fully integrated across hospital care, clinic care and home health care. No other Twin Cities' health care system has this level of integration