



# *50 Years of Excellence*

In January Slidell Memorial Hospital successfully made the transition to a state-of-the-art electronic medical record system with an investment of over \$3 million.

Physicians, nurses and other caregivers can now simultaneously review results, evaluate patients' progress and take needed action. Vital information such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration along with laboratory results can be viewed electronically and trended so physicians and nurses can easily see changes over time.

For patients, the move to an electronic medical record will provide the following benefits:

- Fewer errors
- Faster service
- Reduced length of inpatient stay because of improved availability of information, such as test results and prior treatments.

For physicians, the electronic medical record ensures immediate access to patient information rather than having to chase down paper charts and greater ease of completing medical records because they can access the patient's chart not only in the hospital, but also in their office. In addition, trending data along with radiology images are readily available. This information is readily available to your physician anywhere in the world via physician portal.

SMH continues its commitment to high quality patient care. The investment in information technology is one more step in this commitment. The Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to all of the hospital staff that invested hours into a successful transition.

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