

Alegent Health goes live with Credential Feed from Smart Square®

Smart Square, the nurse scheduling software from Avantas, keeps managers and staff aware of upcoming licensure expirations

Omaha, NE--(Marketwire - January 5, 2010) - Alegent Health, a hospital system known for superior quality and patient satisfaction, is using Smart Square to track and notify staff of licensure and credential information for its five metro Omaha hospitals.

Already being utilized to manage the 24/7 [employee scheduling](#) and staffing operations for nursing and non-nursing units across the organization, Smart Square is now being employed to automate what was once a time-consuming and paper-heavy task.

The previous process required Alegent Health's HR representatives to run a report of approaching expirations. This was distributed to managers who were responsible for staff member communication including subsequent follow-up tasks via printouts in mailboxes, phone calls, e-mails, etc.

Now, a daily interface between Smart Square and Alegent Health's HR system automates the process, providing simultaneous messages to staff and managers relative to upcoming expirations of 244 unique credentials.

"This innovation will improve the quality of each hospital's credentialing process while saving tremendous time for management staff in clinical areas," said Alegent Health's Vice President of Human Resources, Nancy Wallace.

These notifications, like other Smart Square communications, i.e. shift trade requests, manager announcements, time-off requests, etc. are delivered via the Smart Square Communications Portal in addition to e-mail and text message, if a staff member so chooses.

"Smart Square was created specifically for [healthcare staffing](#)," said Chris Fox, Avantas' Senior Vice President of Growth & Innovation. "The Software as a Service (SaaS) framework, the Business Intelligence and Analytics components, the intuitive [nurse scheduling](#) and staffing functionality, the communications capabilities; everything was designed to help make healthcare processes more efficient. Smart Square automates a lot of the administrative tasks that keep healthcare workers from doing what they want to do – care for patients."

About Avantas

Avantas (www.avantas.biz) is an Omaha, Nebraska-based company devoted to serving the healthcare industry. By combining advanced technology with evidence-based methodologies, Avantas' [labor management](#) solutions deliver immediate ROI and long-term savings. Avantas helps healthcare organizations realize continual improvement with regard to resource placement, scheduling and staffing.

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