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Foundation gives RHIO money to standardize lab reporting

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The Greater Rochester Health Foundation has awarded the Rochester Regional Health Information Organization a \$599,000 grant to fund a three-year project to standardize the formatting of area medical laboratory results, GRHF officials said Monday.

"(Patients) will be better served because a physician will be able to more readily evaluate lab results regardless of (a lab's) location," said Louis Papa M.D., GRHF program committee chairman.

Currently 19 area labs in the RHIO's 13-county coverage area code lab tests differently. In addition to making it easier for doctors to decode lab results, the standardization project will help providers meet so-called meaningful use standards promulgated under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"Creating a more intelligent and patient centric health care system really requires us to be speaking the same language, as such this effort will help support many of the care transformation and improvement efforts around our region," said Ted Kremer, executive director of Rochester RHIO.

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