

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar

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| WHA Golf Tournament Buffalo, WY | 9/19 |
| WHA Annual Meeting Sheridan | 9/20-9/21 |

Other Events

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| LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting | 9/20-9/21 |
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Medicity To Implement HIE Solution for Wyoming

The Wyoming Department of Health has been working with Wyoming healthcare stakeholders to establish a statewide health information exchange (HIE).

The Wyoming Health Information Exchange (WYFI) has a goal to promote a healthier Wyoming by developing a statewide secured, connected, and coordinated health information technology system that supports effective and efficient healthcare.

The awarded vendor for the WYFI technology solution is Medicity, a national leader in clinical data exchange who is based in our neighboring state, Utah and also serves Colorado, and Montana, which Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director Jim Bush, MD, says will allow for easier interstate connections.

Medicity has a proven track record and will be a great partner to implement a successful HIE solution in Wyoming.

Contract negotiations are currently underway and the development phase will begin soon after.

An HIE allows healthcare professionals and patients to appropriately access and securely share a patient's vital medical information electronically. This can include connecting hospitals with laboratories, practices and other medical facilities. The hope is

for more information sharing among providers to enhance patient safety, duplicate entries, and medication reconciliation.



What is the approach for the health information exchange?

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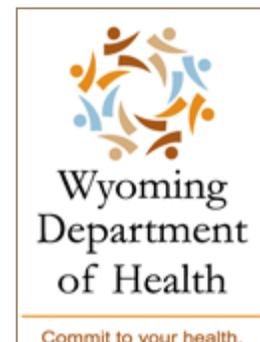
What will a health information exchange offer to providers?

- Allows providers to exchange clinical data summaries (C-CDA) with

other providers and hospitals

- Allows providers to send electronic referrals to providers on the same or different electronic health record (EHR) platform
- Provides electronic alerts for a providers' patients
- Provides providers with quick access to their patients' laboratory results
- Enables providers to use a Record Locator Service with EHR integration

The work on the HIE will begin in Oct. of 2017 and the product itself will launch in late 2019 or early 2020. All connections to Wyoming provider offices, as well as hospitals will be free. It is not yet determined if providers will then be asked to take part in the sustainability funding of the project.





Dr. Jamie Rupp

Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight



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Climbing Accident Claims Memorial Hospital Physician

A sense of sadness and profound sorrow could be felt at Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas at the start of this week as news of Dr. Jamie Rupp's death spread through the organization. Dr. Rupp planned to camp and climb Kit Carson and Challenger Mountains in Colorado over the Labor Day weekend. The summits are located in the Crestones in the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains south and west of Pueblo, CO.

On Monday, September 4th, Dr. Rupp's wife, Sandy received notification from the Saguache County Coroner that her husband had died in a climbing accident. In an email addressed to Memorial Hospital staff and providers that same evening, CEO Ryan Smith wrote:

"Earlier today, Sharon and I, like many of you, were notified that Dr. James (Jamie) Rupp died during a mountain climb in Colorado this weekend. We are shocked and devastated at the passing of a great husband, father, physician, colleague and friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sandy, Tom, Alex and the rest of Dr. Rupp's family. Dr. Rupp spent his entire career serving patients from all over our great State of Wyoming. I feel extremely privileged to have worked with Dr. Rupp since he arrived in Douglas. He was not only a brilliant physician and constant advocate for his patients, staff and profession, but a confident and friend to me, and my family. I can't imagine all of the family, providers, patients, employees, students, and many friends he impacted during his life and career, and

the collective hurt we will share at his untimely passing."

He has provided healthcare to Wyoming residents from every corner of the state, whether it be as a Medical Director, Internist or Nephrologist. Prior to joining Memorial Hospital in 2014, Dr. Rupp worked at the Veterans Administration Clinic in Casper, WY. As one of the only Nephrologists in Wyoming, Dr. Rupp was a well-respected physician and resource for the state.

Services are pending and the hospital will provide further details as they become available. The entire organization and family at Memorial Hospital of Converse County extends our heartfelt sympathies and continued thoughts and prayers to Dr. Rupp's family in this time and always.

Hospitals Donate to Silent Auction

Let the bidding begin! The WHA Silent Auction will be held September 20th at the Convention. Here are more of the items to be auctioned!

Wyoming Medical Center: A full day guided trip for two with Wyoming Fly Fishing Guide Services

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center: 4 Cheyenne Frontier Day's Sponsor Badges for a CFD rodeo during the CFD 2018

Wyoming Behavioral Institute: Wood artwork of Wyoming flag



Crook County Hospital District: 4 rounds of golf at the exclusive Devi's Tower golf club.

West Park Hospital: 2 nights stay at the Cody Hotel and tickets to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West

WHA Resources: Framed Elk Print

