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Paper-Free is Child's Play for Electronic Medication Management

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is the first paediatric hospital in Australia to go live with Electronic Medication Management (eMM) from bedside devices.

"Westmead is the first site to implement the initiative across the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network with Randwick due to come online in the near future," said A/Chief Executive Dr Michael Brydon.

"The eMM will improve the quality, safe and effectiveness of medication management and help reduce preventable adverse drug events.

The system allows clinicians to prescribe medication at the bedside using laptops and other smart devices while helping to reduce errors in prescribing or administering medication.

In several of the wards clinicians, nurses, and pharmacists, are now able to manage medication electronically from prescribing and ordering through to dispensing and recording.

"Medication charts can also be viewed from mobile devices across the Hospital to increase efficiency and security, with the paper charts at the foot of the bed soon to become a thing of the past," Dr Brydon says.

A secured wireless network has been installed at CHW as part of the move away from paper-based processes.

Plans are also underway for a new patient portal.

"This would give bedside access to a wireless tablet so the children can watch movies, skype friends and family or even order meals."

The eMM is part of a broader electronic medical record (eMR) strategy that has great potential to save lives by connecting *multi-disciplinary teams for patient-centered care*.

"We have gone live with eMM in several wards at Westmead and will continue to implement it across the Hospital, and the Network, in the future.

"This is a great initiative for our staff, patients and families as we continue to stay at the forefront of technology that is helping to save lives and make sick kids better," Dr Brydon said.

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