



North Texas Specialty Physicians

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**MODERN HEALTHCARE MAGAZINE RATES NORTH TEXAS SPECIALITY
PHYSICIAN'S HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TOP HEALTH
TECHNOLOGY CASE STUDY IN THE COUNTRY**

It was announced in July 2010 that North Texas Specialty Physicians (NTSP) won the Modern Healthcare's 2010 IT Case Study Contest first place award. "I'm proud of the work NTSP put into building this HIE system, to help connect a community and give better patient care." Tom Deas Jr., MD, North Texas Specialty Physicians, Founding Board Member.

In March 2010 leading healthcare companies vied against one another in an editorial competition in the second annual Modern Healthcare IT Case Study Contest. The competition was designed to recognize healthcare IT implementation projects that have improved patient care and whose primary function was providing healthcare services to patients or financing healthcare services for patients.

North Texas Specialty Physicians an IPA comprised of nearly 600 physicians envisioned a technology solution that would gather and use real-time patient information that could be parsed from multiple sources to provide faster, better and safer patient care, enhance physician communication and provide fiscally responsible care within one single sign-on application. In 2008,

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NTSP and Sandlot, a innovative health care solutions company, finalized development and implemented SandlotConnect®, a comprehensive and interoperable Health Information Exchange (HIE) that delivers on the one elusive promise of HIEs: broad and sustained adoption by healthcare professionals. Today, SandlotConnect houses over 1.5 million patients, has 1,500 healthcare professionals trained and is connected to seven North Texas hospitals and is interoperable with three Electronic Medical Records (EMR) systems.

SandlotConnect collects, communicates and distributes medical data to physicians on different electronic health-record applications, providing healthcare providers with real-time parsed clinical data at the point of care. “The HIE, has substantially reduced medical errors, duplicated services and unnecessary hospital admissions.” Dr. Deas stated.

North Texas Specialty Physicians – known as NTSP – is an Independent Physician Association comprised of nearly 600 family and specialty doctors dedicated to delivering the best medical care to the residents of Tarrant, Johnson and Parker Counties in North Central Texas. Since its founding in 1995, NTSP doctors have delivered high quality medical care to over 15,000 patients every work day.

Sandlot is an innovative health care solutions company, founded by practicing physicians and focused on how technology, process and people can work together to advance the quality of healthcare.

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