Vaporware vs. Quality Care:
The Northwest Conference on Information Technology and Patient Safety

April 9, 2004

Agenda

7:00  Registration, continental breakfast

8:00  Welcome and opening remarks
8:30  Keynote presentation
     Separating myth from reality: a critical review of the evidence
     Eric Larson, MD
     Director, Center for Health Studies, Group Health Cooperative

10:00 Break

10:30 Keynote presentation
     System-wide ambulatory care EMR implementation
     Homer Chin, MD
     Medical Director for Clinical Information Systems
     Kaiser Permanente Northwest, Portland

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Concurrent sessions
     A: Bedside bar-coding & medication verification: the rest of the story
        Cherie Galusha, RN, MSN, Software Implementation Project Coordinator
        Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane
     B: The use of electronic prescribing technology to reduce medication errors
        Jennifer Wilson Norton, MBA, RPh, Pharmacy Services Director
        Nathan Lawless, RPh, Clinical Pharmacist/Drug Utilization Specialist
        The Everett Clinic, Everett

2:15 Break

2:45 Concurrent sessions
     A: Assessing & correcting processes before implementing an IT solution
        Gregory Sorensen, MD
        Chair, Patient Safety Team, Swedish Health Services, Seattle
     B: Challenges of IT implementation in small medical practices
        Ricord Winstead, MD

4:00 Panel: What’s in the works for IT and PS?
     Panelists: Virginia Mason Medical Center, Northwest Kidney Centers, INHS

4:50 Closing Comments

5:00 Adjourn

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