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**PRIMARY HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP COMPLETES IMPLEMENTATION  
OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM COMPANY-WIDE.**

Boise, January 2, 2007 -- Primary Health Medical Group has completed the implementation of an Electronic Health Records (EHR) system throughout all of its 13 clinic locations. The implementation process was complete on October 31, 2007 with the launch of the Obstetrics & Gynecology clinic. The process of converting all Primary Health Medical Groups to the Electronic Health Records format began in January 2007.

With the conversion to paperless electronic health records, every Primary Health Medical Group patient will now have one electronic chart accessible in all 13 locations. Primary Health Medical Group providers can easily review complete patient histories, past visits at Primary Health Medical Group clinics, current medications, problem lists, allergies, and lab results from the electronic record. Patients can be treated more efficiently and medications closely monitored with the availability of data from a single source. The EHR system allows treatment for chronic problems to be standardized based on current national guidelines and data can be analyzed to improve outcomes. Primary Health Medical Group has significantly decreased the number of steps for the coordination of patient care by using electronic prescriptions, electronic interfaces for lab tests, electronic tracking of telephone encounters, and electronic follow up of referrals.

Dr. David Peterman, the president of Primary Health Medical Group, stated "Having all of our clinics on the electronic medical records system has changed the way our providers and support staff practice medicine. We have already seen that the financial and time investment we have made in introducing the EHR system in our clinics has assisted our patients in receiving comprehensive, consistent, quality care. As an organization, we are helping our patients get through the complexities of the health care system much more efficiently and effectively – ensuring they get the right care in the right place, at the right time."

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Primary Health Medical Group is operating the eClinicalWorks software system for the EHR system. Currently 15,000 healthcare providers are using eClinicalWorks in the United States and more than 300 healthcare providers in Ada and Canyon Counties will be converting to eClinicalWorks over the next two years. The eClinicalWorks electronic health record system has multiple layers of security to ensure complete patient confidentiality and Primary Health Medical Group has taken extensive steps to ensure compliance with federal HIPAA guidelines to guarantee patient privacy. Special features of the program include portability of patient charts, cross-checks for prescription drug interaction, and an extensive referral tracking system.

Boise-based Primary Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty medical group that was created by physicians who have practiced in Idaho for more than twenty years. The group sees 250,000 patient visits a year through 13 clinics located in Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, and Caldwell. The majority of the clinics offer appointment family practice and urgent care services and are staffed by family practitioners, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. The group also has physicians in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, dermatology, occupational medicine, and ear, nose and throat. More information about Primary Health Medical Group can be found at [www.phmgidaho.com](http://www.phmgidaho.com).

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