Electronically send vitals at the point of care to the EHR

Capture and automatically update vitals in the EHR

Collecting vitals more efficiently

One of the most common workflows for a nurse is taking a patient’s vital signs. Once the vitals are collected, nurses are typically required to manually enter the vital signs into the patient’s electronic health record (EHR), creating a potential source of error. Another concern is that vital signs are not entered in the patient’s record in a timely manner, creating a delay for the care team to make appropriate treatment decisions. CareAware VitalsLink® provides a streamlined, barcode-driven process on an integrated device for clinicians to chart vitals data directly into the EHR at the point of care. The context these data points provide for the diagnosis and treatment, during a hospital stay can improve overall patient health outcomes. Receiving the correct vitals data in a timely manner is critical.

Key benefits

VitalsLink is designed to:

- Decrease documentation time and improve clinician workflow
- Reduce transcription errors and improve accuracy
- Connect with most open hospital information systems

Improved patient care

The connectivity between CareAware VitalsLink and the hospital information system (HIS) helps to reduce the need for multiple log-ins to the patient’s record, eliminate errors from manually entering data and ensure clinicians have the most current patient information. Most importantly, this solution enables clinicians to spend less time documenting and more time with their patients.
Early sepsis detection

Care Aware VitalsLink provides a streamlined, barcode-driven process on an integrated device for clinicians to chart vitals data directly into the EHR at the point of care. Whether your patient is in post-op recovery or checking in to the emergency department (ED), sepsis detection is time critical. Due to the amount of information processed for each patient, critical sepsis indicators may go undetected. Detecting and addressing these indicators quickly can impact outcomes.

Simplified device connectivity

Care Aware is a global medical device architecture that simplifies device connectivity and management by connecting medical devices, end user applications and the EHR to support the care process. Care Aware VitalsLink, developed on the Care Aware iBus architecture, is designed to meet health care organizations' most stringent demands, enabling Cerner Millennium organizations to optimize their technology investment. Clients without Millennium can use Care Aware iBus with their existing hospital information system.

Integrated device strategy

The Cerner Validation Program for Medical Devices creates a relationship between Cerner and medical device manufacturers. Cerner solutions are better able to acquire data from devices and integrate with the EHR using the Care Aware device connectivity architecture. With more than 50 validated device partners and 1,000 supported devices, Cerner is working with our clients and partners to continue to evolve the device portfolio. Presently, these vitals sign monitors provide built-in bidirectional device integration.

Insightful utilization reporting

Leveraging the Cerner Lights On Dashboard, clients can gain insights into how the solution is being used as well as understand ROI as it relates to time savings spent documenting vital signs.

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*Welch Allyn Connex monitor is a CareAware validated device.