

# e-notification launched in Victoria



**August, 2014** — The Victoria and South Island Divisions' *Transitions in Care* team, in partnership with Island Health, has now launched a pilot study of an **automated electronic notification system for patient admission to, discharge from, or death in hospital.**



The complex e-notification system is designed to coordinate data from hospital information systems, the Excelleris platform, and physician EMRs to deliver timely patient care transition messages to community GPs. This major accomplishment is the result of several months of dedicated effort and represents a strong collaborative commitment from both of the Divisions and the Health Authority.

## A physician-driven process:

- 1 Development of patient scenarios highlighting issues and illustrating the consequences when GPs are not informed about their patients' care.
- 2 Commitment from Island Health to work toward a solution.
- 3 Development of notification forms in consultation with more than 50 Division members.
- 4 EMR and LaunchPad testing of the forms.
- 5 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014: E-notification pilot launched in Greater Victoria with three EMRs and 42 community GPs. Within one hour, the first notification about a patient's admission to hospital was successfully dispatched and delivered.
- 6 Participating physicians provide essential feedback on how well the system is working and on its value to their practice.

**This pilot project will conclude on September 30<sup>th</sup>, after which we aim to expand e-notification to the entire region.**

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