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BEAM announces first alcohol use risk assessments completed by patients in partnership with Carilion Clinic

September 22, 2022 (Roanoke, Va.) - BEAM Diagnostics, Inc. (BEAM) – a behavioral health company delivering digital assessments to improve patient-centered healthcare – announced the first Carilion Clinic patients have completed the *Beacon-Alc* assessment to improve and increase proactive assessment of alcohol use in outpatient medical clinics.

The assessment was launched at the end of August by integrating *Beacon-Alc* into Carilion’s electronic medical record (EMR) system. *Beacon-Alc* is a digital screening tool that quickly and accurately determines a patient’s risk of alcohol misuse. Carilion’s first department to incorporate the assessment into patient care is Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, chaired by Dr. Robert L. Trestman, Ph.D., M.D. The next departmental launch is scheduled for October 2022 for Carilion’s Internal Medicine Department.

“This innovative assessment integration exemplifies successful technology transfer of evidence-based research,” said Dr. Trestman. “Dr. Anita Kablinger has been collaborating with BEAM since 2017, developing and researching behavioral economic-based assessments for clinical use. This launch is the culmination of that hard work, and through the efforts of Dr. Kablinger and her study team, we are able to provide more proactive and comprehensive care with the use of *Beacon-Alc*.”

Beacon-Alc’s predictive risk scores allow physicians to speak openly and honestly with patients about drinking habits and physical and mental health without asking stigmatizing questions that can adversely affect the likelihood of patients seeking care before the conditions become chronic diseases. This proactive care approach for alcohol use disorder (AUD) increases healthy communication about a disease that affects nearly a third of the U.S. population but is rarely properly treated.

“The launch of *Beacon-Alc* marks an exciting and important milestone in not only the commercialization of our platform but also the culmination of efforts towards BEAM’s mission of making proactive care more accessible,” said Dr. Sarah Snider, BEAM Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder. “The more behavioral assessments like *Beacon-Alc* are utilized and incorporated into routine care, the higher likelihood that patients receive proactive intervention, which will ultimately improve population health.”

Beacon-Alc will be accessible on BEAM’s digital assessment platform, *Beacon*, which can be easily administered anywhere, simplifying assessment delivery. *Beacon* will be

available to large healthcare systems and smaller practices through its standalone web application and EMR-application marketplaces. BEAM plans to capture the digital behavioral assessment market by expanding its offerings with data-driven results and seamless integration into healthcare workflows and digital health solutions.

About BEAM Diagnostics, Inc.

BEAM is a behavioral health company delivering digital assessments to improve patient-centered healthcare. Healthcare providers are expected to treat an increasingly large list of ailments in a population with growing behavioral health needs. This expectation, combined with the lack of proactive resources, creates a healthcare industry centered around reactive measures that are costly to patient health and healthcare systems.

BEAM developed *Beacon*, a digital assessment platform that simplifies assessment delivery and equips providers with accessible, predictive technology that improves the proactive quality of care for patients in a time-efficient, cost-effective, and non-stigmatizing manner. BEAM's expertise in behavioral science and data-driven technology shifts the standard of care from reactive to proactive and allows for earlier treatment in scenarios where health conditions are currently not detected. To learn more, visit beamdiagnosticsinc.com and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Carilion Clinic

Carilion Clinic is a not-for-profit health care organization serving more than one million people in Virginia's Blue Ridge and Southwest Virginia regions. Headquartered in Roanoke, Carilion's comprehensive hospital network, primary and specialty physician practices, and other complementary services deliver high-quality, patient-centered care close to home. Carilion's enduring commitment to the health of our communities has advanced over the last decade. Beginning with the transformation to the clinic model of a physician-led, integrated health care system, Carilion has developed robust academic partnerships with the creation of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC, and Radford University Carilion's school for allied health sciences. Carilion advances care through education and research elements to improve the health of the communities we serve. Learn more at CarilionClinic.org, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

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