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Dr. John A. Schmidt, Jr. Achieves Electronic Healthcare Records “Meaningful Use” Status

Belmar, NJ, December 1, 2011 – John A. Schmidt, Jr., MD, one of the leading Internists in Monmouth County and one of the first physicians to provide Medical Home services to his patients, has met the criteria for “Meaningful Use” of Electronic Health Records as recently established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Schmidt worked closely with the Health Information Technology Extension Center (NJ-HITEC) based at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to achieve this important milestone. He is among the first Meridian Health physicians to do so. Dr. Schmidt is a staff Medical Internist at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, the flagship hospital of Meridian Health.

“Meeting the Meaningful Use criteria is very important for my patients,” states Dr. Schmidt. “This allows me to provide a higher level of care including electronic prescriptions, on-line data retrieval, and patient access to personal health information via a secure Patient Portal. Sharing information with specialists using modern encryption technology is another important feature. These services taken together are what is meant by *Medical Home* and why I have adopted the slogan, “Meaningful Medicine in Your Medical Home.”

Stage One criteria for Meaningful Use focus on capturing health information in an electronic and portable format. Unlike old fashioned paper charts, electronic health information can be stored, easily updated with new information, and made available over the Internet to patients and the various specialists who collectively make up a patient’s extended *Medical Home*. The data can also be analyzed to make sure that important quality standards are met. Dr. Schmidt adopted the Allscripts MyWay System. He also utilizes the Meridian Health Information Exchange (MeridianHIE) to transmit information with other Meridian staff physicians, laboratories, and imaging centers.

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About NJ-HITEC

The New Jersey Health Information Technology Extension Center (NJ-HITEC) is one of 62 federally funded centers in the United States that work with healthcare providers to become EHR “Meaningful Users” as mandated by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, as well as the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have developed a three stage process to achieve meaningful use. The second stage criteria will be announced in 2012 and will serve to further improve patient care.

About John A. Schmidt, Jr., MD

A resident of Wall Township, Dr. Schmidt is a Board Certified Internist practicing in Belmar, New Jersey. He received his pre-medical education from St. Joseph’s University, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and was co-recipient of the Biology Prize. His Medical Degree is from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Schmidt interned and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He then studied for five years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, first as an officer in the Public Health Service working in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and then as a Fellow of the Arthritis Foundation in the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. More information on his practice is available at www.schmidtmd.com. Dr. Schmidt can be contacted at (732) 282-8166 or johnschmidt@schmidtmd.org.