

**Isabel at MacNeal Hospital, Berwyn, IL****Dec 2008**

**Dina Bair:** On the Medical Watch its high tech but it's not a toy. When doctors see it, they may want it on their wish list this holiday season. It's called Isabel and it gives patients and their physician's piece of mind. When someone is rushed to the emergency room with vague symptoms or comes to the doctor confused, it can be confusing for the experts.

**Dr. Davis Yang:** There's so much known in medicine and so much to learn in medical school that you can't remember it all.

**Dina Bair:** A diagnosis, a course of treatment there can be many options so how do you know what the right choice is. Ask Isabel for help.

**Dr. Davis Yang:** It reminds you of things you should have known and that you may have forgotten or that you needed to know or that you did know once upon a time. And it also accesses the power of the internet for all the new stuff that going on.

**Dina Bair:** Isabel is a computer program filled with facts from medical journals and textbooks.

**Dr. Davis Yang:** It's sort of like Google for doctors.

**Dina Bair:** But with only the best most accurate up to date medical information at a physician's fingertip

**Dr. Davis Yang:** You just put in your symptoms or the terms you are searching for.

**Dina Bair:** Male, 30-40 years old, abdominal pain, fever vomiting, pretty likely gastroenteritis or acute appendicitis. But Isabel offers other possibilities.

**Dr. Davis Yang:** Fluke infection that's not something I normally would have thought of and I don't know too much about fluke infection because I haven't seen it that much before. Then you can research it right here on the spot.

**Dina Bair:** Isabel also considers possible poisoning like in a bioterrorism attack, symptoms many doctors would never know.

**Dr. Davis Yang:** You come up with a diagnosis, you think that's it, and you stop thinking about anything else.

**Dina Bair:** Isabel thinks of other options for you. It's a clinical tool doctors at MacNeal Hospital say is making meaningful treatment for patients

**Dr. Davis Yang:** Any advantage that we have, to kind of help you come up with a diagnosis a little bit faster or be more complete we would want to use that.

**Dina Bair:** MacNeal Hospital is among the first in Illinois to use Isabel. Doctors say based on their success they encourage others to bring Isabel to their practice.

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