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MedCommons Announces healthURL Service and Appliances

Data Liberator Appliances for Radiology and IHE EHRs Are First Health2.0 Tools for Consumers and Doctors

(February 26,2007 New Orleans, LA) At the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, MedCommons Inc launched its healthURL and Data Liberator Service and Appliances. The web2.0 friendly healthURL identifies a private, lifetime, health records account; the Data Liberators move data from radiology and cardiology devices and IHE conformant hospital systems into private health records accounts. The MedCommons healthURL is implemented as a federated, online web-service. The Data Liberators are available as pre-configured appliances and downloadable boot disks.

"The healthURL from MedCommons forms a social network around each patient's account. All of our products are organized around moving healthcare information under patient control but designed around physician convenience. With the recent press interest in employer and insurance-based health records, our integration capabilities with social networking services like wikis, blogs, and RSS feeds are a new way for hospitals and individual doctors to collaborate with the care teams that form around today's patients.", said Dr. A Gropper, Chief Medical Officer of MedCommons. "Our healthURL is directly tied together with a revokable consent mechanism that is easy for the patient to understand and control. All of the content we keep is completely private. The MedCommons PHR is compatible with all Markle Foundation Connecting for Health Systems including Dossia.org."

"The healthURL does for healthcare what mp3 did for music.", continues Dr. Gropper, "It opens new opportunities for service from both traditional providers and innovation by the global community." Simplicity and access benefit both the doctor and the patient while making health care safer and quality more apparent. The Continuity of Care Record, or CCR, is a standard developed by doctors to simplify communications about their patients and to make quality easier to measure. The healthURL points to the patient's current CCR and enables secure and controlled access to whatever doctor, lab, family member or consultant the patient chooses. MedCommons implementation of the healthURL preserves the simplicity and power of the CCR while adding other equally easy to understand and standard services such as email notifications, fax, and RSS updates to members of the care team whenever the record is viewed or updated. All of these features are accessible to clinicians, patients, family supports and care team consultants anywhere in the world using simple web browsers. MedCommons enterprise interfaces also make life simple for specialists and large institutions by allowing their staff to access a healthURL without

a separate logon and through support of FDA-regulated diagnostic quality imaging integrated fully with the patient's CCR.

MedCommons supports a full range of healthcare document storage and transmission tools to enable secure PHR-based communications of standard XML, scanned PDF documents, upcoming PDF/H documents, DICOM diagnostic imaging studies, and with the addition of the MedCommons IHE Data Liberator, HL7 3.0 standard documents. MedCommons is easily integrated with any CCR enabled EHR and PHR system as well as CCR enabled labs and imaging centers. The exchange of records between MedCommons and hospital systems can be viewed in the IHE Showcase at pod #35 at HIMSS07.

"We've utilized the IBM Open Health Framework toolkit to connect to IHE XDS systems within hosptial networks and RHIOS.", says Sean Doyle, CTO of MedCommons. "The MedCommons Data Liberator allows the provider to move data with the patient's consent into the patient's private, standards-based archive on MedCommons with just a few keystrokes. The Liberator is easily deployed into any existing IHE enterprises' network and can be integrated with the enterprise security infrastructure to enable authorized personnel to access the patient's private health records without the inconvenience of separate accounts and password challenges."

The MedCommons DICOM Data Liberator supports storage of DICOM modality data on local disk drives, in patient-controlled accounts at MedCommons, and in imaging center controlled accounts for teleradiology and legal archives. The accounts are backed up at a variety of storage services, including Amazon's S3, and other premium data centers. The DICOM Data Liberator is on display at HIMSS07 at MedCommons Booth #2141.

"We intend to disrupt the industry with low-cost, standards-based solutions that connect existing DICOM radiology and cardiology modalities and hospital systems directly into a private, patient controlled record', said Bill Donner, CEO of MedCommons. 'We can put a MedCommons DICOM Data Liberator, next to a scanner in an imaging center and replace a clunky, isolated PACS system or film, while adding immediate value to the patient, the referring physician, and the imaging center operator."

About MedCommons

MedCommons licenses components and appliances for creating national-scale, lightweight and standards-based private health administration networks for payors, employers, hospitals, group practices, RHIOs, relief organizations, and other institutions. Customers establish patient-centric lifetime record archives with native support for remote telemedicine. All MedCommons systems interoperate with each other and other Markle Foundation Connecting for Health compatible systems. MedCommons runs a public service on www.medcommons.net for individual users and supplies development tools and support to facilitate integration with existing DICOM, IHE, patient portals, federated identity services and web2.0 social-networking systems.

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