Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital is a nonprofit integrated network of six hospitals and physician practices caring for patients and communities throughout Southwest Georgia. Founded in 1911, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital is the system’s flagship and one of Georgia’s largest comprehensive tertiary medical centers. Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital is a 443-bed teaching hospital and a regional center for cancer treatment, cardiac medicine surgery, gastrointestinal disease and neuroscience. The recipient of the 2003 Foster G. McGaw Prize for excellence in community health, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital was also the first hospital in America to become a three-time winner of the prestigious VHA Leadership Award for excellence in community health, supply chain management and clinical achievement. The hospital won a fourth VHA Award in 2006.

Phoebe Putney Health System is constantly reinvesting in the health of Southwest Georgia through programs in prevention, education and research that go beyond the bounds of traditional medicine. In August 2012, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital installed the Alaris® Viewer Suite for Infusion Viewer, becoming the third limited commercial release site for CareFusion. Infusion Viewer is the first near real-time software application offered to work with the Alaris System and display infusion status data from infusions administered throughout a hospital or health system, including all Guardrails® software soft limits, via the Alaris Pump and Syringe modules. In anticipation of incorporating the Infusion Viewer software,

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital decided to purchase the Alaris Auto-ID module to be able to quickly scan patient ID data at the bedside and automatically populate it into the PC unit. Having the patient ID data captured in the Infusion Viewer dashboard makes it easier to locate patients and pumps within the hospital.

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Pharmacy Department Automation Manager Randy Carver said that Infusion Viewer provides an intuitive and easy product that requires little training. He also said that the initial use helped illuminate an opportunity for process change between pharmacy and NICU staff. In addition, he has been working diligently with his hospital to document examples of interventions that were made possible based on the data within the Infusion Viewer dashboard, noting that the near real-time data also provides opportunities to collaborate with the nursing staff for education at the point of care.

Carver said that Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital seeks out initiatives that can lead to care coordination between nursing and pharmacy, and improved patient care. Infusion Viewer can provide near real-time medication viewing and help reduce the chance of medication errors. Near real-time visibility improves the communication between pharmacy and nursing to potentially help with intercepting errors while infusions are being administered. The outcomes can result in better healthcare quality and ultimately, lower the cost of care.

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