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## The Perfect Storm—Of Opportunity

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What do you get when you combine the nationwide adoption of the Electronic Health Record, increased compliance requirements for electronic information, and the availability of funds to undertake initiatives to improve the delivery of healthcare? A perfect storm of opportunity.

Leveraging this chance to usher in a new dawn of healthcare within your organization is a weighty task. It requires careful examination and prioritization, as well as a thorough review of "meaningful use" guidelines. But you already know that. And you know you need to update your information technology strategy to include all of the necessary components to implement an EHR. But there are nuances to the plan you may not have had a chance to consider yet."

Here's a big one: With the increased utilization of your MEDITECH system to process, store, and exchange patient information, the availability of data becomes critically important. To protect against potential data loss, the Joint Commission requires a Disaster Recovery plan for information systems, including data retrieval procedures. IM 2.3 states, "This plan is tested periodically to ensure that the business interruption backup techniques are effective." To comply with Joint Commission guidelines, you'll need to design a disaster recovery strategy and a plan to periodically test and validate off-site backups.

With the preparation and execution required to implement the Electronic Health Record, a self-hosted disaster recovery solution may not be feasible (or affordable). Looking for an alternative solution? Consider JSite.

### **JSite Disaster Recovery Service**

JSite is a managed disaster recovery service created specifically for MEDITECH hospitals. It can help you quickly define, create, and implement a disaster recovery procedure for MEDITECH and enterprise applications. And it's cost effective—a painless way to deploy a disaster recovery strategy for a monthly fee, allowing scarce capital funding to be allocated to ARRA-qualified projects.

JSite services are available as tape-based or virtual tape library (VTL) solutions. The standard JSite service restores data from tape backups which are shipped to the JSite facility. JSite's VTL solution uses remote replication of deduplicated data for faster transmission of data, lower network requirements, and improved Recovery Point Objectives. These options enable hospitals to select a disaster recovery solution that works best for the organization, one that achieves recovery point objectives, for a monthly fee that fits into the operational budget.

JSite not only offers an easy-to-implement solution for restoring data in the event of a disaster; it provides a complete DR plan—including annual testing—to ensure compliance. And as a fully managed service, your JSite team will be there with the hands-on leadership and resources needed during a disaster to get you running in recovery mode, allowing your staff to take care of more important things.

So in this historic "perfect storm" environment, explore the possibilities and maximize the opportunities. Perot Systems has a portfolio of solutions to help your organization implement an EHR and protect your data. For more

information about JSite, or other ways we can help you accomplish your American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) strategy, please contact [meditechsolutions@ps.net](mailto:meditechsolutions@ps.net).

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