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## **MedCommons and Ping Identity Partner to Enable Standards-based Web Single Sign-On to Electronic Health Records**

*Secure Multi-Location Electronic Health Record Access and Storage to be Demonstrated at HIMSS Conference*

(February 12, 2006. San Diego, CA) MedCommons and Ping Identity today announced a partnership to develop secure, standards-based, single sign-on solutions for multi-location electronic health record access and storage. MedCommons and Ping Identity will demonstrate this new solution at the Interoperability Showcase at the HIMSS conference in San Diego. Other participants in the showcase include Sun Microsystems and Novell. The Interoperability Showcase will be located at Booth 7319 in the Sails Pavilion of the San Diego Convention Center.

MedCommons has developed the first standards-based system capable of communicating with and transferring data among Personal Health Records, Electronic Health Records (EHR) and national healthcare IT systems. This patient and physician-accessible system puts the control and security in the hands of the patient. It is also a platform for further 3<sup>rd</sup> party development. Standards-based single-sign-on provides the convenience and security that physicians and healthcare CIOs demand.

Ping Identity Corporation is the leading independent provider of federated identity and Web single sign-on (SSO) software. Ping products and services help organizations easily and cost effectively bridge security domains across partner, supplier and customer organizations by providing secure Web SSO.

"We are excited to have Ping as a partner", said Bill Donner, MedCommons CEO. "We have looked at a number of potential solution providers to the single sign-on issue and determined that Ping Identity provided the most compelling technology and product experience."

### **Standardizing on SAML 2.0**

Both MedCommons and Ping are committed to SAML 2.0 as the standard of choice for secure authentication precisely because it provides for the convergence of non-interoperable standards that support Web SSO.

After significant testing of alternative providers, MedCommons determined that PingFederate Version 3 was the easiest SAML 2.0 product to acquire, install, configure, integrate, and deploy. MedCommons quickly integrated

PingFederate v3 into their medical data network and secure storage solution, enabling Web SSO using SAML 2.0.

"We are excited to be working with MedCommons to address secure portability, one of the key issues surrounding medical information today," commented Bob Smith, Ping Identity President and COO. "We are committed to creating a world-class product with MedCommons to enable secure Web SSO so that patients and physicians can log in from doctors' offices, hospitals or their homes and access MedCommons without having to enter another username and password."

PingFederate's best-of-breed functionality provides sophisticated yet easy-to-use interfaces for setting up and managing Web SSO interactions. Moreover, PingFederate provides the benefits of standards-based Web SSO without the cost and complexity of a heavyweight identity management system. PingFederate is also the only federation server with a Software Development Kit and a suite of downloadable Integration Kits to quickly integrate with existing applications or identity/Web access management system (both commercial and home-grown).

#### **About MedCommons**

MedCommons develops, markets and sells a national network for sharing authoritative patient medical information among doctors, hospitals and their patients. MedCommons medical record transport service, The Commons, is the first standards-based patient and physician-accessible network that connects Personal Health Records (PHR), Electronic Health Record (EHR) and national healthcare IT systems. To facilitate enterprise integration, MedCommons also supports Liberty Alliance standard single-sign-on protocols and DICOM standard radiology images.

#### **About Ping Identity**

Ping Identity Corporation ([www.pingidentity.com](http://www.pingidentity.com)) provides enterprise software and services for standards-based, federated Web single sign-on and federated Web services. Ping's products focus exclusively on open standards, lightweight and cost-effective solutions that are easy to deploy and manage. Ping also sponsors SourceID ([www.sourceid.org](http://www.sourceid.org)), the leading open source project for identity federation. Ping's customers include American Express, E\*Trade, Fidelity Investments, Sprint, Cisco, Siebel, Merck and ChevronTexaco.

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