Our Featured Collaboration

The Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program is a nationwide program funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that provides incentive payments to eligible healthcare professionals and hospitals that adopt, implement, upgrade, and meaningfully use certified EHR technology. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS), assisted by the New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice (NHIHPP), administers the program to disburse incentive payments to healthcare providers that meet program eligibility criteria.

In collaboration with NHIHPP, RCI is engineering the Electronic Provider Incentive Payment System (ePIP) software that facilitates provider requests for incentive payments. ePIP includes modules that allow healthcare providers to submit registration and attestation data for verification and audit. NHIHPP program administrators access the data through an administrative portal to verify that program eligibility requirements have been met. ePIP was configured to interface in near-real-time with both CMS and New Hampshire Medicaid, databases that facilitate the payment approval and disbursement processes. Once eligible providers have received an incentive payment, ePIP maintains an historical audit record.

In the coming months, NHIHPP and RCI will incorporate clinical eligibility criteria (called “Meaningful Use” criteria) into ePip. This will allow eligible providers to attest for subsequent annual payments in accordance with federal statute requirements. According to NH DHHS Commissioner Nicholas Toumpas, “EHR technology will streamline healthcare systems and improve the quality of care while lowering costs. Investments like this will provide the infrastructure needed to support healthcare reforms in New Hampshire and throughout the country that will promote affordable, quality care.”

For more information on the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, visit www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/ehr.
Focus On: UIC Engineering Services

RCI’s University Instrumentation Center (UIC) offers a variety of engineering services for scientific equipment. Researchers and instructors from nearly every college on campus utilize these services for one or more of the following:

**Repair and Maintenance:** The instrument repair facility is available for electronic and mechanical repair of scientific equipment including shaker tables, pH meters, balances, microscopes, pipettes, centrifuges, and spectrophotometers. Instruments can be repaired in place or delivered to the Parsons Hall facility.

**Engineering Consultation:** Consultations are offered on engineering procedures and projects for research and academic labs.

**Calibration:** The Instrumentation Center calibrates pipettes, balances and temperature equipment using National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) traceable weights and a temperature standard.

**Lab VIEW:** The UIC administers the LabVIEW software license for the UNH campus and provides a preventive maintenance program for instructional instruments.

Service and repair of pipettes is performed on campus, under controlled conditions, using precision balances and OEM parts.

Pipette services include:
- Leakage testing
- Maintenance
- Minor repairs
- Replacement of parts
- Extensive service reports
- Seal & O-ring replacement
- Cleaning

RCI Announcements

1. The RCI 2013 Brown Bag Lunch Series is held on the second Wednesday of each month in Morse 301 from 12:10 to 12:50pm. Bring your lunch and check it out!

2. RCI will be providing data management for the state-of-the-art gene sequencer purchased by the Hubbard Center for Genome Studies through a Major Research Instrumentation grant. For more info, go to http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2013/01/speed-they-need

3. Is there a topic you’d like to learn about at a Brown Bag session? If so, then please remember that your comments are welcome any time in our suggestion box.