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AHI Wins the 2008 Guardian Bank / Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce Business Plan Competition

Azalea Health Innovations recently won the 2008 Guardian Bank / Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce Business Plan Competition! We would like to send a big thank you to Guardian Bank of Valdosta, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, all of the sponsors, fellow contestants, and everyone else that made this great competition possible. You can see more information about the contest on our Latest News page: <http://www.azaleahealth.com/news> .

Praxis EMR Voted #1 in AAFP Survey

Praxis EMR ranks number one in the 2008 EHR Report published by the AAFP and Family Practice Management. The report results were based on survey data collected from 422 family physicians that are currently using EHR systems. Out of 61 systems represented the 13 most popular systems were surveyed in depth. The five categories that were assessed were functionality, ease of use and flexibility, service and support, and return on investment. Results show that Praxis EMR is one of the top systems in all categories.

Praxis EMR Rankings:

- * Number One in Overall Satisfaction
- * Number One in Ease of Use and Flexibility
- * Number One in Service and Support
- * Number One in Return on Investment

Survey results also showed that among all physician-users, those using Praxis EMR felt most strongly about the value of the system in respect to the system's cost. In addition, 100% of Praxis users state that they would never go back to using paper records.

A summary of the AAFP Report can be found at:

<http://www.healthcareitnews.com/story.cms?id=8805>

For more information about Praxis EMR, please visit:

<http://www.azaleahealth.com/praxis>

Billing Tips: NPI Deadline Comes and Goes

The NPI deadline has come and gone but keep in mind that several insurance payers still allow and/or require legacy information on claims. Stay abreast of the NPI requirements of your major payers. An easy way to do this is to go directly to the insurance company website. There is almost always a link on the main page for the latest NPI information specific to that payer. Also make sure to contact your electronic claims clearinghouse to find out what measures they have taken to ensure the proper data goes to the right payer.

Keep in mind that in addition to having your physician and group NPI numbers on claims, there also needs to be NPI numbers for any referring physicians or for any facilities where services were rendered. For example: A group practice has a physician that also sees patients in a nearby nursing home. On the claim form there will be 3 different NPI numbers: The group NPI of the practice, the NPI of the provider who performed the service(s), and the NPI of the nursing home facility.

An easy way to find and verify NPI information for individual and organizational providers is through the NPI registry at:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>

Practice Fusion EMR

Azalea Health Innovations is an exclusive distributor of Practice Fusion, one of the fastest growing EMR communities in the US. Its innovative offering is unique in the following ways:

Free

- * No software licensing or hosting fees
- * Lowest total cost of ownership
- * Minimal support fee

On-Demand

- * Log on and start charting from anywhere
- * No special hardware or software to use
- * No IT Staff required

Low risk

- * Low investment in time
- * Fast and Intuitive
- * Award Winning:

http://www.fiercemarkets.com/news/fiercehealthit_announces_winners_of_top_innovators_award

- * Live in Five - Start charting today in under 5 minutes

To see a demonstration of Practice Fusion's solutions and find out how you can be 'live in five' contact us today:

<http://www.azaleahealth.com/contact>

MetroOne Valdosta

Azalea Health Innovations are proud members of MetroOne Valdosta. MetroOne is the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce's newest initiative to attract and retain young professionals to the Metro Valdosta area. The mission of the MetroOne Network is to promote local policies and development, resulting in an attractive and viable community for young professionals.

For more information on MetroOne visit their website at:

<http://www.metroonevaldosta.com>

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We have added a new Resources > White Papers section to our website, <http://www.AzaleaHealth.com>. Two articles have already been published: "7 Lean Concepts for Healthcare" & "Azalea Health Innovations Helps Elite Services Improve Workflow with Custom Web-Portal Application". We invite you to browse our many product and service offerings. From paperless office solutions to full EMR implementation and support, Azalea Health Innovations is the leader in Healthcare Information Technology. If you have any questions, please give us a call toll free at 877-777-7686.

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