

Clinical Messaging Overview

Clinical messaging is an effective way for hospitals and facilities to share patient results with clinicians. It is an electronic system that securely delivers data such as: transcriptions, demographics, and results from laboratory, pathology and radiology.

Clinicians use a Web browser to securely receive incoming messages, tag these messages with instructions and annotations, then electronically deliver them to other clinicians or staff. In some communities, Clinical Messaging has been successfully in place for more than a decade.

Clinical Messaging in south central Indiana:

- In late 2007, Bloomington Hospital, Bloomington Hospital of Orange County, and Southern Indiana Radiological Associates began sending results via Clinical Messaging using standard results reporting processes.
- HealthLINC, of which Bloomington Hospital is a founding partner, will play a leadership role in connecting physicians to the new opportunities Clinical Messaging provides.
- A partnership with HealthBridge of Cincinnati allowed a rapid deployment of Clinical Messaging in a multi-county region of south central Indiana.
- HealthBridge is one of the nation's most successful groups of health care technology professionals.
- Software solutions are provided by Axolotl, a national provider of information technology solutions for health information exchange.
- Patient benefits of Clinical Messaging include: decreased opportunity for data errors, enhanced physician-to-physician communication, faster test results reporting and treatment decisions, and more complete coordination of care.

CLINICAL MESSAGING:

Requested patient data from Bloomington Hospital, Southern Indiana Radiological Associates (SIRA), and authorized physicians, gets delivered automatically to an electronic clinical inbox.

Clinicians can review, edit, sign, annotate, assign to staff or forward reports electronically to collaborating physicians and other health care organizations to provide safe, more efficient health care.