

Donald N. Hitchcock, MD – Medical Director, Physician Adviser

Following an internship at Valley Medical Center in Fresno, California, Dr. Hitchcock worked for twenty-five years in solo family medicine. In 2003, he became the Medical Director for the Community Outreach Department at Queen of the Valley Medical Center. This department provides outpatient case management, a mobile dental clinic and partners with numerous non-profit agencies to provide safety-net services in the community. In 2004, the hospital started the Clinical Informatics Department to implement the advanced clinical features of the MEDITECH EMR. As a private practice physician, Dr. Hitchcock had built computers and implemented a health records system, so the transition to clinical informatics was natural. The Clinical Informatics Department assembled the MEDITECH system in-house, becoming familiar with all the modules. Dr. Hitchcock was devoted to creation of physician documentation templates and electronic order sets. Three years ago, St. Joseph Health System made the decision to implement a standardized MEDITECH build in all fourteen of its hospitals. Dr. Hitchcock then focused on work flow studies, documentation templates, order sets and physician engagement at St Joseph Health hospitals in Lubbock, Texas, Orange County, Santa Rosa and Eureka, California. After the standardization effort, Dr. Hitchcock has been providing physician support, training and consulting for working groups optimizing the Meditech build. Education: Bachelor Science, University of California at Davis, Medical Doctor, University of California at Davis.

