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Encompass Health CIO Rusty Yeager and Cerner receive 2019 CHIME Collaboration Award

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 7, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Tuesday, at the 2019 CHIME Fall CIO Forum in Phoenix, Arizona the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) honored Rusty Yeager, Encompass Health's senior vice president and chief information officer and Cerner with the 2019 CHIME Collaboration Award. The two teams worked together to develop a tool to quickly alert clinicians when patients are at risk of an unplanned acute-care transfer. After completing the implementation of this tool, Encompass Health was able to report its lowest acute-care transfer rate in almost a decade while simultaneously increasing its discharge to community rate.

"This award reflects the great work of wonderful and compassionate individuals who are dedicated to providing exceptional care to patients," said Yeager. "Each contributor's strength was implemented into the development of this tool, and we're excited to see how it can improve patient outcomes in the post-acute sphere at Encompass Health hospitals."

"Working alongside Encompass Health in developing a tool to reduce acute care transfers directly aligns with our company commitment to imagine, design and implement intelligent health networks. We are proud to be recognized by CHIME for innovation and collaboration in this space," said Adam Laskey, vice president, Long Term and Post-Acute Care, Cerner. "We are eager to expand upon this work through the Post-Acute Innovation Center, helping drive ideas that enhance and improve healthcare outcomes and experiences for all."

The award is given annually by CHIME to recognize a collaborative effort between a CIO who is a CHIME member and a CHIME Foundation firm who together offer a benefit to the healthcare IT community.

About Encompass Health

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