Public Health Department to Transform Patient Care
With an Electronic Health Record

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is pleased to announce the selection of General Electric’s Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. The GE Centricity product will be implemented in the 10 Health Care Centers located within the County beginning at the end of 2011 and completing in 2012.

The quality of care at all 10 Health Care Centers will be improved with timely access to and update of key patient information, electronically. Our health care providers will be able to access key information about medications, lab testing, and other patient information to support timely clinical decision-making. Reliable, secure access for providers and nurses to a comprehensive electronic health record is way quality of care is improved.

We anticipate that new systems will be developed with our partner hospitals, Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers, (www.sbcphd.org/hcc), physician practices and managed care organizations. The planned implementation schedule is:

- Fall 2011 – Lompoc Health Care Center
- Winter 2011 – Santa Barbara health Care Center
- Spring 2012 –Santa Maria Health Care Center, Santa Maria Women’s Health Care Center, New Cuyama, Good Samaritan,
- Summer 2012 - Carpinteria Health Care Center, Franklin Health Care Center, Rescue Mission, Casa Esperanza

The Public Health Department is embarking on an incredible journey that will transform not only the way in which we provide care, but even more importantly the quality of the care we are able to offer to our patients. This project is the true embodiment of our Vision statement; "Healthier communities through leadership, partnership and science.”

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