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## Tennessee Jail Reduces Healthcare Cost by 20% with CorrecTek

Like many correctional facilities across America, Rutherford County Adult Detention Center was experiencing an increased number of lawsuits associated with their medical services. To address the straining liability on the county, a decision was made to contract Dr. Dan Rudd to serve as the jail's medical director. Through a detailed review of the facility, Dr. Rudd identified the jail's paper-based records management system as its root problem.

Through a rigorous vetting process, Dr. Rudd selected the CorrecTek EMR system to help the jail overcome its liability issues related to their paper-based records. Before the CorrecTek implementation, Rutherford County jail's medical staff was spending 2-4 hours a day searching for misplaced paper charts. After the implementation the medical provider had instant access to the patient's chart and pertinent medical information.

Additionally, other benefits emerged with the use of the CorrecTek EMR system. The average cost of medical services per inmate/per day reduced from over \$10 to under \$8. In addition, because of the extensive reporting and communication methods available in CorrecTek, better healthcare for the inmates was realized. In fact, the jail's average daily healthcare grievances dropped from 20 to 1.5 a day.

Dr. Rudd and his staff successfully met their goals of creating a better medical facility and limiting healthcare liability in the Rutherford County jail. Dr. Rudd attributes the jail's success to improved healthcare policies, the staff's dedication and hard work and the implementation of the CorrecTek EMR Software.

Reduced average inmate's healthcare cost from over \$10 to under \$8 a day.

Daily healthcare grievances reduced an average of 93%.

"One of the best run medical clinics in a county jail in the state of Tennessee."

-Tennessee Department of Corrections Official after a recent state inspection

Medication reports are ran to identify every inmate on medications that require follow-up lab tests (such as Coumadin). Such reports ensure inmates receive necessary lab tests on time.

During each "med pass," a staff member can record observations, assign "To-do Requests," respond to "Orders" and answer questions by connecting to CorrecTek via a wireless network.

With CorrecTek, the staff's morale improved and data became more accurate.

Eliminates problems associated with lost charts, duplicate charts and illegible handwriting.

The complete Rutherford County Adult Detention Center case study can be found on our website.

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