

Quarterly Report

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Publicity: List publicity and promotional activities conducted during the reporting period, if there were any. (Send any examples of non-electronic promotional materials to the NN/LM MCR by mail or send an email attachment to reports@rml4.utah.edu or provide URLs.)

1. Department of Education Newsletter-June 2005 highlighting two websites for the purchase of handheld devices.

2. Luncheon for Physicians and healthcare workers. Topic: "Online Health Education" by Marty Magee (NNLM-Nebraska Liaison) on PubMed, MedLine Plus and new features.

Complete an [Outreach Reporting Form](#) for demonstrations and training that took place during the reporting period. Complete an [Exhibit Report \(MS Word\)](#) for any exhibits as email attachments to reports@rml4.utah.edu for inclusion as appendices to this report.

Weekly meeting of committee members and exchanging ideas. Our IT department at the hospital has been very supportive of the PDA program.

At our weekly meeting we learn from each other new (mostly) free software. At the present time, we are using "Merck Medicus". Everyone loves the software.

We have used wireless internet, learned how to use presentation bundle and bluetooth keyboard.

Other accomplishments: List any additional activities, resources, services, and administrative arrangements or collaborations that occurred during this reporting period.

As I have previously reported, IT has given us one staff person and purchased the same PDA Dell Axium 624MHZ for her. She has been working with any technical problems we encounter. She also works with couple of administrators who have purchased the PDA.

Our dietary department contacted us to help them in selection of a software program for dieticians. Our knowledge of handhelds allowed us to do that. The program was for Palm OS and we were able to help them.

Target audience: Are there any insights you have gained about your target population during this reporting period? Have their needs changed since your initial assessment? Is the group different from your original anticipated audience?

Since our pilot project in the hospital, the administration had purchased ten licenses for Physicians for Epocrates Pro and they have distributed to the Physicians. They are looking into buying more licenses for the nurse practitioners and other healthcare professionals.

One of the vice-president's have purchased one more PDA for a nurse and want her to try out Epocrates for Nurses. We will include her in our weekly meetings so she can get more familiar with her PDA.

Goals, Outcomes, Objectives: Discuss problems, successes, surprises, and/or insights of this quarter. Based on these experiences and your progress to date, have you rethought or in any way modified your objectives for the project? Are the needs of the audience those you anticipated, and are the outcomes you expected still feasible?

One thing we can say is that the hospital staff and Physicians are getting more familiar with PDA. More and more healthcare workers are asking us about what to purchase, free software, downloads etc.

We are going to have a program for nursing and radiologic technology students as the new

semester start and encourage them to use PDA.

Our goal

Evaluation: List any specific evaluation activities that occurred during the reporting period. Activities might include surveys, focus groups, pre- and post-tests, interviews, log of activities, or other steps to monitor progress.

Our progress has been monitored by the weekly meetings and exchange of ideas. We are more familiar and at ease with our PDA's and constantly sharing ideas for software, downloads etc.

Impacts and Observations: If there are anecdotes that illustrate the impact that the project is having, provide the narrative here; include any indicators of success. Share observations, lessons learned, and any other feedback you think would be helpful.

The faculty of Radiologic Technology staff is using PDA for the satellite sites testing students and checking it off on their PDA. This includes evaluation sheet. The testing is then downloaded on their computers. This has saved lot of time and the paperwork.

Planned Activities: Provide a brief outline of activities (training, exhibits, web development, meetings, evaluation etc.) that are scheduled for the next quarter.

Our goal for next quarter is to introduce students to the PDA technology.

Continue weekly meetings.

Learn to use visual media and download the video clip on the PDA. One of our nursing instructor wants to have ready educational videos at her fingertips. For example, if a student is having problems with IV in Clinical Setting, she can have a videoclip handy on her PDA to show the student 'how to'. We are looking into instructional video clip with our own instructors taped on digital camera.

Continue learning the presentation bundle.