

ORANGE COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE AGENCY TAPS INTO GROUND-BREAKING TECHNOLOGY TO TRACK INCIDENCES OF H1N1 VIRUS REGIONALLY

The Syndromic Surveillance tool created by NetChemistry of Newport Beach allows the County to electronically obtain information from 23 hospitals.

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF. (May 5, 2009) – NetChemistry and ELM Technologies based in Newport Beach, has announced that the County of Orange Public Health Care Department has begun using its Syndromic Surveillance technology to track incidence of the H1N1 Virus, popularly known as the Swine Flu.

The surveillance system using a combination of the Connect technologies which includes ER Connect, Clinic Connect and eCEDA, aggregates data from 23 participating emergency departments, the corresponding 23 hospitals, and 14 community clinics electronically across Orange County. Until now, the only way to track the H1N1 virus was through phone reports made by hospitals and clinics to the Orange County Health Care Agency.

NetChemistry has granted a six month pilot at no cost to the Health Care Agency. "This data, which provides near real-time notifications, gives us an opportunity to keep

close watch on the incidence of H1N1 in Orange County and to allocate our resources and distribute education and updates accordingly to limit the spread of the virus in the region," said Eric Handler, County Health Officer. Though the surveillance system is new, the technologies that comprise it have been in use as early as 2003 by the Medical Services Initiative (MSI), which is responsible for the provision of medical care to Orange County's medically indigent adults.

ABOUT NETCHEMISTRY

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