



Health IT Wins!

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WIN!: Hospitals submit electronic lab reports to the Iowa Department of Public Health's smartLab provider portal program.

Who: Iowa hospitals attesting for Meaningful Use Stage Two

When: Quarter three of 2013 and ongoing

Where: Across Iowa

Why: Iowa hospitals are required to submit reportable lab results to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). In order to streamline the submission process and eliminate dual entry of results from the hospital's electronic health record (EHR) system, the Iowa Health Information Network (IHIN)-connected hospitals to use the IHIN to transport Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) messages directly from their EHR to the IDPH systems.

What: Electronic laboratory reporting of reportable disease to the Iowa Department of Public Health through the IHIN

- Hospitals planning to attest for Meaningful Use Stage Two register for ELR with the IDPH
- Hospitals who registered for electronic lab reporting also sign up for the IHIN services
- The IDPH ELR onboarding team works with the hospitals to format electronic lab reporting messages and to ensure the content of the messages are accurate
- The IHIN onboarding team works with the hospitals to make the technical connection between the EHR and the smartLab and supports transport for the ELR message

Benefits:

- Eliminates need to "dual enter" lab reports in the EHR and separately report to the IDPH
- Saves time
- Lowered average time between lab result and referral to the public health investigators from 6 days to .06 days
- Increased the percentage of initial reports available to public health the same day from 12 percent to 95.3 percent