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Get Actionable Data to the Point of Need

With reform ongoing, healthcare continues its move to accountable care and greater risk for providers. It is more important than ever to coordinate care across settings, especially for populations with chronic conditions. Health IT helps providers deliver actionable data to the point of need at the right time to the right person for optimum decision-making. This issue of *Performance Strategies* features four organizations named to *H&HN's* 100 Most Wired list. They are mining and analyzing clinical and financial data, and sharing it as intelligence that informs operations and care delivery across the spectrum of care.

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The Big Picture: The Need to Deliver Informing Data to the Point of Need



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Given how immersed we all are in trying to improve healthcare while dealing with regulatory changes, cost pressures, emerging retail models and the shift from a volume-based system to one based on value, sometimes it's helpful to step back and look at the bigger picture. Are we succeeding in our goal of improving the health of patients and populations with more efficient and effective care?

Plenty will argue that payers, providers and patients often don't share a common view regarding the best approach to this goal. However, all stakeholders are aligned around one point of consistency: there is much to be gained by ensuring that appropriate care is delivered in an appropriate setting. If that can be achieved, then we will indeed improve care ... [READ MORE](#) ▶

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Hospitals and health systems have been making steady progress over the past several years in deploying information technology systems. As executives look out over the horizon of a shifting landscape, they are demanding that systems be more robust and more integrated.

Hospital leaders face some daunting challenges. Regulatory mandates to implement health IT continue to mount. They are bracing for an influx of patients who, starting in January, will be newly eligible for insurance coverage, and, at the same time, they need to adjust to new payment models that place a great emphasis on quality, outcomes and data. As Rod O'Reilly suggests in this issue, executives need to step back and look at the larger picture.

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