



## Halifax Regional Medical Center Selects Micromedex Solutions from Thomson Reuters for Clinical Decision Support

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ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 20 /PRNewswire/ -- Halifax Regional Medical Center has signed a multi-year agreement to use Thomson Reuters Micromedex(®) solutions as its source for evidence-based clinical reference information.

Halifax Regional Medical Center is a 206-bed acute-care hospital in Roanoke Rapids, in rural North Carolina. With a large Medicare and Medicaid population, Halifax Regional needed a clinical reference resource that would deliver the highest quality decision support and the best value for the money.

"Our biggest challenge is to provide excellent healthcare, but still be cost conscious," said Chris Lehman, director of pharmacy services for the medical center. "Not only does the Micromedex solution help us achieve this, but it also is an easy-to-use resource with the most current relevant information available."

The Micromedex solutions include evidence-based information on drugs and drug interactions, disease management, toxicology, alternative medicine, and intravenous drug compatibility, as well as patient education resources. By choosing an integrated source for all of its clinical reference needs, Halifax Regional will limit resources required to train staff and eliminate the need to support disparate clinical reference systems. Micromedex content will provide the hospital with the evidence needed to recommend treatment alternatives while providing options for reducing costs.

"We were excited when we implemented Micromedex, and so was the nursing staff," said Paula Burton, a pharmacist at Halifax Regional. "It's so easy to find answers to drug questions and it's very user friendly. The strength-of-evidence ratings, recommendations, and efficacy ratings for all therapeutic uses for drugs give us a tremendous resource in helping us to deliver high quality, cost effective care."

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Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare organizations. The Medical Center is licensed for 206 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. They offer an array of medical and surgical services, including 24-hour emergency care, backed by the latest technology. Halifax Regional strives to create a compassionate environment where our approximately 800 employees can deliver the best care every hour of every day.

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