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Dear Morton Plant North Bay Physician,

We have important news to share with all Morton Plant North Bay physicians and their staff. As you may know, MPNB will be the first hospital in BayCare Health System to advance to the next round of its massive effort to implement a system-wide electronic medical record, known as BEACON. MPNB will activate with BEACON's Phase II functionality on Oct. 14.

There is no doubt that this is a huge step for us, and we recognize the significant impact this will have on our physicians. We wanted you to know that we are very enthusiastic about the progress we have made preparing for this important clinical transformation. In this next phase, all orders, medication administration, and clinical and ancillary documentation will be processed through BEACON, creating real-time access to information that physicians need. In addition, in Phase II, physicians will use the BEACON Messaging Inbox to sign all verbal and telephone orders.

We wanted to take a moment to emphasize two key points:

- **We could not do this without you.** We know our physicians are essential to making these ideas a reality. We have made a significant effort to involve physician expertise throughout the health system to help design many of these solutions.
- **Physician training began Aug. 10.** All inpatient physicians are required to receive less than 2 hours of web-based training. We will include with this letter an information sheet about physician training. We also began offering on-site training assistance/support in the physician lounge. If you have any training-related questions, please stop by the physician lounge during the following dates and times.
 - **From now until Aug. 28:** Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - **Aug. 31 to Oct. 14 Activation:** Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To start Phase II Training, physicians also can attend MPNB's *Department of Medicine* meeting, **Sept. 2, 5:30 p.m.**, or the *Department of Surgery* meeting, **Sept. 14, 7:30 a.m.** BEACON Training staff will be available at these meetings to assist you.

Please know that we are committed to providing you with the support and training resources you need. We sincerely appreciate all of your patience and understanding as we undergo this important clinical transformation. Thank you for your time and continued commitment to providing advanced health care for our community. If you have any questions, please call Morton Plant North Bay Administration at (727) 843-4500.

Sincerely,



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