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Hospital's Transition to CPOE Offers Lessons for Other Organizations

Kentucky-based Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center's transition to computerized physician order entry offers lessons for other hospitals looking to adopt CPOE, *HealthLeaders Media* reports.

The 26-bed acute care facility went live with its CPOE system in November 2007 and now enters 100% of its orders through its CPOE system.

Cynthia Burton, chief nursing officer at Rockcastle, said that although some physicians would like to go back to paper orders, the hospital learned some helpful lessons during the implementation process.

Burton said that hospitals looking to make the transition to CPOE should:

- Highlight the advantages of the technology;
- Arrange training sessions with no more than two physicians at a time;
- Provide staff support, especially in the beginning of the process;
- Set up a private area for physicians to use the CPOE system; and
- Maintain open lines of communication (Vaughan, *HealthLeaders Media*, 10/20).

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