Patrick J. O'Hare

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Patrick J. O'Hare is senior vice president and chief information officer at Spectrum Health, a not-for-profit, integrated health system based in West Michigan. He is an expert on the implementation of electronic medical records (EMR) and complementary technology across an integrated health system and on the requirements for meaningful use of health information technology. Patrick has extensive experience acquiring and developing appropriate technologies to ensure optimal performance in complex organizations and on the benefits and challenges of regional and statewide health information exchanges.

Patrick is responsible for strategic and operational information technology, as well as health information management for the system's hospitals, health plan, multispecialty physician group and post-acute care programs, including skilled nursing, long-term acute, rehabilitation, home and residential care.

Background

Patrick joined Spectrum Health in 1997. Before joining Spectrum Health, he was vice president, information and technology management, for Trinity Health, formerly Mercy Health Services in Farmington Hills, Mich. He also worked as director, information systems, for Battle Creek Health System in Battle Creek, Mich. Patrick earned his bachelor's degree from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich., and a master's degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Under Patrick's direction, Spectrum Health is an anchor member of Michigan Health Connect, a nonprofit corporation and health information exchange (HIE) founded by leading health systems in Michigan. Its purpose is to advance the delivery and coordination of patient-focused health care across the state, as well as to encourage the adoption and meaningful use of electronic medical record (EMR) systems in provider offices.

Affiliations

Patrick belongs to the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society and the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives. He is a founding member and vice chair of Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services and a founding member and chair of Michigan Health Connect. Patrick also is a member of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Health Information Technology Strategy Committee and is chair of the board of directors of Ideomed®, a spin-off health technology company of Spectrum Health Innovations LLC.