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Trends in Mobile Computing Within the Healthcare Industry

Wednesday, May 19, 2004 from 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

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Mobile computing within the healthcare industry is poised to revolutionize the way medicine is practiced at the point of care. Mobile devices enable clinicians to access patient information quickly, efficiently and securely from any location and at any time. Although the number of physicians using clinical applications on mobile hardware is growing, the health care industry still faces many obstacles to increased use of such technology. Grass roots initiatives are inciting large numbers of physicians to independently purchase handheld devices that are being used primarily for standalone knowledge-based applications including drug reference databases, reference manuals and medical calculators. Mobile computing usage, however, faces a significant number of challenges to widespread adoption within an inpatient hospital setting as the applications become more comprehensive and require increased integration with existing legacy-based clinical and financial systems. Hospital administrators and CIOs are facing a number of obstacles including physician adoption, funding, integration complexities with legacy-based systems and protection of patient health information on handheld devices. Spyglass Consulting will provide an overview of a recent comprehensive study of this topic completed in November 2003.



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