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**Engaging the Healthcare Consumer in You!**

Joplin, MO – Crowder College’s Health Information Technology Program along with Mercy Hospital Joplin Health Information Management Department and Ozark Area Health Information Management Association present “Engaging the Healthcare Consumer in You”, Saturday, August 24, 2013, 9:00 a.m. Messenger Chapel, 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Joplin, MO

This is a free seminar and is open to the first 100 people to RSVP at 417-625-2172.

Are you confused when you visit the doctor or hospital? Are you finding it difficult understanding medical jargon? What is this patient portal the hospital is talking about? This presentation will help you be more prepared for your future healthcare visits. The presenters will give tips on how to talk to your doctor. They will explain patient portals, personal health records, personal health information and other terms so you can access, collect, and manage your personal medical information.

Along with our presenters who will speak from 9 – 11 a.m. we will have booths that you can visit from 11-1 p.m. that include topics including advance directives, emergency medical record cards to put in your purse or wallet, blood pressure checks, organ donation, healthy eating tips, and more. Healthy snacks will be served and door prizes drawn for.

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For more information please contact the number listed above. As always, you may also contact my office.

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