

#### What is EMResource™ \*?

EMResource is an Internet-based resource management and communication tool developed by Infinity Healthcare. Currently over 850 hospitals and EMS services in 25 metropolitan regions from coast to coast use it to manage ambulance diversion. Users within a region log on to a secure website to view the diversion status of every hospital in their specific region. Each hospital inputs its own status in real-time and can run history reports for their facility. Whenever status information changes, users may also be notified via email and/or text pager. Several regions, and now two entire states, are taking advantage of EMResource's recently developed enhanced features and flexibility to manage additional functions such as biosurveillance, mass casualty resources, and public health alerts and disease tracking.

#### EMResource is an ASP model, what is that?

Application Service Provider (ASP) simply means that all of the *EMResource* programs run on its own remote servers. In order to access the program a user only needs a computer with an Internet connection, a current web browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator) and a password. There are no programs to install or updates to download, and no special hardware or software requirements. Application updates are accomplished at the *EMResource* program servers and changes are immediately available to everyone using the system. The advantages to this approach are greatly reduced support costs with decreased deployment cycle times.

#### Isn't *EMResource* just an ambulance diversion web site?

While ambulance diversion remains the core application, recent events have stressed the need for enhanced communication and resource management during natural and man-made disasters and public health related disease outbreaks. *EMResource* has reacted to this changing environment by adding additional capabilities that have effectively expanded *EMResource*'s potential customer base from only larger metropolitan areas with ED crowding and diversion problems, to every hospital in the country, public health offices, EMS services, emergency management agencies, law enforcement agencies and all potential participants in mass casualty incidents.

### How did EMResource get started?

More than 5 years ago Infinity Healthcare, a Milwaukee area group of emergency department physicians, developed an Internet-based system to replace an older modem-based ED communication system then in use by Milwaukee area hospitals. The system was developed over the following months and went live in Milwaukee April of 1998. *EMResource* was invited to showcase the system at the National Association of EMS Physicians annual meeting January of 1999 and things have taken off from there.

## Which regions are using EMSystem?

US metropolitan areas include: Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul, St. Louis, Kansas City, Santa Clara County CA, Monterey County CA, Sacramento, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tucson, Denver, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Jacksonville, Orlando, Raleigh/Durham, Syracuse, Toledo. We have one international customer at present, Melbourne, Australia. More states are using *EMResource*, including Oklahoma, New Mexico and Missouri.

## How can I learn more about *EMR*esource in Oklahoma?

Contact Trauma Division at 405.271.2657, or by email at EMResource@health.ok.gov.

<sup>\*</sup> As of March 2007, EMSystem is known as EMResource.

# Statewide Oklahoma

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