Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

Commitment Name
Alignment of Supply Chain and Information Systems Contracting and Supplier Management Processes to Ensure Interoperability of Medical Devices and Clinical Software

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent
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Commitment Summary
In February 2013, Fletcher Allen Health Care was honored by The ECRI Institute with a The
2013 Supply Chain Achievement Award. In consort with this award and participation in the inaugural Patient Safety Summit, Fletcher Allen Health Care Supply Chain and Information Systems Vice President made the following pledge:
“We are honored and humbled to receive this award. We are also driven to continue to use the superlative resources available from ECRI Institute in consort with our pledge to require medical device and software suppliers to develop and maintain open interfaces with clinical information systems to help improve patient safety. Every supply chain organization should make this pledge.”

**Commitment Description & Detail**
Supply Chain and Information Technologies align to ensure that acquisition and contracting terms and conditions as well as Strategic Supplier Management protocols address the Interoperability of Software and Medical Devices. (Medical device and software suppliers to develop and maintain open interfaces with clinical information systems to help improve patient safety).

**Action Plan**
1. Architecture and Steering Committee questionnaire will be modified to include interrogatories regarding interoperability capabilities of the software and/or medical device being vetted in the acquisition process.
2. Standard terms and conditions of purchase will be modified to include compliance language for suppliers to clearly articulate capabilities and commitment to interoperability of their respective software with other software systems and applicable medical devices.
3. Strategic supplier management processes will include discussion, commitment and governance processes to pursue interoperability between software systems and applicable medical devices.
4. Request that all contracted suppliers make the pledge to the Patient Safety Movement to pursue interoperability with their respective software and/or medical devices.
5. All work done in this arena will be presented to industry colleagues, product suppliers and service providers.

**Commitment Timeline**