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UC San Diego Health System and Qualcomm Life Join Forces to Improve Care Remotely

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2net™ Platform provides physicians with state-of-the-art patient monitoring platform

UC San Diego Health System is collaborating with Qualcomm Life, a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. to pilot the 2net™ Platform and Hub for remote patient monitoring. Qualcomm Life's innovative 2net technology collects patients' clinical information from wireless medical devices and transmits it to UC San Diego Health System physicians, to supplement information already available. This system provides a rapid, automated way to collect patient data in near real-time, analyze the readings, and suggest follow up actions with the patient, if needed.

"This collaboration is a perfect example of UC San Diego Health System's dedication to integrating advanced information technology into patient care," said Ed Babakanian, CIO, UC San Diego Health System. "Our physicians have access to the most comprehensive and up-to-date clinical information – specific to each one of their patients. This allows our teams to provide the highest quality of care, across all care settings."

UC San Diego Health System is one of the first health system locations to implement this unique pilot program. Patients who volunteer for the pilot program will be given specific kits comprised of medical devices such as a weight scale, a blood pressure cuff and a blood glucose meter. When, for example, the patient steps on the weight scale or takes a blood glucose reading, the data is collected via the 2net Hub, a plug-and-play gateway device, sent through Qualcomm's 2net Platform and into Entra Health System's MyHealthPoint solution to be accessed by the physician's office for review and follow up.

"We are leveraging technology to create a two-way exchange of important clinical information no matter where the patient may be," said Marlene Millen, MD, assistant clinical professor, UC San Diego School of Medicine. "This system is also a service to the community in that we are helping our patients manage their care in a timely way – and we proactively are able to help patients who need help monitoring their care but do not have family nearby."

"We are delighted to be working with UC San Diego Health System, an internationally recognized academic medical center ranked number one in San Diego area," said Rick Valencia, vice president and general manager, Qualcomm Life. "Our award winning 2net technology is increasingly seen as a viable solution for extending care outside of the hospital while helping to decrease readmissions in high risk, diabetic patient populations."

About UC San Diego Health System

Launched in 1966, UC San Diego Health System is the region's only academic health system, with a mission of providing excellent and compassionate patient care, advancing medical discoveries and educating future health care professionals. It comprises UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest, and UC San Diego Thornton Hospital, Moores Cancer Center, Shiley Eye Center, Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center and Jacobs Medical Center (slated to open in 2016) in La Jolla, as well as other primary and specialty practices of UC San Diego Medical Group. For more information, visit http://health.ucsd.edu.

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