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Transition To Epic Electronic Medical Record System Is Latest Milestone For Milford Campus Of Bridgeport Hospital

MILFORD, CT (Sept. 27, 2019) – On Sept. 27, the Milford Campus of Bridgeport Hospital successfully transitioned to the Epic electronic medical record (EMR) system, the same one used for at least the last six years by other Yale New Haven Health hospitals, outpatient facilities and affiliated physicians' offices, providing for the safe, secure sharing of medical records and other information, including X-rays and test results, with patients and their physicians at multiple sites.

"The launch of Epic at our Milford Campus is the first of many transformational efforts that will put us at the forefront of care delivery," said Gina Calder, Milford Campus administrator. "From admission to bedside care to maintaining an accurate medical record and keeping our patients connected and engaged, Epic provides a tool that supports our ability to advance high quality, safe and truly patient-centered care every day."

"I've been here for 25 years, from house doctor to attending cardiologist," said Edward Tuohy, MD. "When I started we had paper charts, each hospital with a different EMR. Now, we all have one system and one set of information. If you want to take better care of patients, it's all about having the information at your fingertips – test results, medication lists, images. Physicians will be able to view images from our offices or another hospital within five minutes after the test. That leads to better quality and reduces the risk of mistakes."

"A lot has been accomplished since the integration of the former Milford Hospital into Bridgeport Hospital on June 9," said Michael Ivy, MD, interim president and CEO of Bridgeport Hospital. "It is enormously important that we celebrate and recognize the people who have put in an enormous amount of work to get the Milford Campus ready for the launch of Epic, which will

help us build clinical programs across the campus, recruit the best employees and create a superior patient experience that exceeds patient and family expectations."

In just over three months since the Milford Campus was integrated into Bridgeport Hospital, campus and health system staff worked together to complete training and infrastructure improvements to launch the new EMR, which will facilitate the addition of more services to serve patients.

Bridgeport Hospital, part of Yale New Haven Health, is a non-profit 501-bed acute care hospital with two campuses (plus 42 beds licensed to Yale New Haven Children's Hospital). Both Bridgeport Hospital and the Milford Campus of Bridgeport Hospital serve patients throughout Fairfield and New Haven counties. The hospital admits more than 23,000 patients and provides nearly 350,000 outpatient treatments annually. The Connecticut Burn Center at Bridgeport Hospital is the only burn center in the state and one of only 64 verified burn centers in the United States. Bridgeport Hospital is committed to providing safe, compassionate and cost efficient care to its patients and the community. www.bridgeporthospital.org

Photo caption: Michael Ivy, MD, Bridgeport Hospital interim president and CEO, with other officials looking on, flips a ceremonial switch to mark the activation of the Epic electronic medical record system at the Milford Campus of Bridgeport Hospital.