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## **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Implements Electronic Medical Record System**

WALTHAM, MA – (March 8, 2009) **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**, a non-profit provider of rehabilitative services, short-term and long-term care located in Waltham Massachusetts, recently announced the implementation of its new Electronic Medical Record System.

The system was produced by **American Data**, a Wisconsin-based organization that focuses on clinical documentation using computers at nursing stations and department offices.

Founded in 1984, the company was a pioneer in the world of computer servers, networking and relational databases. In order to have a system of communication and accountability, they created the Electronic Chart System (ECS) program to provide flexibility and eliminate redundancy of data entry for health care providers. It is a complete electronic medical record, with every piece of information computerized and connected for both clinical and, if desired, financial applications.

The implementation process is expected to take several months, and will result in greater efficiency in all aspects of documenting and accessing patient records.

“Ultimately, even medication administration will be computer-based, thus reducing opportunities for human error and ensuring complete and accurate documentation,” said **Carolyn Fenn**, Maristhill’s Administrator. “Such efficiency will reduce time spent by clinicians on documentation so they can focus on the needs of the patients and residents.”

Originally founded in 1969 by the Marist Missionary Sisters, Maristhill is a licensed skilled-nursing and rehabilitation center with a highly-recognized performance record for clinical excellence and quality care. People of all faiths and denominations are welcomed at the 123-bed facility, which is a member of **Covenant Health Systems**, a Catholic health care system sponsoring hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living residences and other health and elder services throughout New England.

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