

Press Release

## **SoftTech Health launches Policy and Procedure Management software for Nursing Departments**

*Vendor aims to parlay healthcare P&P expertise to help nurses save time*

Ask any Nursing Manager or Patient Care Director what her staff's biggest time-waster is. The answer will no doubt be, "Paperwork." While hospitals are making strides towards paperless patient records, there remain enormous volumes of Policy and Procedure manuals which are still maintained in paper form. No matter what their practice setting, nurses are exposed to rapidly evolving technology and increased regulatory pressures. These pressures demand that nursing departments maintain extensive "P&P" manuals that help guide adherence to standards of care.

The problem is that these policies and procedures take time to update, approve, distribute, and archive. And the reality of chronic nursing shortages is that nurses have less time than ever for such administrative tasks.

SoftTech Health has launched DocLineUp, a Policy and Procedure management software solution. This system enables Nursing Departments to easily improve P&P control, consolidation and compliance. Nursing managers can make policies available 24/7 from any location, without cumbersome paper binders. An integrated online search engine makes it easy to educate nurses to cope with the increasing clinical complexity in many patient care settings – without spending time flipping through binders. Documents can regularly self-notify their authors to update them, ensuring compliance with regulations.

DocLineUp will also ensure that documents are automatically routed for approval each time they are edited, improving document quality. Further, the system will automatically maintain an archive history of all document edits. By applying software automation to these time-consuming steps, SoftTech Health aims to help nursing departments to optimize their workloads and thereby cope with nursing shortages and rising costs.

The DocLineUp software package is an outgrowth of the SoftTech Health's very popular Lab QMS™ Document Control software, says Chief Healthcare Liaison Kirsten Cowan. "We've been in so many situations where our software was installed in the hospital lab, and then a nurse saw the software and said 'We need something like that, too.'" Nursing departments have an equally pressing need to reduce the time that they're spending on their P&Ps – without cutting corners and increasing their risk.

These days, nursing professionals must stay on top of a rising flood of nursing policies, procedures, guidelines, and other administrative documentation. SoftTech Health offers the DocLineUp solution to address these critical needs. Available as an outsourced software solutions, large-scale packages are also available for multi-site or 500+ bed hospitals as well as smaller hospitals.

### *About SoftTech Health*

Software developer SoftTech Health has helped thousands of healthcare employees to manage hundreds of thousands of policies, procedures, and other critical documents. Specializing in software specifically for clinical environments, SoftTech Health has deployed its Document Management and Quality Management solutions to help hospitals and laboratories all across North America. SoftTech Health has been chosen by prestigious healthcare organizations such as Mayo Health/Fransiscan Skemp, Malcolm Baldrige award-winner Baptist Health, and Magnet hospital Children's Hospital of LA.

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