Nationwide Children's Hospital Plans To Extend Healthcare To More Children In Ohio Area Through Pilot With HealthSpot

HealthSpot, a pioneer in telehealth technology, has teamed up with Nationwide Children's Hospital, one of the largest and most respected children's hospitals in the nation, to expand access to affordable healthcare to more children via four HealthSpot Station units in and around Columbus, Ohio.

The HealthSpot Station is an 8- by 5-foot private, walk-in medical kiosk that features high-definition videoconferencing and interactive digital medical devices. Each is furnished with a desktop touchscreen, audio system, two-way video screen, and is spacious enough to accommodate parent(s) and their kids during a true-to-life "virtual visit" that brings patients face-to-face with medical professionals from Nationwide Children's Hospital.

"HealthSpot's solution shows how technology can be used to make care affordable, convenient and effective," said HealthSpot CEO and founder Steve Cashman. "It is truly rewarding for us to partner with Nationwide Children's to extend that care to the children that need it most right here in our own hometown."

Cashman noted that the Nationwide Children's partnership is a "critical step" for HealthSpot's ongoing effort to build a national network of HealthSpot Stations in retail and community locations, with provider services from the nation's top health systems. The 6-month Nationwide Children's HealthSpot pilot will provide the hospital an opportunity to develop infrastructure and test the kiosk technology with the pediatric population. It will expand access to pediatric health care providers in an efficient manner.

"The HealthSpot kiosk technology will enable us to provide access to our pediatric experts in an efficient manner," said Gil Peri, Nationwide Children's vice president for Regional Development. "The HealthSpot kiosk provides a high-definition video interaction along with medical device attachments all in a private setting. We are looking forward to piloting the technology over the next six months. If the initial pilot is successful, we will expand the technology to South and Central Ohio rural communities."

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